

presently from some dusky doorway, he

"So you've come," he says, without

fallen into the hot and stifling room.

your mother many years ago."

"I feel that I must think you at one

"You have given us a home," continu

Uncle Gregory, for your kindness to us

brilliancy.

Below, a great broad stretch of ocean, the mighty trees that clasp their arms calm as death, slumbering placidly be between her and the glorious sky-thus neath the sun's hot rays; above, a sky of blotting it out, palest azure, flecked here and there by A sudden tur A sudden turn brings them within view dainty masses of soft, fleecy clouds; and of the house. A beautiful old house ap-far inland, a background of high hills, ciothed with a tender foliage, a very baby duller shade, with many gables, and overleardom, just bursting into the fuller life. grown in parts by trailing ivy, the leaves Toward the west the trees give way a of which now glisten brightly in the even-

little, letting a road be seen, that like a ing sunshine. straight pale ribbon runs between the The coachman, scrambling to the greenery for the space of quite a mile or ground, bids them in a surly tone to so, and then reaches the small fishing vilalight. He is tired and cross, no doubt. lage where the simple folk of Glowring by the unusual work of the day. And Destley toil from one year's end to the presently they find themselves on other, some in careless joy, some in cease- threshold of the open hall door, hardly less labor, some, glas! in cruel weeping, knowing what to do next. The shambling because of those "who will never come figure of a man about seventy, appeared

Along the white road, that gleams waves to them to enter the room, and, thirstily in the burning sunshine of this shutting the door again behind them with hot midday in June, a carriage is crawl- a sharp haste, leaves them alone with ing with quite an aggravating slowness- their new relative, Gregory Dysart, an antiquated vehicle of a type now almost unknown, but which once beyond doubt "cost money." The carriage, being
an open one, enables the people as it
passes through the village to see without undue trouble that the occupants of it are sees an old man, shrunken, enfeebled, two girls; both very young, both singular- with a face that is positively ghastly, bely alike, though in distinctly different cause of its excessive pallor; a living

"It is charming!" says the younger gire gleam and glitter with an almost devilish with a little quick motion of the hand toward the sweeping bay, and the awakening trees, and the other glories of the landscape. "All charming, far better than I ever dared hope for; and yet my

mind misgives me, Vera." She turns a brilliant glance on her sister, full of terrible insinuations, and then laughs a little. Thus animated, she is a him as if a breath of icy air had suddenly very pretty girl, half child, half woman, as fresh as the morning, and with eyes like stars. She lifts one slender blackgloved hand, and placing it beneath her sister's chin, turns her face gently to her. I need not ask what lunatic chose your Such a beautiful face! Very like the riante one beside it, yet unlike, too. There is a touch of sadness round the lovely

names, as I was well acquainted with lips, a mournful curve; indeed, a thought fulness too great for her years is stamped on every feature. A tender, loving, yet strong soul shines through the earnest he, quickly. eyes, and when she smiles it is reluctant- friend, after all, ch?" ly, as if smiles all her life had been for-

"Oh! that reminds me," said Miss Dysart. "I quite forgot to tell you of it, but the day before we left Nice, Nell Stewart said that this cousin you speak words. "But for me you would both of, if he does exist at all, at all events have been cast upon the world's highway,

me to believe." younger girl, restlessly. "Fancy a father whose son can't live with him! And yet, of excitement it shows it now, as he seeks of excitement it shows it now, as he seeks after all, virtuous astonishment on that soore is rather out of place with us. I their benefactor to an unlimited extent. The hateful emotion he betrays raises in "Well, never mind that," says Miss Dr.

and disgust. left us to his tender mercles."

arose out of a letter received by father the last cruel word. from Uncle Gregory about a year ago. Griselda starts to her feet. from Uncle Gregory about a year ago. When father was—was—dying—" She When father was—was—dying—" She pauses abruptly, and a tremor shakes her everything," she says, in a burning tone. Although the

The younger girl turns quickly to look has its claims upon you."

"Hah! The word pauper is unpleasing." at her. There is infinite love and compassion in her glance, but perhaps a little it seems," says he, unmoved. "Before we contempt, and certainly a little impa- quit this point, however, one last word.

