Between Two Fires &

By ANTHONY HOPE

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

CHAPTER XVII .- (Continued.) might be expected, a washing stand. This sonal advantage that might accrue to me article was of the description one often from my conduct. President McGregor sees; above the level of the stand itself has made a strong representation to me there rose a wooden screen to the height that the schemes of General Whittingham. of two feet and a half, covered with pret- if publicly known, would, however unty tiles, the presumable object being to justly, prejudice the credit of Aureataprotect the wall paper. I never saw a land, and he appealed to me not to give more innocent looking bit of furniture; it particulars to the world. In matters such might have stood in a lady's dressing as these, Jones, we cannot be guided solely The Signorina went up to it and by selfish considerations." slid it gently on one side; it moved in a Then she pressed a spot in the moved. wall behind, and a small piece of it rolled aside, disclosing a keyhole.

"He's taken the key, of course," she got a hammer ?"

Tools were procured, and, working under the Signorina's directions, after a oblige me by treating this money as the good deal of trouble, we laid bare a neat product of realizations in the ordinary little safe embedded in the wall. This course of business. The recent disturbsafe was legibly inscribed on the outside, ances will quite account for so large a "Burgiar's Puzzle." We, however, were not afraid of making a noise, and it only puzzled us for ten minutes.

When opened it revealed a Golconda! There lay in securities and cash no less than \$500,000!

We smiled at one another. "O sad revelation," I remarked.
"Hoary old fox!" said the Colonel. No wonder the harbor works were unremunerative in their early stages. The

President must have kept them at a very "What are you people up to?" cried

Carr. Rank burglary, my dear boy," I replied, and we retreated with our spoil. "Now," said I to the Colonel, "what

are you going to do?" "Why, what do you think, Mr. Martin?" interposed the Signorina, "He's going to give you your money, and divide the rest with his sincere friend, Christina

Nugent." "Well, I suppose so," said the Colonel. "But it strikes me you are making a good thing of this, Martin."

"My dear Colonel," said I, "a bargain is a bargain, and where would you have been without my money?" The Colonel made no reply, but handed

me the money, which I liked much better. I took the \$320,000 and said: Now I can face the world, an honest

The Signorina laughed. "I am glad," she said, "chiefly for poor old Jones' sake. It'll take a load off his

The Colonel proceeded to divide the remainder into two little heaps, one of which he pushed over to the Signorina. She took it gaily, saying:

"Now I shall make curl papers of half do you call it?-the Provisional government to pay the rest. You remember

"I'll see about that soon," said the yours, Colonel impatiently. "You two seem to think there's nothing to do but take the money. You forget we've got to make

our positions safe." "Exactly. The Colonel's governmen must be carried on," said I. The Signorina did not catch the

sion. She yawned, and said: "Oh, then I shall go. Rely on alty, your excellency." She made him a courtesy and went to

the door. As I opened it for her she "Horrid old bear! Come and see me, Jack," and so vanished, carrying off her dollars. I returned and sat down opposite the

"I wonder how she knew about the

washing stand?" I remarked. "Recause Whittingham was fool enough to tell her," said the Colonel testily, Then we settled to business. This unambitious tale does not profess to be a

complete history of Aureataland, and I will spare my readers the recital of our discussion. We decided at last that matters were still so critical, owing to the President's escape, that the ordinary forms of law and constitutional government must be temporarily suspended. The chamber was not in session, which made this course easier. The Colonel was to be proclaimed President and to assume supreme power under martial law for some weeks, while we looked about us. It was thought better that my name should not McGregor?" appear officially, but I agreed to take In hand, under his supervision, all matters relating to finance,

'We can't pay the interest on the real

"No," I replied; "you must issue a notice, setting forth that, owing to General Whittingham's malversations, payments by her. I believe I took her hand. must be temporarily suspended, Prom-Ise it will be all right later on."

