Between Two Fires &

By ANTHONY HOPE

"A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds." -Francis Bacon.

CHAPTER XIII .- (Continued.)

Carr was to be kept at the ranch over night; wasn't to leave it alive, sir, he Well, up to yesterday it was all right and pleasant. Mr. Carr wasn't very well, and the doses the Colonel gave him didn't seem to make him any betterquite the contrary. But yesterday afternoon he got rampageous-would go, anyhow, ill or well! So he got up and dress-We'd taken all his weapons from him, sir, and when he came down dressed, and asked for his horse, we told him he couldn't go. Weli, he just said, 'Get out of the light, I tell you,' and began walking toward the hall door. I don't mind saying we were rather put about, sir. We didn't care to shoot him as he stood, and it's my belief we'd have let him pass; but just as he was going out, in comes the Colonel. 'Hullo, what's this, Johnny?' says he, 'You've got some scheme on,' said Carr. 'I believe you've been drugging me. Out of the way, Me-Gregor, or I'll brain you.' 'Where are you going? says the Colonel. "To Whittingham, to the President's,' said he. 'Not to-day,' says the Colonel. 'Come, be reasonable, Johnny. You'll be all right to-morrow,' 'Colonel McGregor,' says he, 'I'm unarmed, and you've got a revolver. You can shoot me if you like, but inless you do, I'm going out. You've been playing some dodge on me, and you shall pay for it.' With that he rushed straight at the Colonel. The Colonel, he stepped on one side and let him pass. Then he went after him to the door, waited till he was about fifteen yards off, then up with his revolver, as cool as you like, and shot him clean as a sixpence in the right leg. Down came Mr. Carr; he lay there a minute or two, and then he fainted. 'Pick him up, dress his wound, and put him to bed,' says the Colonel. Well. sir, it was only a flesh wound, so we soon got him comfortable, and there he lay all

'How did he get away to-day?" "We were all out, sir-went over to Mr. Carr's place to borrow his horses. Well, when we'd got the horses, we rode round outside the town, and came into the road between here and the Colonel's. Ten horses we'd got, and we went there to give the ten men who were patrolling the road the fresh horses. We heard from them that no one had come along. When

"How did he manage it?" "A woman, sir," said my warrior, with supreme disgust. "Gave her ten dollars to undo the front door, and then he was off! He daren't go to the stables to get a horse, so he was forced to limp away on his game leg. A plucky one he is. "Poor old Johnny," said I. "You had fared.

we got home, he'd been gone two hours!"

didn't go after him?" 'No time, sir. Couldn't tire the horses. Besides, when he'd once got home, he's got a dozen men there, and they'd have kept us all night. Well, sir, I must be

comes after that," "Tell him to rely on me," I answered. But for all that I didn't mean to shoot

Johnny on sight. So, much perturbed in spirit, I set off he would fall into the Colonel's hands President of Aureataland. outside the Golden House. It struck me as unpleasantly probable that he might come and spoil the harmony of my evening; if he came there first, the conspiracy would probably lose my aid at an early moment. What would happen to me 1 didn't know. But, as I took off my coat in the lobby, I bent down as if to tie a shoestring, and had one more look at my

CHAPTER XIV. I shall never forget that supper as long es I live. Considered merely as a social gathering it would be memorable enough, for I never before or since sat at meat with ten such queer customers as my let-two or three Spanish Americans, ed up. three or four Brazilians, and the balance Americans of the type of their countrymen are least proud of. If there was an blended in a subdued harmny with my go round outside and see if it is," general impression of Aureataland; but the peculiar position in which I stood gave to my mind an unusual activity of perception. Among this band of careless revelers I sat vigilant, reviless and impatient; felgning to take a leading part their hilarity, I was sober, collected. and alert to my very finger tips. I anx- him from the yeranda," replied the Presiionsly watched their bearing and expression. I led them on to speak of the President, rejoicing when I elicited open murmurs and covert threats at his base ingraritude to the men on whose support his power rested. They had not been paid for six months, and were ripe for any mischief. I was more than once tempted to forestall the Colonel and begin the revolution on my own account; only my of shots, and I heard the Colonel's voice inability to produce before their eyes any ery; arguments of the sort they would listen

to restrained me. Eleven o'clock had come and gone. The Senior Captain had proposed the President's health. It was received in sullen silence; I was the only man who honored it by rising from his seat.