"Do you know," she says, "it may seem you to conform to my rules. I see no one. heartless-positively coarse, if you will- I permit no one to enter my doors save

what you mean, but-

"And I know that I shall never forgive or forget the life he led you," says Grisel- Miss Dysart hurriedly breaks into the da, with a certain angry excitement. "Well, that is over!" says Miss Dysart, with a quick sigh, heavily indrawn.

ith a quick sigh, heavily indrawn.

Iy, "we should like to go to our rooms, to "What was this vendetta, this terrible "rest a little. It has been a long journey." lifelong quarrel that was kept up between him and father with such monotonous persistency?"

"That had to do with our grandfather's will. Papa was the eldest son, yet the property was left to Uncie Gregory; and "You are sin that for no reason at all. Naturally, papa with a lowering glance and a sneer. "This was very angry about it, and accused Gregory of using undue influence." with a lowering glance and a sneer. "This is Mrs. Grunch." turning to Vera, "my housekeeper. She will see to your wants.

Oh! what has happened?"

at the leather side of the crazy old chariot, which has toppled over to the wide, moldy staircase they follow their their economic, and, perhaps, social left side and stands in a decidedly dissi- guide, noting as they do so the decay conditions. pated position. The ancient driver, pre- that marks everything around. sumably asleep, had let the horses wan- She flings wide a door for the girls to der at their own sweet will, and they be- enter, and then abruptly departs without ing old and sleepy, too, the result was offering them word or glance. They are doubtless a means of cultivating a that they had dragged two of the wheels thankful to be thus left alone, and in knowledge of literature, but schoolboys up on a steep bank and nearly capsized voluntarily stand still and gaze at each sometimes regard the authors of poems

"Oh, thank you," says Miss Dysaid lis coming forward and addressing with earn-leaning forward with the property of the propert "Oh, thank you," says Miss Dysart, is coming rather fitfully from between her man who had risen-descended, perhaps, speaking with a heavy sigh, and going sounds pleasanter and more orthodoxsounds pleasanter and more orthodox—
like a good angel from somewhere—the
wood on their right, no doubt. A fishing
wood on their right, no doubt. A fishing
ever see such a face? Don't you think
over see such a face? Don't you think
and is signed "Karl Beckmann, II. rod, lying on the road where he had flung it when preparing for his ignoble battle with those poor old horses, proclaims the fact that he has been whipping the stream that gleams here and there brilliantly through the interstices of the trees.

he is dying?"

"Who can tell?" says Griselda. "I

A moment later a knock comes to the

mands the harsh voice of the housekeep-

"Down stairs," she says, coldly, "when

"There are no maids in this bouse replies Mrs. Grunch, suffenly. "You must

either attend to each other or let me belp

"And my room? Oh-is this mine.

"Both yours and Miss Dysart's; sorry

"You mean, we are to have but one

"Just that, miss. Neither more nor

less. And good enough, too, for those

CHAPTER III.

"No maids!" says Griselda.

"None," briefly.

room between us?"

they are! and what a vile old man alto-"Oh, no," says he, lifting his hat, "you gether! Good heavens! how did he dare so to insuit us! I told you, Vera"-with mustn't thank me. It was really nothing. Poor brutes, I think they were asleep; they— It is hot, isn't it?" This last he rising excitement-"I warned you that our coming here would be only for evil." says hastily, as if ashamed of his animadversion on the age of the sorry cattle in question-their horses, no doubt; and is something wonderfully charming in the faint apologetic color that springs into his cheeks. As he finishes speaking he looks at Griselda so hard that she feels of from the threshold. the bold, circumvents her.

it incumbent on hog to return his glance and to say something. We thought our last hour had come, she says, laughing softly, and looking at him a little shyly, but so prettily. "But for you, one cannot say where we should trunks."

She bows to him, and so does her sister quite as graciously, and then the like progress, grinding through the dusty road at the rate of three miles an hour. The little episode is ever; the young man settles his soft hat more firmly on his Miss Dysac's?" end, picks up his rod, regards it anxiously to see that no harm has come to if it ain't big enough," with a deristre it, and disappears once more into the glance round the buge, bare chacher.

shelter of the cool wood. Half an hour later they are at the gatrance gate of Greycourt, and practically at their journey's end. Both girls, with an involuntary newement, croe their asnecks out of the carriage to get a first glimpse at their future home, and then a sudden, sharp intopation, so unexpect-turn a dismayed glance on each other. ed, so withering, that the woman, after Ohio. Anything more dreary, more unfriendly, a surprised stare, turns and withdraws. yet withal grand in its desolation, could

"How dark it is," says Griselds, a A few days later the girls are sitting trivance, but brough nervous thrill running through her, as in the garden. It is a beautiful day. \$3,000,000 in royaltles.

