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CHAPTER XIII .--- CONTINUED

He took up Mrs. Dunkirk's letter, which had lain all this time unnoticed on the table at his clbow, and, unfolding the thin blue paper, he glanced at it speculatively. "That was my only claim, yet she

seemed to consider it sufficient. This may be merely my own mistaken interpretation of her words, however. What opinion have you formed, Mr. North, as to the value of this letter as evidence in our case?

North preserved a meditative silence for a few moments; then he answered slowly:

"I must say, Mrs. Maynard, that in my opinion this letter clearly proves that Mrs. Dunkirk, sithough not yet



THE FOOTMAN ENTERED.

ready to declare the fact, had deter mined to make you her heir, on the one condition that her nicce were never discovered. Hear her own words: 'While I live I must retain the control of my property; after I am gone, what matter to me who has it?' She would as lief it should be you as anyone else, you see: yes, she would prefer you. as the lines further on indicate: There is no one that has a greater claim upon me than yourself. This claim I feel at present'-the emphasis is my own, but mark the words, if you please; do they not clearly indicate the writer's character?-'at present inclined to recog-nize.' Delightfully neutral, charmingly non-committal: giving you to unde stand, you see, that, after all, she might change her mind It gave her a sense of power to keep you in suspense as to her real intentions; at the same time her purpose remained unchanged, I have nodoubt. 'Charitable bequests I do not favor.' Why? 'I have given freely to public and private charities during my lifetime, and have received during my metine, and mars reary of but meager thanks.' She was weary of the inoratitude of the public. She the ingratitude of the public. reasoned, and indeed she reasoned well, that if they gave 'but meager thanks' while the beneficent donor was living and there was a possibility of still further gifts when she was gone, and there would be nothing to look for be youd the testamentary bequests, she would receive no thanks at all. No, no! She wished her fortune to go to some one who would be grateful for it; some one who could properly value it: some one who had a reasonable claim upon her generosity; and that person, of all others in the world was clearly and indisputably yourself, Mrs. Maynard."

North had folded Mrs. Dunkirk's letter, replaced it in the envelope, and toused it down on the table again while he was speaking these last words. He now rose and stood idly gathering up his notebook, pencil and papers, as if preparing to leave.

While he was thus engaged the foot-man entered, bearing to Mrs. Maynard a small scrap of paper, which he pre-sented with an air of dignified disdain.

The lady glanced at the paper for an instant with a rather blank expression; den gleam o hension she held it out toward North. "This has as much interest for you,

have come claim upon him anyway, in view of his overtures to flunter and Ketchum; and if he is trying to play a double game, I shall bring him sharply to book!" With this reflection, North turned to

take leave of Mrs. Maynard. "There must have been some misun-derstanding about this matter, Mrs. Maynard," he said, suavely. "I certainly do not wish you to be annoyed

by this person, since I can conduct the investigation without your direct assistance. I will see the man at once, and ascertain whethen or not he really possesses information that will be valuable to us. I will devote as much time as possible to this investigation and will call from time to time to report progress; shall 1?"

The permission was coldly granted, and North with a bow of farewell withdrew from the drawing room, curious about his coming interview with Dennis O'Reilly.

CHAPTER XIV. CHAPTER ALV. King-An hour of quiet shortly shall we a Till then, in patience our proceeding --Hamie

He found the man waiting in the hall. He was apparently about forty years of age, short, stout and red-faced with bristling red hair and whiskers twinkling blue eyes, and an expression of shrewd native humor. His clothing. of shrewd native numor. His coording, though of cheap quality, was neat and whole, and he had the general appear-ance of a thrifty workingman. Not at all the "seedy" adventuver that North had half expected to see. He looked up with a slight degree of

astonishment, but an unmistakable recognition in his round wide-open eves, as North approached him; then, bowing low with his hat in his hand, he ad vanced the plain, indisputable and selfevident proposition: "Well, Misther North, I've got back."

North surveyed him critically from head to foot for an instant. Then he put a leading question abruptly:

"You are Dennis O'lleilly, are you not?

"Indade, sorr, an' I am that same admitted Dennis with another low bow. "Did you wish to see me?"

