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## ... T H E ... FORTUNE HUNTER.

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round

it, I guess."

sample room.

'm on the wagon.'

wagon business"-

called a sample room too.

you calculate on stayin'?"

permanent quarters."

apologetically.

"Then the room on the third floor'll

"That will depend," said Mr. Dun-

of coming here to live?" he gasped.

SAM GRAHAM.

"Well," said Will, "you've found it

all right. There ain't no quieter place

Dunean. I hope you'll like it," he said

in Pennsylvania than Radville, Mr.

"I shall endeavor to," said the young

man. "And now may I go to my room,

travel stained person to some extent

"You'll have time," said Will. "Din-

I have never been able to under-

Will with the list of the day's happen-

ings. Main street was pretty well

noticing, and most of the townsfolks

underneath the lamps, discussing

particular attention, realizing that be-

Burnette's suit and the checker game,

they had enough to talk about. So

it wasn't until I walked into the Bige-

saw anything of the mysterious stran-

Will Bigelow was in his usual place

rather disgruntled. His reply to my

pursue my studies."

sarcastic.

other.'

stranger.

I don't know but that's a fairly apt

description of his ordinary expression.

He had a way, too, of nodding jerkily

at you-just once-to show he recog-

were driving at; at other times he

carried his head a trifle to one side

and slightly forward. He was a man

you wouldn't forget, somehow, though

what there was about him that was

He nodded that jerky way in an-

swer to Will Bigelow's "G'devenin',"

elbow, and after a minute or two he

asked Tracey politely would he mind

stepping round to the left, where he

could see just as well. So Tracey did.

Then he wrote his name in a good

"I'd like a room with a bath," he

told Will, "something simple and

chaste, within the means of a man in

Will thought he was joking at first,

but he didn't smile, so Will explained

that there was a bathroom on the

third floor at the end of the hall,

though there wasn't much call for it.

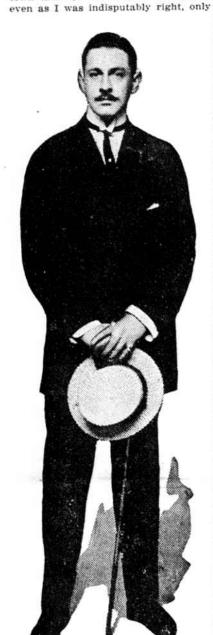
moderate circumstances."

hand, "Nathaniel Duncan,

remarkable nobody seemed to know.

The 21st of June was a day of memorable triumph to me, a day of mem-

orable events for Radville. Only the evening previous Will Bigelow and I had indulged in acrimonious argument in the office of the Bigelow House, the subject of contention being the importance of the work to which I am devoting my declining years-to wit, the recording of the history of Radville township, Westerly county, in Pennsylvania. Will maintaining with that obstinacy for which he is famous that nothing ever had happened, does happen, can or will happen in our community, I insisting gently, but firmly, that it knows no day unmarked by important occurrence (for it would ill become me, as the only literary man in Radville, to yield a point in dispute with the proprietor of the town tavern). Besides, he was wrong,



he had not the grace to admit it. We ended vulgarly with a bet, Will wagering me the best five cent clear Havana in the Bigelow House sample room that nothing worth mentioning would take place in Radville before sundown of the following day.

I left him, returning to my room a Miss Carpenter's (Will and I are old friends, but I refuse to eat the food he serves his guests), warmed by th prospect of certain triumph if a little appalled by the prospect of winning the stake and sympathizing a little with Will, who, for all his egregious stubbornness, has some excuse for up holding his unreasonable and ridicu

lous views. At 5.45 the evening train lurched in, bearing the mysterious stranger.

Tracey Tanner saw him first, having driven down to the station with his father's surrey on the off chance of picking up a quarter or so from some drummer wishing to be conveyed to the Bigelow House. Only outlanders pay money for hacks in Radville Everybody else walks, of course. Nat urally Tracey took the mysterious stranger for a drummer. He had three trunks and a heavy packing box, s Tracey's misapprehension was pardon able. Instinctively he drove him to the Bigelow House. again makes Tracey a present of a bottle of sarsaparilla or lemon pop, with the result that Tracey calls Tannehill, who runs the opposition hotel, a skinflint and never takes strangers there except on their express desire. The mysterious stranger merely asked to be driven to the best hotel. This is not like most commercial travelers who, as a rule, know where they want please? I should like to renovate my to go, even in a strange town, having made inquiry in advance from their before dinner."

