ESTABLISHED 1855.

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Synopsis of Preceding Chapters. Chapter I—Truxton King arrives in Edelweiss, capital of Graustark, and meets the beautiful niece of Spantz, a gunmaker. II—King does a favor fo Prince Robin, the young ruler of the country, whose guardian is John Tullis, an American.

march before the little prince, and that was all, so far as the review was con-

cerned. Mr. King saw the court in all its glory scattered along the shady Castle avenue-in carriages, in traps, in motors and in the saddle. His brain whirled and his heart leaped under the pressure of a new found interest in

If Truxton King had given up in disgust and fled to Vienna this tale would never have come to light. Instead of being the lively narrative of a young following day.

"I didn't know you'd changed your mind, sir," remarked Mr. Hobbs in surprise.

"Of course you didn't know it," said Truxton. "How could you? I've just changed it this instant. I didn't know it myself two minutes ago. No. sir. Hobbs-or is it Dobbs? Thanks. No.

"Oh, they are the nobility-the swells. They don't hang around the streets like tourists and rubbernecks sir," in plain disgust.

"I say, who is that just passingthe lady in the victoria?" King asked

"Whew! I thought she was the

queen." Hobbs went into details concerning

the beautiful countess. "I was just going to ask if you know anything about a young woman who

occasionally tends shop for William Spantz, he amorer," king finally asked. "She's Hobbs looked interested. quite a beauty, sir, I give you my any longer." She glanced uneasily out word."

"I know that, Hobbs. But who i she?"

"I really over a month. I think she's from War-

gunshop."

tered the little shop, ready to give a demanded sharply. cheery greeting to old Spantz and to broadsword. But it was not Spantz who stood behind the little counter. Truxton flushed hotly and jerked off

I'm looking for Mr. Spantz. I"-"He is out. Will you wait." She turned to the window, resuming the gone. wistful, preoccupied gaze down the

"Beg pardon," he said politely. wanted to have another look at the

supple gracefulness-she withdrew the

heavy weapon from the window and laid it upon the counter. "I am not-not what you would cal

an expert," she said frankly.

personal gaze. I hope you will excuse my ignorance

She was turning away with an air that convinced King of one thing-she was a person who in no sense had ever been called upon to serve others. "So I've heard." he observed. The bait took effect. She looked up quick-

ly. He was confident that a startled expression flitted across her face.

heard of me?" she demanded. Mr. King was inspired to fabricate in the interest of psychical research.

"I have heard that you are not the niece of old man Spantz." He watched intently to catch the effect of the declaration.

"You have neard nothing of the kind," she said coldly.

"Well, I'll confess I haven't," he ad mitted cheerfully. "It pleases me to deduce that you are not related to the armorer. You don't look the part." Now she smiled divinely. "And why

"In order to establish a line on which to base my calculations, would you mind telling me who your father is?" He asked the question with his most appealing smile, a smile so frankly im-

"My father is dead," she said seriously, "and my mother is dead. Now can you understand why I am living here with my uncle? Even an amateur may rise to that. Now, sir, do you expect to purchase the sword? If not



"That's what I came here for," said

pacity of Sherlock Holmes or something else." She added the last three words with unmistakable meaning. She was leaning toward him, her hands on the counter, a peculiar gleam

pected before. "I simply want to tell you, Mr. King, that unless you really expect to buy this sword it is not wise in you to make it an excuse for coming here."

"My uncle has a queer conception of the proprieties. He may think that



TAKE MY ADVICE-DO NOT PLAY WITH FIRE," HE SAID.

chat with shopgirls all the world over but in Edelweiss, no, unless they come to pay most honorable court to them. My uncle would not understand." "I take it, however, that you would

"I have lived in Vienna, in Paris and in London, but now I am living in Edelweiss. I have not been a shop girl always."

ed suddenly. "I must not talk to you tell." added, a certain wistfulness in her voice and eyes: "I couldn't help it today. I forgot my place. But you are he has for sale?"

niece, I've heard. Been here a little the first gentleman I've spoken to since I came here." When Spantz entered the door the girl was going listlessly from the window and Truxton King was leaning against the counter with his back He is a most excellent gentleman and

He was whistling gayly as he en- the other. "What do you want?" he "The broadsword. And, say, M

make him a temporizing offer for the Spantz, you might assume a different tone in addressing me. I'm a customer, not a beggar."

through the narrow door, without so much as a glance at King or the old man. Spantz was silent until she was

"You want the broadsword, eh?" he asked, moderating his tone considera "I bly. "It's a rare old"-

