RS. RUTHVEN, tall, brilliantly dark, with the breath of the prairies in her carriage, swept out of the dining-room, and her husband, George Ruthven, and I turned to our coffee and

"George, how did you gain that mag-Not at all discomposed at the broad-

ness of my compilment to his wife, George amilingly responded:

"You remember the great blizzard "You remember the great blizzard something of the unreasoning power which swept over the western prairie of a maniac that I lifted and pulled states, particularly Nebraska, during at the buckboard, until with a shout January of 1887? Yes? Well, it was of wildest joy, I raised it over the from that blizzard that I was rescued obstruction and jumping into it, by the most beautiful woman it has ever been the happy lot of man to pos-

"I was at that time, as you know embarking in the practice of law, and had, to use an old-time phrase, 'arti-cled' myself to one of the most prominent legal firms in this city. I grew steadily in favor of my superiors, who are now my partners, so it happened that when an occasion arose in an important land suit, requiring that a man be sent to Ainsworth, Neb., to obtain asary information from the records, I was selected for the duty.

"I reached Ainsworth without incldent and spent a couple of days there manine as at last I saw one stumble examining the court records, until I and fall, with his hoof caught in some dent and spent a couple of days there discovered that one link of evidence was missing. I shortly learned that it could be replaced by certain affidavits his life which a banker at Atkinson, 55 miles to rise. down the road could give, if he should be so disposed. Unfortunately only one passenger a day was then running and I found that had just left and that no other train would start untill late in the night. That would be a slow freight, which would not get me in Atkinson much before the passenger the next morning. So I concluded to drive the 55 mil-

"Hurrying to the livery stable I induced the proprietor to take me as far as Long Pine, the next station, where I could and did obtain a relay of bronchos and another driver to Bassett. There I obtained another relay and started for Newport, the next stop, and by the time we reached there, the was falling quite fast, but still there was no indication of the horrible storm in which so many lives were lost and in which the cattle ranches suffered almost to bankruptcy by thousands of head of cattle being destroyed. we proceeded, the storm increased in virulence and I was glad, indeed, when I could toast my chilled feet at the blazing hearth in the small hotel the place afforded, while my driver was seeing about an exchange of horses.

"The liveryman returned and in-formed me that he had not been able to induce the local stable keeper to undertake a journey, even to the next town, Stuart, though he said, if the case was very preent, he would let me have a team to drive through my-self, provided I would assure him against loss. Unaccustomed as I was to western blizzards, I jumped at this chance, and quickly closed a deal with

"He produced the scrawniest-looking team of bronchos one ever saw,

biting force against my face, while the soughing of the wind had risen to shricks and howls and came with a force that at times seemed powerful driver into the next county. My course lay along the railroad track. There was no road worthy of the name to follow, as the level character shoot from one point to another, with only the possibility of meeting with some small slough that would require a little careful driving to cross.

"Driving along with my head downpelling sleet and icc, I quite forgot to look for my landmarks, the telegraph poles, but a more ugly blast than any I had experienced caused me to take a quick glance about over my muffler. Instantly I awoke to my danger. The telegraph poles had disappeared! I had turned from my road and was driving across the wild, desolate, uninhabited prairies, on which a house was not to be met for miles.

"The storm now swirled and pound-The storm now swirled and pounded and roared with feroclous power about me. Already I was passing through drifts so deep as to compel my small bronchos to tug and snort in the effort required to pull the buggy through them. Heavy darkness was rapidly taking the place of the grayish light, the dull, whirling snowbanks of clouds lowering and plunging about until it accused that they and the until it seemed that they and the masses of snow and sleet beating against me were one. The cold, too, had become intense, and the stinging pain in my fingers told me my hands had been frost-bitten, while my feet seemed mere chunks of ice, no power

Suddenly there came a jar and the bronchos were brought to a half Tog as they would, they could not raise the wheels over the obstruction

my nearly frozen feet, and brushed away with my hand the anow which was packing in front of the buggy. "I was horrifled to see that the bronchos had passed over one of the many graves which mark the failure of some hardy pioneer on these interminable prairies, and my buggy had crashed against the small monu-ment that some mourning friend or relative had placed at this savage, solltary resting place.

"I tell you, Harry, my boy, I never want again to experience such an un-comfortable feeling as that which flashed over me on my discovery. This obstruction really appeared to me to be the mark of my own end. I am willing to admit that it was with ly, soul-barrowing locality.

"But now I saw the strength of my bronchos was fast waning, and, threatened by this new difficulty, madly urged them on, shouting and cursing, crying in my despair. Slower, slower became their pace, while about me the storm raged and snaried, reeeded and attacked, burling the bat-tering ram of its power dead in the breasts of the mean, little, feeble team, and many, many times bringing them to a dead stop,

"I think I must have become orifice in the ground, while the other sank slowly, patiently, into the snow, his life going out in his last struggle

"I remember indistinctly of sitting by the side of the bronchos with that awful storm beating about me, and laughing and chattering as I toyed with their ears, or playfully tickled their sides with the broken butt of the whip. Then I remember of springing to my feet and gibbering as I ran, making wide circles about them, dashing up to their heads as I have done in my school days, waving my arms to scare them into a scamper.

"Then as the fatal warmth began stealing over me, a sank into the snow and tossed handfuls of it at the scurrying clouds and flying sleet.