brothers of the road. Will Bigelow was dozing behind the desk, lulled by the sound of Hi Nutt's thinkin' about supper. That's ready voice in the barroom as he explained now. Here, Tracey, you carry this York that mebbe can be int-rested in to all and sundry just how he had in- gentleman's things up to No. 43." advertently permitted Watty the tailor stand how we failed to hear of it at to best him at checkers that morning. otherwise the office was deserted. Miss Carpenter's before 7 o'clock. Tracey wakened Will by stamping That was the hour, when, having finished supper and my first evening pipe heavily across the floor, and Will mechanically pushed down his spectacles I started down town to the Citizen ofand dipped a pen in ink, slewing the fice, intending to stop in at the Bigelow House on the way and confound point, Tracey's memory being minute ly accurate and at variance with were grouped together on the corners

a dark suit which excited no interest tween Caesar, Pete Willing, Roland Homer," he volunteered cheerfully, when I saw him later, had no diffieen made by a tailor whose place of low House office that I either heard or et fixed to the wall. A strong rush of moved from Fifth avenue. He was ger. tallish, but not really tall, and carried himself with a slight stoon which tool away from his real height. Tracey says he had a way of looking at you "Howdy, Will?" sounded somewhat acetylene. as if he was smiling inside at some snappish. But he got out of his chair joke he'd heard a long time ago, and and moved round the end of the desk d'ye think of that, Homer?"

dining room door. Then Will pulled up, and I realized that he was calling my attention to the stranger. Will grabbed my arm without saying anything and pulled me into the

"Hello!" I said as he went round be-"What's up?"

He took out two boxes of the finest five-centers in town and placed them before me. "Them's up," he said.

"You win. Have one." It staggered me to have him give in to a long and diverting dispute. "I broken by a smaller, cylindrical tank. desirous of swerving from the beaten guess you've heard everything worth hearing about today's history," I said, nized you or understood what you

unpleasant looking of the cigars. "No, I haven't," he said. "I didn't have to hear anything. What earned you that smoke took place right here in this office. Here," he said, striking a match for me.

I had been trying to put the cigar away so that I might dispose of it without hurting Will's feelings, but he and without saying anything took the had me, so I recklessly poked the pen and started to register. He had thing into the automatic clipper and to stop, however, for Tracey was then into my mouth. "What do you pressing him so close upon the right mean?" I asked, puffing, that he couldn't get any play for his

"Come 'long outside," said Will, and we went out on the porch just in time to see Mr. Duncan going wearily upstairs to his room. "I mean," said Will, "him." And then he told me all about it. "But things like that don't happen

everyday," he wound up defensively. "I'll go you another cigar on tomor-

"No, you won't," I said indignantly and furtively dropped the infamous thing over the railing.

CHAPTER V.

The next morning I went out for 'I could give you a room next to a walk. I lingered a moment outside that," he said, "but you wouldn't want Sam Graham's old and much neglected drug store, thinking of the change that "Why not?" asked the mysterious had come over it since the death of "Because," said Will, "'taint near the Margaret Graham, Betty's mother, for, despite its out of the way location, the shop had not always been unprofitable "That doesn't make any difference. While Margaret lived (my heart still The only sense Will could get out of ached with the memory of her name) that was that the young man was trav- Sam's business had prospered. She eling for a buggy house and hadn't had been one of those women who can brought any samples with him. "I rise to any emergency in the interest thought," he allowed, "as how you'd of her loved ones. The first to realize be wantin' a place to display your Sam's improvidence and lack of execusamples, but of course if you're in the tive ability, she had taken hold of the business with a firm hand and made "Oh." said Mr. Duncan, "I thought it pay-while she lived.

you meant the 'sample room' over During Margaret's regime, as I say, there." He nodded toward the bar. the shop had thrived. Sam had few ill "That's what you call the dispensaries wishers in Radville. The trade came of intoxicating liquors in this part of his way. Then Betty was born, and Margaret died. Will made a noise resembling an af-

Most of this I have on hearsay. firmative and as soon as he got his left Radville shortly after their marbreath explained that traveling men riage and did not return until some generally wanted a sort of a show months after Margaret's burial. By oom next to theirs and that that was that time the shop had begun to show signs of neglect. Its stock was deci-"But I'm not a traveling man," said mated, its trade likewise. Sam was he mysterious stranger. "So I shall struggling with his inventions more have as little use for the one as the fiercely than ever-seeking forgetfulness, I always thought. The business was allowed to take care of itself. He do for you," said Will. "How long do had always a serene faith in his to-

Now, the little shop had been far discan, "a day or so, perhaps longer, untanced by the competition of Sothern & Lee. It was twenty years behind til I can find comfortable and more the times, as the saying is. Small darksome, dreary and dingy, it served In his amazement Will jabbed the pen so hard into the potato beside the chiefly as a living room for Sam, his daughter and his cronies as well as ink well that he never could get the nib out and had to buy a new one. for his workshop. He had a bench and "You don't mean to say you're thinkin' a ramshackle lathe in one corner, where you might be sure to find him futilely pottering at almost any hour. "Yes, I do," said the young man "I don't think you'll He owned the little building-or that find me in the way. I shall be very portion of it which it were a farce to quiet and unobtrusive. I'm a student term the equity above the mortgagelooking for a quiet place in which to and Betty kept house for him in three

rooms above the store. I pushed the door open and entered He looked up with his never failing smile of welcome and a wave of his

hand. "Howdy, Homer! Come in. Well, well, I'm glad to see you. Sit down, I think that chair there by the stove will hold together under you."

"What are you doing, Sam?" I ask-"Fixin' up the sody fountain, Meant to get it workin' last month, Homer, but somehow I kind of forgot."

He rubbed away briskly at the single faucet which protruded above the ounter, lathering it briskly with a netal polish that smelled to heaven. "Do much sody trade, Sam?"

He paused, passing his worn old fingers reflectively across a chin snowy with a stubble of neglected beard. much as we used to now that Sothern & Lee 've got this newfangled notion of puttin' ice cream in a nickel glass of sody. Most of the young folks go there now, but still I get a call now and then, and every little bit helps." He rubbed on ferociously for a mo- avoid. ment. "Course I'd do more, likely, if I carried a bigger line of flavors."

"How many do you carry?" "One," he admitted-with a sigh, "vanilly." While I filled my pipe he continued

to rub very industriously. "Why don't you get more?" He flashed me one of his pale, genial smiles. "I'm thinkin' of it, Homer er's at noon tomorrow. I guess you're soon's 1 get some money in-next week, mebbe. There's a man in N one of my inventions, Roland Bar-

> put a little money in it, Roland says, and of course if he does I'll be able to stock up considerable." I sighed covertly for him. He rubbed, humming a tuneless rhythm to himself

nette says. Mebbe he'd be willin' to

"Roland's goin' to write to him about

"What invention?" I asked, incredu crowded for that hour, I remembered lous. Sam put down his bottle of polish and came round the counter, beaming. Nothing pleases him better than an opsomething rather excitedly. I paid no portunity to exhibit some one of his innumerable models. "I'll show you, 000 for the United States. shuffling over to his workbench. He rasped a match over its surface and applied the flame to a small gas brack- resident of this state may obtain such gas extinguished the match, and he turned the flow half off before trying again. This time the vapor caught behind the desk and looked, I thought, and settled to a steady brilliant flame

as white as and much softer than "There!" he said in triumhh. "What

"Why," I said, "I didn't know you had an acetylene plant."

"No more have I, Homer." "But what is that, then?" I demand-

"It's my invention," he returned proudly. "I've been workin' on it two years, Homer, and only got it goin' hind and opened the cigar case. yestiddy. It's goin' to be a great thing, I tell you."

"But what is it, Sam?"

"It's gas from crude petroleum, Homer. See!" he continued, indicating a tank beneath the bench which seemed to be connected with the brackthat way. I had been looking forward et by a very simple system of piping, disappointed, as I selected the least don't need refinin', and it runs through



T'LL SHOW YOU, BOMER.

this and down here to this, where it's vaporized-much the same's they vaporize gasoline for autymobile engines, ye know-and then it just naturally flows up to the bracket, and there ye are.'

"It's wonderful, Sam," said I, wondering if it really were. "And the best part of it is the economy, Homer. A gallon will run one jet six weeks, day in and out. And simple to install. I tell ye"-

"Have you got it patented yet?" "Yes, siree! Took out patents just as soon as it struck me how simple it money for materials. But it's all right now, Homer; it's all right I. w."

"And you say Roland Barnette's writing to some one in New York about

"Yes; he promised he would. I explained it to Roland, and he seemed real int'rested. He's kind, very kind." I was inclined to doubt this and would probably have said something to that effect had not a shadow crossing the window brought me to my feet in consternation. But before I could do more than rise Colonel Bohun had flung open the door and stamped in. He stopped short at sight of me, and singled me out with a threatening wave of his heavy stick.

"Well, sir," he snarled, "I've come for my answer. Have you sense enough in your addled pate to understand that, man? I've come for my answer!"

"And may have it, whatever it may oe, for all of me," I told him. His face flushed a deeper red. it's only you, is it, Littlejohn? I took you for that fool Graham in this dirty dark hole. Where is he?'

[To be Continued.]

TOBACCO IN THE ARCTIC.

Resource of Miners When They Can

"When the wind is blowing thirty

niles an hour and the temperature is 40 below it is some cold," said a man in the ordinary way out of doors during such weather and got his lips wet through smoking a pipe or chewing he would be apt to get into trouble. First thing he knew he'd have his lips 'No," he allowed thoughtfully, "not so cracked, and they would be raw all winter long.

"The regulars stationed at the mili-tary posts up in Alaska found that if they tied a tobacco leaf in their armprevious to undesired duty would become very sick and could pass the post surgeon for hospital, getting one may look for in this region, a few rid of detail work they wanted to days before I passed over the line the

The miners up there learned some thing of this and found that the topacco craving could be satisfied by binding a quantity of the leaf either n the armpit or against the solar plexus. This avoided broken and bleeding lips during the winter, and they weren't prevented from smoking thirty-six bullets were fired into it. A indoors as well if they wanted to. It number of natives were on the train was the outdoor smoking or chewing that made all the trouble."-New York Sun.

License For Hunters.-At a meeting

the Beech Island Farmers' club the following resolutions were offered by J. C. Gardner, president of the Demo-cratic club, seconded by D. A. Atkinn, and passed by a unanimous vote: "Resolved 1. That the farmers of the state urge the general assembly pass at its next session a hunt-license law, similar to the laws now in force in most civilized countries, and in all the states of union, except Virginia, North South Carolina and Georgia, for the purpose of checking the wanton destruction of birds, game and fish, now proceeding so rapidly as to threaten their total extinction, involving a loss of a valuable food sup-ply for all our people as well as the loss of protection by birds against

timated at \$18,000,000 annually in this state, and at more than \$1,000,000,-Resolved 2. That it shall not be lawful to hunt with a gun in South 'arolina without having taken out a therefor that any a license, good for twelve months, from the county game warden on the

the insect ravages upon our crops, es

payment of one dollar. That each non-resident be required o pay \$10.25 for a similar license That the money rived from the payment for hunting licenses be paid into the state treas-ury to the credit of the game pro-The food, cooking and service leave tection fund, and paid out on the orgame warden.-Anderson Daily Mail.

## Miscellancous Reading.

YORKVILLE, S. C. TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1910.

EIGHTH WONDER OF THE WORLD Victoria Falls In Northwest Rhodesia. An Awe-Inspiring Sight.

If there is one thing more than another which characterizes the present age it is the enormous and ever increasing facility for travel, and, availing himself of this, the globe trotter is everywhere in evidence in his search for something sensational and novel. To those possessed of the tourist craze, "Ye put the oil in there-just crude as track and-while courting adventure comfort en route, may I venture to ecommend a trip to the renowned Victoria Falls in Northwest Rhodesia. justly designated the eighth wonder of the world? Their native name is mokes," suggested by the vast volume of spray and mist arising from this phenomenal and awe-inspiring cataret on the great Zambesi river of South

There is something intensely roman in three weeks' time find yourself er, Dr. Livingstone, stood gazing upon this view of overwhelming grandeur. The tree on which he cut his initials is still pointed out, and in his book, "Travels in South Africa," he remarks with becoming modesty: "This is the ern sanitary arrangements and unlimthe most epicurean tastes. The writer having recently made an

excursion to the falls, 1,640 miles to the terest to your readers and possibly lead scenery. them to indulge in a like experience. arrived in Table bay by one of the Unclockwork regularity in a little over and early on the morning of the fifth be surpassed on an English or contiwine and switch on the electric current at pleasure. The journey itself sound of many waters. is certainly not devoid of interest, and

raspan, and two memorials, the scandinavian and that in honor of the flercest engagements in the Boer war. where 'ty years ago only some scattered thorn trees and wandering bushmen were to be seen. It is now a substantial, thriving township, with an approximate population of 35,000. Some-Mafeking of historic note, also a flourthis again is a place called Crocodile der, where Colonel Plumer's relief force was held at bay by the Boers for considerable time. At Mochudi the of the Kalahari desert, which is trachief Khama's capital, containing no

der excellent discipline and regulations. Shortly before reaching Bulawayo the Matopos are visible in the distance, where repose the remains of Cecil Rhodes in a grave chiseled out of a granite kopje and sealed with a huge slab of the same stone. In this vicinity also are interred the bodies of Alan Wilson and his party, whose memorable stand on the Shangani river is one of the thrilling episodes of the conquest of the territory. Government house in Bulawayo is a handsome edifice, built on the site of what was originally Lobengula's krail. After leaving here there is a significant change in the nature and character of the through dense forests of teak, mahogany, mapani and other fine timbers, affording cover for lions, tigers, elephants, giraffes and other descriptions of large game. As affording an instance of the novel experience which locomotive collided with a large elephant, the former, with several trucks, being derailed. A herd of these animals happened to be standing on the rails, and the victim had three of its legs broken. Before it was dispatched and they went half crazy over the carcass, cutting it up into huge lumps and roasting the meat over a fire beside the line. This is said to be the only instance on record of an engine having been derailed, by colliding with a wild