"I'll give you a hundred dollars-no yet over his resentment. There followed a long and irritating argument, to pass the time of day with William at the conclusion of which Mr. King became the possessor of the weapon at not to let the young man out of his

ently. "But you are leaving tomorrow, sir

"I've changed my mind." "Then you have discovered some thing in Edelweiss to attract you?

grinned the old armorer. "I dare say you're right. Clean that word up a bit for me, and I'll drop in tomorrow and get it. Here's 60

"Good day, Mr. King."

and delivered himself on a most impressive bow. "When so distinguished emperor called a council of his genervisitor comes to our little city," he said, "we lose no time in discovering vice of a crafty old mandarin the folhis name. It is a part of our trade

you," said Truxton King to himself as he sauntered up the street toward the hotel.

Mr. Hobbs, from Cook's, was at his elbow, his eyes glistening with eager

"I say, old Dangloss is waiting for you at the Regengetz, sir. Wot's up? Wot you been up to, sir?" "Up to-up to, Hobbs?"

or he wouldn't be there to see you.'

"Minister of police. Haven't I told you? He's a keen one, too, take my vord for it. I heard him ask for you." they started. "You can see," they con-He lost no time in getting to the hoing little man in a white linen suit was waiting for him on the great piazza. nan, but not to the point of procras-

puzzled American, smiling amiably and swirling his imposing mustache with neatly gloved fingers.

"I have called, Mr. King, to have little chat with you," he said abrupt ly. He enjoyed the look of surprise on the young man's face. "Won't you join me at this table? A julep will not be bad, eh?" King sat down opposite to him at one of the piazza tadeparted.

"Now, to come to the point," began the baron. "You expected to leave tomorrow. Why are you staying over?" tinguished powers of deduction," said Truxton gently. He took a long pull at the straw, watching the other's face as he did so. The baron smiled.

"You have found the young lady i the gunshop to be very attractive," observed the baron. "Where have you cnown her before?" "I beg pardon?"

"It is not unusual for a young man in search of adventure to follow the She came but recently, I recall." "You think I knew her before and followed her to Edelweiss?"

"I am not quite sure whether yo have been in Warsaw lately. There is ccount for." King became serious at once. He

saw that it was best to be frank with this keen old man. "Baron Dangloss, I don't know just what you are driving at, but I'll set

you straight, so far as I'm concerned. I never saw that girl until the day before yesterday. I never spoke to her until today." "She smiled on you quite familiar

ly from her window casement yesterday," said Dangloss coolly. "She laughed at me, to be perfectly candid. But what's all this about?" Dangloss leaned forward and smiled

"Take my advice-do not play with

ire," he said enigmatically. "You-you mean she's a dangerous person? I can't believe that, baron." "She has dangerous friends out in the world. She is Olga Platanova. Her mother was married in this city twenty-five years ago to Professor Platanova of Warsaw. The professor was executed last year for conspiracy. He was one of the leaders of a great revolutionary movement in Poland. They were virtually anarchists, as you have come to place them in America. This girl Olga was his secretary. His death almost killed her. But that is not all. months ago. He was a prince of the royal blood. He would have married her in spite of the difference in their stations had it not been for the intervention of the crown that she and her kind hate so well. The young man's affair. He was compelled to marry to scrawny little duchess, and Olga was warned that if she attempted to entice nim away from his wife she would be

cause she is a virtuous girl. Her uncle, Spantz, offered her a home." "Baron, are you sure that she is

nunished. She did not attempt it, be

red?" asked King. "Quite. She attended their councils. 'She doesn't look it, 'pon my word thought they were the scum of the

earth." "The kind you have in America are But over here-oh, well, we never can

"I'm much obliged. And I'll keep no harm in my going to the shop to look at a lot of rings and knickknacks

"Not in the least. Confine yourse to knickknacks, that's all."

"Isn't Spantz above suspicion?" "No one in my little world. By the way, I am very fond of your father.

a splendid shot." Truxton stared harder than ever What's that?" "I know him quite well. Hunted

wild boars with him five years ago in Germany. And your sister! She was a beautiful young girl. They were at Carlsbad at the time. Was she quite well when you last heard?"

"She was," was all that the wonder ing brother could say. The baron left the American stand ing at the head of the steps, gazing after his retreating figure with a look

of admiration in his eyes Truxton fared forth into the street that night with a greater zest in life than he had ever known before. A man with a limp cigarette between h lips was never far from the side of the American-a man who had stopped Spantz and who from that hour was sight until another relieved him of the

To be Continued.

A CHINESE STRATAGEM. Legend of How a Projected Invasion

Rajah Suran, who was one of the earliest rulers of India, overran the na, killed innumerable sultans with his own hand and married all their daugh ters. It is said that when the Chinese heard of his triumphant progress and learned that he had reached their frontier they became much alarmed. The als and mandarins, and upon the ad

lowing stratagem was carried out: A large ship was loaded with rusty nails, trees were planted on the deck the vessel was manned by a numerous crew of old men and dispatched to the rajah's capital. When it arrived-the most wonderful part of the story is that it did arrive-the rajah sent an officer to ask how long it had taken the The Chinamen answered that they had all been young men when they set sai and that on the voyage they had planthad grown. In corroboration of their story they pointed to the rusty nails which, they said, had been stout iron

The raigh was so much impressed by these plausible arguments that he conto reach China and abandoned his pro-

bars as thick as a man's arm when

Miscellancous Reading.

Use Them. Since the prime object in the use o all commercial fertilizers is to increase

bles in the shade of the great trailing production, they must be used either vines. A waiter took the order and to supply plant food directly or to so act upon the soil that a larger quantity general rule should govern: On rich of its nutritive elements will be at the disposal of the plant. In actual practice most commercial fertilizers com-"Baron, I leave that to your own dis- bine both effects. All the substances required by plants except three-nitrogen, phosphoric acid, and potash-are abundant in most soils. The chief function of nitrogen in

also of very great importance in the perfection of fruit. Nitrogen enters largely into the composition of plants and it follows that everything of vegatable origin is a valuable source of this substance. When vegetable matter is lady of his choice from place to place, burned, the nitrogen is released from its combination and escapes into the atmosphere and is lost. . The forms most important to the farmer of the south in which nitrogen is available are vegetable matter, the droppings of angap in your movements that I can't imals, cottonseed meal, bone meal, nitrate of soda, sulphate of ammonia, and up, permit the air to enter, and prethe products of the slaughter pen in what is known as tankage.

Next in importance as a plant food is phosphoric acid. It is largely required by the plant for growth, but is seed and is a great factor in hastening the maturity of crops. The form of farmer is known as acid phosphate. Potash is more directly effective in

promoting fruitage, but it is rarely very deficient in soils, and especially in soils grade acid phosphate, 14 per cent, may of the gulf states. It is found in be used. abundance in ashes. Commercially it is most cheaply obtained in the form of kainit.

ready mentioned are required in different quantities by different plants and since the soils vary in their supply, it is well for the farmer to know what his soil and plants need before investing his money in fertilizers. The practical way for the farmer to determine these facts is to observe the growth of the plants on his land. If the plants grow rapidly and make an abundance of leaf and stalk, it is evidence of a good supply of nitrogen. If there is not a proportionate amount of fruit, it is a sure indication that the soil needs phosphor-She had a sweetheart up to fifteen ic acid. On the other hand, if the plant has not a good color and tends to drop its fruit before it reaches a fair size. it indicates that the soil requires pot-

> Most of the soils of the south are deficient in both nitrogen and phoswhen we buy commercial fertilizers, we buy them for their content of these substances. If the farmer has saved all his manures and has grown cowpeas abundantly, as he should, he will rarely have to buy nitrogen.

> Commercial plant food, called "fertilizer," is never sold pure, but in combination with other substances. The substances with which it is combined are of no value to the farmer, but simply add to the weight. The laws of nearly all of the states now require that on each sack of commercial fertilizer shall be stamped just what plant food it contains. This composition is given in percentages, which means that in a hundred pounds of the fertilizer there are so many pounds of the particular substances. For example, a certain fertilizer is offered for sale on the sack of which is branded the following:

> Nitrogen ..... Soluble phosphoric acid. Reverted phosphoric acid Available phosphoric acid .....10 % Potash .....

Translated into terms of pounds,, this means that in a sack weighing 100 pounds there are-

Three pounds of nitrogen. Six pounds of soluble phosphoric Four pounds of reverted phosphori

plant food in a 100-pound sack. When a ton of such fertilizer is bought, the purchaser secures nitrogen, 60 pounds; soluble phosphoric acid, 120 pounds; reverted phosphoric acid, 80 pounds; and potash, 40 pounds. Notice that what is called "available" is the sum of the soluble and the reverted acid. In this fertilizer we obtain three things that are of use-3 pounds of nitrogen 10 pounds of phosphoric acid, and 2 pounds of potash to the hundred

If cottonseed meal, acid phosphate and kainit are used to make this fertilizer, it will require the following quantities for one ton of the mixture:

Cottonseed meal ... 690 Acid phosphate (15 % available) .....1,108 15 12 Kainit ..... 202

Ammonia is nothing but nitrogen in combination with another substance of no value. Inserting the ammonia in the formula is apt to deceive one who does not know the distinction. Remember that it is the pounds of plant food that are wanted, and not just a sack of stuff the majority of which is of no

Taking acid phosphates as an examole, we find that there is a great variation in their composition. Some run as low as 10 pounds of available phosphoric acid to 100 pounds, while pounds. As phosphoric acid generally sells at about 5 cents a pound, the former would be worth 50 cents a hundred, whereas the latter would cost 75 cents: In buying, then, it is economy to take the high grade goods, ever though they cost a little more. An average sample of cottonseed

meal contains the following percentages of plant food: · It is a bad practice to burn of fields and destroy vegetable matter; it is better to turn it under. The humus in vegetable matter has a value in soil

These prices are based on cottonseed meal, at \$25 per ton; acid phos-phate, at \$15; and kainit, at \$12; if the price of

renovation frequently greater than its

value as a plant food.

tain the following quantities of plant

food: ered as available, as the fermentation renders it so.

If fertilizers are used, the following lands use mainly fertilizers that will stimulate the fruit and not the stalk growth. On lighter lands use more of the elements to force growth, combined with others which will mature the fruit.

High grade 14 per cent acid phos

phate may be considered a basis for increasing fruit and hastening maturity of crops. Even on the richest land it has been demonstrated that a small acid phosphate gives better results. one part of cottonseed meal for cotton. A mixture of one part of cottonseed meal to two parts of high grade acid phosphate will greatly increase the growing condition and will be better

for medium soils Air-slacked lime is of value for use on stiff or gummy soils to loosen them vent a sour condition of such soils when too wet.

On thin or impoverished soils equal phosphate can be used to advantage. absolutely essential in the perfection of In case the foregoing can not be obtained, standard grade commercial fertilizers may be used. These should phosphoric acid most accessible to the contain in the mixture 8 to 10 per cent of available phosphoric acid, 2 to 3 per cent of nitrogen, and 11 to 2 per cent of potash, or on some lands a high

> On black waxy land the best practice is to have cotton follow a crop of cowpeas.

Where lands are greatly worn by years of cropping, more fertilizer should be used to the acre, and it should contain about equal parts of cottonsee meal and high grade acid phosphate. The beneficial effect of commercial fertilizers depends largely upon the presence of humus in the soil; hence the importance of using stable manure and plowing under green crops.

In applying the foregoing instructions the farmer must use considerable judgment and modify his practice where necessary to fit local conditions In the absence of a good machine apply the fertilizer as follows: Mark out the rows or bed-up, space

ing as specified in the circular of this series containing general instructions (Circular No. "A"-69), and distribute the fertilizer in rows. Follow after with a bull-tongue or scooter shallowly o mix the fertilizer thorough the soil. Bedding-up land is a precautio against a heavy rainfall after planting

In sections where there is no dange from excessive moisture, flat planting be necessary to plant a few inches below the surface. Seeds must have moisture, but they must be kept out of standing water in the soil. The fertilizer should be distributed several days before planting, as there

is danger of injuring the seed if

brought in immediate contact with

strong fertilizer. A very careful mixing of the fertilizer with the soil is except very rich waxy lands, it will pay to use commercial fertilizers somewhat liberally. Where as much as 400 pounds of fertilizer is used for corn we recommend two applications, one in the furrow before planting and an application

of from 150 to 200 pounds of cotton-

seed meal in the furrow when the corr Where lime is used scatter it broad cast when the land is plowed, using about 4 barrels of air-slacked lime per acre, or apply in the row about 2 barrels per acre a short time before plant-

S. A. Knapp.

"OLD HICKORY'S" NERVE.

Didn't Dance. a fighting age in which A only to fight at a moment's notice but also to meet his man on the field

of honor. It can easily be imagined that Andrew Jackson, with his excitable nature, his domineering manner and his habit of regarding every opponent as a personal enemy, was by no means the most peaceably disposed citizen of the new settlements of Tennes-

One day a iff, judge and jury. Twice Jackson ordered the sheriff to arrest the man and twice the sheriff was overawed by the desperado's threats and for-

"Deputize me. I'll arrest him my elf!" said Jackson, losing patience at last. The sheriff complied, and Jackson

midable appearance.

Bean afterward explained, "I looked him in the eye, an' I saw shoot, an' there hadn't been shoot in nary other self, says I, 'Ole hoss, it's about time to sing small,' an' so I did." On another occasion, while

ped by two rivermenhoasts it was that they were half alligator, "half horse, with snapping turtle' that he would have to dance for their edification. Jackson meekly answer captors would permit he wou giving the per-Nothing loath, Jackson accordingly opened

ice of these articles varies up or www. of course that of the ton of ferwn, of course that of the ton of fering! Dance, you devils! Dance!"
one pretends that one would die of London Saturday Review.

SOME FALLACIES OF FANCY. Men Pick Up Strange Ideas and Hold on to Them.

Most children brought up in the could hold one's breath for many times country believe that the trees make that number. the wind. A leading citizen declares the engineer had to steer the train to keep it on the track. A young writer, in his early childhood, believed that everything that went on in the world surface, which may be once or a hun- St. Paul. around him was a great theatrical performance, staged for his special benefit, says the New York Evening Post.

These are what we call fallacies from the Latin verb fallere, to deceive As the psychologists tell us, they come either by reasoning falsely from correct premises, or reasoning correctly from false premises. Most of them, especially children's, are by reasoning falsely from correct premises. Children are likely to have imagination percentage of nitrogen added to the The imaginative person wants to ex-Use three parts of acid phosphate and him in the most entertaining and attractive way. The matter-of-fact person, the hard-headed business man seldom has any fallacies. What he has are all decided by reasoning cor-

rectly from wrong premises.

The world is full of fallacies, entire ly apart from the great mass of superstitions, which in themselves form class. A little knowledge is a danger ous thing, and a superficial knowledge of the sciences will cause people to believe that the earth is cookie-shapquantities of cottonseed meal and acid ed (this fallacy is fairly out of date now), or that orchids live on air, or that salamanders can really live in fire. Other weird beliefs run a parallel course with the materia medica; for instance, that whooping cough can be cured by letting a piebald horse breathe on the child, or that measles can be cured by taking the child through three parishes in a day.

Weather is the subject of quantitie of absurd theories, among which some people rank first the idea that the gov ernment forecasters can predict it There is a belief that mild weather follows a mild December-an unpleasant augury, if true, for the present year There were those firings of cannon and exploding aerial bombs some years ago to make rain fall on the thirsty farm lands. We are even told now that our old pets, the equinoctial storms, are but creatures of the imagination.

History abounds in things which never happened. Wellington never ald, "Up guards, and at them!" at the battle of Waterloo. Dick Whittington never came to London with a domestic animal called a cat. William Tell never shot the apple off his son's head. and Horatius never defended the bridge. The old story about Lady Godiva has been absolutely disproved.

er turned out of the Garden of Eden. Cinderella is said to have worn gla slippers to the famous ball at which she made her reputation. In the old eastern version, she wore fur slippers The French translated it "pantoufle en vair," and the English translators mistook it for "pantoufle en verre." which is pronounced the same.

It is harder to unlearn a thing than

o learn it. People who have always slept with their windows shut and who ew their children up in clothes for the winter are almost beyond hope. A house in a good neighborhood uptown, when his tenants complained to him earned that they had their windows dren during a railway trip. open to sleep by said: "In Russia we ion't open them again till May." Tenement mothers think green banana and strong tea are good for three months-old babies, and you positively annot convince most of them that his is not so. (Well, fashions in baby culture change from year to year. At east some of us pretend to think soand there you have a pseudo-fallacy! How can you expect the tenement Up Little Ones" reverses half the feed-

ng rules of the sixth edition?) gent enough in this day and genera wireless, aeroplanes and automobiles; but you still occasionally see in the killed babies by sucking their breath. This is one way of saying that the cat, liking a warm place to lie, has jumped ed into the baby's bed and suffocated the occupant by lying on it. The avrage little baby is less in weight than from Luther. he average cat, and is scarcely cap-

When a woman opens a closet and a noth flies out she thinks, as a rule that the moth has been eating her of a young woman who, on being ask ed what she had given a captive moth to eat, said: "Oh, I gave it a bit of old rags!" Of course, the creature does its eating in the grub stage, and s harmless when it has become a flyng thing-save that it will produce

avenous progeny. The pendulum does not make the clock go. It merely makes it go even-

merging from locomotives and the

tops of tall buildings is steam which has begun to turn back into water. Nails and teeth of animals are not poisonous themselves. A scratch or bite from a dog or cat may prove so, but only because some impurity or germ has been deposited in the ugly wound which results. When a serpent bites he discharges a special poion, which is secreted, from glands. Many people think that a soft-boiled egg which has been allowed to cool

cannot be made hard by second boil-

Every time a workman falls from a ong fall. Our surviving jumpers from Brooklyn Bridge prove this, and that person retains consciousness is shown by the case of the English boy who fell down a pit some 250 feet deep and shouted, "Below!" three times on the way down. One theory is that a

the frain window, furthermore, one could fall from the top of the Singer building in six seconds, whereas one

The old tradition that a drowning that when he was a boy he thought person rises three times before he goes down sounds well in Carnegie meda stories, but is not true. A person rises as many times as he can get to the dred times, and he drowns when he is

> breathe. Dickens, in "David Copperfield," enouraged the fallacy that at the seaside, deaths always occur when the tide is going out. The analogy between one; but that is about all there is to Washington.

Wart lore is voluminous. It is said a hawthorn; that if a bag containing was banqueted and feasted. Proofs as many pebbles as one has warts be of his discovery were not asked for cossed over the left shoulder, it will because it is not customary to ask transfer the warts to the person who picks up the bag; that if one takes a piece of twine, make as many knots on it as there are warts, touch each bury the twine in a moist place, saying: "There is none to redeem it beside thee." the warts will disappear: and so on, ad infinitum.

Lord Bacon seriously wrote in one of his works how an intelligent and warts by rubbing them with a piece of meat, and nailing the meat up on window post in the sun.

These ideas are all absurd, nother health fallacy is extremely common though equally baseless, amely, that it is desirable for a baby healthy. Children grow fat on starchy foods, and these are not the ones that make strong people. The Lancet depatent baby foods, whose speciously dvertisements.

There is no such thing as a death Paul Dispatch. agony. People sometimes die in agony but the agony is a cause or a coincidence, not a result.

It is with tears that we discard the fine old notion that cats see better in the dark. They see better than we do, Mount Ararat was not a mountain, but no doubt; but that is not saying much. a region, and Adam and Eve were nevpernatural ring; but, as a matter of fact, has a good deal of truth at the bottom. Unseaworthy ships in the olden days were likely to be leaky and contain much bilge-water. The rats would naturally abandon such damp

quarters for a drier berth. To freeze a living thing means most minds to kill it. Yet all hardy plants can be frozen without being injured. So can many insects, if they are not broken while in that brittle Russian landlord of an apartment state. Punch once suggested even that human beings could be frozen without harm, and said that this would be a that the apartments were cold, and he convenient way of disposing of chil-

In South Africa, and also in parts of seal the windows up on October 1 and England and Wales, it is believed that a snake will not die till sunset, no mat

ter how religiously you hack at it. Diamonds will wear out, though to most people they are the symbol of indestructibility. They cut glass, to be sure, but they are worn down themselves in the process. An engagement ring, by the time the wearer is a bride. will be nicked around the edges.

Catgut is not made from cats at all. mother to stop feeding her baby beer but from sheep and horses. And, when the seventh edition of "Bringing speaking of music, it is not true that playing discords on a piano will put it out of tune. A person capable of play-That cats suck the breath out of ing discords habitually would unsleeping babies is an old absurdity that doubtedly be the sort to injure a piano lies hard. The human race is intelli- by hammering it indiscreetly. Playing harmonies on a piano or an instru-

Among popular quotations which are these: "God tempers the wind to the shorn lambs."-Sterne's "Sentimental Journey to Italy."

"In the midst of life we are in

death."-Burial service; originally

"Cleanliness akin to godliness."

old when Christ was born. Some other fallacies are these That the sun and moon are larger near the horizon than overhead.

That a green Christmas makes a fat

churchyard. That if you toss a coin ten times it comes "heads" every time it will be more likely to come "tails" the eleventh time.

Ravenous Eaters.

Touching the matter of eating, the stories told by the old chroniclers and historians of the abnormal appetites of ertain Roman and oriental men o

indigestion in his camp near Chalcis, in Syria, just as he was about to lead an army of Arabs against Constantinople. He had emptied two baskets of eggs and figs, which he swallowed alternately, and the repast was finished with marrow and sugar. In a pilgrimage to Mecca the same caliph had eaten with impunity at a single meal seventy pomegranates, a kid, six fowls, huge quantity of the grapes

Such a statement would defy belief were not others of a similar character well avouched. Louis XIV. could hardwould eat at a sitting four platefuls of different soups, whole pheasant, a partridge, a plate breathe, but a train at 60 miles an ful of salad, mutton hashed with garhour is moving faster than one would lic, two good sized slices of ham, move in falling 100 or so feet, and no repast with fruit and sweet ... ts.—

suffocation if he puts his head out of WHY DENMARK ACCEPTED COOK

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Maurice E. Egan Explains Why His Statements Were Accepted Why Denmark in general and Copenhagen in particular accepted the statements of Dr. Frederick A. Cook

that he had discovered the north pole,

was explained by Maurice E. Egan, United States minister to that country, who is making a brief visit in "The north pole is looked upon as so full of water that he cannot standing in the front yard of Denmark." Mr. Egan said. "Little Danish children are brought up on tales of exploration. To them the study of the arctic is like the study of fairy

tales to the children of America, or ebbing life and ebbing tide is a pretty of the study of the life of George "Americans are the most popular of foreign people in Denmark, and that a wart will leave a person if a when a reputable explorer, as Dr. lock of his hair is cut from the nape Cook was believed to be, arrived on plain the natural phenomena about of his neck without his knowing it; the Danish shore and announced he that a wart will result if a frog spit on had found the pole, the people met one; that warts may be cured by rub- him with acclaim and gloried in his bing them over with a black snail, conquest. His announcement touched which must afterward be impaled on the subject nearest their hearts. He

> for them. His statements were accepted without question. "Because of these conditions Dr. Cook's statements were accepted unwart with the corresponding knot and til the scientists made their report on his records. And, mind you, the scientists have not attempted to discredit his statements. They merely have said. 'We do not find proof that

he has reached the pole.' "If more data were brought, if Dr. on-superstitious woman, the wife of Cook should go to Etah and return an English ambassador, had cured his with the Eskimos, they would reopen the case and give him further hearing. The Danish people are gentle manly and unless the fact that Dr. of Cook had not reached the pole was course, and not very common now; but glaringly apparent, the scientists would not accuse him of lying."

Mr. Egan said the report that the king of Denmark was angered with to be fat because it will then be more him for inducing him to decorate Dr. Cook was untrue. "A New York paper printed a dis-

patch," he said, "which stated that clared as long ago as 1872 that fat King Christian was incensed because children were less able to resist dis- I had foisted Dr. Cook upon them. ease. That is why reputable doctors The truth of the matter is that King nowadays discourage the use of the Christian has been dead for three and a half years and that King Fredplump products smile from so many erich, who now rules the nation, did not decorate Dr. Cook at all."-St

SOUTHERN PUBLICITY WORK.

Railway Will Take Up Promotion of the South.

President Finley announces that the Southern railway will in the near fu-There used to be a belief that rats ture, through its land and industrial never went on a ship that was destined department, again enlarge the publicity

> general and special conditions. It is now felt that not only the bu conditions in the country, but the local situation in the southeast, warrant a larger campaign for the location of inand a general development work, that is the resumption in full of the com-

will be a larger use of the trade, agricultural and other newspaper and periodicals of the north and west, the publication of many special pamphlets. exhibits at many northern fairs, and larger work in northern Europe. The Southern has found that one of the best methods of publicity is in the exhibits of the products of its territory will be paid to this line of work. The south will be advertised in northern European countries by the circulation of specially prepared matter, and by the use of newspapers, in a way that is consistent with our immigration laws and as is permitted by the laws

of the respective countries. The Southern has maintained for land and industrial department, with headquarters in London, carry on the prosecution of active efforts to interest land seekers and investors from that side of the ocean in the south. The most thorough co-operation possible is to be given to local business and other organizations in the development of the various com-

munities along the Southern system.

EUROPEAN EGGS ARRIVE. About 80,000 Dozen Have Come, Each Egg Coated With Paraffin. For the first time in five years European eggs are now being imported

nto this country. The foreign eggs began to arrive several days ago and are still coming. They are all shipped by brokers from Hull, England, but were gathered originally from Austria. France and Germany. Up to Friday, the total receipts of the foreign eggs amounted to 900 cases,

holding upwards of 80,000 dozens. All the foreign eggs are coated on the outside of the shell with a secret compound of paraffin to preserve them. The coating is almost transparent, but it is so noticeable that foreign eggs may be readily distinguished by its presence from the domestic. The coating is not removed, so that the public in buying the eggs in the grocery stores will know if it is getting foreign or domestic products.

