Topics of the Times

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A Portuguese revolutionary leader is named Souna, but he merely leads a band of brigands.

"Eggs are strong and butter demoralized," say the market reports. Ice must be immentably senree

Had Lincoln told all the stories that are credited to him he would not have had much time for anything else.

Some women seem to lose their jewels occasionally just to let the public know that they really had some.

It is now said that the recent panic started from the gossip of two women, and half the men will probably be-

diction that in fifteen years a woman will be President of the United States. Married or single? The single man who doesn't get a

long your proposal hasofr-axish to bring about, and if he does not get one he shouldn't brug about it.

Gold in rich deposits is reported to

have been found on Vancouver Island, This being the case, Vancouver Island must be a dismal, disagreeable place. A Connecticut man proceeded to drop dead upon the receipt of the news that

he had inherited \$50,000. Some people choose such an absurd time for quitting this life. Governor Hughes has informed a delegation of woman suffragists that women will ultimately have their way. He

is badly mistaken if he thinks he is the discoverer of this fact. The pay of the University of Chicago professors has been increased \$40,000. With a few more such advances brains may become almost as profitable as a

A foreign paper says the French are a people who habitually thirst for blood. Fortunately, however, they have learned to quench their thirst with something less expensive and easier to ob-

knowledge of bricklaying.

Ten girl graduates of a Western school made their commencement gowns at a cost of \$1.60 each. If they show a disposition to continue behaving like that they need not entertain the fear of becoming old maids.

One of the scientists says a man should lie in bed at least twenty minates after waking up in the morning. Bachelors may be able to do this, but a married man generaly has to get up at once and thrash the boys, especially if it is Sunday morning.

Non-secret clubs, to which all the students are eligible, have been proposed in Chicago as a substitute for the secret fraternities in the high schools. If the pupils have time for such dis-

The Japanese who fought against Stoessel have given him praise for bravery and ability. It is always a beaten. By making him out to be great, you magnify your own achieve-Wellington didn't spend much make it appear that Napoleon was a

No feature of modern China is more perhaps the best authority on this subbeing about 200 journals boldly confucted and publishing Reuter telegrams and other messages from Euroands of Chinese could now read every events in distant parts of the world. toons, showing considerable ingenuity and invention.

A capital of ten billion, six hundred and twenty-five million is directly con. have been victims of the peonage sysperned in the raising of ment animals and their slaughtering and packing, ac. late years. It is even said that white Dimsdale, and let him know nothing of cording to a report on meat supply is girls have been sold by their parents what is going on." sued by the Department of Agriculture. This amount is five-sixths as large as all capital invested in manufacturing in 1904. Seven eighths of the ment and meat products was consumed within selves recommitted to slavery on new this country. The stock of meat ani- charges trumped up against them. mals has not kept pace with the inrease of population since 1840. The report asserts that the welfare of the raisers of meat animals and of the slaughterers and packers is dependent upon finding foreign markets for the surplus of the production of ment above the home consumption. There was a total of 93,502,000 ment animals slaughtered in 1900, of which the exported live animals numbered 276,000. The dressed weight of the 98,502,000 ment animals was 16,549,921,000 pounds, of which 14,161,886,000 pounds sutered into domestic consumption, lard being included with the dressed weight

joined the ranks of those who propose that voters who do not vote shall be penalized, and for a practical working toes and stealing two footballs. scheme he suggests a poli tax which shall fall upon the delinquents. Every man who votes would be given a certificats that would be equivalent to a tax cat one man was fined 10 shillings, receipt for the amount of the penalty. It is impossible, however, to make anything practical out of these compulsory woting propositions. There is far too not be difficult to make up a list of before. Diamonds went stendily down in and then are thrown saids as you would great a range for the rational exercise similar cases from American police value until they were selling at a price throw your pick aside when you are done which no dealer would have believed not of individual discretion and judgment. courts, yet the tendency in America is which no dealer would have believed pos-