one had the good fortune to take a snapshot of the occurrence. Most excellent coal is found at a Welsh eisteddfods. place called Wankie, and the Rhodesian railways are all supplied from this mine. The run from here to the Victoria Falls station is another 70 miles, but some considerable time before reaching it the roar of the falling water, like the surf of the sea, is plainly heard, and the rain cloud locating Its position distinctly visible. Every one is astonished at finding such a spacious, well-equipped hotel so long a distance from the confines of civilization and it need hardly be remarked that after the tedious and trying railway journey the traveler is glad inrest and comfort. The first passenger train reached here in June, 1904, and ever since there has been a continuous flow of persons from all parts of the the gaekwar of Baroda's world; indeed, it would be difficult to find a more cosmopolitan record than nothing to be desired and I opine that its value to about \$1,000,000.—Ex-lated treasure of years lies untouched jour in the way of dinner menus the follow-change. in the way of dinner menus the follow- change.

ing is somewhat of a curiosity: "Crocodile soup, tiger, fish, crumbed leopard cutlets and tomato sauce, deviled Of All Known Cereals Wheat Rank hippopotamus heel on toast." I coness to having approached these luxuies with some misgiving, but prejudice soon vanished and a more appetizing meal I have rarely made in my life.

The first impression one gets of the

falls themselves is a sense of utter

amazement. You feel you are quite unable to drink in the majesty and zation, that demand is as potent as splendor of the sight; the dictionary ould be ransacked in vain for adjectives to describe what the eve surveys. Magnify the well-known poem anent the cataract of Lodore a thousand times and you are a long way it comes out of the wells, Homer. It and excitement-not indifferent to from doing justice to the fascinating No other crop is adapted to such and sublime spectacle before you. As wide diversity of soil and climate. It one eminent enthusiast has remarked, is grown within the Arctic circle and "you seem to have entered a universe over the equator. Each year the world where the phenomena are so far vaster consumes more than 3,000,000,000 and more majestic than those of any bushels of this cereal. Mosi-oa-tunya, signifying "water that previous earthly experience that one's limited mundane senses fail to grasp them at first, and can only gradually, by extending their perception, adapt themselves to that large nature." Imagine a cataract a mile and a quarter hidden in every acre of our land. in width, with the full force of the diversify properly, we must grow all crops in systematic rotation. The river Zambesi behind it, tumbling in a crops in systematic rotation. The ceaseless, roaring, seething torrent intic in being able to leave England and river Zambesi behind it, tumbling in a crops in where in 1855 that self-reliant explor- to an abyss 400 feet below. An American facetiously remarked on one occa-either a winter legume, such as bur sion, "I guess Niagara is only the sweat of these falls"-an expressive, though grotesque, tribute to their vol-

ume and character. During the flood of the legumes with rye should be season the clouds of rolling, powdery only instance in which I indulged in spray take the form of an inverted this piece of vanity." Fifty-five years pyramid measured by the theodolite have sped by and today, almost close to reach a height of 3,000 feet. Generby this self-same spot, is a large up- ally, in the daytime a beautiful rainto-date hotel, with electric light, mod- bow breaks up the prismatic colors bow breaks up the prismatic colors nomenally high yields of corn that with wonderful charm; while at night, have been produced in various secited opportunity for the gratification of when the moon is about full, a lunar rainbow steals over the scene, producing atmospheric effects which baffle and this year South Carolina will description and make a picture which probably produce as much as 50,000, northwest of Capetown, a few frag-mentary reminiscences may be of in-most beautiful gem of the earth's door bushels of corn. Where these large yields of corn were obtained, the land will be sufficiently improved What are known as the Rain Forest

If we assume that the traveler has and Palm Grove, adjacent to the falls, and Palm Grove, adjacent to the falls, fertilized that should be sown down are aptly styled Nature's Cathedral, in wheat this fall. Now is the time the prevailing moisture ministering to be planted as late as the middle of December. may be seen beautiful tropical palms day land him at the Victoria Falls saw measured no less than eighty-sevstation. For ease, comfort and general en feet round the trunk. All around appointments these trains could hardly you the grass and the vegetation gennental railway. In the matter of eat- the feathery palms overhead glitter ing, sleeping, attendance, the accom- with the continual rain upon them. modation is excellent; you can procure Nature is adorned in her best and richyear out, is the ceaseless, insistent

of course, it took time to work it out just right, specially when I had to stop now and then 'cause I needed stop now and the needed stop I might go on to describe the charmlittle time ago, full of the most interesting vegetable growths, lovely flow-Highland brigade, are plainly visible ers and peculiar indigenous fruits. from the train. Then Modder river is Just as the writer landed here a croccrossed, where was fought one of the odile sprang off the bank into its native element; away across the river a Thirty-six hours from Capetown is huge hippopotamus was conspicuous; Kimberley, the great diamond center, while seals and other animals are to be for the seed are placed far enough found in abundance.