"Yis, sorr, by yer honor's lave." "Why did you come here, then, and inquire for Mrs. Maynard?"

"Sure, an' that was just what ver ionor tould me to do," protested Dennia. "'Twas yersilf, sorr, as tould me that yer honor would be out of town whin I got back, an' so I was to report mesilf to Misthress Maynard." North nodded slightly at this confirmation of his own shrewd suspicion; adding instantly to Dennis;

"Where have you been for the last few days? Why didn't you report sooner?

I've been jist where yer honor sint me, sorr," was the evasive reply as Dennis began to eye his questioner somewhat askance.

denly taking up his hat from the hall table. "I cannot turn Mrs. Maynard's house into an Inquisition, and the present prospect is that I shall have to resort to the thumb-screws and rack be fore I succeed in obtaining any satisfac-tory information " This last was an aside, as he hurriedly drew on his gloves; then to Dennis he added more intelligibly: "Come with me to my hotel, and we will have a confidential talk about this matter.'

Nothing loath. Dennis followed-the gentleman from the house and down the street at a pace set by North's im patience. They did not exchange an other syllable until they were closeted together in North's room at the Clement house: then throwing himself down in his favorite lounging chair and facing O'Reilly, who was seated near him

"Now, O'Reilly, there's an agreement a business contract between us. Do you understand that?"

expression of countenance, that North's meaning had fully penetrated and permeated his intelligence; but notwith

standing his slightly blank look, he

"Sure, an' haven't I been thryin' to till yer honor that ame?" protested Dennis, eagerly. "It was tillin' a friend about it that I was, an' about thim paphers that contain all the infor-

mation that thim New York lawyers are advertisin' for, an' the paphers safe In Ann O'Gorman's clutches, bad luck to her, whin yer honor sthipped up to me on the strate an' sez, quict-like: 'I'll give yezfifty dollars, Dinnis, if yez wull bring them paphers to me!' An' that's the long an' short of our agrayment, sorr."

about Annie Dapont.

And Dennis rubbed his hands to gether complacently as if satisfied that he had now made the case sufficiently comprehensible even to Mr. North's minð

you say that you know something

Is this so?

North was regarding O'Reilly with close attention, and up to this point he felt reasonably convinced of the man's honesty of purpose. If this were true-this story of which already enough had



"INDADE, SOBE." been told to suggest its remaining de

tails-then it seemed quite possible that he would be able to accomplish the mission on which, as the representative

of Hunter & Ketchum, he had come to -. But did he now honestly wish for this consummation? He had personal interests that were trembling in the balance; how would these be of-

"Sooner, is it, sorr? Indade, thin, an' feeling, of desperate temptation, it seemed to him that he could ruthlessly sweep her from his path, upon which she had so suddenly risen with an indefinable menace, and shroud in deeper

"Oh, come on!" exclaimed North, sudmystery than ever before the fate of one whose truthful history the world should never know. But with the next moment came swift recoil from this temptation, a feeling of umazement that he should have entertained such a thought. Ollin must be shielded if possible, but not at such a cost as that. Rather, for Ollin's

sake, to undo as far as possible the ter-rible wrong that he had attempted. This unknown, friendless orohan, heir proud name and wealth, though now living perhaps in humble obscuri ty, must be sought out and placed in possession of her rightful inheritance. North had been slowly pacing the

floor while these thoughts were passing through his mind. Seating himself now beside Dennis, he continued his inquiries. "How long have you known these

North returned to the charge. facts about Annie Dupont, Dennis?" "Iver since me cousin Patrick tould me. at Teddy O'Corrigan's wake, sorr,'

returned Dennis, after a pause of recol It was not clear, from Mr. O'Reilly's lection.

"But when was that? I know noth ing about Teddy O'Corrigan's wake you not tell me more definitely than that?" Dennis reflected again with his face

contorted as if the effort of memory were a painful one.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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-When a man comes to time, does it not prove that time waits for some men?-Texas Siftings.