"Very good," said he; "and now I shall go and look up those officers. I must keep them in good temper, and the men, I shall give 'em another ten thou-

"Generous hero!" said I, "and I shall go and restore this cash to my employ-

CHAPTER XVIII. It was twelve o'clock when I left the Golden House and strolled quietly down to Liberty street. The larger part of the soldiers had been drawn off, but a couple of companies still kept guard in the Piazza. The usual occupations of life were going on amid a confused stir of excitement, and I saw by the interest my appearance aroused that some part at least of my share in the night's doings had leaked out. The Gazette had published a special edition, in which it hailed the advent of freedom, and, while lauding Mc-Gregor to the skies, bestowed a warm commendation on the "noble Englishman who, with a native love of liberty, had taken on himself the burden of Aureata-land in her hour of travail." The metaphor struck me as inappropriate, but the sentiment was most healthy; and when I finally beheld two officers of police sitting on the head of a drunken man for toasting the falling regime, I could say to myself, as I turned into the bank, "Order Jack."

reigns in Warsaw." General assent had proclaimed a suspension of commerce on this auspicious love in a cottage. day, and I found Jones sitting idle and ill at ease. I explained to him the state of affairs, showing how the President's I've been paying my debts," she added dishonorable scheme had compelled me, in proudly. the interests of the bank, to take a more or less active part in the revolution. It I'm not quite equal to purleining that was pathetic to hear him bewall the vil- \$300,000," lainy of the man he had trusted, and when I produced the money, he blessed log to the directors a full account of the run away.

"I don't know, Jones," I replied. "I

against me at headquarters. But in any There was in the room, as perhaps case I have resolved to forego the per-

'Heaven forbid, sir!" said Jones, much "I have, therefore, consented to restrict myself to a confidential communication to the directors; they must judge how far "We must break it open. Who's they will pass it on to the shareholders. To the world at large I shall say nothing of the second loan; and I know you will

> sum being called in." "I don't quite see how I can arrange that."

"Ab. you are overdone," said I. "Leave it all to me, Jones.'

And this I persuaded him to do. fact, he was so relieved at seeing the money back that he was easy to deal with; and if he suspected anything, he was overawed by my present exalted position. He appeared to forget what I could not, that the President, no doubt, still possessed that fatal cable!

After lunch I remembered my engagenent with the Signorina, and, putting on my hat, was bidding farewell to business, when Jones said:

"There's a note just come for you sir. A little boy brought it while you were out at lunch.

He gave it to me a little dirty envelope, with an illiterate scrawl. I opened carelessly, but as my eye fell on the President's hand, I started in amazement. The note was dated "Saturday- From on board The Songstress, and ran as fol-

"Dear Mr. Martin-I must confess to be useful to you to know that McGregor designs to marry Signorina Nugent. I fear that on my return it will be hardly consistent with my public duties to spare offer), but I shall always look back to your acquaintance with pleasure. I have, if you will allow me to say so, seldom by caused his tragic death. He could met a young man with such natural gifts for finance and politics. I shall anchor five miles out from Whittingham to-night my bonds, and I shall rely on the-what (for I know you have no ships), and if

> "MARCUS W. WHITTINGHAM. "President of the Republic of Aureata-

land." The President's praise was grateful to me. But I did not see my way to fall in with his views. He said nothing about the money, but I knew well that its return would be a condition of any alliance between us. Again, I was sure that he also "designed to marry the Signorina," preferred McGregor in that capacity. Lastly, I thought that after all there is a decency in things, and I had better stick to my party. I did not, however, tell McGregor about the letter, merely sending him a line to say I had heard that he

had better look out. This done, I resumed my interrupted rogress to the Signorina's. When I was shown in, she greeted me kindly. "I have had a letter from the Presi

dent." I said. "Yes," said she, "he told me he had written to you."

Why, have you heard from him?" "Yes, just a little note. He is rather him-going to forsake me?"