What may be called the lip of the falls is subdivided by several natural features, each of which has its distinctive name. There is, for instance, in thing over 200 miles farther on is the great series of cataracts, the Leapfall of 325 yards by a projecting rock) Eastern-all blending, more or less, in obscurity of the dark craven below. railway enters upon the eastern fringe Each section of the colossal phantasmagoria possesses its peculiar charm, versed for about 200 miles. Palapye and even at the very edge may be seen is in the neighborhood of the great trees and bushes which have successfully resisted the impetuous, maddened fewer than 40,000 inhabitants, all un- onrush of the waters. At the extreme eastern end they enter a narrow gorge called the Boiling Pot; and the canon is at this point spanned by the handsome railway bridge over 400 feet above makes the best hay possible if it is low-water level, the highest in the cut while in the dough stage.

Prof. J. N. Harper. world. The main parabolic arch is a 500-foot span, and the total length of bridge 650 feet. It is a triumph of engineering skill, and was carried to completion with only one accident. It is, of course, one of the main links in Imperial Treasure That May Provide enforce the regulations he proposes. the great Cape-to-Cairo line (which by the way, has now reached the Congo border), and was officially opened to this point on the 11th of December

last with befitting eclat. Before returning the visitor should seven miles distant by rail from the alls, where will be found many featares of interest. It is the seat of the government of Northwestern Rhodesia, and has several fine buildings; indeed, in the near future, as population increases and trade develops, it is destined to become an important center

fresh fields and pastures new to exploit.—Chamber's Journal.

FAMOUS SWORDS.

The Monster Weapon Used at Welsh Eisteddfods.

The largest sword of which there any record is the seven foot ceremoanimal and it is to be hoped that some nial sword that was made for Edward nial sword that was made for Edward training ships. There is a revulsion mongers can be abol III. and is now preserved in West-of feeling in France at least to this surgomeister who difficult job stands a system, and the officers are complainminster placed in the hands of a modern Godfrey de Bouillon, who, it will be recalled, with a two handed sword cleaved a Turk into halves from the shoulder to the hips, would be quite long enough for any one who wished Chinese students from the army. o put it to practical use. It is si two inches in length.

Of gorgeous swords which are no o much weapons as settings for pre ious stones the most valuable in Engish is said to be the one presented b he Egyptians to Lord Wolseley and valued at \$10,000. This sum is paratively insignificant for a bejeweled ment to raise funds for the navy pro-sword if the value of the sword gramme are fully disclosed by the ago by the then shah of Persia—namely, \$50,000—be taken as a standdeed to avail himself of its grateful and of what a diamond hilted weapon Competent authorities on the subject familiar with that famous weapon of the Persian ruler are refusal to accept foreign financial as-rather skeptical as to the existence of sistance suggests another view of the blade, which is supposed to be worth more than twenty swords of equal in financial straits there remains the minute, or nearly 1,100 times as fast eauty and value to the shah's, that furnished by the visitors' book, it is popularly supposed that the diawhich it is thickly incrusted bring up palace from end to end, the accumu- nearly 1,100 years to accomplish the

THE GREAT BREAD CROP.

First.

To obtain bread has ever been the truggle of mankind. The want of has caused wars and the change of onstant cry has been cheaper bread. Today, with all of our complex civiliever and to obtain it economically aggerated. But there is every reason will be the greatest problem for future to believe that the imperial treasure will be the greatest problem for future generations to solve. Wheat is, \*as it provinces, gifts from officers and other perquisites of the throne have been cereal from which bread is made. It rolling into Pekin for years. The money has not been expended on any is the most valuable crop of the world. generations to solve. Wheat is, as i is the most valuable crop of the worl4

The south should produce its own bread and it will when its farmers fully realize the advantage and full value of diversified farming. Diversified farming is the only key that will unlock the chest of gold that lies south is one that contains a winter cover crop. This cover crop can be cereal, such as wheat, oats, barley or bridle the tongues of the fair. rye. If the soil is impoverished and in great need of improvement, one If, however, the land is highly im-proved and was well fertilized, the previous spring and summer, either oats or wheat should be planted. Wheat is not a profitable crop except when grown on rich land. tions of this state during the past lew years are convincing. We know ew years are convincing. that we have a great corn country

for wheat. There are thousands of acres of land in this state that were planted in corn this season and highly