Even through the eternal shadows that encompass the garden, and past the thick we hedge, the hot beams of the sun are

"A day for gods and goddesses," cries Griselda, springing suddenly to her feet, and flinging far from her on the green-sward the musty volume she had purioined from the mustier library about an hour

"Perhaps I'll never come back. The spirit of adventure is full upon me, and who knows what demons inhabit that un-known wood? So, fare thee well, sweet, my love! and when you see me, expect She presses a sentimental kiss upon her sister's brow, averring that a brow" is the only applicable part of her or such a solemn occasion, and runs lightly down toward the bedge. She runs through one of the openings

n the hedge, crosses the graveled path and, mounting the parapet, looks over to examine the other side of the wall on which she stands, after which she commences her descent. One little foot she slips into a convenient hole in it, and then the other into a hole lower down, and so on and on, until the six feet of wall are conquered and she reaches terra firms. and finds nothing between her and the desired cool of the lovely woods.

With a merry heart she plunges into the dark, sweetly scented home of the giant trees, with a green, soft pathway under her foot, and, though she knows it not, her world before her.

It is an entrancing hour. She has stop-ped short in the middle of a broad, green space encompassed by high hills, though nervous order, however, and keeping a good heart looks hopefully around her.
Far away over there, in the distance, tion of the Panama canal home. stands a figure lightly lined against the

massive trunk of a sycamore, that most unmistakably declares itself to be a man. His back is turned to her, and he is bend-ing over something, and, so far as she can through Nicaragua. judge thus remote from him, his clothing is considerably the worse for wear. A gamekeeper, perhaps, or a-well, som thing or other of that sort. At all events corpse, save for two eyes that burn and the sight is welcome as the early dew. (To be continued.)

#### TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILROAD. It Runs Through a Fertile Valley and

making any attempt to rise from his chair, "Shut that door, will you? What chair. "Shut that door, will you? What a vile draught! And don't stand staring Beautiful Country. like that, it makes me nervous."

His voice is cold, clear, freezing. It Somehow I had formed the idea that Siberia was, in the main, a mountainous, broken, barren and even sterile seems to the tired girls standing before "Vera, I presume," says Mr. Dysart, holding out his lithe white hand to permit her to press it. "And you are Griselda? Of all the surprises met with in my sary. says Miss Dysart, gravely, still standing.
"Ay, ay. You acknowledge that," says "I have been your best

Miss Dysart, in tones that tremble a little. "But for you--"
"Yes, yes-go on." He thrusts out his to live or die as chance dictated. To me, "That either he won't, or can't, life You owe me much. Each day you live not believe the grade of the railroad tions on terms of equality without the with his father. Can't, Nell rather led you shall owe me more. I have befriend-the varied 300 feet, and in many places it me to believe." e to believe."
"Can't it is, you may be sure," says the you from starvation."
The so corpse-like a face could show signs ounger girl, restlessly. "Fancy a father of perfectly it shows it now, as he seeks of the se

"Well, never mind that." says Miss Dy- Griselda's breast feelings of repugnance most luxurious growth of grass I have seen in any country. There are many "I have consented to scott you, he sire to uncie," says her sister with a little shrug. "Do you think we shall gain much by the change? This old relative of ours is, perhaps, as delightful as we could wish him, and yet I wish father had not left us to his tender mercies."

"I have consented to scott you, he stem of the West, and one variety that images on presently, his cold voice now cutting like a knife. "But do not expect much from me. It is well to come to a proper understanding at the start, and one variety that images are understanding at the start, and the start are understanding at the start, and the start are understanding at the start are understanding at the start, and the start are understanding at the start, and the start are understanding at the start are un "Do not dwell on that," says Vers, accustomed to lead a useless, luxurious all be of the most nutritious nature; it with nervous haste; "do not seek for existence. Your father all his life kept up faults in the inevitable. He is all that is if the inevitable. He is all that is left you paupers." He almost hisses out in existence. If fully utilized I believe in existence. If fully utilized, I believe Siberia could furnish the beef supply