tunity to vote. Assuming that there are two, he may believe that they are both unfit on personal grounds. Or peither of them may represent the political ideas in which he has faith. In ofther case he will not choose between them because, as he would put it, there is nothing to choose. The occasions for indifference on such accounts are common. They were often effective with independent voters, who see little in some elections, but the maneuvering of worthless office-seekers who use party names to confuse and betray the people. Then there are times when sincere party workers are so disgusted by the actions of conventions of their own party that they feel themselves disfranchised. They will not support the unacceptable nominee that has been forced upon them, and party loyalty prevents them from turning to the opposition. In all these cases abstention from voting betokens no lack of interest in the political duties of the citizen. It is decided on deliberately, and is due to conscientious convictions. So A woman suffragist makes the prepolicy, and there is no place at which the line can be drawn. Even the citizen who keeps away from the polls year after year through chronic indifference and carelessness billion bereached by law because a classification is out of the question. We must trust generally for getting out the vote | Van Helmer's to-day, and he is reckoned to the common desire of voters to participate in elections, to their personal interest in doing so and to the influence of public sentiment and the agitation that is kept up in the press and on the platform.

SOUTHERN PEONAGE.

Bondage in Some Respects More

Crushing than Slavery. The horrors of the peonage system in the Southern States are graphically portrayed by an Englishwoman, Mary Church Terrell, writing in the Nine teenth Century. In the chain gangs and convict lease camps in the south, she says, are thousands of colored people-men, women and children-who are enduring a bondage in some respects more cruel and more crushing than that from which their parents were emancipated forty years ago. The chain gang and the convict

lease systems, as now operated in the south, violate the law against peopage, the constitutionality of which has been affirmed by the Supreme Court of the United States. Yet people are forced into servitude by being sentenced to the chain gang-people "who are not even charged with crime, but are accused of some petty offense, such as walking on the grass, expectorating threw open the window and gazed sorrowupon the sidewalk, going to sleep in a depot, loltering on the streets, or other similar misdemeanors which could not by any stretch of the imagination be called a crime." And this in spite of the fact that, according to Judge Emory Speer, of Savannah, Ga., Congress has power to punish those not only the cruel lessees, but the judges who impose the sentences who thus violate the Thirteenth Amendment and the law against peonage. "In spite, however," says the writer, "of the overwhelming weight of evidence showing that atrocities are faily being perpetrated upon tractions, the open club is immeasure. American citizens in almost every State her fresh young face, and he put out his made a fresh start in life to the south of ably superior to the secret organiza. of the south, with the connivance of hand as though to caress her, but some the equator. These three worked day and are as shocking and upprintable as those endured by the Russian Jew, in look and turned away from her without spite of the power which the Supreme Court asserts is possessed by Congress, good thing to refrain from minimizing but feeble efforts are being put forth the strength of the man you have to suppress the chain gangs and the convict lease camps of the south."

It is said that the convict lease sys tem was adopted by the southern of his time after Waterloo in trying to | States soon after the war, because the tails were inadequate and there was no money with which to build larger ones. So it came to be the usage for those persons who needed laborers for remarkable than the growth of the farms, saw mills, brick yards, turpennative press. Dr. Morrison, who is tine distilleries, coal or phosphate mines, or who had large contracts of letter, "has grown into a fair-sized town. various sorts, to lease misdemeanants though a few years ago it was just a importance has its newspaper, there from the county or State, which sold camp. Now there are churches, banks, (and still sells) them to the highest and a club in it. There are a sprinkling bidder, and practically gives the lessee of well-dressed people in the streets, but the power of life and death over them. While it was to the interest of the oldtime slave holder to look after the phyday of the progress and reforms of sical well-being of his human chattels, Europe, and of all the most stirring it is cheaper for the lessee of convicts fields, it is not there that the actual to work them to death and to renew mining is done. That goes on in a lot of They even have their political car- his supply as he uses them up. This little camps, which are dotted along the serves to explain the horrible condi- Vasi river for fifty or sixty miles. The tions which are reported to exist in

the convict camps. Not only negroes, but some whites, tem—the latter in larger numbers of here. Keep your eyes on that fellow into the worst kind of slavery in the He wrote again about a fortnight after Florida lumber camps. In some cases wards, and his letter, as it crossed the convicts who had worked out their fine Atlantic, passed the outward mail, which at the paltry wage allowed found them-

ENGLISH JUSTICE.

