Between Two fires €

By ANTHONY HOPE

"A wise man will make more opportunities

than he finds." -Francis Bacon.

same deed myself. But I shrank before flight was dictated solely by a consciousthis calm ruthlessness. Another long ness of political guilt, and that, in money pause followed. Then the President said: matters, Mr. Martin's hand were as clean you and I came to blows."

You played me false about the money,"

Yes, yes," he answered gently; "I by no ties. Of course you saw my plan?" I supposed your excellency meant to keep the money and throw me over." Not altogether," he said. "Of course

I was bound to have the money. But it was the other thing, you know. As far as the money went, I would have taken care you came to no harm."

What was it, then?" "I thought you understood all along." he said with some surprise. "I saw you were my rival with Christina, and my game was to drive you out of the country by making the place too hot for you." 'ohe told me you didn't suspect about

me and her till quite the end." "Did she?" he answered with a smile; "I must be getting clever to deceive two such wide-awake young people. Of course I saw it all along. But you had more grit than I thought. I've never been so nearly done by any man as by you. I'm sorry, Martin; I liked you, you know, But likings mustn't interfere with duty," he went on, smiling. "What claim have you

Decent burial, I suppose," I answered. He got up and paced the room for a moment or two. I waited with some anxsety, for life is worth something to a young man, even when things look blackest, and I never was a hero.

"I make you this offer," he said at last, "Your boat lies there ready. Get into her and go; otherwise-"I see," said I. "And you will marry

"Yes." he said. "Against her will?"

He looked at me with something like

Who can tell what a woman's will will be in a week? In less than that she will marry me cheerfully. I hope you may grieve as short a time as she will."

In my inmost heart I knew it was true. I had staked everything, not for a woman's love, but for the whim of a giri! For a moment it was too hard for me, and I bowed my head on the table by me and hid my face. Then he came and put his hand on mine, and said :

"Yes, Martin; young and old, we are all alike. They're not worth quarreling for. But nature's too strong." "May I see her before I go?" I asked.

"i.es," he said. 'Alone?"

"Yes," he said once more, "Go now-If she can see you."

I went up and cautiously opened the door. The Signorina was lying on the bed, with a shawl over her. She seemed to be asleep. I bent over her and kissed her. She opened her eyes, and said in a

die, I must be alone,"

She was strangely quiet, even apathetie. As I knelt down by her she raised herself, and took my face between her hands and klased me, not passionately,

but tenderly.
"My poor Jack:" she said; "it was no use, dear. It is no use to fight against

"You love me?" I cried in my pain. "Yes," she said, "but I am very tired; and he will be good to me.'

Without another word I went from her. with the bitter knowledge that my great grief found but a pale reflection in her

"I am ready to go," I said to the Presi-"Come then." he replied. "Here, take

these, you may want them," and he thrust a bundle of notes into my hand (some of my own from the bank I afterward dis-Arrived at the boat, I got in mechan-Ically, and made all preparations for the start. Then the President took my hand.

Good-by, Jack Martin, and good luck. Some day we may meet again. Just now there's no room for us both here. You bear no malice?" "No, sir," said I. "A fair fight, and

As I was pushing off he added:

"When you arrive, send me word." I turned the boat's head out to sea, and went forth on my lonely way into the

CHAPTER XXIV.

As far as I am concerned, this story has now reached an end. With my departure from Aurentaland I re-entered the world of humdrum life, and since that memorable night nothing has befallen me have endured the drudgery incident to laxations every wise man makes for himseif. But I should be guilty of unpardonable egotism if I supposed that L myself, was the only, or the most, interesting subject presented in the foregoing pages, and I feel I shall merely be doing my duty in briefly recording the facts in my possession concerning the other persons who have figured in this record and the country where its scene was laid.