The Major had proposed the army, and they had responded to their noble selves. A young man of weak expression and in, with sword and revolver in his hands, quavering legs had proposed, "The com-merce of Aureataland," coupled with the "I ran to him, terrified, and criename of Mr. John Martin, in laudatory but incoherent terms, and I was on my legs replying. Ob, that speech of mine! For discursiveness, for repetition, for sheer inanity, I suppose it has never been equaled. I droned steadily away; as I went on the audience paid less and less attention. It was past twelve. The well of my eloquence was running drier and drier, and yet no sound outside! I ful of themselves. wondered how long they would stand it and how long I could stand it. At 12:15 I began my peroration. Hardly had I But he's hurt hadly." done so, when one of the young men started in a gentle voice a ditty. One by one dent standing quite calmly in the winthey took it up, till the rising tide of dow. When the Colonel saw him, he voices drowned my fervent periods. Per- raised his revolver and said: force I stopped. They were all on their feet now. Did they mean to break up? In despair at the idea I lifted up my voice, loud and distinct, in a verse of the President with his aim. The latter stood composition, and seizing my neighbor's facing the twelve revolvers, his own weahand began to move slowly round the table. The move was successful. Each Then, smiling, he said a little bitterly; man followed sult, and the whole party. kicking back their chairs, revolved with or. I suppose this is a popular rising—that is to say, you have bribed the men

The room was thick with smoke. Me-"How was he wounded?" I asked. "Tell | chanically I led the chorus, straining evme what the Colonel did to him, and he ery nerve to hear a sound from outside. I was growing dizzy with the movement, and, overwrought with the strain on my nerves, I knew a few minutes more would be the limit of endurance, when at last I heard a loud shout and tumult of voices, "What's that?" exclaimed the Major,

n thick tones, pausing as he spoke, I dropped his hand, and seizing my reolver, said;

"Some row in barracks, Major. Let em alone,' I must go," he said. "Character-Au-

reataland-army-at stake." "Set a thief to catch a thief, eh, Ma-

"What do you mean, sir?" he stuttered. "Let me go." "If you move, I shoot, Major," said I, bringing out my weapon. I never saw greater astonishment on human counte-

nance. He cried : "Hi, stop him-he's mad-he's going to shoot !"

A shout of laughter rose from the crew around us, for they felt exquisite apprelation of my supposed joke.

"Right you are, Martin," cried one. "Keep him quiet. We won't go home till morning!" The Major turned to the window

was a moonlight night, and as I looked with him I saw the courtyard full of soldiers. Who was in command? The answer to that meant much to me. The sight somewhat sobered the Major. "A mutiny!" he cried. "The soldiers

have risen!" "Go to bed," said the junior ensign. "Look out of window!" he cried.

They all staggered to the window. As he soldiers saw them, they raised a shout. I could not distinguish whether it was a greeting or a threat. They took it as the atter, and turned to the door. "Stop!" I cried; "I shoot the first man who opens the door."

In wonder they turned on me. I stood facing them, revolver in hand. They waited huddled together for an instant, then made a rush at me; I fired, but missed. I had a vision of a polsed goblet; a second later, the missile caught me n the chest, and hurled me back against the walls As I fell I dropped my weapon, and they were upon me. I thought it was all over; but as they surged round, in the madness of anger, I, looking through their ranks, saw the door open and a crowd of men rush in. Who was at their head? It was the Calanel, and his voice rose high above the tumult:

"Order, gentlemen, order." Then to his men he added:

"Each mark your man, and two of you oring Mr. Martin here." I was saved. To explain how, I must explain what had been happening at the Golden House, and how the night attack

CHAPTER XV. It is a sad necessity that compels us to pry into the weaknesses of our fellowderives any justification from its universality, but in the region of practice I have never hesitated to place myself on a moral level with those with whom I had to deal. I felt, therefore, very little scruple in making use of the one weak to the barracks, wondering when Johnny spot discoverable in the defence of our would get to Whittingham, and whether redoubtable opponent, his excellency, the