Hard on Petty Thieves and Light

on Wife Beaters. It is only about a century since the death penalty was inflicted in England bought stones all the way along, but not for theft not exceeding the value of a very valuable ones, for we must husband sheep. Now some of the London journals are making a merciless exposure of magistrates throughout the kingdom who keep up the tradition by sentence ing petty thieves to jail while inflicting only triffing fines upon wife beaters and even more brutal offenders.

In one police court one defendant was fined 10s 6d for khocking his wife the spurs of the Ural Mountains, at a down in the street because she refused point not very far from that city. to give him money for drink, and another was sentenced to sixty days' imprisonment for damaging growing pota-

wife, who was ill, with fist and ham- where. A company has been already mer and leaving her with nothing to formed for the purpose of purchasing the while another, charged with stealing a pair of socks valued at sixpence, got the conspirators. Nothing approaching to fourteen days' hard labor. It would it had ever been known in South Africa rather toward a higher estimate of the sible, and the sale of claims reached such

The Firm of **Girdlestone**

A. CONAN DOYLE

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CHAPTER VII .- (Continued.) The old man was pale and nervous The one weak point in his character wa his affection for his son, an affection which he strove to hide under an austers manner, but which was none the less there may be conscientious objections genuine. He had never before parted with to taking part in politics at a particu- him for any length of time, and he felt lar time because of a deep aversion for the wrench keenly. As to Ezra, he was some generally accepted governmental flushed and excited at the thought of the new scenes which lay before him and the daring speculation in which he was about to embark. He flung himself into a chair and stretched his thick, muscular limbs out in front of him

"I know as much about stones," he said exultantly, "as any man in London. I was pricing a bag of rough ones at a good judge. He said that no expert could have done it better."

"You deserve great credit for your quickness and perseverance," replied his father. "Your knowledge will be invaluable to you when you are at the fields. You will promise to be careful and to avoid quarrels and bloodshed."

"I won't get into any rows if I can help it." his son answered. "That's not my game.

But if you think that there is no mistake, if your opponent is undoubtedly about to proceed to extremities, shoot him down at once, my dear lad, before he has time to draw. I have heard those who have been out there say that in such cases everything depends upon getting the first shot. I am anxious about you, and shall not be easy until I see you again."

"Blessed if he hasn't tears in his eyes! Erra exclaimed to himself, much aston shed at this unprecedented occurrence.

"When do you go?" his father asked. "My train leaves in an hour or so. reach the steamer at Southampton about three in the morning, and she starts with the full tide at six. Well, good-by," said the young man, rising up and holding out his hand. "Keep your eye on Dimsdale and don't trust him.

"Good-by, my son, good-by!" The old merchant was honestly moved and his voice quivered as he spoke. He stood motionless for a minute or so until the heavy door slammed, and then he fully down the street at the disappearing His whole attitude expressed such delection that his ward, who had just en tered the room, felt more drawn towards him than she had ever done before. Slipping up to him, she placed her warm, tender hand upon his sympathetically. "He will soon come back dear Mr. Girdiestone," she said. "You must not be

uneasy about him." As she stood beside him in her white dress, with a single red ribbon round ner her waist, she was as fair a specimen of English girlhood as could have been mind, for he assumed suddenly a darker a word. More than once that night she recalled that strange spasmodic expression of something akin to horror which had passed over her guardian's features as he gazed at her.

CHAPTER VIII.

The anxious father had not very long to wait bfore he heard tidings of his son. Finally there came a lorg epistle from Kimberley, the capital of the mining district, in which the young man described his eight hundred miles drive up country and all the adventures which overtook him on the way.

"This place, Kimberley," he said in his the majority are grimy-looking chaps from the diggings, with slouched hats and colored shirts, rough fellows to look at though quiet enough as a rule. Though Kimberley is the capital of the mining stones are generally bought at the camp immediately after they have been found. and are paid for by checks on bonks in Kimberley. I have, therefore, transferred our money to the South African bank

bore the news of the wonderful diamond find made by an English geologist among the Ural Mountains.

"I am now on a tour among the to Delparte's Hope and Larkin's Flat. I am well received wherever 1 go, except by the dealers. They hear that I am a London capitalist, and fear that I may send up the prices. They little know I our resources."

One day news arrived of the great disovery of diamonds among the Ural Mountains. The first intimation was received through the Central News Agency the form of the following telegram:

"Moscow, August 22.—It is reported from Tobolsk that an important discovery of diamond fields has been made amongst are said to have been found by an English geologist, who has exhibited many magnidcent gems in proof of his assertion. stones have been examined at Tobolek, and are pronounced to be equal, if not For cruelty to a horse, heating his superior, in quality to any found ele-

land and working the mines." The crisis at the African Selds was even more acute than had been anticipated by he takes with him five and thirty thousand A voter may stay away from the poils rather toward a night continue of the because he is dissatisfied with the canthem for the mere price of the plant and are starving in Griqualand."

machinery erected at them. The offices of he various dealers at Kimberley were besieged night and day by an importunare crowd of miners who were willing to sell at any price in order to save something from the general ruin with they imag-ined was about to come don the industry. Some, more long-headed or more desperate than their neighbors, continued to work their claims and to keep the stones which they found until prices might be better. As fresh mails came from the Cape, however, each confirming and amplifying the ominous news, these independent workers grow fewer and more faint-hearted, for their boys had to be paid each week, sub-subset, was the money to come from with which to pay them? The dealers, too, began to take the alarm, and the most tempting offers would hardly induce them to give hard cash in exchange for stones which might prove to be a drug on the market. Everywhere there was misery and stagnation.

Exra Griddlestone was not slow to take advantage of this state of things, but he was too cunning to do so in amanner which migh call attention to himself or his movements. In his wanderings he had come across an outcast named Farintosh, a man who had once been a clergyman and a master of arts of Trinity College, Dublin, but who was now a broken-down gambler with a slender purse and a still more slender conscience. He still retained a plausible manner and an engaging address and these qualities first recommended him to the notice of the young merchant. A couple of days after the receipt of the news from Europe, sent for this fellow and sat with him for some time on the verandah of the hotel talking over the situation.

"You see," said Ezra, "I have the name here of having a long purse and of knowing which way the wind blows. If I were to be seen buying, others would follow my lead, and prices would soon be as high as ever. Now what I purpose is to work through you, d'ye see? You can go the round of the camps and buy in stones on the quiet without attracting much attention. Beat them down as low as you can, and give this hotel as your address When they call here they shall be paid which is better than having you carrying the money round with you.

The clergyman scowled as though h thought it was anything but better. He did not make any remark, however.

"You can get one or two fellows to he! you," said Ezra. "You know who would be likely men. I can't expect you to work all the camps yourself. Of course, if you offer more for a stone than I care to givthat's your lookout, but if you do your work well you shall not be the loser. shall have a percentage on business done and a weekly salary as well."

"How much money do you care rest?" asked Farintosh.

"I'm not particular," Erra answered. If I do a thing I like to do it well. I'd go the length of thirty thousand pounds." Farintosh was so astonished at the magnitude of the sum that he sank back in his chair in bewilderment. "Why, air." he said, "I think just at present you could buy the country for that."

Esra laughed. "We'll make it go as fat as we can," he said. "Of course you may buy claims as well as stones." "And I have carte blanche to amount? "Certainly."

"All right, I'll begin this evening," said he ex-parson, and picking up his slouched hat, which he still wore somewhat broader in the brim than his comrades, in deference to old associations, he departed upon his mission.

Farintosh was a clever han, and soon chose two active spordifates. These were navvy, named Burt, and Williams, a young Welshman, who had disappeared found in all London. The merchant's from home behind a cloud of forget features softened as he looked down at checks, and having changed his name had ought must have crossed his night buying in stones from the more needy and impecanious miners, to whom ready money was a matter of absolute necessity. Farinton bought in the stock. too, of several smill dealers whose nerves had been shaken by the panic. In this way bag after beg was filled with diamonds by Ezra.