I did not, of course, return to England, on leaving Aureataland. I had no desire to explain in person to the directors all the facts with which they will now be in a position to acquaint themselves. I was conscious that, at the last at all events, I had rather subordinated their interests to my own necessities, and I knew well that my conduct would not meet with the indulgent judgment that it perhaps requires. After all, men who have lost three hundred thousand dellars can hardly be expected to be impartial, and I saw no reason for submitting my self to a biased tribunal. I preferred to seek my fortune in a fresh country, and I am happy to say that my prosperity In the land of my adoption has gone far to justify the President's favorable esti-

mate of my financial abilities. remark, and people were even found to that your revolution only postponed the insignate that the dollars went the same day of repudiation, way as I did. I have never troubled myself to contradict these scandalous rumore, being content to rely on the hand- am more likely to come and find you; for, the President published. In addressing to bend our steps to the States. And we the House of Assembly shortly after his hope to come soon. There's a little diffiresumption of power he referred at length culty outstanding about the terms on to the circumstances attendant on the which the Golden House and my other late revolution, and remarked that al- property are to pass to the new governthough he was unable to acquit Mr. Mar- ment; this I hope to compromise by abat-

CHAPTER XXIII .- (Continued.) | sure them, as he had already assured those I could not pretend to regret the dead to whom Mr. Martin was primarily re-Indeed, I had been near doing the sponsible, that that gentleman's hasty "I'm sorry for all this, Martin sorry as his own. The reproach that had fallen on the fair fame of Aureataland in this matter was due not to that able but misguided young man, but to those unprinctpled persons who, in the pursuit of their don't blame you. You were bound to me designs, had not hesitated to plunder and despoil friendly traders, established in the country under the sanction of public

> The reproach to which his excellency eloquently referred consisted in the fact that not a cent of those three hundred thousand dollars which lay in the bank that night was ever seen again! The theory was that the Colonel had made great pains to prove that under the law f nations the restored government could not be held responsible for this occurrence. I know as little about the law of nations as the President himself, but I felt quite sure that whatever that exalted code might say, none of that money would ever find its way back to the disay his excellency behaved to me with scrupulous consideration; not a word passed his lips about the second loan, about that unlucky cable, or any other dealings with the money. For all he said, my account of the matter, posted to the directors immediately after my de-

parture, stood unimpeached. The directors, however, took a view opposed to his excellency's, and relations became so strained that they were con-templating the withdrawal of their business from Whittingham altogether, when events occurred which modified their action. Before I lay down my pen I must give some account of these matters, and I cannot do so better than by inserting a from his excellency, some two years after I last saw him. I had obeyed his wish in communicating my address to him, but up to this time had received only a short but friendly note, acquainting me with the fact of his marriage to the Signorina, and expressing good wishes for my welfare in my new sphere of action. The matters some extent public property soon afterward, but certain other terms of the arrangement are now given to the world for the first time.

The letter ran as follows:

"My Dear Martin-As an old inhabitant of Aureataland, you will be interested in the news I have to tell you. I also take pleasure in hoping that, in spite of bygone differences, your friendly feelings toward myself will make you glad to hear news of my fortunes. "You are no doubt acquainted generally

with the course of events here since you left us. As regards private friends, I have not indeed much to tell you. You will not be surprised to learn that Johnny Carr has done the most sensible thing he ever did in his life in making Donns Antonia his wife. She is a thoroughly "Yes, my darling," said I. "I am going good girl, although she seems to have a very foolish prejudice against Christina. I was able to assist the young p plans by the gift of the late Colonel Mc-Gregor's estates, which under our law passed to the Head of the State on that gentleman's execution for high treason. You will be amused to hear of another Madame Devarges have made a match of and his patriotic sufferings. Jones, 1 suppose you know, left us about a year ago. The poor old fellow never recovered from his fright on that night, to say nothing of the cold he caught in your draughty coal-cellar, where he took ref-The bank relieved him in response to his urgent petitions, and they've sent us a roung Puritan, to whom it would be quite in vain to apply for a timely little

"I wish I could give you as satisfactory an account of public affairs. You were more or less behind the scenes over here, so you know that to keep the machine going is by no means an easy task. I have kept it going, single-handed, for fifteen years, and though it's the custom to call think I've given them a pretty decent gov-But I've had enough of it ernment. now. The fact is, my dear Martin, I'm not so young as I was. In years I'm not much past middle age, but I shouldn't be surprised if old Marcus Whittingham's lease was pretty nearly up. At any rate, my only chance, so Anderson tells me, is to get a rest, and I'm going to give myself that chance. I had thought at first of trying to find a successor, and I ald. thought of you. But, while I was considering this, I received a confidential proposal from the old government. They were very anxious to get back their provworthy of a polite reader's attention. I lines; at the same time, they were not at all anxious to try conclusions with me earning a living; I have enjoyed the re- again. In short, they offered, if Aureataland would come back, a guarantee of local autonomy and full freedom; they would take on themselves the burden of the debt, and last, but not least, they would offer the present President of the Republic a compensation of \$500,000.

