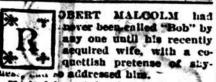
Howells, in Harper's ******* **Speumstantia**

Evidence." BY ESTHER MAYNES.



He had known her but a short time when he was her. And now, at the end of six blissful months, he was sitting in his spiendid library, per-plexed and miserable, and gloomily eyeing the embers of a grate fire and trying to persuade bimself that the shadow which threatened to wrech h's future could be explained away if only he had the courage to ask her.

On coming home that afternoon he had gone to the sitting-room and had found 't empty. Turning to leave, he saw a piece of note paper lying on the iloor, as though it had been brushed of her desk as she rose in a hurry. In stooping to replace it, his eye caught the two words, "Dear Tom." Dear Tom! Could it be that there was a deat Tom in her life of whom he knew

nothing? The letter read: "Dear Tom-If I were to be asked why I am writing to you I should have to admit that I am yielding to an impalse. My whole life has been made up of impalses, and I never battled with them but once-alas, the very time I should have yielded. You know well what I mean, that night you renounced me, renounced me while your blood was on fire with love for me, which I knew and feit and revelled in. when your eyes, dumbly, begged me to refuse to be renounced and your lips told me it would be better to part. Ah. if I had only yielded then to the impulse to tell you I loved you well enough to share your poverty and the task of caring for your poor, helpless father! How well I remember that delightful, cruel summer in

Dorking. You came, dear, and you stepped into my heart with that first smile on your brave sunny face. Then, afterward, Aunt Sarah, when I told her of tonas: "I congratulate you upon your again of my literary venture." discrition. It is a fitting thing that you thoul I marry Tom Spencer and 1-t your early poverty be merged into a busky whisper: middle-aged and elderly poverty. As Tom Spencer's wife you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you have before you such a life as your mother has led, only interstified, since your life will be examinered by his helples, parafytic old father.

"Tom, Cear, do not ntterly despise me when I tell you that her words had Malcoln happened on the following: their weight. I ald not fear the pov-erty, for I knew you were bound to Spencer, an old and respected citizen

"Tom Spencer-Tom Spencer-where have I seen or heard that name?" she queried softly, as if to herself. "I certainly don't know any Tom Spen-cer, but I balleve I havy heard that "And now, you dear, cross orre, are there any more conundrums for me? Because, if you have finished, I will

so and dress for dinner." He laughed and watched her disap-A month passed, and during this time

Robert Malcolm tried to detect a flaw in his wife's devotion to justify him in the doubt which would creep in whenever he thought of the letter. But It was in vain that he sought an explanation in her manuer. There was nothing about her to sugrest that, wealth had palled upon her, or that without poverty and Tom Spencer her life was a binnk. , She was as ever airlly affectionate, daintily tyrannical, dippant and serious in one breath. with that "infinite variety" which was her greatest charm. One night when they had returned from a dance, he decided to make a full confession to her and to ask her for an explanation She had thrown herself into an easy chair and looked even fairer than us-

usl. Making a final effort, he began, and rapidly he told her all-ail about the letter, his doubts and despair and the unhappiness he felt whenever he thought of the matter. While he was talking she was looking down and twisting the rings on her slender fingers. When he finished she looked up

at him with a slow, amused smile creeping over her face. "Now I understand those questions you asked me about Tom Spencer. Yes, that was the name-and I know why the name seemed familiar to me."

"Well, what of Tom Spencer? Who is he?" "He is a creature of my own imagination, and once having created Thomas, I straightway forgot him. When you asked me that day I wondered where I had heard the name."

"What do you mean?" he demanded. "Only this, Bob-but first you must promise not to laugh at me." She stopped, looked at aim anxiously. He nodded impatiently, and she went on. "Some time ago I conceived of being literary. I thought out a story and de-

cided that I would depart from the daual moutine and have it told in a series of letters. You got hold of the our betrothal, said in her icy, sneering away that day, and never thought He drew her up to him and then,

with his arms around her, he asked in "Adele, will you forgive me?"

For answer she put her arms round his neck and then replied sofily: "If you'll promise never to doubt me again."

The promise and the forgivances were consummated in one long kiss. A week later, in a local paper Robert

CHILD JEN WHO TELL LIES.

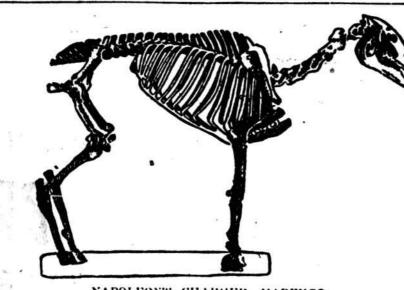
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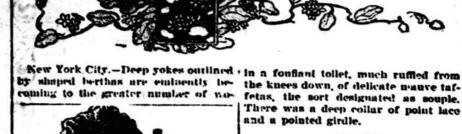
When a Japanese child tells hes he is punished by having to,sit under a shower bath until the lies are washed away. As in the Italian peasant homes, the Japanese of the poorer class always has a little shring in his house in which is enthroued one of the Seven Gods of Riches, or a family saint. Every morning he makes an offering of a cake, a little rice and a sprig of green, and every night he lights a little lamp in front of it. In Japanese worship, ablutions play a large part, and the boy shown in our illustration, having indulged in the luxury of many lies, is undergoing a process of purification.

SKELETON OF MARENGO, NAPOLEON'S FAMOUS CHARGE."

Here is the skeleton of Marengo, Na- , ed aisles. The object of a recent inpoleon Bonaparte's famous charger, vention is to provide a chair which which is now in the Royal United will materially enable the public to Service Institution, in London. The escape promptly in case of fire or and the fact that the closing is made in plain color. As shown, the sleeves mortal remains of Marengo are divided emergency. Side frames of the chairs invisibly at the front commends the are pointed, but round ones can be between France and England, the skin are placed in rows and parallel to each of the famous horse being in the mill- other, each of which serves for the tary museum at the Invalides, having attachment of a folding seat and a



sued last March, while the bones are sent is turned up alongside one side in London. After the defeat of Na- frame. The hinged back closes in front poleon at Waterloo Lord Petre ob- next to it. A spring engages with the tained possession of Marengo and sold edge of the back, preventing it from him to General Angerstein. The ani- accidentally dropping. The seat being mal was well cared for and petted in folded toward the back, the latter is his old age, and on his death the skel- free from connection with the next



The Anti-Frechle Hat. The bat for sunshiny weather, no

matter what may be shown in the miliners' windows, should not be one that tilts back off the face, nor up on one side, but should be on - that is equally and sufficienly br ad-briamed to shade the face on bot's sides. Fair and clear-skinned women freekle more readily than others, and, therefore, they should be doubly cautions.

Reeriveres in Valle.

Some effective gowns are designed of white volle, trimmed with innumemple tiny satin ruches of the painst pluk or blue. These are used to decorate the flornces on the skirt, and are reneated again on the bodice, the ceinthre being of soft satin of the same color.

Kimone Dressin Sarque.

Moir- is Pounter.

Moire shows signs of coming ponnlerity and will doubtless have a front clace in the antumu materials. Moire men, and are seen upon the latest and ribbon and moire silks are already bemost fashionable waists. The very ing considerally used for trimming in charming model illustrated shows a Paris, and occasionally moire costs yoke of tucked monescline combined or costumes are made of the silk, with waist and bertha of crepe de which, like the faille, has gained great-

chine, the little frills being narrow ly in softness and grace. lace and the trimming bands of silk. which are enriched by French knots, When liked, the lining can be cut

No other form of dressing sacque is quite so comfortable and satisfactory away beneath the yoke, giving a transas the kimono. This one is peculiarly narent effect, and many combinations in material might be suggested. The attractive and is made of light weight bertha is an executionality eraceful one, | wash flannel, with bands of wash silk

A LATE DESIGN BY MAY MANTON.



Household

Ruarding Mat Always keep matches in boxes well out of reach of little fingers, and many a fearful death and bad bura will then be avoided.

Chain Battle Cleaner The really ideal bottle cleaner is undoubtedly of chain. By shaking the chain around inside the bottle anything adhering to its sides must be removed. Attached to the chain is a brush to be used in cleaning the stopper.

A Kitchen Apres.

An excellent kitchen apron is made of unbleached muslin. This is superior to the ginghams and seersuckers more generally used, for the reason that it. can be thoroughy boiled and thus disinfected of all possible microbes. A few washings give it a snowy whiteness, which adds very much to the daintiness of the cook's appearance.

Bed Comfortables.

The down and cotton comfortables. which it is wise to keep "handy" for cool nights, should be provided with a slip cover, which can be builtoned or tied together. Made of plain white muslin it looks delightfully cool, and can be washed every week as readily as a sheet. This simplifies the problem of having the comfortable always fresh and sweet without laborious cleaning at home or an expensive visit to the "dry-cleaner's."

Clean the Refrigerator.

A triple house cleaning every week is none too much for the refrigerator. A wise provision is to arrange it for the days on which the ice is to be renewed. Remove everything, wipe walls and shelves with a damp cloth, then rab with coarse, dry towel. Pour scalding water, in which a bit of washing sode has been dissolved, down the waste pipe. Fellow it with a cold stream and permit the refrigerator to stand open and empty a few minutes till thoroughly cooled. Five minutes' work three times a week is all that is required to keep this part of the larder in perfect sanitary condition.

How to Make Tes.

Tea should be bought in small quantities and kept in an sir-flight tea caddic.

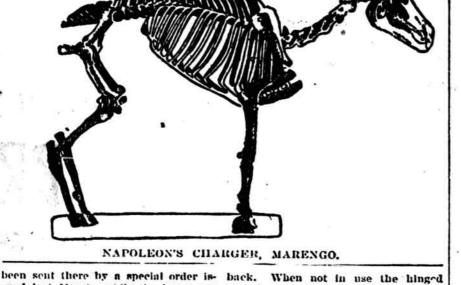
The water used for making tea should be freshly boiled, because below the boiling point the stimulating property (tueine) is not extracted. Ten should always be infused, and never permitted to boil. Long steeping extracts the bitter principles (tannic acid) destroying entirely the delicate flavor. and aroma.

First scald the teapot, dry it, then add the proportions of one level teaspoon of tea to one cup of bolling water; let infuse four or live minutes. If too strong, add more boiling waler: if not of sufficient strength, add more tea; do not attempt to get the strength by longer steeping .- Men and Women,

Getting Rid of Pests.

Rats and Mice-Peppermint sprigs faid around shelves and places these pests frequent will drive them away. Chloride of lime sprinkled about is also effective.

Ants and Roaches-Powdered borax scattered in their baunts is a "sure cure." One teaspoonful of tartar emetic mixed with one teaspoonful of



not hampered in your career by your The deceased had long been a sufferer father. I knew you vere fond of him, from paralysis, but his death was unand that while he lived you would keep expected. He leaves one son, Mr. him with you-that even I could not Thomas Spencer, with whom he lived, influence you to send him away. So, to mourn his loss." when you told me we had better part, I offered up protestation. I knew your heart was aching and that you needed comforting words from me. I knew I that when a medical candidate has had only to speak one word to break passed his examination with distinc down the barrier and have you take tion, and the doctor's degree is con me to your licart forever. I did not ferred sub auspicils regis, he should speak that word. Though my heart receive from the Emperor of Austria cried out to you, I could not tell you (King of Hungary) a ring bearing the that I loved you well enough to share initials "F. J." set in brilliants. After your burden. I did not speak that a certain time he is admitted to preword. I am married now. My husband loves me, and I am rich beyond ereign. In connection with this cusmy fondest expectations. I have all tom a curious problem recently exerthose things which my luxurious and clsed the mind of a young doctor who expensive tastes craved-yet I am not happy. This is indeed my farewell. dear one. You know now-every word present himself before the Emperor, he in this letter has told you-what you are to me. You will not misunderstand-you will not come to me. It is over, Tom, and----

Here the writing ended abruptly. Robert Malcolm was a loyal man. and though the evidence was against her, he refused to believe his wife guilty of all that the letter implied. fle told himself, that if he dared to ask her for an explanation she would give it, and it would be satisfactory. To ask her to confess a dishonorable act was also to coufess a lack of confidence in her.

While he was sitting there the door opened noiselessiy. A slight girlish figure stole across the thick carpet and behind his chair. Two soft small hands were clasped before his eyes and a voice whispered: i "Guera who it is!" Ilis heart gave a great bound and

he took the hands down and kissed

them. Finally, as if satisfied with what he saw, be asked: "Have you been shopping?" She seemed surprised at the trivial question following so closely upon the scrutiny she had undergone, and said "Is that all, Mr. Bluebeard? Gracious, how you scared me. I expected to hear you say in sepulchral tones, 'Woman, there is guilt in your facewhere have you hilden the body? And instead, after that soul-searching gaze, you ask the commonplace question in commonplace tones, 'Have you

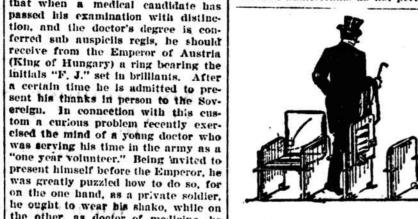
been shopping?" With a sigh of content and love and relief he threw his arms round her and drew her to him for a moment. Then she seated herself opposite him in a low chair, where the firelight fell on her face, bringing out all its charm.

In the magnetism of her presence her husband became almost happy once more-until the memory of that letter came back to sting him. Suddenly he asked her:

"Adele, were you ever in Dorking?" Swered: an al ... an other

of this city, died yesterday afternoon. stein.

Problem of Medical Etiquette. It is an ancient custom in Hungary



the other, as doctor of medicine, he should carry his hat under his arm. In his perplexity he sought counsel of his colonel, who after careful consideration, delivered himself of the fol-"If the Emperor speaks to you in FOLDING THRATER CHAIR.

German, which is the regulation lanthe rapid emptying of their occupants, guage of the army, you must regard yourself as a plain one year volunteer, and you will therefore keep your shako on you bead. But should his Imperial Majesty address you in Hungarian, this means that he sees in you a doctor of medicine rather than a sol dler, and you must therefore uncover your head."-London Globe.

lowing opinion:

Cheeps, the Trained Cat.

A man who lives out near Takoma Park has a cat which, he maintains, is twice as intelligent as a dog and quite as trainable. "You shall see," he said the other

night, "that Cheeps will follow me wherever I go. Cheeps loves me, and is not happy if separated from me. "Cheeps!" he shouted. "Kitty, kitty! Come, Cheeps."

Cheeps came. "You see, don't you?" said the man proudly. "Cheeps will now follow me. To heet, Cheeps, to heel." We strolled along and presently the

man's wife said: "Bob, where's your cat?"

48 "Following me," said Bob.

We all turned. Cheeps wasn't following. Cheeps had gone back home and was asleep on the front porch Cheeps was a cat and not minded to tag after anybody .-- Washington Post

Austrian School Gardens. It is said that no fawet than 7769 school gardens exist in Austria, not including the sister kingdom of Hun-

gary. They are connected with both private and public schools, and are She opened wide her eyes and an- used for purposes of practical instructian in horticulture and tree growing. fore she arrives,"-Illustrated Bits.

cton was presented to the Royal United side frame, thus affarding numerous Service Institution by General Anger- comparatively free passageways. It is possible, though not desirable, by employing this style of chair, to entirely

FOLDING CHAIR FJR THEATRES. dispense with the middle and side passages or alsles.

The chairs commonly used in theatres and auditoriums do not permit of



O'er the Globe in a Canne, Two men started from British Columbia over three years ago in a dugout cance to sail the whole distance to London by way of Cape Horn. They have reached the Azore Islands, and are, now on the last stage of their long journey. The boat, which is named the Tillikum, was made by an Alaskan Indian in 1843.

Pennsylvania Coul.

The average annual production of anthracite coal in Pennsylvania has been between 65,000,000 and 75,000,000 tons, but for the last three years the average has been only 59,000,000 The average production of bituminous coal has increased from 111,000,00C in 1900 to 284,000,000 during 1903.

Neglecting the Rhine. Cologne newspapers complain that tourists are neglecting the Rhine, and they suggest that the high prices prevailing in the hotels have a good deal to do with this,

the only egress being in a transverse A Fifeshire Scot not only stole flow direction, resulting in the summediate ers from a grave, but won a prize with ongestion of the entirely too contract- them at a flower show.

ENGLISH HUMOR.



PROGRESSIVE HOUSEKEEPING.

Jones (from next door)-"What the deuce does all this mean?" Smith (whose wife is away)-"Oh! Nothing much. You see, the wife is coming home to-night, so I'm just getting things spick and span for her beentire waist to the greater number of substituted whenever preferred. Again, the joke can match the band in place womankind.

of the kimono when that combination The waist consists of the fitted lining, full fronts and back with the drop is liked. In addition to the light weight wools, Oriental cotton crepes and all yoke and the bertha. The sleeves are wide and full, gathered into cuffs that washable materials are eminently appropriate, and, in place of the bands are shaped in harmony with the yoke. being plain and the material figured, At the waist is a full, soft belt of the material can be plain and the silk held by an ornamental buckle. bands of any pretty figured silk or rib-The quantity of material required bon that may be chosen. for the medium size is four and one-The kimono consists of full fronts half yards twenty-one inches wide, and back, which are joined to the yoke four yards twenty-seven inches wide. and is finished with a collar and band or two yards forty-four inches wide.

cut in one piece. The sleeves are in with one yard of tucking for yoke and one piece each and slightly full at the shoulders. The quantity of material required Radiam-Hurd Gowns. A white cloth gown of radium hue in the medium size is four and three-

seen at the fete of St. Cloud, whither all the remaining world of Paris flocked the other day to witness the ballooning of the Aero Club, was trimmed in vandyke points all around the blouse walst and on the balloon sleeves. The cuffs were charmingly contrived from frills of lace.

cuffs.

A girdle of the striped silk fitted over the pleated skirt, whose fullness hung from a perfectly cut plain yoke. At the same fete a much admired tollet of white linen was embroidered in pale green and trimmed with narrow frills of lace about the round shoulder, collar and caveller cuffs.

Either of these costumes would be a charming model upon which to build an early autumn gown .- Utica Tribune

That taffetas as a trimming material as well as one for entire costames. is yet on the top wave of popularity. was to be seen at this same function. The Duchesse de Bassano was in dark green cloth, with girdle and pleated bows of this silk. The Comtesse de la Ribolsiere was in pastel gray cloth, with taffetas effectively introduced amid the wealth of embroidery. The

Comtesse de Montsaulnin was in the four yards twenty-seven inches wide, same delicate color, with strappings or three and one-half yar is thirty-two of taffetas. The hostess herself was inches wide, with one and seven-eight sowned with exceeding becomingness yards in any width for bands.

sugar, and put where ants are troublesome, will drive them away in a day. Fleas-These may be driven away by scattering either lime or cayenno pepper in the places which they frequent. Oll of pennyroyal is also good. Moths-These may be prevented by the use of moth-balls, or bags made of crushed lavender and lemon-verbena with clover and other purgent spice. Powdered borax, camphor and cedar dust are all effective.

Flies and Mosquitoes-The best preventive is tight screens and constant. vigilance. Mosquitoes dislike lavender and green walnut. Fly paper is made as follows: Take equal parts of melted resin and castor oil, and spread while warm on strong, thick paper. Or use four ounces of quassia ships boiled in one pint of water. When cold strain, then add water to make one pint, and two onnees of alcohol. Sweeten with sugar, and pour in saucer .- Woman's Home Companion.



Stewed Mushrooms-Flood the chafing dish with really good olive oil. Put in a teaspoonful of paprika and a pinch of salt. Drop in the mushrooms after having staiked and peeled them. black part uppermost. Cover up and listen to the appetizing sizzling for seven minutes. They should then be done to a turn.

Stewed Mutton With Macaroni-Cut a half to oue pound of multon into small pieces. Put a layer of carrots, turnips and celery into a saucepan, then a layer of meat, then seasoning and more vegetables. Add two quarts of water, bring to the boil, then simmer gently for one hour. Put in half a pound of macaroni and simpler till all is tender. Add seasoning to taste and serve in a deep dish.

Savory Rice-A very good dish for supper. Wash three ounces of rice and boil in half a pint of milk tin tender, add pepper and salt to taste. Butter a piedish, spread half the rice in it, sprinkle one onnee of grated cheese (Parmesan, if possible) on i., add the rest of the rice, scatter over it some more cheese, put butter on the top in small pieces, and brown in a quick oven.

Planked White Fish-Cican, split and season a three-pound fish; have ready an oakplank about an inch thick, and a little longer and wider than the fish; thoroughly heat the plank, lay on the fish, skin side down, brush with melted. butter and bake in a hot oven about twenty-five minutes. The fish may also be cooked under the flame in the gas range. When donc, brush with melted butter, garnish with parsley and lemon, and send to the table on the plank.



KIMONO DRESSING SACQUE.

eight yards twenty-one inches wide,