Arrangements for the movement of European eggs to New York were begun several weeks ago, when the fresh dozen at wholesale in this even storage eggs were up to 28 or 29 steadily declining, and yesterday the finest fresh gathered eggs were quoted the first grade of eggs in warehouses could be bought at 22 to 23 cents. The foreign eggs are sold at whole sale for from 23 to 24 cents. The duty on the foreign eggs is 5 cents a doze and the shipping charges about 4 cents

are flooded with eggs, and the extreme ly low prices abroad enable the ship-pers to pay the 9 cents for duty and reight and make a profit in New York.

Dealers who are handling the European eggs say that the foreign preserving process maintains a fre flavor than is obtained by the Amer-

ican plan of keeping the eggs in ice.

New York Sun.

CHAPTER III. Many Persons In Review. Truxton King witnessed the review of the garrison. That in itself was rather a tame exhibition for a man who had seen the finest troops in all the world. A thousand earnest looking soldiers, proud of the opportunity to

gentleman's adventures in faraway Graustark, it might have become a tale of the smart set in New York, for, as you know, we are bound by tradition to follow the trial laid down by our hero, no matter which way he elects to fare. He confided to his friend from Cook's that he could never have forgiven himself if he had adhered to his resolution to leave on the

sir, I'm going to stop here for a-well, a week or two. Where the dickens do these people keep themselves? haven't seen 'em before."

abruptly. "That is the Countess Marlanx."

saw." nothing on for tomorrow we'll visit the castle grounds and-ahem!-take a look about the place. Come to the toward her, his arms folded and a notel early. I'm going over to the

his hat. The girl smiled. "I bez pardon," he exclaimed. "I-

Very quickly-he noticed that she went about it clumsily despite her

"What's the price?" he asked, his courage faltering under the cool, im-"I do not know. My uncle has told you. I am quite new at the trade. My uncle will be here in a moment

"You have heard? What have you

not, pray? His sister was my mother. pudent that she could not resent it.

Graustark **GEORGE BARR M'CUTCHEON** 

ne, resenting her tone and the icy look she gave him "I gathered that you came in the ca-

in her dark eyes, which now for the first time struck him as rather more keen and penetrating than he had sus-

"My dear young lady, I"you come to see me. Young men may



inderstand," he said boldly.

"I can believe that. My deductions are justified." "My uncle is returning," she remarkupon the square and then hurriedly my eyes well opened. I suppose there's

nost impatient frown on his face. Spantz's black eyes shot from one to

The girl left the window and walked slowly to the rear of the shop, passing

another cent," interrupted King, not

"I'll come in again," he said indiffer-

gavvos to bind the bargain-the rest entire east with the exception of Chion delivery. Good day, Mr. Spantz,"

sir, believe me," "I'm not so sure that I do believ

"My word, sir, you must have been ed the seeds from which the great tree

cluded, "that China must be a very el. A well remembered, fierce look- long distance away." Baron Jasto Dangless was a polite cluded he would not live long enough I shall replace it in the window." tination. He advanced to meet the jected invasion.

COMMERCIAL FERTILIZERS.

What and How to Buy and How to

plants is to promote growth, but it is

Since the elements of plant food al-

Ten pounds of available phosphor Two pounds of potash. This gives a total of 15 pounds of

pounds.

per ton. Cost\*\* \$25 \$8 65

tilizer will vary accordingly.

ing, mixing it thoroughly with the soil Special Agent in Charge.

Jackson and a Time drew Jackson lived, and every man who expected to command the re spect of the world went prepared not

see. The stories of all his brawls and duels would fill a volume. Jackson's superb nerve is ustrated by the following anecdote which comes down to us from the time when he was supreme judge on the Tennessee bench. desperado named Bean paraded up and down in front of the log courthouse and threatened to shoot sher-

taking two pistols, walked out into rendered. "When the judge come walkin' out, eye in the crowd. So I says to

ed that he was not accustomed dancing without his pumps, but that they were in his saddlebags put them on the bag and, plunging in both hands them out with a pistol in each Pointing them full at the men, he "Now we'll see who does the danc-

orty-story building there are people son was riding circuit, he was stopo say: "Well, he probably didn't feel when he struck." There is little or no basis for this belief that a person s dead or unconscious at the end of a

ng. This is not true.

person falling would not be able to

tion to understand electric lights and ment of any kind does improve its newspapers accounts of cats who have falsely attributed to the Bible are

> "Little children, love ye one anoth-Bibles still carry the date 4004 B. C. opposite the first chapter of Genesis, but not many people longer believe that the world was only 4,000 years

That sea water never freezes. That fog hinders sound. That ice is never colder than degrees.

note, fairly stagger belief. Gibbon tells of Soliman, a caliph in the eighth century, who died of acute

ly boast of an appetite as raveno