-First Moth-"Can I help you to a piece of this fannel shirt?" Second Second bloth-"Thanks; but I have just got up from a dress suit " -A bit of reasoning a la mode de

Dumas ascribed to Rossini: "I don't like spinach, and it is very fortunate I don't, because if I did I should eat it, and I can't endere it."-Tid-Bits

-The late Cardinal Lavigerie once visited the Omar mosque at Jerusalem, and, contrary to all precedents, was allowed by the Mohammedan function. ary in charge to enter without taking off his shoes. "Cardinal," said the ther, "your feet are quite as holy as m'ae.

-"I didn't take any cakes, mamma," whimpered Bobby. "I only took a lit-tle cakelet." "Then I will not give you a spanking, my son," said his mamma, placing him gently but firmly culture.

cross her knee and reaching for the ake-turner; "I will give you a little

spanklet.' -Lighthouses are now distinguished by the mariner by color, combinations of color, or the periodicity of short flashes. Capt. Mahan, of the United States Lighthouse board, has devised a system of signals given by shutters over the light, by which each light tells its own name or number, and prevents any possible confusion. When tested at New Haven last month it worked admirably. -The first warlike measure of the

Americans previous to the hostilities begun in 1812, was the construction, at Sack#tt's Harbor at the eastern end of Lake Ontario, of the brig Oneida, sixteer guns, by Christian Berg and Henry Ecklord. She was launchel in 1899. and was intended for a two-fold purpose, namely, to enforce the revenue

laws under the Embargo act, and to be in readiness to defend American property affoat on Lake Ontario in case of war with Great Britain.

-In 1621 a fierce controversy arose in England in consequence of a claim set up by the council of Plymouth a company chartered by James I., for the monopoly of fishing in American seas fected by the discovery and identification of Annie Dupont and the between 40-48 degrees of north lati-tude. This company demanded from establishment of her legal position as her aunt's heir? Would she make an each vessel fishing in these waters a tax of about eighty-three cents per effort to discover and pursue with all ton This claim was stoutly re-isted. The house of commons took part with the penalties of the law the authors of that forgery by which it had been atthe fishermen, and the contest was contempted to wrest her inheritance from tinued in the reign of Charles I., and her? Should be, who held a brother's was one of the causes of the quarrel good name in his hand, place it within between him and parliament, which her power to seek this retribution? He brought on the civil war. was no longer the champion of Annie Dupont. For one moment of passionate

-The first settlement of white people in Vermont was made in 1724 by the erection of Fort Dummer, near the present site of Brattleboro, then supposed o be in Massachusetts. In the spring of 1777 the settlers in Vermont petitioned the Continental congress for admission into the confederacy, but New York opposing, the petition was with

of the occidental world. drawn, and at a convention held the next year at Windsor a constitution modeled after that of Pennsylvania was In the face of all the current skonti-Carolinian, who has a ten-acre tea garadopted. In 1781 congress offered to admit Vermont upon terms which the people would not agree to, and it re-mained outside the Union until March product to be appraised by a firm of New York tea dealers. He sent along, 4, 1791. also, a tea plant, which has been exhib-

-The firm of Longmans, Green & Co. under the same name, dates further back, it is stated, than are back it is stated than are back are pub-lishing house known to this generawhom the sample had been confided fasted, smelt and drew the, tea and after mature deliberation wrote to the tion, with a single exception, and by reprimenter that all the tests indi buying up that one it became the oldest nublishing house known The original ongmans, born in 1699, purchased the stock of William Taylor, publisher, in 1726, and since then the name of Long-

mans has always stood at the head o the firm name, and their headquarters are still at the sign of the Ship and the Black Swan, Paternoster Row, London pound should fetch about forty cents a where the house of Taylor stood at the time of the purchase by Longmans in ported tea, such as is consumed by per-1726. This firm brought out Dr. John sons of moderate means demanding son s dictionary in 1746, Lindley Mur articles of good quality, wholesales at ray s grammar at the beginning of the century, Moore's "Lalla Rookh" in about twenty-five cents a pound. Above and below that prices have wide range 1826, and paid Macaulay large royalties Tea dust from China wholesales in this on his books. -Joseph Francis, the inventor of the market at from six to eleven cents a pound. The best of it is drank by the

lifeboat, died at Otsego Lake. May 10, aged ninety-three years. When the pound retail. The worst is bought by the dazding newness of the wedding

TEA CULTURE IN AMERICA. SHE CHANGED HER MIND. Eforts Being Made to Establish the Ja-dustry in the Bouth. A Young Bride's Attempt at Trying to Deceive the Fubile.

Tes dealers in New York have once She sat in the bare, handsome apartmore been asked to take an Interest in ment given over to the use of bridal the South Carolina tea-growing excouples, and traced the pattern of the periments. Commissioner of Agriculgorgeous carpet with the point of her ture LeDuc, who once contributed to sunshade. Only sixteen hours married the gayety of nations, was the first and it had come to this! Dick, her person seriously and officially to urge hero, who had vowed to love and cher-the wisdom of tea culture in the ish her had banged, actually banged United States. Reobtained seeds, had the door in her face as he went into the

them distributed from his bureau and office, leaving her to follow or not as she chose. "I'll not stand it," she sobled. "I'll spread broadcast elaborate instructions as to the best method of carrying on the culture. An expert from go home to mamma and Dick can be fields of Assam reported that the tea free to marry that horrid Mattie Wilson if he likes and he will like, I'm sure." could be grown for fifteen or twenty cents a pound in North and South Caro-Then she started to her feet, "No, he lina. Ever since there have been peri shan't-she shall not have him, I'll just odical efforts to interest the tea trade stay, yes, and I'll make him just as in American teas and in spite of dismiserable as he makes me. That horcouragements a few experimenters in rid Wilson girl; I asked her to be bride maid on purpose just to make her en-vious, and made her wear pink, too-she always did look hideous in pink." South Carolina have persisted in tea

There is no subject touching which the tea trade of New York is more skep-In the street a band was playing 'Annie Laurie:" it took her mind back playing tical than the possibility of making tea culture a profitable industry in the to the day when Dick had first told her United States. The men who sit in dingy little down-town offices with small, brass tea kettles about them and that he loved her. "I thought we would be so happy," she sobbed, "and now ---;" the tears ugly little teacups stored in cupboards

splashed through her fingers, lending that would drive any neat housewife into hysterics, smile whenever Amerring. "It was such a pretty wedding, too," ican ten is mentioned. The skepticism

of the tea dealers results partly from she said aloud; "only Dick was so the fact that they know so much, partnervous that he dropped the ring and ly from the fact they know so little. The literature of tea culture is a library the best man had to stop it with his jecture. Then I could hear mamma sobspend years in study. There are men down in the tea trade who can appraise through-I know I heard Mattie Wil-of tea, but who use the men specimen of tea, but who use the men specimen foot of tea, but who use the very names of be a long time before she has a chance teas without a knowledge of their sigto see how nervous it makes one to be married." niheance. Tea, before its arrival in market, is to the average dealer an ori-

She was smiling now. Hark! was ental mystery. Those who read books on the subject find them full of contrathat a footstep? She sank back in a heap, the memory of her woes had re-turned to her. No, the footstep went dictions. Some dealers flatly declare their belief that travelers who, write on, "He would not neglect me so if he upon tea culture in China have never

eached the interior of the country. really loved me," she wailed. "They told me he would change after we were As a matter of fact, different writers upon Chinese tea culture are of married, but I didn't believe them nccessity contradictory, because they happen to have seen the operations of Of Dick. Dick ---- " Her handkerchief was wet now; she mopped her eyes with it in a languid fashion. A grain different districts. There are many ways of cultivating tea in China, as or two of rice was dislodged from the there are many of preparing it for mar-ket. Tea bricks, for example, which ruffles of her dres, and fell on the carpet. Her eve fell on it. are sold by the million pounds all over

"What a lot of rice they did throw, Central Asia, never appear in the trade to be sure," she mused, "and the slip-per! I knew Madge would do mischief of the United States. Should the average tea dealer see a close-packed, darkwith it, and sure enough it struck green block, hard on the surface and Dick's new silk hat and made a great marked in gold with Chinese chardent in it.'

acters, he would scarcely recognize it as tea. The dealers find that the walked to the window and She looked out. A funeral train was passoriental plays strange tricks with this ing. In the front carriages the mournmarket. When one sort of tea has ers wept: in the last ones they yawned been a drug on the market, next seaand looked out of the windows. A on the same tea appears under a difwagon loaded with trunks drew up be ferent name. Young Hyson and Gunfore the hotel. A queer looking one powder are the same tea. differently met her eve.

olled, and there are a dozen devices "O." she cried, "there is my trunk all tied up in white ribbon, like a pack-age of bride's cake-and I didn't want by which the celestial takes advantage any one to know we were just marcism as to the American tea a South ried."

She sank into a chair; a neighboring den. recently sent up some of his own clock struck the hour. "How he neglects me." she wailed,

and once more relapsed into tears. The door opened softly. ited in a dealer's window. The firm to "What is it? Are you ill?" cried a

terrified voice. She sat up and brushed away the

tears. "O, Dick, you don't love me?" "Not love you! Why, I'd die for 'ou!''

"But-but you shut the door in my face and walked away, just as if you forgot me, and -----" ""Why, my precious, don't you re-

member you told me to act as if we were not just married, and wouldn't even let me touch your hand in the pound at retail. A fair average imtrain and -----"

"Was that why you didn't carry m satchel and why you didn't ask if I had a headache?"

"Why, yes, of course." "Then. Dick, after this I want you to act just as much like a bridegroom as you wish."

A DINNER IN HORWAY.

An American Woman's Yielt to a Simple Berges Mc

Men who write books of travel com-monly have more than enough to say shout bad food and bad cooking-which means often nothing worse than food and cookery to which they are not ac-customed. It is doubly pleasant, therefore, to find a woman-who may be pre-suined to know whereof she speakspraising meals prepared after foreign fashions, and eaten in strange surroundings. Mrs. Jackson, when in Norway, found many things to delight her. Doubtless, being a reasonable woman, she went prepared to find them. One thing, which marked a "memorable day," was "a true Norwegian dinner in a simple Bergen home."

"The carriage will come for you at six,' the hostess had said. Punctual to the hour it came. On the threshold we were met by the host and hostess, both saying, 'Welcome.' As soon as we took our seats at table a toast was offered: "Welcome to the table."

"The meal was as we had requested, a simple Norwegian dinner. First a soup, with balls made of chicken; the meat scraped fine while it is raw; then pounded to a paste with cream in a marble mortar, the cream added drop a new brightness to the new wedding by drop, as oil is added to salad dress-ring. into small, round balls and cooked in the boiling soup, had a delicious flavor, and a consistency that baffled all con-

"Next came salmon, garnished with shreds of cucumber, and with clear melted butter for sauce. Next, chick ens stuffed with green parsley and son snicker. Well, never mind, it will boiled; with these were brought vegetables, raspberry jam and stewed plums, all delicions.

"Next a light omelet, baked in a low, oval tin pan, in which it was brought to the table, the pan concealed in a frame of stiff white dimity, with a broad frill embroidered in red. Cheese and many other dishes are served in this way in Norway, adorned with petticoats or frills of embroidered white stuffs

"With the omelet were eaten cherry sweetmeats, with which had been cooked all the kernels from the cracked stones, giving a rare flavor and richness to the sirup. After this nuts, coffee and cordials.

"When the dinner was over the host and hostess stood in the doorway, one on either hand; as we passed between them they bowed to each one, saying, 'God be with you.' It is the custom of each guest to say, Thanks for the

meal.' "After dinner our hostess played for us Norwegian airs, wild and tender, and at ten o'clock came Nils and the ponies to take us home.-Youth's Com-. Danion.

Sallors' Superstitions.

The superstitious of actors would fill a book and so also would those of sailors. But this, save the Boston Home Journal, has affected the smateur vachtmen, who are men of education and who might be expected to laugh at it. Notice the names of crack racers of late years, and it will be seen that the mystic seven has entered most largely into their selection. In 1891 the "Adams boys," as they are called, had a boat called the Beatrix (notice the seven letters) which was very successful. She was altered and renamed the Harpoon, which, in addition to the seven letters, had a lucky oo. The Typhoon had the lucky seven letters and the lucky oo, and was eminently successful, therefore. It is also lucky to have double consonants in the middle of the name. The Gossoon, a cutter owned by the Adams boys, won all the races in her class, in 1890, and in a previous year these same yachtman misspelled a word for the sake of gaining the lucky combination, and called boat the Babboon.



cated that his tea was worth twenty cents a p und. The grower wrote back to th -- k the dealer and to express satisfaction ... hat his sample could be appraised at such a rate. All this makes no great impression upon the skepticism of the tea trade Fea that wholesales at twenty cents a

perhaps, as for myself, Mr. North," she naid.