"I have not yet finally accepted the offer, but I am going to do so-obtaining, as a matter of form, the sanction of he Assembly. I have made them double their offer to me, but in the public documents the money is to stand at the original figure. This recognition of my services, together with my little savings, will make me pretty comfortable in my old age, and leave a competence for my widow. Aureataland has had a run alone; if there had been any grit in the people they would have made a nation of they aren't. After all, they're a mongrel

this arrangement, as it gives your old was an accommodating chap," masters a better chance of getting their soney, for, between ourselves, they'd nevor have got it out of me. At the risk mile-a-minute clip awn knocks me My sudden disappearance excited some of shocking your feelings. I must confess

"I hoped to have asked you some day to rejoin as here. As matters stand, I some vindication from this charge which when released, Christina and I are going agin?"

bargain for the recognition of Johnny Carr's rights to the Colonel's goods. When all this is settled there will be nothing to keep me, and I shall leave here without much reluctance. The first man I shall come to see will be you. The truth is, my boy, I'm not the man I was. I've put too much steam on all my life, and I must pull up now, or the boiler will burst. "Christina sends her love. She is as anxious to see you as I am. But you must wait till I am dead to make love to

her. Ever your sincere friend, "MARCUS W. WHITINGHAM." As I write, I hear that the arrangement is to be carried out. So ends Aureatsland's brief history as a nation; so ends the story of her national debt, more happily than I ever thought it would. I confess to a tender recollection of the sunny, cheerful, lazy, dishonest little place, where I spent four such sventful years. Perhaps I love it because my romance was played there, as I should love any place where I had seen the Signorina. pretty head had failen against the cushion. (THE END.)

PRECIOUS STONES AS CURE.

Prescribed as Medicine Away Back

in the Second Century. Truly, among the ancient volumes tainment to the student of human nature and its foibles and foilles than away with them, and the President took preserve mankind from aliments and phan 24 years of age, young, rich, desirdisease, says the Westminster Gazette. ing to know life, caring for no man, not And though the present day is said to vital enough to realize danger, a good furnish better opportunities to the fellow, a gentleman. His sister was his quack doctor and the valetudinarian only care. He gave to her the strength of than any former period in the world's an undivided love. than any former period in the world's history, a glance through some of the things of which I am about to write happrescriptions.

a famous medical man cured King this supreme folly I lived the days, now about his person. "But if taken inter- when unknowingly we stand on the letter which I had the honor to receive nally in any shape or form it is pole threshold of action? And who should exonous."

> ical celebrity caused his patients to before me mocked of me, dubbed the Perwear rubles "for to make them cautious feet Fool over whose dead body I was to wear rubles "for to make them cautious and to drive away idle and foolish thoughts." Taken internally, the ruby kept the plague at bay and fortified of these facts than are absolutely necesing, strengthened the memory "and Fool no longer. banished the fear of ghosts and evil been a panacea against all ills, so that ing sure, for I have a favor to ask." The sapphire ran the emerald close for pledge my word for his good faith. remedial virtues, and in powdered form

crushed turquoise and the ruby. toad and unicorn, which was considered friend?" as indispensable in a household as food | He asked the question with such a gen-

and drink. enormous price, is found in almost ev. continued to spak, ery home in France, especially in Prov. "I am very grateful for all your trust, ery home in France, especially in Prov-

to find a tiny pot of the real thing." day of exploded "superstitions," retain to overcome them-if I live!" me a mere adventurer, upon my word I its power, especially if, instead of being The sun fell over the lifeless scene withheld "under the nose" of the sufferer out as Martin Hall ceased to speak. I

threatens almost a revolution in the the mail beneath. industry, according to Consul Bock, of "Tell me, are you quite certain that you Nuremberg, says the New York Her. are not talking nonsense?" I asked. "If