"When I opened my eyes I believed myself in dreamland. About me was every evidence of confort and refinement. The delicious sense of warm fur coverings impressed me, and I raised myself slightly to take in more of my surroundings. As I lifted my eyes they feasted on the fairy who had provided my dreamland with all these comforts. She was darkly, radiantly beautiful, and I reached out my arms to bestow a shower of affection ate gratitude upon her. Then I recalled the storm, saw again my dead team, myself running in madness about them, and how I had sunk in exhaustion into the snow. 'And is this death?' I cried to the beautiful spirit hanging over me. 'No,' she answered, 'you have been saved, and will, I hope, soon be able to arise.'

"It is uscless to dwell on my recovery to full consciousness myriad of questions asked and the answers returned to them. My escape is easily explained. You know, Harry, how it was almost impossible in these days to obtain lumber for the conand hitched them to a ramahackle sort of slat-bottomed buckboard buggy and bid me godspeed with an expression on his face clearly showing he never again expected to see either his team or myzelf alive. As to the team, he never did see it, as both the animals each with characteristic and so the desired height, and both the animals each with the characteristic and see that the char both the animals gave up the ghost—but I am anticipating.

"By this time the storm had assumed terrific proportions. The snow, which had been falling softly and lazily, now petted down in solid masses, mixed with flakes of ice, cutting with found in the most palatial residences of the city.

"Well, in plunging through the force that at times seemed powerful drifts my bronchos had at last fallen enough to lift bronchos, buggy and in the yard of one of these sod dwellings. Frank Coleman, the pro-prietor of the ranch, pushing from the barn through the banks of snow heaped before the door, saw the dead of the country and entire absence of team. Shouting encouragement to feaces permitted one taking a straight the driver he knew must be someuntil he discovered my unconscious form partially covered by the drift. Then, with the fairy upon whom my eyes had opened, he carried me into the house.

"You now know enough. I am not going to tell you how my 'fairy' be came my wife. We occasionally visit the ranch on which my father in law, Mr. Coleman, has since constructed one of the most handsome residences in the west, and then we live over those scenes.

"Well, going, old boy? Glad to see you at any time, and my 'fairy' may herself tell you the rest of our story. "Ob, yes. I obtained the affidavits I went after in time, and the result of my adventure was my present partnership."

"Jimmy," exclaimed the first boy,

"teacher jumped on you pretty quick. Yanked you up and walloped you like lightning, didn't he?"

In our course. Now really alarmed at my situation I jumped from the buggy, notwithstanding the pain in Chicago Times-Herald, to supply the increased demands that will now to made for the book.

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Can Only Be Guessed At-Thought Princess Beatrice Will Be Principal Beneficiary.

and examined by the duly constituted authorities, but nothing will ever be made public officially as to the provi-sions of the instrument or the amount

of her private fortune. It is known that the queen made a will early in her reign, which was re-peatedly altered and added to as children and grandchildren were born, and as her estates rapidly advanced in value. This proceeded until 1895, when her majesty decided to have an entirely new document drawn, and with great

personal care this was accomplished.

These in a position to make any sort of a guess us to the provisions of the queen's will declare that Princess Beat-The state of the great we state to the state of the state rice, widow of Prince Henry of Batter berg, will be the principal beneficiary. She is the governor of the life of Wight, and will probably inherit Osbers, house and the whole estate surround ing it. Then the duke of Connaught, end his sons, who have been great facorites with Victoria, will receive large portion of the fortune. The duke will prohably become the owner of Bul-

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the former duke of Albany.

The queen's second daughter.

Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, is not rich, and it is expected that she and her four children will be liber-

Edward VII., who will be amply pro vided for by the country, and the duke of York, who comes into the duchy of Cornwall, and will be the prince of Wales, will probably not be sharers in the late queen's private fortune.

MEETS LADY CUNARD.

New York Policeman Comes to Grief Before the Owner of Steambont Line.

Lady Bache Cunned, of London, has had her first experience with a New York policeman and she did not come out second best. The policeman ex plains It by saying there never would save been any trouble if mown anything about it before and Istail to the pier. Lady Cunard went down to the Cunard Line pier to meet her husband and little daughter, who were passengers on the Umbria, just arriving. As the vessel was being warped into the dock she pressed for ward eagerly and the net caught the eye of an elderly policeman.

ed at her, but her ladyship simply drew bernelf together and stared haughtily at him. He approached and the noblewoman became more haughty. "Pellow," she said freezingly, "what

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CR. JOHDAN - DISTANCE OF REAL OF WATER CONTENT OF THE CONTENT O do you mean by such impertinence? "Impertinence, is it?" was the an "Move back, now! Don't be rving to bluff." I shall take your number, officer.

am Lady Bache Cunard,"
"Ho! Ho! Ho. Lady Cunardswn the Cunard line, I suppose? Move Caked Breast

Just then a high official of the line approached, doffed his but and bowed The policeman shivered and his eyes organ to project.
"Is it Lady Cunard?" he whispered,) a applications in an awe-struck vole

"Sure," was the cold answer. "Do she really own the Cunard

"Will you kindly take me to the end of the pier and kick me overboard?"

For the rest of the stay there he guarded her indyship so zeniously that when a man turned around to stare at him he threatened to hit him with his stick and arrest him for disorderly

INVITATION ON SOLID GOLD! San Francisco Enights Templars Ask President McKinley to Meet maurat relief, Respectfully,

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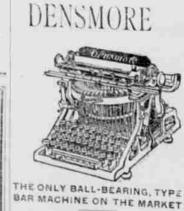
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