"The inquiry was for Mrs. Maynard," ventured Williams.

"Very well, Williams," said Mrs. Maynard, dismissing him.

By this time North had with a little curiosity scanned the paper that she had given him, and his expression was even more blankly amazed than hers had been. It was only a name that was scrawled on the bit of paper that his lingers held; but that name was Dennis

O'Reilly. "Dennis O'Reilly? What does this mean?" he asked himself in puzzled speculation. "In this a mere coincideuce, or am I on the verge of an important discovery?"

Mrs. Maynard interrupted his medi-

tations. "It is the man who claimed to have a knowledge of Annie Dupont's history, is it not, Mr. North? The name certainly seems familiar to me, as if I had heard it recently."

"Why, yes," answered North, too much bewildered by this unexpected turn of events to consider his words very carefully, "he is certainly the man; but why does he come here? And why should he inquire for you?"

"These are questions that I might more naturally ask of you." said Mrs. Maynard, a little coldly, as she regarded North with a glance of surprise. "Is he not acting upon your instructions? I understood you to say, a few days ago, that you had seen this man and had taken measures to gain possession of his pretended evidence. Have you decided to abandon that investigation, in view of our recent disaster in New York?

There was almost the suggestion of a refined sneer in these last words. Had North been attending to them he would have detected the subtle sarcasm and also the desperate pain that forced it from her: but his mind was at that moment otherwise absorbed. Mrs. Maynard's words had let in a flood of light upon the mystery that had been perplexing him. Dennis O'Reilly's ap-pearance there was fully accounted for. "Another singular throw of the dice." he said to himself, with grim satisfaction, "and, as usual, it is in my favor. I had actually almost forgotten this man who was the real cause of my coming to X-, and I had no very san-gains expectations of being able to find him, my efforts in that direction thus far having totally failed; and behold, he turns up without an intervention or purpose of mine. all ready to play Noil's game right into my hardel Well, I



THAT NAME WAS DENNIS O'REILLY.

gave a prompt and enthusiatic affirma tive to this question.

"What do you understand to be the terms of our agreement?" continued North, determined to know his ground perfectly before he ventured upon any personal negotiations with the man, "We've both agreed to do something, 18 CAD't 1007"

This at least was within the scope of Dennis' instant comprehension. His ruddy face glowed as he responded emphatically: "Thrue for you, sorr. An' it's missiff

as wull kape me worrud about that same.

"Of course, Dennis, of course; you will keep your word and I shall keep mine. Now, what was it that you agreed to do for me? Let us be per fectly sure, before we go any further, that we understand each other." The expediency of this precaution seemed to recommend itself to Dennis

at once, and he proceeded to do his ut-most toward establishing that desirable mutual understanding.

"Wuil, sorr," he began, looking ro flectively at North, "it was all along of the sthir made about Annie Dupont, an thim lawyers in New York puttin' so much in the papers about her, an' me knowin' the whoile what a dale o' throuble had been caused by me own cousin Patrick O'Gorman's wife; for who ud it he but Ann Murphy herself, before the praste made her Ann O'Gorman (bad luck to me cousin Patrick when he did that same!) who was housekeeper an' me the coachman for the misthress an' the swate young leddy as was Annie Dupont, sorr, an' niver knew

The narrative becoming slightly inthus far with intent look fixed upon the speaker, interposed. "I don't understand what you are

talking about, Dennis," he said, a little impatiently, "but I gather from what

"Indade, thin." he exclaimed, sudden-ly radiant with triumph, "it was soon little Joseph was but cleven years of after St. Patrick's day, for I remember that poor Teddy died of a brick-bat in the hands of one of the byes, which same was nivir mint for Teddy at all, at all, but for the blatherin' perliceman that was makin' himsilf troublesome to the byes in the purade."

"St. Patrick's day?" repeated North. Then it is nearly a year since Patrick told you. Have you talked to enyone about the matter during this time?"

"Nivir a bit, sorr, till the day whin yer honor heard me tellin' Jim Nolan about it." "Was that before or after you had

written to Hunter and Ketchum, of New York, offering to give them this information?" The question was asked sterply, and

North's face was equally storn as he spoke. Dennis started as if he had been shot,

and his eyes grew more round than ever in his astonishment and dismag He was beginning to stammer out some answer, when North coolly added: "Don't lose your senses, now, nor at tempt to evad my question. I happen to know all about that little affair, and wish to know whom you communicated with first: for it is pretty evident that you have been accommodating enough to offer yourself to both parties. Come, now, to my question again. Was

t before or after you had written to llunter and Ketchum?" Dennis had not yet recovered from the confusion into which he had been thrown on being thus suddenly confronted with his double dealing; but he

answered, humbly: "It was after, yer honor." [TO BE CONTINUED.]

Delicate Italian Rings. Rings of Italian workmanship are re-markably beautiful, says the Detroit Free Press. Venice particularly ex-celled in this art. In the Londesborough olloction is a fine specimen. The four claws of the outer ring, in open work support the setting of a sharply pointed pyramidal diamond, such as was then coveted for writing on glass. The shank bears a fanciful resemblance to a serpent swallowing a bird, of which only the claws connecting the face remain It was with'a similar ring in sight. Raleigh wrote the words on a window "kain would I climb, but that] pane: fear to fall," to which Queen Elizabeth added: "If thy, heart fail thee, climit not at all," an implied encouragement which led him on to fortune.

> Cracks Really. "His voice has unusually fine timbre. "Yes-but it's so brittle,"-Fuck

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age he built a small boat with cork in the bow and stern, which has been called the first lifeboat built in Amertrade that a good deal of cheap tea dust goes into sugar-coated pills of one ica. The unsinkable rowboats made kind or another, in place of quinine, by him when he was quite a young man were bought by England, Russia and Brazil. In 1842, Mr. Francis succeeded for example. It is well known that r great deal of tea dust is used to color new whisky and give it an appearance

of age.

in completing his corrugated iron water-tight car, but it was not until January 12, 1850, that its great efficiency as proved. On that occasion the Brit ish ship Ayrshire came ashore at Squan Beach, N. J., with 200 souls on board.

The life car was taken out and made Japans and Formosa teas wholesaling about forty trips, saving every one, at twenty or twenty-five cents a pound. with the exception of a man who at-tempted the ride on the outside and was The Ceylon teas range from fourteen to forty cents wholesale, with fancy washed off. Three years ago Mr. Fran-cis was presented by President Harri-

son with the gold medal which had been voted to him by congress.

-The majority of traveling men sleep head foremost on a well-ballasted road and feet foremost on a road where the cars sometimes run on the track and sometimes on the ties. It is much pleasanter to sleep headfirst, as it were, because it prevents that swellhead feeling which results from too much blood being forced in the direction of the brain. But in case of an accident it is very much pleasanter to sleep the other way. Nature did not provide the human neck with as many with grades of imported tea somewhat joints as that of a giraffe or ostrich. below medium quality. They believe and when a train suddenly comes to a that the thing cannot be done. Climate standstill and the whole force of the and the cost of labor are both against collision comes on the top of the skull, the feeling is unpleasant. On the other it, and the fine art of adulteration is also in favor of the foreign grower. hand the knees have a kindly tendency Indian teas, which have greatly into "give" on the occasion of the colliscreased in popularity of late years, are ion, and hence, if a man is sleeping feet first he is less liable to accident if grown with labor that costs from four to six cents a day. Nobody knows how the train stops suddenly. -More than one-half of all the oil of