The President had no cause to suspect a trap; therefore, like a sensible man, he chose to spend the evening with the Signorina rather than with his gallant officers. It appears that at a few minntes past eleven o'clock, when the President was peacefully listening to the conversation of his fair guest (whom he had galvanized into an affected liveliness by alarming remarks on her apparent preoccupation), there fell upon his ear the sound of a loud knocking at the door, Dinner had been served, and the President could not command a view of the knocker without going out on to the veranda, which ran all round the house, hosts of that evening. The officers of and walking round to the front. When the Aurentaland army were a very mixed the knock was heard, the Signorina start-

"Don't disturb yourself, pray," said his excellency politely. "I gave special instructions that I was visible to no one honest man among them he sedulously this evening. But I was wondering whethcancealed his title to distinction. All this er it could be Johany Carr. I want to might have passed from my memory, or speak to him for a moment, and I'll just As he spoke a tap was heard at the

"Yes?" said the President. arly wants to see your excellency. An irgent matter, he says."

"Tell him I'll come round and speak to

He turned to the window, and threw it pen to step out. Let me tell what folwed in the Signorina's words. "Just then we heard a sound of a numer of horses galloping up. The President stopped, and said

" Hullo, what's up?" "Then there was a shout and a volley

Down with your arms; down, I say, you're dead men!' "The President took out his revolver. went back to the window, passed through and without a word disappeared. I ould not hear even the sound of his feet

on the veranda. "I heard one more shot-then a rush of men to the door, and the Colonel burst

"I ran to him, terrified, and cried: "'Oh, is anyone hurt?" "He took no notice, but asked hastfly: "Where is he?"

"I pointed to the veranda, and gasped "'He went out there.' Then I turned one of the men and said again ; 'Is anyone hurt?'

"'Only Mr. Carr,' he replied. 'The rest of 'em were a precious sight too care-" 'And is he killed?'

"'Don't think he's dead, miss,' he said. "As I turned again, I saw the Presi

"'Do you yield, General Whittingham? We are twelve to one." "As he spoke, every man covered the

and murdered my best friend. Well, we mustr't use hard names,' he went on in a gentler tone. I give in,' and, throwing down his weapon, he asked, 'Have you

"'I don't know,' said the Colonel, implying plainly that he did not care, either. "The Colonel nodded.

"The President yawned and looked at "'As I have no part in to-night's per-

formance,' said he, 'I presume I am at liberty to go to bed?' "'My men must stay here, and you must leave the door open. "'I have no objection,' said the Presi-

Two of you stay in this room. Two of you keep watch in the veranda, one at this window, the other at the bedroom window. I shall put three more sentries General Whittingham is not to leave this room. If you hear or see anything going on in there, go in and put him under restraint. Otherwise treat him with respect."

"'I thank you for your civility,' said the President, 'also for the compliment on many farms, and the accompany implied in these precautions. Is it over sketch shows a good form. The frame

'And my presence is required else- solidly nailed to inner edge of the where. I regret that I cannot relieve frame, as shown, making a strong crate you of the presence of these men, but I do not feel I should be justified in accept-

ing your parole." The President did not seem to be angered at this insult.

"'I have not offered it,' he said sim- of two thick, strong boards on inside

"The Colonel did not answer him, but turned to me and said: on, and time is precious."

he also got up from the chair into which door also has wide deat, E, bolted at he had flung himself, and stopped me with one end with blocks behind to hold a gesture. I was terribly afraid that he it out from door, so the other end will was going to say something hard to me, but his voice only expressed a sort of amused pity.

should not be mercenary. Poor child, you had better have stood by me.'

with the Colonel, leaving him seated Z. Opening B is twelve inches long and again in the chair, surveying with some apparent amusement the two threatening entries who stood at the door. The Colonel hurried me out of the house, say-

"We must ride to the barracks. If the news gets there before us, they may cut up rough. You go home. Your work la

"So they mounted and rode away, leaving me in the road. There were no signs of any struggle, except the door hanging loose on its hinges, and a drop or two of blood on the steps where they had shot poor Johnny Carr. I went straight home, and what happened in the next few hours at the Golden House I don't know, and, knowing how I left the President, I cannot explain. I went home and cried till I thought my heart would

(To be continued.)