Should it really possess the advantages claimed it would cause serious how did you get this absurd notion that you are going to die into your head? secdamage to the blowing glass plate industry in this district, where "three you wish to put upon me? Why should fourths" glass plates are chiefly manu- you, who are going to Paris, as far as I factured. So far two methods have know, simply as a common sightseer, have been employed in the manufacture of any reason to fear some mysterious cacrystal plate glass and mirror and win-dow glass, namely, that of casting and "Why am I also a Deals without also blowing. The new third method is the do you say? Without aim-I, who have who has sold his patent to a European shall accomplish to-night! I will tell you. syndicate of plate glass manufacturers I am going to Paris to meet one who, be-

glass the molden substance has been before you know another month; one who blown into cylinders by glassmakers' is mad and who is same, one who, if he pipes and subsequently flattened, while knew my purpose, would crush me as I in the making of plate glass the viscid crush this paper; one who has everything seople they would have made a nation of hemselves. There isn't any, and I'm not substance from the pot and conducts it who has money and men, who can combe against The new invention draws the molten substance from the pot and conducts it going to slave myself for them any longer. between rollers lying side by side. mand and be obeyed in ten cities, against Seventeen pairs of these rollers are whom the police might as well hope to

Doing a Good Turn. "Bedad, Clancy, but that chauffeur

"In phwat way, Casey?" "Phoy, he comes down here ut ar-rum out of place." "Awn do yez call that accommoda-

"Shure. Don't be come back th' same way an hour later awn knock ut back him

Boston Exclusiveness. Mrs. Newrich of New York-Did you bathe during your recent visit to Atiantic City?

Mrs. Emerson Saltonstall of Bostonthe rebels, yet he was in a position to as- it all up in public. Also I have had to other lady was using the ocean!—Life, him at eight o'clock?"

THE IRON PIRATE

A Plain Tale of Strange

Happenings on the Sea

By MAX PEMBERTON

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CHAPTER L.

The train moved slowly over the sandy marsh which lies between Calais and Boulogne. Roderick was asleep, and Mary's girl is waking " thought how strange a company we were then being carried over the dull, drear pasture land of France, to the lights, the music and the life of the great capital.

Roderick and I had been at Calus Colthere are none which yield better enter- legt, Cambridge, together, friends drawn the closer in affection because our conditions in kith and kin, in possession and in purpose, in ambition and in idleness, those dealing with ways and means to were so very like. Roderick was an or-

medical works of four or five centuries pened to me. My father had left me rectors' pockets. In this matter I must ago shows that it would be difficult to £50,000, which I drew upon when I was beat some of the suggested cures and of age; but, shame that I should write it, I had spent more than £40,000 in four We have come across some informa- years, and my schooner, the Celsis, with tion gathered in an ancient volume tell- some few thousand pounds, alone remaintion gathered in an ancient volume tell-ling of the marvelous properties of pre-clous stones in curing disease. The compiler of the volume tells his read-tide in my affairs which taken at the ers that in the second century, A. D., flood should lead on to fortune." And in Necho of Egypt of digestive troubles in the Mediterranean, now cruising round by causing him to wear, tied around his the coast of England, now flying of a sudneck, "a dragon cut out of green jas-per." And whosoever wished for valor per." And whosoever wished for valor so might it have been said; but who can and daring had only to wear a diamond foretell the supreme moments of our lives. pect me to foresee that the man who was Ten centuries later an Italian med- to touch the spring of my life's action sat

> the system against all manner of dis- sary for the understanding of this story, ease. The emerald, crushed to powder surpassing strange. Mary and Roderick and administered in doses from six to slept, while the Perfect Fool and I faced thirty grains, was an infallible remedy each other, sick to weariness with reflecagainst colic, snake bites, plague and epileptic fits. Likewise it stopped bleed and, speaking, seemed to be the Perfect

> "They're both asleep, aren't they?" he spirits," and seems, in fact, to have asked suddenly. "Would you mind makone can almost read with approval of He was looking at me with a fitful this otherwise cruel system of crushing pleading look unlike anything he had bits of color which nature can produce. if Roderick should overhear us, I would

"I wanted to speak to you some days "strengthened the heart and cured run- ago," he said earnestly and quickly, as ning eyes," while the "strengthening of the heart" was also a property of the crushed turquoise and the ruby.

"It must seem curious in your eyes that I, who am quite a swanger to you, should Apart from the curative qualities have been in year company for some weeks, and should not have told you more which each separate kind of precious than my name, Martin Hall. As the thing stone possessed there were various mix- stands, you have been kind enough to tures, mainly manufactured in France, make no inquiris; if I am an impostor, for which fabulous prices were paid, you do not care to know it; if I am a and there was one remedy in particu- rascal hunted by the law, you have not marriage in our circle. The doctor and lar, composed of a mixture of powdered been willing to help the law; you do not cornis, pearl, sapphire, emerald, topaz, home or no home, people or no people. Madame Devarges have made a match of gold lenf, silver lenf, grense of serpent, pet you have made me shall I say, a

tle inflexion of the voice that I felt a An old French medical man writes softer chord was touched, and in response that this powder, notwithstanding its I shook hands with him. After that he

believe me, for I am a man that has ence and Languedoc. "But," he adds, believe me, for I am a man that has "the great popularity of the remedy is known few friends in life. You have the great popularity of the remedy is given me your friendship unasked, and the reason why there are thousands of it is the more prized. What I wanted to imitations, and it is a very rare thing say is this, if I should die before three Among the properties of the topaz packet of papers I have prepared and was the invaluable one of improving sealed for you, and carry out what is writbad temper, and one is apt to think ten there as well as you are able? As for that in this respect it may, even in this the dangers, they are big enough, but you day of exploded "superstitions" retain

sented in a dainty and artistic setting. flighty in purpose and shallow in thought, and yet he seemed to speak of great mysteries and of death. In one moment the A departure in glassmaking methods jester's cloak fell from him, and I saw

you are not playing the fool, Hall, you must be more explicit. In the first place,

invention of Mr. Fourcault, a Belgian, waited years for the work I believe that I for \$952,000. This syndicate consists fore another year has gone, will be wantof German, French and Belgian manu-facturers and one Bohemian factory. Until now in the making of window class the molden substance has been mass was cast from the pots and rolled, that life can give and seeks more, a man

aim-without aim, ha!" asked. "What interest have you in him?"

dreams, but he did not flinch.
"To night I shall be with him; within the rebels, yet he was in a position to as it all up in public. Also I have had to other lady was using the ocean!—Life

"Dare I risk!-poor, there can't be much danger.

"There is every danger !- but, so, the

It was true; Mary looked up suddenly As I reclined at greater length on the as we thundered past the fortifications of cushions of the stuffy compartment, I Paris. Roderick shook himself like a great bear; the Perfect Fool began his banter, and roared for a cab as the lights of the station twinkled in the semi-darkness. I could scarce believe, as I watched his antics, that he was the man who had spoken to me of great mysteries ten minutes before. Still less could I convince myself that he had not many days to live. So are the fateful things of life hidden

CHAPTER II.

The lights of Paris were very bright as we drove down the Boulevard des Capucines, and drew up at length at the Hotel Scribe, which is by the opera house. Mary uttered a hundred exclamations of joy as we passed through the city of lights; and Roderick, who loved Paris, condescended to keep awake!

"I'll tell you what," he exclaimed, "the seauty of this place is that no one thinks here, except about cooking. Suppose we plan a nice little dinner for four? "For two, my dear fellow, if you please," said Hall, with mock of state-

se was quite the Perfect Fool again. "Mr. Mark Strong condescends to dine with me don't you, Mr. Mark?" "The fact is, Roderick," I explained, that I made a promise to meet one of

Mr. Hall's friends to-night, so you and Mary must dine alone." Hall and I mounted the stairs of the toxy little hotel, whose windows overlook the core of the great throbbing heart of

Paris, and so until we were alone in my oom, whither he had followed me. "Quick's the word," he said, as he shut door, and took several articles from his hat box. "One pair of spectacles, one wig, one set of curiosities to sell-do I look like a second-hand dealer in odd

lots, Mr. Mark Strong?" I had never seen such an utter change in any man made with such little show. The Perfect Fool was no longer before me; there was in his place a lounging. shady-looking, greed-haunted Hebrew. The haunching of the shoulders was perfect;

the stoop, the walk, were triumphs.
"It's five minutes from here," he said "and the clocks are going eight-you are right as you are, for you are a cipher in the affair yet."

He passed down the stairs and I followed him. So good was his disguise and make-pretense that the others, who were in the narrow hall drew back to let him into powder one of the most wonderful that he might speak his mind; that, even asking what I had done with him. Then I pointed to the new Perfect Fool, and without another word of explanation went on into the street.

We walked in silence for some little distance. Finally he turned, crossing a busy thoroughfare and stopped quite suddenly at last in a narrow street. He had something to say to me.

Keep a hold on your eyes, whatever you see or whatever you hear. Do I look all "Perfectly-but just a word; if we are going into some den where we may have

a difficulty in getting out again, wouldn't it be as well to go armed?" "Armed !- pish !"-and he looked un-

utterable contempt, treading the passage with long strides, and entering a house at the far end of it.

Thither I followed him and found myself at last on the third floor, before a door of thick oak. Our first knocking upon this had no effect. Then I heard a great rolling voice which seemed to echo on the stairway, and so leapt from flight to flight, almost like the rattle of a cannon shot with its many reverberations. came aware that the voice was that of a

When the noise stopped at last, there was silence, complete and unbroken. Hall stood motionless. After that we heard a great yell from the same voice, with words, "Ahoy, Splinters, shift along

"Hullo-the little Jew and his kickshaws; why, matey, so early in the morn-

The exclamation came as he saw us, putting his head round the door, and showing one arm swathed all up in dirty red flannel. He was no sort of a man to look at, for his head was a mass of dirty yellow hair, and his face did not seem to have known an ablution for a week. But there was an ugly jocular look about his rabbit-like eyes, and a great mark cut clean into the side of his face, which were a fit decoration for the redburnt, pitted, and horribly repulsive countenance he betrayed. I looked at him and drew back repelled. This he saw, and with a flush and a display of ongreat stump of a tooth which protruded on his left llp, he turned on me.

"And who may you be, matey, that you don't go for to shake hands with Roaring John? Dip me in brine, if you was my son I'd dress you down with a two-foot bar. Why don't you teach the little Hebrew manners, old Josfos; but there," and this he said as he opened the door wider, "so long as our skipper will have to do with shiners to sell and land barnacles, different compositions? The writer bewhat can you look for?-walk right along

The man who called himself "Roaring John" entered the apartment before us, fight as against the white wall of the bawling at the top of his voice, "Josfos South Sea; a man of purpose so deadly the Jew, and his pardner come aboard! that the wisest in crime would not think and then I found myself in the strangest of it—a man, in short, who is the product company and the strangest place I have of culminating vice him I am going to ever set eyes on. So soon as I could meet in this Paris where I go without see things clearly through the hanging atmosphere of tobacco smoke and heavy "And you mean to run him down?" I vapor, I made out the forms of six eight men, not sitting as men usually do "At the moment none; but in a month in a place where they eat, but squatting the interest of money. As sure as you on their haunches by a series of low narand I talk of it now, there will be fifty row tables, laid round the four sides of thousand pounds offered for knowledge of the apartment. Each man loiled back him before December comes upon us."

on his own pile of dirty pillows and dirties blacked as the company of the pillows. I looked at him as at one who dreams dirtier blankets; each had before him a great metal drinking cup, a coarse knife, To-night I shall be with him: within three days I win all or lose all; for his secret will be mine. If I fall, it is for portable property. Each, too, was dress you to follow. you to follow up the thread which I have ed exactly as his fellow, in a coarse red a bracelet on his arm, and some strange

rings upon his fingers. They were men marked by time as with long service on the sea; men scarred, burnt, some with traces of great cuts and slashes received on the open face; men fierce-looking as painted demons, with teeth, with none, with four fingers to the hand, with three men whose laugh was a horrid growl, whose threats chilled the heart to hear, whose very words seemed to poison the air, who made the great room like a cage of beasts, ravenous and ill-seeking.

Martin Hall put himself at his case the

to the top of the room and stood before good has to be struggled for.-Rev. one who forced from me individual no- Frank Crane, Unitarian, Worcester, tice, so strange-looking was he, and so Mass. deep did the respect which all paid him appear to be. He sat at the head of the a short man, black-bearded and smooth- Brooklyn, skinned, with a big nose, almost an intellectual forehead, small, white-looking Good Deeds.-Let us learn a lesson hands, all ablaze with diamonds, about from Christ's heroic conduct. Let us whose fine quality there could not be two never hesitate to perform a good deed, opinions; and, what was even more re- even though we foresee that it will inmarkable, there hung as a pendant to his volve us in suffering and humiliation,watch chain a great uncut ruby which Cardinal Gibbons, Roman Catholic, must have been worth five thousand pounds. One trademark of the sea alone Baltimore, did he possess, in the dark, curly ringlets Work .- Work is not only a necessity, which fell to his shoulders, matted there but a blessing to humanity. Life's as long uncombed, but typical in all of best joys come through well-directed the man. This then was the fellow upon activity. Work is not only a blessing whose every word that company of ruf- to the individual worker, but to socifans appeared to hang, who obeyed him, to the individual worker, but to socias I observed presently, when he did so ety as well.—Rev. T. N. Orr, Presbymuch as lift his hand—the man of whom terian, Philadelphia. Martin Hall had painted such a fantastic picture, who was, as I had been told, soon apostle of the faith, preacher and disto be wanted by every government in Europe.

