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MRS.B ROWN'S VISIT TO THE

PARIS EXHIBITION.

WHAT THE OLD LADY SAW AND DID THERE.

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PART III.

(Continued from yesterday's issue.)

We'd 'ad a late breakfast, and so I got some refreshments at a place in the Bore, as come to a good deal, tho' only a bottle of beer and a roll with a bit of sausage, as they give us ready enough; and then I says to Mrs. Archbutt, "But suppose as we was to walk Paris way a-bit." As she were agreeable, and on we goes a-dawdlin' and a-restin' on them seats, as certingly is werry convenient, and jest as we got agin the Arch de Triomf, as they calls it, I says, "We'll wait for a 'buss as 'll take us right into Paris as far as ever we likes to go. But," I says, "they do say as the thing is to see the wiew from the top of this

'ere arch." "Oh," she says, "I should like to see it above everythink."

I was sorry as I'd spoke, for she's that stout as stairs is death to 'er, and can't abear to be thought it, and that touchy if you illudes

So I says, "Well, it's a good many stairs." "She says, "Never mind, we can take it

easy." It's all werry fine for to talk of takin' it easy, but there's some things as you can't take easy, and stairs is one on 'em, for I'm sure I took them stairs crawlin' like, and 'adn't 'ardly no breath left when 'arf way up, and as to Mrs. Archbutt, when she got to the top, I thought as die she would. She set down then and there, and quite fought for 'er breath, for the wind was that 'igh as it was enough to

take you off your legs.
So a-seein' 'er that bad, I goes to 'er and unties 'er bonnet, and if the wind didn't take it clean off 'er 'ead, bonnet, cap, 'air and all,

as she got fastened in.

If you'd 'eard 'er scream, and me you'd 'ave thought we was killed. Up come some parties as showed as they wasn't ladies and gentlemen, for they roared with larfture as soon as they see Mrs. Archbutt a-settin' there 'elpless in 'er bald 'ead.

It wasn't no use me a-sayin' as I were sorry. for she wouldn't 'ear reason, and kep' a-sayin' as it would be 'er death. I tied 'er pocketankercher and mine over 'er 'ead the best as I could, and as soon as she'd got 'er breath, down we goes, and all the way 'ome she kep on at me a-sayin' as 'er bonnet was quite as good as new, as is only a covered shape, and never become 'er thro' bein' blue, as she's as yaller as a guinea, and don't suit with blue, and could show her nose anywheres without er 'air, as was a dreadful old gasey with the partin' all wore out; and I'm sure she'll look all the better in a new one, as we was a-goin' to get 'er at once; but she'd got that awful cold, with the rheumatics in 'er 'ead, as bed was 'er place all the next day, and a nice job I 'ad a-nursin' 'er, as cross as two sticks, and that wild with Archbutt, as said she did ought to know better than go a-climbin' up places with 'er weight; and so we 'ad to put off our journey to Wersales, as was as well, for the

weather was werry lowery. It was towards evenin' as Miss Tredwell she come in and says, "Oh, we've 'ad sich a delightful day, and been to see all them lovely picters as they've got in the Louver, as is place as you've got to see, Mrs. Brown, but, p'raps, won't understand, as is that classical." So I says, "See the Louver, in course, I 'ave

often, as I don't consider a decent place for a female; and I'm sure parties as it belongs to did ought to be ashamed of theirselves not to ave them picters finished proper, and put the clothes on them heathen creetures, as is left a-standin' there without a rag to cover 'em, the' certingly fine-limbed figgers; but I don't old with them bold ways myself-not as they looks much like 'uman bein's, as I can see but, in course, was different in them days.'

So Miss Tredwell says, as all she cared to look at was the kings and queens, and sich "Yes," I says, "they certingly do 'ave fine

'eads of 'air them kings and queens,' as no wonder, 'avin' to stand bare-'eaded in the open hair, as you see 'em in them picters, and some on 'em 'avin' to ride thro' the town with nothink on but a 'ead of 'air, like the lady at Coventry on 'er bare-backed steed, as goes thro' Coventry once a-year. Now, I've 'eard say as Peeping Tom got struck blind for a-darin' to look out of the winder at 'er, as certingly wasn't decent behavior.

So Miss Tredwell, she says, "Oh! Mrs. Brown, 'ow can you be so coarse a illudin' to sich subject afore the oppersite sect," for we was a-settin' all together over our tea a-chattin

agreeable. Brown, he, in course, jined agin me, so didn't say no more; but next time as that impident minx 'as the cramps, she may 'oller for me, as she won't find a-gettin' out of my bed in a 'urry agin for 'er.

It was agreed as we was to go to Wersales in the mornin', as Mrs. Wells said as she were glad 'ad been put off, thro' 'avin' not 'ad 'er things as was lost in the train till that werry day, and certainly 'ad not been a figger for to go to no grand sights.

I don't think as ever I did 'