

THE ROOT OF EVIL

BY THOMAS DIXON
A soft laugh full of tenderness and joy came from the girl as she turned her eyes upward for the first time.
"Al right, guardie, I'll confer with you on that occasion."

Miscellaneous Reading.

Barrett on Politicians.
Can Best Serve Farmers by Staying Out of Politics.
Charles S. Barrett, president of the National Farmers' Union, in his latest open letter to the organization, stresses unselfish service in both politics and within the farmers' own organizations.

Miscellaneous Reading.

Clipping which chronicled the suicide of Ruffin.
The book is the first volume of a history written by David Ramsey, M. D., and published by R. Atkin & Son in Philadelphia. Besides the signature and bookmark of Ruffin there are two other signatures on the front covers. One is "Alexander Mitchell, London," and the other "W. Harrison, January 14, 1864."

EDITORS IN NEW YORK.

Gotham Paper Tells of Visit of South Carolina Press.
New York Herald.
This is where the reporters get in. Not so fast there! Not the New York reporters. Oh, dear, no. They're in all the time—in bad. No, New York editors never go away in a bunch and leave the newspapers to the reporter's staff. If they did there'd be something new, as well as something good, in newspapers, but—that's another story.

RETURN OF THE SNUFFBOX.

Battles Have Been Fought and Sermons Preached Through Aid of Powdered Tobacco.
It is stated that snufftaking is once more showing signs of returning popularity. Aforetime it was a great art, and practiced by all sorts and conditions of men and women. It was then ordained that, in order to take a pinch in a graceful manner, it was absolutely necessary to go through a set ritual. Having taken the box in the right hand, it was tapped and opened, and after it had gone the round of the company, its owner gathered up the snuff in the box by striking the side with the middle and forefingers and then took a pinch with the right hand. It was held two or three moments between the fingers and then carried to the nose. It was then sniffed in with precision by both nostrils. This done, the box was closed, the performance concluding with a sneeze and the vigorous application of the handkerchief to the nose. But that was the procedure on ceremonial occasions—in private it was taken haphazard, and almost unconsciously.

FAMOUS ROYAL JEWELS.

Regalia of England Kept Under Guard in the Tower of London.
The men of western countries leave the wearing of jewels to women, but it is not so in the east, where, especially in India, the princes vie with one another in the magnificence of the jewels worn in turban, necklace, belt and sword hilt and sword scabbard. Their fingers are often covered with beautiful rings and great gems flash from their state dress.

SOME ORATORICAL BULLS.

Mixed Metaphors By Even Careful Speakers in the House of Commons.
The ex-Irish attorney-general's delightfully mixed metaphor at Bootle about the milch cow which distilled golden sovereigns is another proof that one should not use a metaphor unless one really means it. The house of commons produces a rich crop of these weeds of oratory. When Mr. Bryce, our ambassador at Washington, was Irish secretary at Washington, he was describing the Irish local government board as "a malignant fairy which steps in off its own back and pours down on the people a shower of gold."