'How can you ask me? Won't you show me your letter, Christina?" "No, John," she answered, mimicking my impassioned tones. "I may steal the I'resident's savings, but I respect his con-

"You know what he says to me about "Yes," said the Signorina. "But, curl-

us to relate, the Colonel has just been here himself and told me the same thing The Colonel has not a nice way of making love, Jack-not so nice as yours nearly.

Thus encouraged I went and sat down

"You don't love him?" "Not at all," she replied. "I like you ery much, Jack," she said, "and it's very veet of you to have made a revolution for me. It was for me, Jack? "Of course it was, my darling,"

promptly replied. "But you know, Jack, I don't see ho we're much better off. Indeed, in a way it's worse. The President wouldn't let anybody else marry me, but he wasn't so peremptory as the Colonel. The Colonel declares he will marry me this day week !"

"We'll see about that," said I, savagely. "Another revolution, Jack?" asked the Signorina.

"You needn't laugh at me," I said sulk-"Poor boy! What are we idyllic lovers to do? "I don't believe you're a bit in earn-

"Yes, I am, Jack-now," Then she went on, with a sort of playful pity. Look at my savage, jealous Jack. It's pleasant while it lasts; try not to be oken-hearted if it doesn't last."

"If you love me, why don't you com with me out of this sink of iniquity?" "Run away with you?" she asked with open amazement. "Do you think that we're the sort of people for a romantic elopement? I am very earthy. And so are you, Jack dear, nice earth, but earth,

There was a good deal of truth in this remark. We were not an ideal pair for "Yes," I said. "I've got no money. "I've got a little money, but not mu-

"I haven't been even doing that. And

"We must wait, Jack. But this I will promise: I'll never marry the Colonel. If me fervently, and at once proposed writ- it comes to that or running away, we'll "And Whittingham?"

The Signorina for once looked grave. "You know him." she said "Think what he made you do! and you're not a 800 to over 1,026,000. The number of am afraid there is a certain prejudice weak man, or I shouldn't be fond of you. factories has increased by 991.

Jack, you must keep him away." She was quite agitated; and it was one more tribute to the President's powers that he should exert so strange an influence over such a nature. I was burning to ask her more about herself and the President, but I could not while she was distressed. And when I had comforted her, she resolutely declined to return to

"No, go away now," she said. "Think how we are to checkmate our two Presidents. And, Jack, whatever happens, I got you back the money. I've done you some good. So be kind to me. I'm not very much afraid of your heart breaking. You have plenty of useful things to oc-

walked off, my happiness considerably when partly full is as follows: Fasten damped by the awkward predicament in a pulley on a rafter a little beyond which we stood. Clearly McGregor meant beam. Nail two wide boards C on the was all powerful. If he kept the reins, I The rope D having a hook upon one should lose my love. If the President came back, a worse fate still threatened. Supposing it were possible to carry off the Signorina, which I doubted very much, where were we to go to? And would she come? On the whole, I did not think she

would come. (To be continued.)

END OF THE LUCY WALKER.

Steamboat Race on the Mississippi that Cost Many Lives. Passing the place a few days ago where this noted Cherokee Indian used to live, we were reminded of the history and tragic death of the man, Joe Vann. who was the most noted Cherokee of his time, says the Fort Gibson Post. He used to live about three miles below Fort Gibson, opposite the mouth of Bayou Manard, on the opposite side of the Arkansas River.