The type of soil best suited to wheat sixteen days, he will find awaiting him and every description of fern, from the is the clay loam. Before planting the tat the Capetown docks a train de luxe fragile, delicate maidenhair to the land should be thoroughly prepared by ploying as deep as possible and ready to whirl him away northward and early on the morning of the fifth to 30 feet. One cream-of-tartar tree I number of varieties of wheat and the varieties that have given the best re-sults are the Red May and the Blue you the grass and the vegetation gen-straw. Seed of these varieties can be erally are vividly green, the fronds of obtained at any of the leading seed houses. Before sowing, the seed should be treated with a solution of opper sulphate to destroy the smut. This solution is made by dissolving book from the library, ice for your est garb, and everywhere, year in and six pounds of copper sulphate in ten or twenty gallons of water, using a wooden vessel in which to make the mixture. After the seed have been dipped for a few minutes, they should

> our to six pecks of seed per acre nould be sown.
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> Wheat, like barley, should make a conderowth early in the fall and unless the Hessian fly is prevalent in the neighborhood, it should be sown any time after the first of October. Vheat can, however, be sown later than other of the cereals. can be sown either broadcast or harrowed in or planted with a grain The latter method is the best elow the surface to obtain sufficien

moisture to cause immediate germin-Wheat is a heavy feeder on phos phorus and nitrogen, therefore i fertilized with phosphoric acid and ammonia. east 300 or 400 pounds of acid phosing Water; then the great Fall, 573 phate and 100 pounds of cotton seed ishing trading center. To the north of yards broad (divided) from a second meal, or its equivalent, should be applied at the time of sowing; and an this again is a place called Crocodile fall of 325 yards by a projecting rock); other application should be made the fresh again to the Transvaal bor- then the Rainbow Fall; and, finally the first of March, a similar amount beused. At the time the latter apone mighty whole, thundering into the plication is made, nitrate of soda a the rate of 100 pounds per acre should be applied. Most of the clay lands of the Piedmont section of this state ontain a sufficient amount of potash Wheat when planted on for wheat. he lands of the coastal plains should also be fertilized with kainit or muriate of potash. A second appli-cation of nitrate of soda of about fifty pounds should be made the mid-

dle of April.

A small patch of wheat should be grown on every farm for early spring Wheat

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CHINA'S HOARD.

a Navy. proposed to select the sons of high Manchu officers attending the them to the naval colleges at Nanking a nd Tien-Tsin for a preliminary course

of study preparatory to a foreign edscenery. Mile after mile one passes not fail to pay a visit to Livingstone, ucation in the navies of the friendly powers. It is reported that the Chinese government has already ar-ranged with the British authorities to train the cadets on board British warships and that permission has been granted by the regent to select one hundred students at once. competent native officers to train the men for the new

of the subcontinent.

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But I must bring my notes to a conclusion, content if I have whetted the length of the scheme ocupying the ways managed to find its way into the councils of the most cultured, and Students are now being educated in backbiting has followed as naturally as the curl of scorn pursues the bonappetite of any tourist in search of a request has been made to have the net fresh from Paris. cademies of Europe and America wil be as freely opened to China as they were to Japan is problematical, for such courtesies.

The escapade of a Chinese naval pupil on board the French training ship Borda, who decamped to Belgium with papers stolen from an offi-cer's cabin, has served to intensify the dislike of French officers to the admission of foreign cadets to the Hessian town prove that scandal-There is a revulsion minster abbey. Next comes the system, and the officers are complaint advancement.—Philadelphia discount of ceremony" that is used at ling that after educating Japanese they advancement.—Philadelphia are now expected to teach the Chinese. The recent incident of a Chines nilitary student in Japan who ac quired the mobilization plans of the regiment and other information led the summary dismissal of all The rder, it appears, was subsequently rescinded.

Of course the all-important part f the scheme is to raise the funds. And as already pointed out, every cash of revenue entering Pekin has a capacious maw open to receive it.
The desperate straits of the governgramme are fully disclosed by the brought over to Europe some years many proposed schemes for this pur-

But the persistence of the regent and his advisers in carrying through the scheme, in spite of the apparent the scheme, in spite of the apparent circumference of the eclipse forming lack of sufficient resources, and his the orbit of the earth around the sun ituation which has not been touched. 3651 days, traveling at the rate of While the government is poor and 65,910 miles an hour, or 1,098 miles a auty and value to the shah's, but great wealth of the imperial family as a train going at one mile a minute, is popularly supposed that the diato be reckoned with. Overlooked by It is therefore clear that a train proposed, rubies and emeralds with the allied troops, who ransacked the

foreign soldiers lit their campfires, unonscious of the wealth underneath The tribute of years to the em-press dowager and former sovereigns is here hoarded and available for the country's defense. Native reports are to the effect that an investigation by the chief of the imperial household disclosed the fact that the treasure amounted to 19,000,000 taels of gold dynasties. Through the ages, the ever and 999,000,000 taels of silver, or roughly speaking some \$1,000,000,000

TERMS----\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

This amount of actual treasure is enormous, and it may be greatly exmust be vast, as the tribute from the great public improvements or build ings or diverted into any provincial reform scheme, so it is safe to believe that it exists.—Journal of American-Asiatic Association.

ABOLISHING THE GOSSIPS.

Strenuous Measures to be Tried In Germany Against Scandalmonger. In Germany, where everything ap-

pears to be "verboten," officialdom in the person of a lone Burgomeister has at last invaded the most sacred right of women-gossip.

All Germany is looking askance at the town of Hattersheim, in Hesse,

As for Hattersheim under its sudden affliction of deterrent law, it appears to be getting along very well, thank you, and is enjoying a peace and freedom from envies, jealousies and backbitings that no community has known since human records were mixed at the tower of Babel.

Neighbor now greets neighbor with a peaceable "Gute' Morgen;" husbands come home from their business with appetites destined to remain unmarred by recitals of daily quarrels; and there has been a marked dim-inution in the number of alley fights that have landed their partici-

pants in the local courts.

The spirit of peace abides, because the mailed fist of "verboten" has the mailed fist come down with a bang on all scan-

dalmongering.
The United States, in every village and city ward, produces its own crop of retailers of gossip and maligners of their neighbors. Where the incomes are low, the more dignified move and the less dignified are lia-ble to fight out on the spot. Where ble to fight out on the spot. Where the incomes are greater and litiga-tion appears to be a luxury not too high for the cost of living, the com-munity is diverted with a libel suit Whatever the climax of rows, and whatever their beginnings, be a hardy mayor or magistrate in-deed who would dare call to account the whole community. The common law here has to meet every individual emergency, from the quelling the familiar scold to the extremes of two pairs of black eyes.

But in Germany vested authority doesn't hesitate to by wholesale. On command peace that basis the by wholesale. On that basis the Burgomeister of Hattersheim proceed-ed, and he has issued a proclamation that is as full of observation and phil-

portions in a certain section of our Bitter enmities and litigation costs that amount to heavy financial osses are among the consequences." He remarks that the cause is us-

ually the same: "The men are hard at work, while the women fritter away their time in gossiping and quarreling, the children's training being neglected and household suffering When the bread winner comes care. home and the day's events are un-truthfully told to him, he must beangry wife, to the police or a lawyer

or to the court of arbitratio On such persons, remarks the Burgomeister, the teachings are wasted which require a woman to occupy scandalmongers and seek only to provide a comfortable home for her husband and her children. true democratic happiness with them. "Therefore," concludes the Burgo-meister, solemnly warning all and sundry who are offenders, "poor lief will henceforth be given in "poor receptional cases only where people cution for scandal. sides, have been instructed to com-

all landlords and tenants against Thus far no other Burgomeister in dermany has imitated Hattersheim's executive, mainly because the distinct novelty of his official course demands conservatism restrain the devouring rush of German It may happen that, after the first silence of astonishment at his temerity, the good women Hattersheim will dispute his right to

While the power of the Burgo-meister is very extensive and can, in emergency, be supplemented with all the force requisite to make it opera-Pekin and send tive, the moral force represented by community of recalcitrant house wives is something which even Germany's system of things "verboten" must pause before. And, thus far, no man who has lived

has been able to check the world's flow of gossip, in which scandal invariably plays so large Preachers have delivered large a part. of sermons against it, and women hemselves have organized to compel their friends and neighbors to utter only words of sweetness and light. navy and command the ships is a But, somehow or other, envy has al-

Hattersheim's Burgomeister has, however, one august ally—the kaiser —in the general spirit of his homily, and critics of current German affairs tendency to discontinue profess to see in the proclamation reently issued in the obscure little town in Hesse the emulation by minor officialdom of the imperial sermons defining woman's place in the household. But even the kaiser has not had nerve to try to shut off gossip. If the

mongers can be abolished, the daring undertook the difficult job stands a large chance of

Thinking In Millions. In astronomical calculations it is

most difficult to grasp the meaning of millions of miles, but some idea in the statement of the time that would consumed by an express train or the shot from a cannon to cover celes-Now, the distance from tial space. Now, the distance from the earth to the sun is about 92,000,-000 miles, and the light traveling from the solar luminary comes to us at the rate of 186,700 miles a second in It traverses this distance in eight and a quarter minutes, but a railway train proceeding at sixty miles an hour would take 175 years to cover the distance of the sun. is about 577,760,000 miles in length, and the earth covers this distance in journey around the earth's orbit.-Tit-