Although the winters in Siberia are 'Let me remind you that courtesy, too, very coad, they are not especially long or trying. While the extreme temperature during winter may reach a point 10 to 15 degrees lower than in Ohlo or generally in latitude 40 degrees in the United States, still, as the air is very guarantee of interference of any other to any other country. It is this last clause which doubled the country. It is this last clause which list record of the greatest steals in the doubled. Two miles above this junction is the site of the great dam. The San numerous suicides, are still fresh in Juan in its normal state has a flow You are beneath my roof; I shall expect United States, still, as the air is very the most effective way to control the the public mind and need no recapitu of 20,000 cubic feet per second, but in dry and there are no high winds, I canal in time of war is by means of lation here. The company, however, is the rainy season it sometimes mounts but I do not think our father was a man to excite respect, much less love or regret, out the nakedness of the land, and specuoe passed without especial discomfort. Lack approaches of the canal, as we will not dead, though they have tried in the navy. It is held that if we control out the nakedness of the land, and specuoe passed without especial discomfort. Lack approaches of the canal, as we will not dead, though they have tried in the navy. It is held that if we control out the nakedness of the land, and specuoe passed without especial discomfort. oe passed without especial discomfort. both approaches of the canal, as we When winter sets in, which it does shall do it will be all we need. the navy. It is need that if we control value to raise the \$150,000,000 necessary a dam 150 feet high, and thereby raise to complete the canal. The collapse of the waters of the San Juan to the level lating over what they are pleased to call When winter sets in, which it does shall do, it will be all we need. interrupts Miss Dysart, in a low, shocked tone. "Don't do it, darling. I know ways remember that."

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In a low, shocked to shorten the time from New York to lic prejudice against the route and it to shorten the time from New York to lic prejudice against the route and it to shorten the time from New York to lic prejudice against the route and it to shorten the time from New York to lic prejudice against the route and it to shorten the time from New York to lic prejudice against the route and it to shorten the time from New York to lic prejudice against the route and it to shorten the time from New York to lic prejudice against the route and it to shorten the time from New York to lic prejudice against the route and it to shorten the time from New York to lic prejudice against the route and it to shorten the time from New York to lice prejudice against the route and it to shorten the time from New York to lice prejudice against the route and it to shorten the time from New York to lice prejudice against the route and it to shorten the time from New York to lice prejudice against the route and it to shorten the time from New York to lice prejudice against the route and it to shorten the time from New York to lice prejudice against the route and it to shorten the time from New York to lice prejudice against the route and it to shorten the time from New York to lice prejudice against the route and it to shorten the time from New York to lice prejudice against the route and it to shorten the time from New York to lice prejudice against the route and it to shorten the time from New York to lice prejudice against the route and it to shorten the time from New York to lice prejudice against the route and it to shorten the time from New York to lice prejudice against the route and it to shorten the time from New York to lice prejudice against the route and the route through about five months, when there San Francisco from sixty to sixteen is indeed remarkable that in the many Griselda's features having settled themselves into a rather alarming expression, is as sudden a breakup, ushering in days, thus bringing about a great in points to be considered and in an unpermanently pleasant warm weather. crease in water freight, with a propor- dertaking so gigantic the two routes By those who have the experience, I am tionate lessening of rates. Further are such close rivals, informed that the winters are far more more, it will bring the ocean shipping It is not generally known that work agreeable than in other countries, industry into close competition with on the Panama canal was resumed in "If you will permit us," she says, faint-Her uncle turns and touches the bell where the temperature is higher and the transcontinental railways, thus renear him, and immediately, so immediately, so

ately as to suggest the idea that she has fall in summer is seasonable and is cheaper to ship imperishable goods \$260,000,000 De Lesseps' company course continues to the dam, where the by water. Loads of freight dally come spent, and to retain the valuable con-It is easy to see what a magical into New York from points west of the cessions granted it, the receivers or into the lake. Crossing the lake in a been applying her ear to the keyhole, a abundant. transformation must take place in this Alleghenies to go out in the coasting ganized a new company. The stock was "You are singularly prompt," he says, great region, even if slowly, under the vessels around Cape Horn and up the purchased by members of the original the Rio Las Lagas is entered. This housekeeper. She will see to your wants. influence of an extended railway sys- other side to San Francisco. Just so, and of course there is a good Grunch, take these young ladies away. tem. It is all the more easily imagined deal behind that you don't know. There My nerves," with a shudder, "are all un- by one who has already seen in his own always is; nobody ever tells quite every strung to the last pitch."

country an object lesson of a similar thing. And besides— Oh! Oh, Vera! Thus unceremoniously dismissed. Miss character. I doubt if the Russians Oh! what has happened?"