WITH UNCLE SAM FIFTY YEARS. Capt. Chauncey Has Been Employe

of Congress for Half a Century. There is now on the house rolls a man who has been here for fifty years. creatures, and see to turn them to our He is Captain John T. Chauncey, and whose business it is to do the errand running of the house, says Congressman C. F. Scott in the Iola Register. He is re-elected year after year by the unanimous vote of both sides of the chamber, and it is more than thirty years since any effort was made to displace him. He came in first in the Thirty-fourth Congress and is one of larger return than that devoted to sethe few surviving witnesses of the lecting the seed corn during the latter two months of excitement and bitterness, in the election of Nathaniel Banks as speaker. It sounds like a the ordinary method of selecting at voice from the dead to hear the old husking time lies in the fact that a captain tell about the events of that day, when the know nothings held the balance of power, when nobody dreamed of the possibility of a civil war, when and ready to husk. For all the north Abraham Lincoln had not been heard half of the corn belt that type of corn of except in a few counties in Illinois. is best which bears its ears low on the Of course Captain Chauncey has known stalk. This means as a rule that such intimately all the great men who have corn will mature early, and while the served in the House of Representatives cars produced may not be quite so since that time, and what a long line large as those which one has to reach

scenes, how many comedies and trage- and type of ears are of very trivial imdies he has witnessed. He saw the portance as compared with the main only wedding ceremony that was ever question as to whether the corn itself of horse power. If man power only, can take her in." Nevertheless I "Mr. Carr is at the door and partien- riage of a young couple who appeared planted. House of Representatives—the marthere one Sunday during the war, when the room was used for church services on the subbath, and asked that the unptial knot be tied in the historic place, He saw also many union soldiers brought there wounded when the room was converted into a hospital and taken out dead. Once he prevented a shooting affray and possibly a murder on the floor of the House, Singularly enough, one of the participants was L Q. C. Lamar, then a member of the House, afterward Senator from Mississippl and a member of the Supreme Court and an uncle of Representative William B. Lamar, who was recently engaged in a controversy upon the floor with John Sharp Williams, the minority leader. It was at night during the closing hours of Congress and the House had taken a recess to wait a conference report.

Lamar entered the House and was Douglas, with whom he had previously had trouble. Douglas applied an insulting remark, whereupon the flery Mississipplan reached to his hip pocket and was about to shoot, when Captain Chauncey and others interfered and prevented what would doubtless have been an unfortunate tragedy. What a book he could write, if he had the gift.

He Remembered.

Mrs. Scraggs (victously)-It seems like a hundred years since we were

at table.—Familie Journal. Man and Woman. "Man," quoted the moralizer, "Is

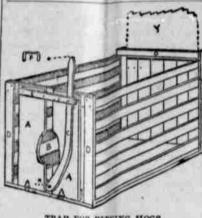
made of dust." "And woman," rejoined the demoraliser, "Is made to scatter man's dust."

Horses from Royal Stables. One of the most interesting studies

A ringing trap for logs is a necessity on many farms, and the accompanying this matter of the debt that your patriotism has drawn you into revolt?"

"'I see no use in discussing public affairs at this moment, the Colonel replied. 'And my presence is required elsefrom which boards annot be crowded off. Rear end is gred with slide door to raise up as indicated by dotted line V. Front end has a door, AA, made ply. 'It is better you should take your cross cleats at top and bottom. A. A. own measures. Need I detain you, Colonel?'
"The Colonel did not answer him, but

in use by the Iron clamp F, being plac-"Signorina Nugent, we wait only for ed down over top of door and frame. D. Door has a central opening B, he-"Looking up, I saw a smile on the low which are several bolt holes, for President's face. As I rose reluctantly, fastening an iron lever, C. The top of pulled forward, partially closes open-"The money, was it, Signorina? he ing B, and firmly helds hog, with head Young people and beautiful people through the opening Lever C is fastened while in use by a spike nail inserted as shown, in one of several holes "I answered him nothing, but went out bored through side deat and door at



TRAP FOR RINGING HOGS.

nine and one-half inches wide at widest place near lower end, and lower end of opening is ten inches above floor. Crate is four feet two inches long, two feet four inches high, and one foot six trap squarely with rear end close up and insert spike to hold it there, and nearly 400 pounds.