He was becoming somewhat uneasy in his mind as to how long the delusion would be kept up or how soon news might come from the Cape that the Ural find had been examined into and proved to be a myth. In any case, he thought that he would be free from suspicion. Still, it might be as well for him by that time to be upon his homeward journey for he knew that if by any chance the true facts leaked out there would be no hope of mercy from the furious diggers. Hence be incited Farintosh to greater speed, and that worthy divine with his two agents worked so energetically that in less than a week there was little left of five and thirty thousand pounds.

Exra Girdlestone had shown his power reading character when he chose the x-clergyman as his subordinate. It is ossible, however, that the young man's udgment had been inferior to his powers of observation. A clever man as a trusty ally is a valuable article, but when the said cleverness may be turned against his employer the advantage becomes a questionable one.

It was perfectly evident to Farintosh that though a stray capitalist might risk a thousand pounds or so on a speculation of this sort, Rothschild himself would hardly care to invest such a sum as had passed through his hands without having me ground on which to go. Having formed this conclusion, and having also turned over in his mind the remarkable coincidence that the news of this discovery in Russia should follow so very rapidupon the visit of the junior partner of the House of Girdlestone, the astute cler-"To-morrow I push on gyman began to have some dim perception of the truth. Hence, he brooded a good deal as he went about his work, and cogitated deeply in a manner which was once again distinctly undesimble in so very intelligent a subordinate.

These broodings and cogitations culmiated in a meeting, which was held by him with his two sub-agents in the private parlor of the Digger's Retreat. It was a low-roofed, smoke-stained room. Round solid, old-fashioned table is the center of this apartment sat Erra's staff of assistants, the parson thoughtful, but self satisfied, the others sullen and inquisitive Farintosh had convened the meeting, and his comrades had an idea that there was something in the wind. They waited for

him to speak. "Well," the ex-clergyman said at last. the game is nearly over, and we'll not be wanted any more. Girdlestone's off to England in a day or two." Burt and Williams grouped sympathet-

cally. Work was scarce in the digrines during the crisis, and their agencies and been paying them well. "Yes, he's off," Farintosh went

life to you.

"Won't he give us somethin' at pare- Casesessessessesses in'?" asked Burt, the navvy. He was a savage looking, hairy man, with a brick colored face and overhanging eyebrows. "Won't he give us nothing to remem

brance him by?" "Give you something!" Farintosh sail with a sneer. "Why, man, he says you are too well paid already."

"Does he, though?" cried the navvy. lushing even redder than nature had made him. "Is that the way he speaks after we makes him? It ain't on the square. I likes to see things honest an' above board betwixt man an' man, and this, pitchin' of them as, has helpe ye ever gin't thet!!

further over the table. His companions avoluntarily imitated his movement, unil the three cunning, cruel faces were The ooking closely into one another's eyes.

"Nobody knows that he holds those stones," said Farintosh. "He's too smart to let it out to any one by ourselves. Welshman

"In a safe in his room. This," said Fariatosh, taking a small key from his pocket, "is a duplicate, and will open the I took a moulding from his key while I was speaking to him." The navvy laughed hoarsely. "If that

don't lick creation for smartness!" he "And how are we to get to this It would serve him right if we collar the lot. It'll teach him that if he ain't honest by nature he's got to be when he next with the like of us. I like straightness, and I'll have it!" He rought his great fist down upon the table o emphasize this commendable sentiment.

"It's not an easy matter," Farintosh said thoughtfully. "When he goes out he locks his door and there's no getting in at the window. There's only one chance for us that I can see. His room is a bit cut off from the rest of the hotel. There's a gallery of twenty feet or more than leads to it. Now, I was thinking that if the three of us were to visit him some evening, just to wish him luck on his journey, as it were, and if, while we were in the room something sudden was to happen which would knock him silly for a minute or two, we might walk off with the stones and be clean gone before he could raise an alarm."