Dysart follows the housekeeper from the Griselda clutches in an agonized fashion room, Griselda having preceded her.

To learn poetry "for repetition" is other. Vera is very pale, and her breath learned as taskmasters and personal enemies. This view is amusingly expressed in a letter which was found among the papers of the venerable German poet Geibel. It was written Klasse," The letter is printed in Literature. After stating that two boys had been flogged because they could

might think it, perhaps, but for his eyes. They"—she shudders—"they look as if they couldn't die. What terrible eyes not learn Herr Gelbel's "Hope of Spring," the letter reads as follows: We suppose you did not think of such things when you wrote the poem. The the volume of trade. There will be company, placing a bond guaranteeing Herr Lehrer says it is a very beautiful enough for both vessels and railroads, the safe return of those of her subjects poem, but there are so many very beau. Still another and very important effect who should desire it, was allowed by tiful poems and we are obliged to learn | will be noted in the Central American | Great Britain to bring in 4,000 negroes them. Therefore we beg and entreat States. The completion of the canal from Jamaica. This number has dwinstairs or to have your tea here?" de you, esteemed Herr Gelbel, make no will draw American capital into these died, through death, desertion and othmore beautiful poems. And to make countries, which have hitherto been atit worse we have to learn the biog- most constantly at war among them-"Here" is on Vera's fips, but Griseida, raphy of every poet, what year he was serves. A demand for protection will born in, and what year he died in. We be created and the official presence of According to the original designs and write to you because you are the only the United States would act as a specifications, the Panama canal is now poet still living, and we wish you a wholesale restraint on our hot-blooded just 40 per cent completed. The At-

very long life. If you want to enjoy a new sensation, commercial union of Central America. In depth from 16 to 291/2 feet. This has tell a man you have heard something under a protectorate of the United been filled in to a certain extent by silt about him. He will think it is some States, a result which would be of the deposits from the Chagres river, in the thing mean, of course, for a man never greatest benefit to the whole western bed of which the canal part way lies. hears anything else. Then tell him hemisphere. something pleasant. He will glow like | Finally, the construction of the canal three miles is cut to a depth of 6 to a school boy, and both of you will feel will give us an immense advantage in 26 feet. In Panama bay a channel has better all day. Don't tell people the trade with South America. At present been dredged to deep water and a cut mean things you hear about them. Germany and England each beats us in through the Cordilleras has been ac-That is inexcusable.—Atchison Globe. that direction. Altogether, it is believe complished to a depth of 160 feet.

Senator Mark Hanna wears as a to be a greater stimulus to trade that company, which then controlled all watch charm a gold nugget which is any other one thing which could be transisthmian traffic, had the Nicaraworth several hundred dollars. It was accomplished, whether it be decided to gua route surveyed and twenty years "Leave the room," says Griselds, with presented to him by a number of Meth- finish the old Panama canal or estab- later a commission went over the line odist friends who reside in Cleveland, lish an entirely new waterway by the for the United States. When the Pan-

A veneer for shoe pegs brought in \$250,000; the drive well is a simple contrivance, but brought its inventor of a canal across the Isthmus of Pan- Nicaragua and the Nicaragua Canal

## CONTEST OF CANALS

ama Company.

A WATERWAY FIGHT.

End in Loss of Many Millions the Old Ship-Canal Concern.

Nicaragua Project Most in Favor-There Is Not Much Difference in Cost and to the Ordinary Observer the Natural Advantages Seem to Be About Equal-Passage More Quickly Made by Panama Route-Great Inland Sea in Nicaragua.