the heart of the Chinese tea-growing peppermint, spearmint and tansy used in the world is said to be procured and distilled in Michigan. The center of where the tea-growing experiment has where the tea-growing experiment has the industry is St. Joseph county. Pep-permint plants to the weight of 15,000 tons when dried are cultivated every heen most persistently tried, is any-where from three to ten times the cost of labor in Ceylon and India. But it was discovered long ago that much of the labor in tea culture could be per-formed by machinery and that many of the manipulations to which the Chlyear in the state. From these the es-sential oils are distilled. Early in the spring the roots are planted in furrows or the manipulations to which the Chi-ness tea producers have cling for cen-turies may be omitted altogether with-out detriment to the product. The tea-growing experimenters of South Caro-lina have great hopes from the application of American energy and invention to this ancient employment. -N. Y. Sup. from two to three feet apart. A few weeks later the rows meet and cover the entire ground. In September the plants mature. They are then corered with fragrant purple blossoms and the time has arrived for mowing. After lying in the sun to dry they are -N. Y. Sun. raked into heaps and taken to the dis-tilleries, of which there are about 150 "One question, dear, before I say yes in the state. It is estimated that 350 in the state. It is estimated that 350 pounds of dried perperminin plants pro-duce one pound of oil. The yield per acre is 15 pounds of oil. Distilled per-permint brings from \$1.25 to \$5 per powad in the home market. to your offer of marriage." said the Chisago maiden. you pay?"-Judg.

druggists and by dealers in whisky. ring .- Chicago Tribune. There is an unkind suspicion in the ter

WILLING TO MAKE A SACRIFICE.

When the Summer Days Comes This Man Won't Ask, "Is it Hot Enough?" "I'll tell you what I'm willin' to do, even if it breaks a leg," said a man on the rear platform of a Woodward Are-

nue car to a fellow passenger the other day. "All of us orter be willin' to do After the tea dust comes various cheap grades of Japan, Congou, Young what we can fur each other, no matter Hyson and Amoy, wholesaling at if it does hurt our feelin's or cost a few twelve or thirteen cents a pound. Then dollars there are other Young Hysons and

"Well, what are you willing to do?" Free Press man asked. "It'll be awful hot weather bimeby." 'Yes'

"Hot 'nuff to fry the tar right out of an iron hitchin' post." "Perhaps."

qualities as high as eighty cents a pound. Some of the fancy Young Ily-sons and Formosas wholesale at from 'You'n me will probably meet som sivty to eighty cents, and a Chicago day when things is jest boilin'. We'll firm has been retailing fancy brands as high as three dollars a pound. Dealers be sweatin' and moppin' and gaspin' fur breath, but I'm willin' to do this. down-down smile at such prices as this If you won't ask if it's hot 'nuff fur last and say that there is really no me, I won't ask if it's hot 'nuff fur you. See? We both suffer and suffer better tea in this market than some that may be retailed at one dollar a and don't say nuthin I'm no hog. pound. As a matter of fact the finest The man who sizes me up fur one gits China teas do not leave the country and left. You needn't say nuthin' to no-body about it, but that's just what I'll probably would not endure transportado fur you, and I don't care how much The down-town skeptics say that I'm damaged. American tea must compete, if at all,

And he took a bottle from his pocket, held it to his lips until a full-sized "swig" had time to pass down his throat and restored it, with the remarks "Yes, durn my hide, I'm willin' to acrifice and I don't want no praise fur it, either. Even if you do ask me if it's hot 'nuff fur me, I'll purtend I didn' hear you and give you all the advantage. Got to git off? Keep man and watch fur yours truly about the first much less may be the price of labor in of August. He'll be thar, and he'll sacrifice."-Detroit Free Press.

Preferred the Old Style.

A traveler on the Nile lately came across an American who was in charge of a gang of natives employed in mak ing excavations. Long lines of men were scraping up the earth with their hands, placing it in baskets, and then carrying it on their heads to dump into the Nile, just as they did in the days of Mose. "Why do you, an enterprising American, work in this way? Why don't you get shovels and wheelbar-rows?" asked the traveler. "I have shovels and wheelbarrows," replied the contractor, "but the men will not use them. Their ancestors worked in this way in the days of Rameses, and, in spite of all' my efforts, they insist on working to now. Shovels and wheel-"Ask it, my precious one." "In case of divorce, what alimony do they absolutely refuse to touch "-

Golden Days.

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