"And what would knock him silly?" asked Williams. He was an unbealthy, scorbutic-looking youth, and his pallid complexion had assumed a greenish tings of fear as he listened to the clergyman's words. He had the makings in him of a mean and dangerous criminal, but not of a violent one belonging to the jackal tribe rather than to the tiger. brought his great fist down upon the table

Burt laughed again in his bushy rad beard. "You can leave that to me, mate," be said.

"Meet here at eight o'clock to-morrow night," said the leader. "We can get it over by nine, and we will have the night for our escape. I'll have the horses ready, and it will be strange if we don't get such a start as will puzzle them." So having arranged all the details of their little plan, these three gentlemen departed in different directions, Farintosh to the Oriental Hotel to give Ezra ale evening report, and the others to the mining camps, which were the scenes of their labors.

(To be continued.)

SERVANTS WHO SMOKE.

New Problem That Confronts the English Housekeeper.

"Parlor maid wanted in small famdaily.

inquire ing customs of their smart set sisters. successful, The writer saw a well turned out

tonished passer-by.

show that the smoking habits of the staid deep-sea skipper. domestic are a recognized fact. In low stairs.

That the working girl should take to no means surprising. So many women of the highest social class nowaday; smoke in restaurants after meals, and anything short of armor plate. at all hours in hotel lounges, that the filtering down of a taste for the weed to a more humble stratum of society was only to be expected.

"Like mistress, like maid," applies to eigarettes as much as to clothes and and does his "marketing." This con- a mouse in the waste-basket near the hats, and the lady of the house who sists of shooting game from the launch phone, and she was afraid to go near consumes her ten or fifteen cigarettes a day can hardly, with logic and consist. land rivers of South America, or going ency, take her housemaid to task for indulging in the imitation which is for choice bits which later grace the said to be the sincerest form of flattery. The fact that it is a forbidden not a man who gets more out of life pleasure makes it the more alluring.

tries, tastes, and finds it good. Her mistress declares that she smokes because she is tired, and needs a soothing restorer. The maid is tired, too, and thinks what is good sauce for upstairs will probably prove equally pleasant for consumption in the base-

For this reason ladies in search of servants should make a point of inquiring whether the new housemaid or the nurse just engaged is a nonsmoker.

Table Repartee.

"Say," confided the red-bordered napkin, "I am really smitten with the pretty stenographer who lunches here every day, but she throws me over as soon as she rises from the table," "Yes," sighed the salt cruet, "I'm

sweet on her myself, but she always gives me the shake."

The Poet's Wife-My husband read this poem at a public celebration be- this world to make us perfectly hap- would ask? fore thousands of people. Alas! it was py?" the last poem he ever wrote. The Editor-I see. Did they lynch him or shoot him?

Not Legal Tender. Grateful Patient-Doctor, I owe my

Doctor-That's all right, but I can't take it in payment for my services.

Old Favorites

Willie Winkie Willie Winkie rins through town. p stairs and down stairs, in his night

gown. Tirlin' at the windows, cryin' at the lock, 'Are the weans in their beds? for it's now ten o'clock."

Farintosh lowered his voice and bent Hey, Willie Winkle! are ye comin' ben The cat's singin' gay thrums to the sleep in' hen, doug's speldered on the floor, an disna gie a cheep, But here's a waukrife laddle that winns

"Where does he keep 'em?" asked the Onything but sleep, ye rogue! glow'rin like the moon. Rattlin' in an airn jug wi' an airn spoon Rumblin', tumblin' roun' about, crawin

fa' asleep.

like a cock. Skirlin' like a kenna-what-waukin' sleep

Hey, Willie Winkie! the wean' in creel Waumblin' aff a body's knee, like a vera eel.

Ruggin' at the cat's lug, and ravellin' Hey, Willie Winkie, see, there he comes

Wearle is the mither that has a storie wee, stumple stoussie, that canna rin

his lane. has a battle aye wi' sleep, befor he'll close an ee; a kiss frae aff his rosy lips gies strength anew to me.