He owned 500 slaves, 300 of whom were men. He had thousands of acres straw and fastened. The bundle is of land, many cattle and horses, some being racing stock. He owned the first steamboat that came up the Arkansas is lowered into the mow. It can then River to Fort Gibson, when the United be placed where wanted and unfast-States government had a line of boats to this place to supply the large garrison then stationed here. This boat was named the Lucy Walker, and in those days was noted for her speed. She ran between Fort Gibson and lower Mississippi ports, even to New Orleans, carry-

ing passengers and freight. Vann was a strange Indian, unlike any known before or since, and was known as a "dead game sport," openhaving underrated your courage and abili- hearted, brave and generous to a fauit. ties. If you care to put them at my dis- He was good to all his slaves and they posal now, I will accept them. In the liked him and would obey him in anyother event, I must refer you to my pub- thing. He won and lost large sums on lic announcement. In any case it may horse-racing and gambling, but it was all the same to him, for he kept up his end of the sport at all times and seasons. This was along the 30's and 40's, your life (unless you accept my present not long after the Cherokees took possession of the country.

Vann had one fault, which ultimatenot brook a boasting rival and would not take a "dare." While his steam- of tenant houses and supply the wants boat had no rival for speed on the Ar- of his laboring men from a commissary. (for I know you have no ships), and if you join me, well and good. If not, I kansas River, from its mouth at the A school will be ball for the children of the laboring mea as well as church-Believe me, dear Mr. Martin, faithfuily Gibson, there were two or three on the es, etc. The farm is near Valentine, Mississippi River, between St. Louis accessible to the milroad, and has and New Orleans. One of these boats, proven under tests to be admirably said to be the fastest on the river, at- adapted to the culture of macaroni tempted to pass him on the way down,

Vann had a crew of thirty negroes, said to have no superiors on the river. He told the boys that the Lucy Walker must be kept shead, no matter at what cost. An allowance of grog was given to each, and all promised to stand up and if I must have a rival on the spot I to the work. The rival boat was gaining on them. The usual fuel failed to give sufficient speed. Vann went around and told the hands to gather up everything that would burn. Tar and bacon were thrown into the furnace and soon the Lucy Walker was forging ahead of her rival.

Timbers of the boat creaked groaned. The furnace was red hot. The bollers were seething and foaming. The bent was terrific. The passengers, of whom there were about 150, became alarmed, but Vann was cool as a cucumber. He told his negro crew oss with me. Are you going over to that they would beat the rival boat or all go to hades together, and they promised to stand by him.

About that time there was an awful explosion and there was nothing left of the Lucy Walker but scattered fragments. Most of the crew were blown to atoms, besides about forty passengers dead and nearly all more or less injured. Vann's body was found horribly mangled.

Knew His Business. Criticus-I have only one fault to

find with this rural scene. DeAuber-What is that?

Criticus-Why in the name of comnon sense did you paint those cows blue?

DeAuber-Oh, that's all right. The nodels I used were from the blue-grass section of Kentucky.

One Woman's Way. Husband-Why do you encourage

that Mrs. Tattles to keep calling so often? Is it because you enjoy hearing the neighbors talked about? Wife-Oh, no, but when she is here I know she isn't somewhere else talking is also very bandy in tagging sheep;

More of Him. Miss Mugley-The idea of his calling me homely. I may not be very pretty, but I'm certainly not as homely as he

Miss Pert-No, dear, but that's simply because he's bigger than you.-Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Another Viewpoint. Chapleigh-I-aw-nevah associate with those-aw-howld baseball playahs, doncher know.

Miss Caustique-I suppose not. There Why It Is. "Why is it," asked the Frenchman,

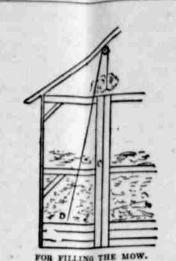
that you have no duels like we have n France?" "We are all such good shots," an wered the American, "that we would nowadays as there used to be. Horses

As a Supplanter. The Maid-Do you think the automoile will ever supplant the horse? The Man-No; but it may supplant the mule in the course of time. One is

fully as unreliable as the other. In eight years the population of Osaka, Japan, has increased from \$11,-



Filling the Mow Made Easy. An easy method of filling mows with At last I accepted my dismissal, and straw from the thrasher or with hay business; and at this moment McGregor beams for the bundle to silde upon.