The world is interested in a fight of canals, with the center of attention directed to Central America, that vexatious narrow strip of land connecting the great American continent. For the with an opening toward the west, when first time in eleven years the Congress this uncomfortable conviction grows clear of the United States is arranging for to her that she is lost. She is not of the the construction of the isthmian water long ago by the Frenchman, DeLesseps, and the other advocating the construction of an entirely new passage

With the new Hay-Pauncefote treaty with England ratified, it will be neces which, or along the border of which, the chosen route extends. It has been maintained that a strip of land ten vive. Central American States forbliding such sale, the only way remaining is to acquire nominal control of the land Nothing could be further from the fact. needed. Control is all that is neces-

the greatest. As a whole, it contains, neutral, the United States will have an interoceanic ship canal twenty-six above sea level. spurs of the great Altal range of antee neutrality not operating against on the Pacific. mountains fringing its southern bor- the establishment of fortifications if we der, and cutting occasionally to some see fit. By a principle of international arctic sea, Siberia is almost as level assume the responsibility of safeguard the French capital and on their ad- sea. The first half of its length from constructed with a beam of 76 feet 10 as the ocean. In over 1,000 miles I do ing it and regulate its use by all na- journment the Universal Interoceanic the lake is almost a continuation of

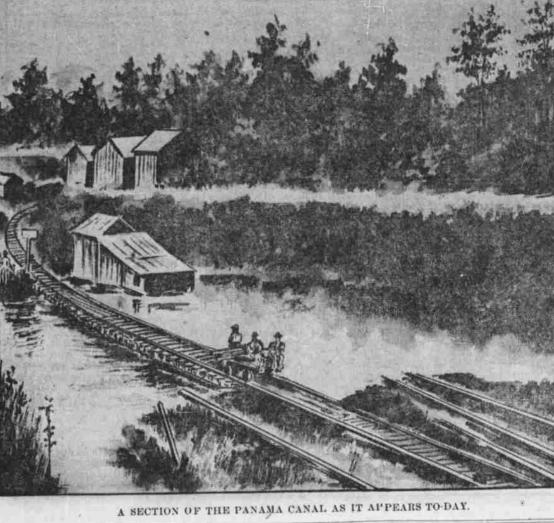
DON LOUIS COREA.

Nicaraguan Minister to the United States

Nicaragua route.

Fourteen Times Surveyed.

ama, no less than fourteen routes have Construction Company was organized.



It was in 1843 that a survey was The company dug about three-quaryears afterward by George M. Totten, tinuance of the work. United States government also made a gua. This body of water is forty-live ers is based on salt water weighing 64

the man best known in connection with it will take to construct the canal, six

PROPOSED NICARAGUA ROUTE OF THE CANAL

the Maritime Canal Company.

The line of the Nicaraguan canal be

gins at the Caribbean sea near Grey-

town. Taking a southeasterly direc-

tion, it passes to the north of a range

of hills known as the Silicos and thence

be poor workmen, especially when con- while four of 281/2 feet each will be limit as a means of administering the

company, who hoped by further sub- stream is followed but a short distance

scribing to save a part of their original when the canal crosses the continental investments. Thirteen million dollars divide into the valley of the Rio

was all, however, they were willing Grande and thence to Brito, the Pa-

fore the expiration of the original con- The summit level-from the conti-

cession. An extension of the conces | nental divide across the lake and along

sion to 1910 was secured. The new the San Juan to the great dam-will be

company did not waste the thirteen nearly 150 miles long. Besides the pur-

millions in mere show on soft ground. pose of a long stretch for speed, this

but, in contrast to its predecessors, extended level so high above the sea is

made every dollar tell, in the hope of to control the lake's level. It now

retrieving lost confidence, or, falling to fluctuates some thirteen feet. Under

the partly built canal so much more It has been the general opinion that

valuable when the Clayton-Bulwer there is quite a difference between the

treaty should be abrogated, so that the attention of the United States could idea is an erroneous one, for they are

secure further investments, to make control it will not vary six.

to invest, and this only eleven days be- cific terminus.

the Central American States, through been proposed and surveyed across the In 1889 the original Panama company Originally, the cost of the Nicaraguan narrow neck of land connecting the suspended and the same year the Nic- canal was placed at \$50,000,000. The American continents. Only two sur- aragua concession was transferred to estimates have steadily risen until at present the figure is \$190,000,000. The first was for a 16-foot canal of narrow be bought, but the constitutions of the made of the Panama route for the first ters of a mile of the canal and deep gauge, whereas the latest plans call for time. A French engineer undertook this ened the harbor at Greytown. Then, a cut 35 feet in depth and extending work, but with no important immediate the Nacaraguan government claims, the in places to a width of 150 feet. In results. He was followed not many concession was forfeited by a discon- curves a width of 180 feet is called for and in the harbor at either terminus a country, covered with forests-which right to police the strip or do anything chief engineer of the Panama Railroad. The special feature of the Nicaragua channel of 500 feet wide is projected who estimated the cost of the construction out is the great inland sea which The isthmian canal, except in the two what generally entertained in the west, that sovereignty of the strip is not then of the great waterway at \$75,000. lies in the hollow between the eastern terminal maritime sections, will be of 000 to \$100,000,000. Subsequently the and western Cordilleras-Lake Nicara- fresh water. The draft of ocean steam-