Mr Ain Wife. wadna gi'e my ain wife For ony wife I see; wadna gi'e my ain wife For ony wife I see; bonnier yet Pve never seen, A better canna be-

William Miller.

wadna gi'e my ain wife For ony wife I see! Oh, couthie is my ingle-cheek, An' cheerie is my Jean : never see her angry look, Nor hear her word on ane. She's gude wi' a' the neeburs round.

An' aye gude wi' me-I wadna gi'e my ain wife For ony wife I see! An' oh, her looks so kindlie, They melt my heart outright, When o'er the baby at her breast

She hangs wi' fond delight; She looks intill its bonnie face, An' syne looks to mewarna gi'e my ain wife For ony wife I see!

Alexander Laing.

SKIPPER HUNTS OSTRICHES.

When in South American Ports He

Goes Ashore After Game. There is no more ardent hunter and sharpshooter among the deep-sea skippers engaged in the Atlantic trade than Capt. A. Le Sauteur of the British tramp freighter Coronda, which arrived the other day and is now discharging cargo at the Bush docks, in South Brooklyn, says the New York Abstainer and nonsmoker," was World. When the Coronda is lying in the somewhat startling advertisement the harbors of South America, from which appeared recently in a London which ports she has just brought nearly \$2,000,000 in gold for the United Nowadays it is quite necessary, States. Capt. Le Sauteur engages

writes a correspondent of the London principally in ostrich hunts, and many a bird has he bagged after days of p arette craze, for the smoking habit has declares that it takes a lot of experiinvaded the servants' hall, and kitchen ence to catch an ostrich napping, and maids, cooks and upper house maids it is only after the hunter has become now openly adopt the cigarette consum- skilled that he becomes moderately

When the freighter is not in a port nurse the other day living in Hyde where the South American ostrich Park wheeling an expensive looking plains are easy of access, Capt. Le mail cart containing an elaborately Sauteur shoulders his rifle and goes on dressed baby. The nurse was coquet- an alligator hunt. He has killed many tishly smoking a cigarette and attract- of the huge saurians that infest the ining considerable attention from the as- land waters of South America, and his cabin, with its trophies, resembles more At several registry offices inquiries a hunter's lodge than the room of a

When there is no opportunity for some families it is quite customary land shooting Capt. Le Sauteur-who for parlor maid, housemaid and cook lives in this city, by the way-shoots to enjoy their cigarettes in company be- at the flying fishes, and at this sport he has become as expert as at the shooting of alligators and ostriches. smoking in imitation of the lady is by For the flying fishes he used a lightcaliber rifle, while for the alligators he uses a cartridge that penetrates

In a twenty-foot launch which is lashed on the upper deck of the Coronda Capt. Le Sauteur goes out along waiting to catch a friend," exclaimed the River Plate, when the tramp the man, "and what do you suppose freighter happens to be in that locality along the shores of the picturesque in- it." ashore and trading with the natives officers' mess on the Coronda. There is thropology, described at a dinner a than Capt. Le Sauteur, and he enjoys The maidservant takes a sample every minute of his existence, whether from her mistress' silver cigarette case, on shore or strange lands, or whether he is aboard his vessel and plying between the two American continents.

African Berbers Are White.

The Berbers, who, although Africans, are as white as Europeans, are the oldest white race on record, says an explorer. "They are supposed to have come from the south of Europe in ancient days," the Dundee Advertiser says, "and, although their language and customs are entirely different from ours and their religion Mohametan. they are probably closely akin by descent. Blue eyes and fair hair are not his Paradise Lost is still standing at at all uncommon among the Berbers, and many of them have rosy cheeks great poet fied there to escape the and features so like our own that were they dressed in British fashion they would easily pass as natives of the British Isles."

leacher, "what is it we want most in tient, what is the first question you

"De things we ain't got!" shouted Philadelphia Inquirer, the bright boy in the back seat .- Philadelphia Press.

The women are always telling how they dislike asking for money, but did you ever know a woman who disliked it so much that she refrained from doing It?

HURRYING MAN AND HUSTLES.