The Selection of Seed Corn. There is no time which is put in to better advantage or which fetches a memorable contest which resulted, after part of September and the first half of October. The advantage which securing the seed ears at this time has over choice of the earliest maturing ears can be made, a distinction that is impossible when all of the crop is ripe of them he has seen come "strut and above his head after they are much fret their hour upon the stage" and more likely to produce hard corn, which And how many strange and stirring shape and depth of kernel and form will keep after it is put in the crib. The solemnized in the chamber of the is of a variety which will mature a use one pulley. This can be made dur-

Good Yield of Fleece. Ten pounds to the fleece is regarded large when it is an average from yearling lambs. A correspondent of Indiana Farmer writes that from a flock of 1,000 yearling lambs of McCabe & Nelson flocks, of Putnam County, Indiana, 10,000 pounds of a very fine quality of wool has been sheared this season, and that the wool is very even in fiber and general condition, showing that the sheep were fed regularly, and cared for in a very excellent manner. This even condition of the wool is always a sure sign of regular feeding and care in management and such wool always brings the best price.

Caps for Haycocks. For the benefit of those who are unwilling to purchase caps for covering the cocks we wish to say that alfalfa, properly cocked, will shed water just ufacture. approached by a member from Virginia, as well as clover—in fact, many farmers claim that it will shed water even better and that it is no more difficult to cure than clover in any season. While this may be true, we urge the use of caps for the reason that alfalfa is so money well invested.

> To Have Wormless Apples. A small tree with a fair scattering of after blossoms had fallen with Borvery thorough spraying

n the Interstate live stock and horse show held at St. Joseph, Mo, was found in the exhibit of shire horses from the royal stables of King Edward and Lord Rothschild of Sandringham, England. St. Joseph was fortunate in securing this stable as it had not been the intention to exhibit the horses this side of the Atlantic except in the king's dominion, Canada. Louis F. Swift, of Swift & Co., was influential in prevalling upon Manager Beck, representing King Edward, to exhibit the horses, in two United States shows, viz., at the Interstate in St. Joseph and the American Royal at Kansas City. "Our object in bringing the borses to this side of the trade." These horses are fine speci- tangle. attracting much attention and favor end "The Mystery of Edwin Drood," are protective, repelling enemies. tion announce them as something above the ordinary in horse flesh.

Best Preparation for Wheat. If I could have my choice of ground clover sod, or where cowpeas had been

The Pig Pen.

The pig sty is nearly always filled with materials for absorbing manure. inches wide, inside measure. Place but they are not cleaned as frequently as should be the case. In winter, if to hog house door, with lever C thrown | the yard contains absorbents, they beoff. Any answer for the Colonel? He'll own profit. I am not philosopher enough he is a sort of general foreman of the back; raise slide door, drive in a hog come soaked during rains, and are distance to the back; raise slide door, drive in a hog come soaked during rains, and are distance to the back; raise slide door, drive in a hog come soaked during rains, and are distance to the back; raise slide door, drive in a hog come soaked during rains, and are distance to the back; raise slide door, drive in a hog come soaked during rains, and are distance to the back; raise slide door, drive in a hog come soaked during rains, and are distance to the back; raise slide door, drive in a hog come soaked during rains, and are distance to the back; raise slide door, drive in a hog come soaked during rains, and are distance to the back; raise slide door, drive in a hog come soaked during rains, and are distance to the back; raise slide door, drive in a hog come soaked during rains, and are distance to the back; raise slide door, drive in a hog come soaked during rains, and are distance to the back; raise slide door, drive in a hog come soaked during rains, and are distance to the back; raise slide door, drive in a hog come soaked during rains, and are distance to the back; raise slide door, drive in a hog come soaked during rains, and are distance to the back; raise slide door, drive in a hog come soaked during rains, and are distance to the back; raise slide door, drive in a hog come soaked during rains, and are distance to the back; raise slide door, drive in a hog come soaked during rains, and are distance to the back; raise slide door, drive in a hog come soaked during rains, and are distance to the back; raise slide door, drive in a hog come soaked during rains, and are distance to the back; raise slide door, drive in a hog come soaked during rains, and are distance to the back; raise slide door, drive in a hog come soaked during rains, and are distance to the back; raise slide door, drive in a hog come soaked during r be outside the Golden House by eleven, to say whether this course of conduct sir, and Mr. Carr won't get in if he derives any justification from its affective and other employes and drop slide door behing him, and agreeable locations for pigs. The pig pages, doorkeepers and other employes and drop slide door behing him, and profess a dry location, as it suffers see he will thrust his head through the hole prefers a dry location, as it suffers se-B. Pull lever C tight against his neck | verely on damp, cold days. The materials in the pig sties will be of more you can ring with ease a hog weighing service if added to the manure heap she Kept Every Bit of Her Stock in and a plentiful supply of cut straw thrown into the yard in its place. The covered shed, or sleeping quarters, should be littered a foot deep with cut straw, which may be thrown into the asked, instantly interested. But al- Prince of Wales a centerpiece in the yard after being used, but the yard though the words were the same, the form of a temple and decorated with should always be cleaned out after a rain and dry material then added.