Hall was the first to speak, and it was evident to me that he cloaked his own voice, putting on the nasal twang and the

manner of an East-end Jew dealer. you was good enough to wish, with a few isn't much, but as an angle of diverglittle things beautiful things which cost ence a mile away it means a great deal. me moosh money----

here is a Jew who paid much money for a few little things! Look at him, boys !- the Jew with much money ! Turn out his pockets, boys!-the Jew with dist, Philadelphia. much money! Ho, ho!"

His merriment set all the company roaring to his mood. For a moment their dest thing to those who try to help play was far from innocent, for one lighted a great sheet of paper and burnt it under the nose of my friend. I remembered Hall's words, and held still, giving banter for banter. In what sort of a the way of Christ.—Rev. L. J. Van company was I, where mere seamen wore Ness, Baptist, Nashville, Tenn. diamond rings. Hall gathered up his trinkets and proceeded to lay them out with the well-simulated cuning of the trader.

(To be continued.)

EARLY HAY MOST DIGESTIBLE. me Fine Distinctions as to

Grass Should be Cut. The proper stage at which the grass- geles. es should be cut for hay has been the subject of much investigation on the part of agricultural chemists, writes Prof. W. J. Spillman of the United States Department of Agriculture. The rather than his blessings and falls to general conclusion to which these investigations have led is thus stated by ceived from God and man, is false to one of the most eminent investigators, his highest seif.—Rev. G. B. Vosburgh, says the Baltimore Sun. "Young plants Baptist, Denver. while rapidly growing contain relatively more protein and less fiber than more mature ones; consequently, early cut fodder must be of better quality than dom to direct its energies; wisdom

We have here three factors and one ference. As the point is one of much practical importance, we will consider this box of metal"—he meant the case of

curlosities-"and don't open your mouth. It at length. The facts are: First, that young, growing plants contain relatively more protein than mature ones; second, that they also contain less fiber and, third, that they are

more digestible. The inference from these facts is: than that cut late. Is this inference justified? Concerning the first fact, it Methodist, Brooklyn. may be stated that we do not grow the ordinary grasses for the protein they contain and the fact that mature grass es have a smaller percentage of it than immature ones is a matter of small importance. We can get protein more cheaply than by cutting immature grasses for it, when by doing so we lose considerably in yield and, perhaps, also-

in palatability. The second and third facts are close ly related and may be considered together. Careful digestion experiments are not sufficiently numerous to show definitely that timothy cut, say, when (presumably for inhalation), it is pre- had thought the man a fool and witless, the gear, will you?" A mumbled discussion seemed to tread on the heels of cidedly less digestible than when cut, the hullabaloo, when, apparently having say, just before bloom. But grant that dignity and joy.—Rabbi A. J. Lyons, arranged the "gear" to satisfaction, the there is a difference, is it sufficient to compensate for the smaller yield and lower palatability of the early cut

ers and hay dealers almost invariably prefer timothy hay that has been cut after the seed is pretty well formed. They insist that stock like it better and that it is a stronger feed than hay cut earlier. There is a possibility that invest'gators have paid too little attention to one of the most, if not the most, important factors in determining the value of a given food, namely, its palata-

Considering the comparatively small variation in the chemical composition having vested interests and exerting a of the same grass cut at different stages, the most important question is ing to their pleasure and profit as they not now nutritious is a pound of it, but see it from their lower nature,-Rev. how much of it will an animal eat. Is it not better to cut hay at the

stage when it will be most readily eaten, and then balance up the ration by a judicious combination of feeds of lieves this to be the case. There is yet another factor which is really more important than the varia-

tions in chemical composition, and that Grasses cut very green are laxative in hope.—Rev. Wallace Thorp, Disciple, character, while those cut ripe tend to Allegheny. produce constipation, and this is some imes the determining factor in cutting hay. In practice, therefore, the factors which determine the stage at which a grass should be cut for hay are yield. palatability and effect.