There is a Marked Distinction in

the Latter's Pavor. "I like to see a man quick about his rork," said the observant man, "but

don't like a man who habitually hurries. The hurrying man gets on my nerves. He grabs things up and slams things down and makes a great show of doing things. For that matter the earnest, hurrying man may actually do things, but he does them at the cost of an unnecessary expenditure of nervous force on his own part, and I am sure he must wear on the perves of other people around him.

"Now the hustler is a very different proposition from the hurrying man and so also the man of energy. The hustler is indeed a man of energy, but he is one working, or commonly so within a comparatively narrow compass or along some special line of work. He is a bull sort of man, a driver, who makes it his business to get things done and to keep on getting them done and always with the least possible waste of time or force. There are other sorts of hustlers, men who make a great to do and don't accomplish much; but the one I have described is the bustler of the best type.

"The man of energy is a man of strongth and momentum who gives hiso an impression of reserve power. He is likely to be the head of the enterprise and he communicates his strength to the hustlers and diffuses power all around. Everybody within range of his influence feels his strength and works better for it; and he puts his own shoulder to the wheel on occasion.

"But neither the hustler of the best type nor the man of energy ever hurries. The hustler rushes things, he crowds 'em hard and keeps crowding. but he doesn't hurry. For hurry means nervousness and nervousness means impairment of strength, and on a big job hurry is likely to mean confusion worse onfounded.

"The real hustler first lays out the work to be done clearly in his own mind and then, with no false moves, with no waste of time or effort, he crowds the work forward to its conclusion, all without the turmoil of hurry. And the man of energy diffuses strength always steadily, ever contributing to the highest results.

"So I don't personally fancy the individual man who, however efficient he may really be, does things in a hurry. I like the cool man, the man who keeps his head and who is easy and deliberate in his movements. In him and in his work you feel full confidence, and the effect of his presence is good in every way on all around him.

"Give me cool men, not men who work in a hurry."

20000000000000 A DANGEROUS LOCALITY.

beconcenter That women as office employes are not without some slight drawbacks, to offset their many virtues, is the opinon of a well-known business man who had occasion to leave his office the other day. The stenographer remained behind to attend to business and an-

swer the telephone. The man had been away from the office an hour, when he suddenly remembered that he had an appointment whether a maid is addicted to the cig- tience and much expert stalking. He o'clock. Hastily glancing at his watch, he saw that it lacked but a few minutes of the hour; and realizing that if his friend came to the office and found him absent, trouble might ensue, he hurried to a telephone.

"Hello! Give me two-one-seven, 'ing two, please." A pause.

"No, I didn't get them. Ring 'em

again." Another pause.

"Please ring that number sgain. I know some one is there." "They don't answer? Why, that's my office, and my stenographer is waiting -Hello, is that you, Miss Robbins? Has Mr. Brown been in? He has! Just gone? Why, I've been ringing you

for ten minutes! What! What!!" He hung up the receiver. "Well," the man said, turning to a drug clerk, "that throws some new light on women in business."

"What's the matter?" asked clerk, who had heard the talking. "My stenographer didn't answer the phone for ten minutes when I was was the reason? She says there was

An Ingenious Question Frederick Starr, the University of wonderful native boy whom he had

uet in his African travels. "This boy," said Prof. Starr, "often saw me reading, and the process at once interested and perplexed him. Through an interpreter one day he

questioned me about it. "'Reading again, sir?' he asked.

"'Yes, my boy,' said I. "'Well, sir,' said he, 'I have often seen you reading. You read books, magazines, large newspapers. Now there is one thing I want to ask you:

Which part is it you read-the black

or the white?" Milton's Cottage. The cottage in which Milton wrote

Chalfont St. Giles, near London. The plague in 1665. It is the only house remaining which Milton is known to have occupied.

Important Thing to Know. Professor (examining medical stu-"Now, then, children," said the dent)-If you are called out to a pa-

Medical Student-Where he lives!-

They used to say that there was one crop that never falled, and that was the crop of children. You can't say that any more.

There are some men like fire-crack ers : nothing to them but a little noise