Homemade Post Driver. The construction of this post driver can be easily taken from the illustra-



tion. It can be made to work by man

Cheese-Making Gardening. recent bacterial research to be a sort were at school together, when as soon The old chap was there, right up in of bacteria and molds in them. And it three hours every day-poor girls practime!" has been found possible to produce the ticing on it, you know. She would flavor of the required cheese from the learn new recipes-Cousin Reba was a milk of any locality by introducing the born cook-and before you knew what appropriate plants. In a recent paper, had happened she was teaching some for example, C. Gorini shows that the poor woman so that she could send familiar red and green patches which cakes to the Woman's Exchange. characterize Gorgonzola cheese are the "She was always nervous with combined work of a special mold, and a horses, but she learned to drive so species of bacillus. These organisms that she could take out all the inare introduced as the result of artificial valids in town. She used to declare punctures, made in the process of man-that she never could sit still long

Price and Value.

The price of the cow does not indiquality.

About 2,500 acres of pop corn are annually planted at North Loup, Neb., ed than Cousin Reba's, I don't." Maiden Blush apples was sprayed once the growers using four pounds of seed to the acre. The crop is sold by the Olive said, deaux mixture with paris green added, pound, and the average acre yields Companion. married. I can't even remember when and again with the same mixture when 2,000 pounds, though double that we first met the apples were as large as half-grown amount has been recorded in a few in-Scraggs (wearily) -I can. It was at crab apples. The barrel was left unstances. The average price for the last a dinner party, and there were thirteen der the tree when through spraying the ten years has been a little more than orchard the first time, and upon show- \$1 a 100 pounds, giving a gross return ing visitors how the sprayer worked of upward of \$20 an acre. During the the tree was "doused" several times, same period the average price of field Not one wormy apple can be found on corn has been 25 cents, and the aver-Not one wormy apple can be be used to be seen the tree, thus showing the necessity of age yield thirty bushels, giving a gross tried to kill himself three times! return of \$7.50 per acre



The marked success of Oliver Huckel's poetic narratives of "Parsifal" and "Lohengrin" have induced him to ontinue the series with "Tannhauser."

It is said that Winston Churchill is man with a superstition. It is associated with the letter "C," the initial his last name, and extends to the titles of his books, as well as to the places where he lives. His first published story was "The Celebrity," and his first noteworthy success was "Richard Carvel." Following these came "The Crisis" and "The Crossing," and are children ever permitted to be rethis year he has published "Coniston." reived into workhouses. They are He lives in Cornish, but his hopes that boarded out with peasant families.

been ruthlessly shattered. novels, "The Holladay Case," and "The to hinety miles an hour.

oresent year, using at least 1,500 pounds of her father in communicating to his known specimens being in existence. high-grade fertilizer on the potatoes. old friend the plot which he had finally "Having personally eaten some hunmake a large stand of straw which will given the book its title." The origin- abstain from the cockroach!" not fill well unless one is sure the ality of the story, he told Forster, was The tortoise is a great sleeper. One ground contains plenty of phosphoric to consist in the review of the murwell believe, therefore, that he did not soon after who knew nothing of torfeel it to be necessary to the originality of his story to use the hackneyed woke up and sailled forth. Screams device of keeping a supposed victim soon broke the kitchen's caim. On alive to confront the criminal in the entering that department the lady of last chapter.

COUSIN REBA'S INVESTMENTS.