"Ah, darling," sighed the romantic

come of \$75,000,000 a year.

youth, "I would gladly lay the world at your feet." "But of course you can't," replied the

practical maid, "for it's there already, -Chicago News The Church of England has an ir



The Struggle.-Though everything moment we entered. He made his way we struggle for is not good, everything

Temptation.-Temptation is not sin. rude table, but not as the others sat, for Good men are tempted; children are there was a pile of rich-looking skins- tempted; angels are tempted; Jesus bear, tiger, and white wolf-beneath him, was tempted. It is not a sign that you and he alone of all the company wore are bad that you have temptations .black clothes and a white shirt. He was Rev. N. M. Waters, Congregationalist,

Liberal Thoughts.-How many an ciple has become fatally inoculated and perverted by breathing too freely in the vitiating atmosphere of so-called "liberal" thought.-Rev. J. K. Smith, Presbyterian, Pittsburg.

"I have come, Mr. Black," he said, "as Divergency.-A sixteenth of an inch "Ho, ho!" sang out Captain Black, goodliness, means a great deal, ten, twenty, fifty years out on the pathway of life.-Rev. H. E. Foss, Metho-

Incapacity,-Goodness alone will not win, but goodness and skill. The sadneedy men is the knowledge that so many are incapable—they can not do anything, even when they are put in

Human Nature .- Human nature naturally aspires. Our heroes are the Buddha, Socrates, the Christ. Our ideals are honesty, gentleness, kindliness, peace. Our institutions are founded on liberty, equality, fraternity. Human nature rings true every time .--Rev. B. F. Mills, Evangelist, Los An-

Ingratitude.-Ingratitude dims the windows of the soul. It is not only unpleasant, but it is morally bad. The man who considers his misfortunes

Wisdom and Power.-The combination of wisdom and power is the essenwithout power is helpless. It is this combination that has brought about the wonderful achievements of modern civllization.-Rev. J. A. McKiraban, Pres-

byterian, Cincinnati. Ideals.-Ideal character is God's divinest revelation; and it is in the field of goodness that any man is justified in ambitious yearnings to reach the highest standards. He who approaches an ideal approaches God. He who Early cut fodder is of better quality achieves an ideal becomes a high priest of the Perfect One.-Rev. C. E. Locke,

> Charity.-Charity means to give, not merely a kind word, but perhaps a severe word. Charity means to give, not merely a liberal dole, but sometimes to withhold the dole. It means for us to give ourselves in all spheres, social, industrial, commercial, political, as in the philanthropic sphere.-Rev. J. J. Wilkins, Episcopalian, Los Angeles,

> Be Men.-God intended us to be men. Let us be that and not animals. things, mere existences or puppets. God's other creatures beneath us are true to themselves. The flower remains a flower and is beautiful and beneficent. We are intended to be men, let Hebrew, Brooklyn.

> Selfishness.-The man who goes about his duties in business or elsewhere prompted by selfish inclinations to achievement, comforting himself all the while with the thought that he is in no way transgressing the main teachings of his religion, is allowing the moon of his faith to obscure the sun of love and life.-Rev. J. W. Stodairee, Jr., Swedenborgian, Chicago.

Crime.-Reforms may come and reforms may go, but crime goes on forever, and the explanation of it all is that public virtue is an intangible, sporadic force not always to be relied upon, while evil is a constant power mighty influence over men by appeal-A. A. Ross, Universalist, Chicago,

The Bible.-The Bible not only promises that we "shall know," but shows us how, while its final consummation is the lodging of every son of man in the lofty realm of son of God. To know God-eternity-Providential administration-worlds-heaven! To be like God! These are our longings and the effect on the digestive organs, ers them to us both in hand and in

Commercial.

'I see a young man has raised \$30,-000 on bad checks," he remarked, looking up from his paper, "Is that so?" responded his wife, in-

differently. 'I'd call such checks pretty good myself," Then he reflected that she did not know much about business, anyhow,-

When a girl marries a man of whom her parents do not approve, the preacher who comes to perform the ceremony looks terribly like an undertaker.

Philadelphia Ledger.