end, is placed under and around the then lifted by a man at D. When it reaches the top beam it swings in and ened. This device is very handy and saves much time

Macaroni Wheat. Grant Robinson of St. Paul, Minn., has purchased 40,000 acres of land in Presidio county, Texas, which he will devote to the culture of macaroni wheat on a scale the largest ever attempted in the world. Extensive preparations are now going forward for the consummation of the plans of the capitalist. Seed for planting will be

winter.

brought to this country from the Volga region of Russia. The field will be cultivated on the very latest and most improved method of wheat farming. Monster stake plows will be utilized in breaking up the land; in fact, all of the latest types of farming machinery will be used on

be plantation. Mr. Robinson proposes to have the largest and best managed wheat farm

Cold Storage for Farmers. Putting first-cless apples in cold storage for sale in late winter or early spring, is usually very profitable, says Farming. Other fruit and farm products may also be stored to advantage. The expense of a cold storage plant precludes its use by most fruit growers. Co-operation among farmers will sometimes be possible along this line. Granges and other farmers' organizations may do educational and practical work also. But available for every farmer are the refrigerator plants now found in almost every city. Rooms or space may be rented as one needs. Generally it is best to store in the city where it is intended to sell, that the produce may be on the ground in case of an advantageous market. Many a grower of fine fruit would be dollars ahead by availing himself of cold stor-

age facilities. Sheep Shearing Table. Make a table with a bollow top, on which to lay the sheep. On each side of the board have a strap or rope with a snap hook to hold kicking sheep. The



FOR SHEARING SHEEP. hollow top places the sheep at a disadvantage in trying to get up. This table also in cleaning hogs, as the water will fall through the slats and will keep the

hogs much cleaner. Sowing Spinach. Early spinach is seeded in the fall. The ground should be plowed and made fine, plenty of well-rotted manure applied, and the seed sown in rows about 16 inches apart, which should be done with a seed drill having a small roller to cover and press the earth on the seeds, the depth of planting the seeds being about half an inch. The seed should be sown before cold weather sets in. When the plants are up let are some things that even baseball play. them grow until the ground is frozen, and then cover with straw, which should be removed early in the spring. Spinach is a very hardy plant and is seldom injured by cold-

That "Seedless" Apple. According to Professor Van Deman. Fewer Horses Foundered. Not so many horses are foundered an attempt is being made to have the post office department issue a fraud sure to hit each other. That's why." are foundered by overfeeding, feeding order against the promoters of the socalled "seedless apple," It is claimed when heated, watered when heated, that this apple is of very inferior qualhigh living and no exercise, overdrivity, and is an old variety, originating in ing and suddenly cooling after the Virginia, and generally considered of blood has been unusually heated.

no commercial value, Cause of Poor Butter. A Hen's Work. The farmer has been scolded, shamed During the lifetime of a healthy hen and thoroughly lambasted for not taking better care of his cream, and with she will lay from 300 to 500 eggs. Her what result? Poor cream continues to best laying capacity is during her seccome, and bad butter continues to go. | ond year.

Every gardener likes to use a stimulating fertilizer to hurry the crops along. For this purpose nitrate of soda and sulphate of ammonia are most frequently employed. Nitrogen is the ele-

ment chiefly sought and all known

means of obtaining it cheaply have

been tested. Lately much interest has been shown in lime nitrogen or calcium

cyanamid. The results of recent experi-

nents with this fertilizer indicate a

high value for it. In some tests it has

shown only 80 per cent of the effec-

tiveness of nitrate of soda while in

Lime nitrogen seems to be harmful

if placed in direct contact with the

seeds or roots of plants. It should pre-

ferably be mixed with the soil and ap-

fore seeding. It will then greatly has-

ten the growth and maturity of gar-

than 135 to 270 pounds per acre.

Save Falling Leaves.

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Value of Farm Animals.

dollars' worth of horses in the United

States, and the total value of all live

stock amounts to \$3,655,389,443. The

humble mule leads all other animals in

average value per head. The detailed

Av. price

321,802,571

Animals. No. per head. Value. Horses . 18,718,578 \$80,72 \$1,510,889,906 Mules . 3,404,081 98,31 334,080,526 Milch cows19,793,806 29,44 582,788,592 Other cattle,47,067,656 15.85 746,171,706

No Grain in the Orchard.

There are many ways of caring for

fowls cannot roost on It.

and the value of farm animals.

list of classes is as follows:

Sheep50,631,619 3.54 Hogs52,102,847 6.18

trees.-T. H. Todd, Missouri.

Sonpauds for Plants.

The ordinary concentrated lye is

really caustic soda, which is cheaper

than potash. Soda lye makes hard

assisting to liberate plant food in the

The Secret of Success.

The superlority of butter made

Denmark is known the world over

where butter is sold. Many investiga-

tions of Danish methods have been

made and the conclusion is that clean-

liness is the secret of the success of

soil, however.

Farm

other tests it proved superior.

Harvey J. O'Higgins' "Don-a-Dreams," it is said, will prove altogether different from anything he has before published. It is the romance of decided to call for bids to build the a Canadian lad, "a lover, a poet, a gen- Panama Canal by contract. The suctle solliary," who seeks his fortune in cessful bidder will be required to take New York. Bohemian New York is over all the work of construction, indescribed; and the characters include cluding any contracts that may have a gifted and visionary dramatist, a been made for the employment of Chiprominent manager, a clever and flip- nese labor. The commission's principal plied from eight to fourteen days be pant dramatic critic and "the most reason for this change of plan is the beautiful woman on the American labor problem, as it is believed that the stage."

The mere statement that the sister of den plants. Some gardeners have nitrogen with the soil five to ten inches detective story is enough to arouse pubbelow the surface. The best results lic curiosity, aside from the mystery of have been obtained by mixing the fer- the plot itself. Here is an opportunity tilizer with twice its weight of dry for a family test of the comparative soil before applying. Lime nitrogen fertility, in certain directions, of a should not be applied at a greater rate man's and a woman's mind. "The Secret of the Moor Cottage," by H. Ripley Cromarsh, who is none other than the sister of A. Conan Doyle, is an-When the leaves begin to fall, do not nounced for immediate publication. This burn them. Save all of them. They tale of mystery and adventure—as make the humus that by and by be- might be expected when written by the comes soil, and is of immense value in sister of A. Conan Doyle—naturally inall its stages of change. The most ir- volves a detective, who, although not rational work ever done by a human a professional one, discovers himself being is to take what nature has spent in a situation where he finds it desirathe whole summer in creating for him, ble, for various reasons, to seek a soluand throw it back into its elemental tion of the puzzle which surrounds him. conditions. These leaves are nature's He tells the story himself, with a supcontribution, and her very best conplementary narrative by one of the othtribution to man's wealth. They are er characters of the story for the final naturally spread all over the lawns clearing up of the mystery.

each year, as a winter protection; and The announcement that Henry after they have accomplished that mis-George, Jr., author of "The Menace of sion they are worked over into a com-Privilege" and other books dealing with post of humus. As a rule, do not rake them too completely off the lawns. The social conditions, has turned novelist States. Consequently it is a short cut leaves you do take instead of burning. is only less interesting than the statement that his story, which is shortly use for banking up buildings, for that to be published, is in a measure founded will save coal; to cover or bank around on the career of his father. The replants; for stable bedding; or on the mark has often been made, with even floors of henhouses, and in rooms more justice than usual in such cases, where the hens may scratch during the that the life story of the elder Henry George reads like a romance. No one can be better aware of this than his picture postcard craze is now at its Get a flat, empty grocery box and son, who has seized on some of the worst. The summer's crop is in. From cut a section out of it, as shown in il- most striking and dramatic episodes in ustration. Nall a strip of thin board his life as the basis for his novel. "The over the beveled portion and set the Romance of John Bainbridge" is deaffair against the wall. Here you have scribed as a tale of a young lawyer of self-feeding box in which can be put high ideals who enters politics for the grit, bone, charcoal or grain. One or purpose of fighting the private ownertwo partitions put in before cutting ship of privileges in the public highout the beveled section would make ways. It is John Bainbridge's pity for two or three compartments, in which the multitude who suffer at the hands of privilege and his self-consecration to the task of fighting the evil that recall most forcibly the characteristics in the recent years that the art and practice author's father. Other characters in the book are said to be more or less accurately drawn from living models, and the setting is a faithful representation of the inner circles of present-day political life.

GOOD SHOES FOR THE ARMY.

Sam Sees that His Soldiers Have Proper Footwear. "Uncle Sam keeps well in mind the saying 'A man is not well dressed unis designed to show how the cost of less he wears a good pair of shoes," said a government inspector, "for he takes care that the army is fitted out with the most comfortable and nattiest

two or three of the articles could be "To be sure, he does not go in for implements, seeds, materials, labor, kept at the same time. This is the apper jawed, flaring soles, or twisted, etc. Thus the figures represent the easiest possible way to make a selffeeding box. Have the top or cover ugly toes, but he provides the finest of work of practical, everyday farmers in leather and insists that the boots for the act of producing crops for profit. part of the box slanting, so that the his soldiers shall be well made. His in- Taking barley as an example, the cost spectors look after the shoes at every of production is itemized under the process in their manufacture and any heads seed value, cleaning seed, plow-The Department of Agriculture has short cut of leather or negligently ing, dragging, seeding, cutting, twine, published a statement of the number placed nails that might result in corns shocking, stacking and threshing, deor sore feet are pointed out with con-There are over a billion and a half

> thrown aside. shoes changes and then a big batch of letin shows how these statistics may shoes will be thrown on the market, aid in preparing for a system of crop which merchants eagerly gobble up. The rotation, man who buys those shoes will not get a new style army shoe, but he gets the finest shoe on the market for high-

shoe of to-day has a cap and is a shoe and its uses, pursuant to an act of Confor a man to be proud of. The cap is gress which goes into effect June 1. not only over the toe but across the 1907. The Commissioner says there heel and it gives just that touch of or- will be two classes of alcohol, first, that an orchard. We work our land in corn namentation which the well-dressed which is completely denatured, which

as long as possible, in order to culti- man likes. vate the trees and keep the land clean. This is to prevent us being troubled by and the leather is the best box calf. private consumers; and, secondly, sperabbits. Where there are no trees or It is eight and a half inches high. It cially denatured alcohol, in which the grass we can put the richness back into has five eyelets at the bottom of the material demanded by the needs of the soil with clover. If the land is lacing, then five books and at the top manufacturing interests will be regardrich this clover may be cut for hay, if of the shoe is another eyelet, a combipoor, it should be left and turned unnation of fastenings which has been large consumption of wood alcohol, and tried out and found to be the best for the price, it is believed, will not be der to enrich the land as much as posgetting the shoe on quickly and for more than 25 cents per gallon. The desible. Never plant any of the small grains in the orchard. Growth is the strength.

most necessary item for the young lines, only it is six and a half inches tilling is done, in specially designated high and has a plain toe. Some of them have caps at toe and heel, but for the most part they are plain.

soap and potash lye soft soap. Soapa low shoe or oxford, although it is Lieut. Pressy, who were tried on suds from soft soap makes a valuable fertilizer, but soda soapsuds are not never worn on the march. They are charges growing out of the collision beconsidered valuable, except for celery more for undress and are made of tween their ships, the Alabama and the dongola kid and are called gymnasium Illinois. and asparagus, which are always benefited by soda in any form. The use of shoes." any kind of soapsuds is beneficial in King's Female Body Guard.

The King of Slam has a bodyguard of four hundred female warriors. At expedition of troops in Cuba is now the age of 13 they enter the royal ser- understood to have been made at the vice and remain in it until they are 25, suggestion of Secretary Taft, because when they pass into the reserve. Their Funston was distasteful to the former didly trained in the use of it.

Camel's Carrying Capacity.

the Danish dairyman in making but-A camel can easily carry a weight of one thousand pounds on its back, about four times as much as a horse can carry. The camel begins work at the age of 4 and is useful for half a cen-

The Muck Raker.

ly, "that I will never be approved by he hopes to prevent speculators and good society because I am continually monopolistic corporations from getting exposing the underworld."—Baltimore further hold upon the nation's coal American.

asylums than any other thing. It will and put a larger sprocket wheel on the even do up drink in making a record. | meter.



The Isthmian Canal Commission has

private contractor will be less hampered by government red tape in solving found that it is best to mix the lime A. Conan Doyle has herself written a it. Nevertheless the commissioners insist that the government will not relinquish the responsibility for the construction work. The contract will be made with one individual or corporation, which, however, may be composed whom will be expert in some particular branch of the work. The companies bidding must have a capitalization of \$5,000,000 over all debts and incumbrances, and the successful bidder must furnish a bond of \$3,000,000. The compensation to the contractor will be on the percentage plan, and to the lowest bidder the contract will be awarded, the total cost of the job being estimated by a board of engineers, two of whom will be appointed by the bidder and three by the government. The competition is not limited to American bidders. Chairman Shonts says that it would take many years for the government to get an adequate force of competent engineers and experts, because these men are now controlled by the leading contractors of the United to utilize the trained forces of the best construction companies.

> The lemon postcard is the latest. Hundreds of thousands of the cards bearing the picture of a wrinkled old lemon have been sold already. The every quarter of the civilized globe they have been flying all summer in millions. The business has grown to staggering proportions. New York is the seat of the trade, and dealers estimate that one person in every eight buys a picture postal every day. There are 80,000 stores in the United States handling them at present where three years ago there were not a hundred. It has frequently been remarked during of letter writing have passed away, and the picture postal has helped on this tendency. People write less than they ever did, and yet they keep their friends at home posted as to their tinerary during a long trip better than they ever did before. The picture postal tells a story. That is why it is so popular.

An interesting bulletin recently issued by the Department of Agriculture producing a crop may be accurately recorded. The report is based upon experiments made in Minnesota, where a large number of farmers co-operated by making daily record of every cent spent

demning fingers and the boots are al. The figures represent the average of all farms in the group, the final "Once in a while the style in army figure being the cost per acre. The bul-

The Commissioner of Internal Revgrade leather and good workmanship. enue has issued regulations controlling "The United States army marching the manufacture of denatured alcohol will pass into general use and be pur-"Its sole is only moderately heavy chased without limitation, as against naturing process will have to be accom-"The garrison shoe is built on similar plished on the premises where the disbonded warehouses.

Acting Secretary Newberry of the "Contrary to popular belief, Uncle navy has approved the verdict of ac-Sam does allow his soldier boys to wear quittal in the case of Capt. Comly and

The sudden recalling of Brig. Gen. Funston from Havana after it was supposed that he would command the first weapon is the lance and they are spien- Cuban rebels. Funston was an officer of the insurgents before the Spanish war, and the leaders of the recent insurrection say he deserted because he could not stand for the butcherles of prisoners of war.

+ 1- t-After a conference with Secretary of tury. The horse, as a rule, is nearly Roosevelt decided that there should be Interior Hancock, Monday, President no further delay in the withdrawal from settlement of all public lands "I suppose," said the volcano, bitter- classed as coal lands. By early action

supply. Investigate and you will find that Boyce-I hear they have reduced the jealousy sends more people to insane price of gas in your town. Joyce-Yes,