somewhat extensive travels, Siberia is. While the proposed canal is to be survey, locating a practicable line for miles wide, 110 miles long and 112 feet pounds per cubic foot. Some large feet in depth from the Bay of Aspin | The plan of the Nicaragua canal sea water and would draw 33 feet of of level lands on the globe. Excepting in time of war, the fact that we guar. wall, in the Caribbean sea to Panama comprises an engineering feat the most fresh water. While the government wonderful ever attempted. In the 1sth- is about it, therefore, the expense will In 1879 Count Ferdinand de Lesseps, mian commission's estimate of the time be gone to and a 35-foot canal built, The width of 150 feet will allow all distance northward into Siberia, the law, all treaties are abrogated with the Panama project, appealed to the years are given the building of a dam but the largest vessels to pass each entire western half of the country is the country with which we are at war. nations to send delegates to a proposed across the San Juan river, while two other. Battleships have a greater beam exceptionally level, almost to flatness. The new treaty which replaces the congress in Paris, to discuss the questions to send delegates to a proposed more will serve to complete the water than other ocean-going vessels of like It would not be far from the fact to Clayton-Bulwer treaty with England tion of a canal across the isthmus. On way. The San Juan leaves the southsay that for 2,000 miles east of the provides that the United States shall May 15 of that year, representatives east corner of Lake Nicaragua and exceeds in breadth 68 feet, but designs Ural mountains, and extending to the do all the work of building the canal, of twenty-four countries assembled in flows almost east into the Caribbean have been prepared for the next to be this company will have but one steamer

been used as a basis for determining the dimensions of the locks, which have been fixed at 740x84 feet. If two monster vessels meet in the canal, one

will have to tie up to the bank, while the other goes by. It is estimated that to complete the Panama canal will require an expendi Regulator, Dalles City, Reliance. ture of about \$145,000,000. In its present condition this canal is valued at \$40,000,000 and it is probable that all the Panama company's works, machinery and material could be had at this figure. Its total length is 46.00 miles, against 183.00 miles for the Nicaragua line. It would take twelve hours to pass through the Panama if locks are constructed; if dug at sea level, but be cut across Nicaragua because of the great height of the lake. Thirty-three iours will be required for an average vessel to go across. guarantee of interference of any other disasters attending this company, with by the Rio San Carlos and its size

TRUE DAUGHTER OF CALIFORNIA.

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Landing and onice, foot of Alder street. Both phones, Main 251, Portland, Or. years. We were walking in that dream; like park of the town, Westlake, when she suddenly stopped and looked at me. Then, in that brisk way Western girls have, she said:

"'Isn't there something the matter with you? "I didn't know whether it was my hat or my tie.

"I don't know," I said. 'Is there?" " 'Haven't you a cough?' she asked. 'No,' I answered, getting worried. "'Didn't you ever have bronchitis. or short breath, or a stitch in your side, or pleurisy, or pneumonia, or anything like that? she went on. "I had to 'fess up that I hadn't.

'Tm sorry,' she said, plaintively. 'I boped you had." "I just gasped and she continued: "For if you had, you know, you could stay out here and join the B. L.

"'What on earth is that?' I asked "'Why, the "Busted Lung Brigade." Lots of the lovellest men belong to it. I'm so sorry you can't, but (and she brightened visibly) perhaps you will

be consumptive after awhile." "That's a Western girl's way of be-There is little native labor to be had on the isthmus. The climate is not conducive to activity and the natives are averse to labor constitutionality. The old Panama company imported thousands of Chinese, but they proved to be proved when company imported they are and four of 18½ feet each, will be required to raise the vessels from the Caribbean to the level of the lake, cars at a speed fully up to the legal legislation and the proved to the level of the lake, cars at a speed fully up to the legal legislation and the proved to the level of the lake, cars at a speed fully up to the legal legislation and the poung man, according to the New York Times, "but it struck me as a bit ghoulish."

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