Trade Employed. "Cousin Reba was in this afternoon," coal wi' a' winter!" Mrs. Wilson remarked at dinner.

tones were very different.

latest is lessons in Italian," she an venled a perfect model railway on the swered.

doesn't know anything of English lit- ried decanters, cigars, cigarettes and erature," Olive exclaimed. Olive was matches. The train was started by at the age when any lapse from fash closing an electrical circuit. As long ionable attainments upon the part of as this was closed by a spring the her relatives was a personal grievance. train moved, but the lifting of a deday school?" Mr. Wilson asked. "There spring allowed it to act, thus breaking must be a motive in her madness, for the circuit and stopping the train. Cousin Reba is the best business woman I ever knew."

A chorus of protests met the state-

nents."

"Nevertheless I repeat my state- "Preach? What, you preach? Kin crop in the latitude in which it is for spring fencing.

is of a variety which will insture a ing the winter months and be ready ment," Mr. Wilson said, quietly, you preach ez well ez you kin shoot an' planted.

"Cousin Reba is the best business fish?" woman I ever knew. She never lets "Better, No Joke, Come Sunday any stock lie idle-every smallest thing with your best clothes, and I'll give you Cheese-making has been shown by is put to work. It was so when we a front seat."

enough to learn to knit, but I noticed from what you said a while ago, that she taught that crippled Mamie Akers "Water," wrote another, "is composed cate her value as a producer. Gilt. a new sweater stitch. As for her books of two gases, oxygen and cambrigen," edged butter is something that depends and flowers and fruit and preserves, "Lava," said a third, "is what the baron how it is made. The cow gives the you know how they go all over town, ber puts on your face." "A blizzard." milk, but upon the management of the She can't even go out West to see her declared another child, "is the inside of little extra expense in this line is milk, cream and butter depends the sister without coming back and stir- a fowl." ring us all up on behalf of the missionaries out there.

"If you know any life better invest-"I never looked at it that way."

They Wanted the Strennous Kind, sequence."-London Telegraph. Bride-I know you don't l-love me! Groom-Why, child, what makes you

say that? Bride-Because you're not jealous, Why, Mayme Gray's been married nearly a year, and her husband's so him yourself?—Puck. jealous that he's shot at her twice and Cleveland Leader.



The thinnest and toughest leather is made from frog's skin.

Out of every one thousand letters used in writing English E occurs 137 times. T is the next most frequently

Yellow is far the most permanent of any color in flowers. It is the only one not affected by sulphurous acid

In Italy you can tell where the peasant women come from by the size of their earrings. The southerners wear the longest.

Neither in France nor in Austria

the new Hampshire State election The highest clouds reach ten miles would transfer him to Concord, have above our heads. They are the white, feathery forms which we see on a Burton E. Stevenson, who is per- dear day. Although apparently mohaps best known for his two detective tionless, they travel from seventy-five

Atlantic was primarily to stimulate in Marathon Mystery," both of which were Certain butterflies have marked terest in the big shires with the Cana- republished in England and Germany, odors, some good, some bad. Dr. F. A. dians," said Mr. Beck. "Until within has for the moment left the intricacies Dixey, a British entomologist, mena few years the shire has been too of crime for those of diplomacy, and tions a white butterfly of England scarce and high priced for the general in "Affairs of State," gives a decidely that has the fragrant scent of lemon run of breeders. They are still high vivid and lively account of some inter- verbena, and has noted many species priced but are coming within the range national complications at a Dutch wat- in Africa with such odors as those of of general breeding and are a profit- ering place. American good looks play chocolate, vanilla and various flowers. able enimal to breed for the big draft no small part in the solution of this The agreeable odors belong to males, being a charm to attract females. The mens of the thoroughbred shire and are How did Charles Dickens propose to offensive odors, shared by both sexes,

wherever they are being shown. They the novel which was only half done There is being exhibited in Liverare all great, heavy boned, thick mus- when the pen dropped from the dying pool a prodigious egg, that of a tall, cled animals whose very carriage and hand. This is a question which has fightiess bird—the Epyornis maxibearing and spring motion when in ac produced various foolish books and mus-which formerly inhabited the many useless essays, most of them be- island of Madagascar. The eggs of ing the outcome of a catchpenny self- this immense creature are nearly a seeking. Let us hope that the contri- yard in circumference and a foot in bution to the discussion recently made length, and their cubical contents, by Dickens' youngest daughter, Mrs. roughly speaking, are equal to six osto sow on, says a Pennsylvania farmer, Perugini, will deliver us from the tiresome flood of conjectures and theoreti- thousand humming birds' eggs, or two cal conclusions. She defends the ac-gallons of water. The market price plowed down and potntoes raised the curacy of Forster and the sincerity ranges from £35 to £60, only twenty

The potatoes having been kept clean, determined upon. From this it appears dreds of species of caterpillars," says and dug in good time, I would not plow that Edwin Drood was in truth killed M. Dugin, a French entomologist, for the wheat, but harrow at least four by his uncle-and here, in addition, "raw, broiled, boiled, fried, roasted or five times, and then drill in the it should be cited the testimony of and hashed, I find most of these pleaswheat, drilling with it 400 pounds of Charles Dickens the younger, who posi- ant to taste, light and digestible." But good fertilizer, with at least 3 per cent tively declared that he had heard from the despised cockroach of our kitchen quickly available nitrogen, 8 per cent his father's lips that Drood was dead. Is what M. Dagin waxes most enphosphoric acid and 6 per cent potash. Mrs. Perugini insists also upon the thusiastic over, "Pounded in a mor-Then in the spring, if it did not start to novelist's genuine interest in the psy- tar, put through a sieve and poured grow promptly, I would sow broadcast, chology of the situation; "he was quite into beef stock, these creatures make 150 pounds nitrate of soda per acre, as deeply fascinated and absorbed in a soup preferable to bisque." Never-A heavy dressing of stable manure will the study of the criminal Jasper as in theless, a Chinese proverb runs to the make a large stand of straw which will the dark and sinister crime that has effect, "If your stomach is delicate,

derer's career by himself at the close, bouse, and when his time for hiber-"when its temptations were to be dwelt nating came he selected a corner of upon as if not he, the cuiprit, but some the dim coal cellar for his winter other man were tempted." We may quarters. A new cook was engaged the house found the cook gazing in awestruck wonder, and exclaiming, as with unsteady hand she pointed to the tortoise: "My conscience! Look at the stone which I've broken the

At the cuose of a banquet given by "What is she doing now?" the family the Maharajah of Gwallor to the electric lamps and flowers was hoist-Mrs. Wilson laughed. "I believe her ed to the ceiling by pulleys, and retable underneath. The locomotive and "Italian-Cousin Reba! When she train was eight feet long, and car-"What's behind it? An Italian Sun-canter or box of cigars resting on the

"As the Romans Do."

Bishop Dudley (Episcopal), of Kentucky, when hunting and fishing, made "Cousin Reba! Why, father, she the acquaintance of a mountaineer, never could keep accounts in her life!" who took a fancy to him without sus-"She's failed in half a dozen invest- pecting his calling. When the bishop was about to go home he invited the "Anybody with a story of misfortune old man to Louisville to hear him preach.

of gardening-an inverted gardening, as she learned a thing, she was help- front, and remained until the bitter in which the plants are grown for the ing some one else who was backward, end, after which he hurried forward to sake of modifying the soil. The pe- "Her father gave her a piano when shake the bishop's hand, "Parson," he culiar qualities and flavors of the dif- she was twenty; she never played 'cried warmly, "I don't know a great ferent cheeses have been proved to be much herself, but before a month was deal about your creeds and dogmatics, due to the growth of various species past she had that plane busy two or but I've riz and set with you every

Fields-I beat Lumpkins on a horse

trade in great shape yesterday. Barnes-Got your money yet? Fields-He paid half down and is coming around with the rest to-mor-

Barnes-No, he isn't; he was buying that horse for me.-Detroft Free Press.

"Noah's wife," wrote a boy in an examination, "was called Joan of Arc."

"Do you say that as a lawyer or a man?" exclaimed an exasperated witness whom a lawyer was cross examining. "If you say it as a man, it is a thoughtfully.-Youth's lie and a slander, but if you say it as a lawyer it's not of the slightest con-

Finished.

Farmer Honk-My nephew, who graduated from the academy, week before last, is a finished elocutionist. Farmer Hornbeak-That so? Kill

If a run should start on you, could

you meet it all right?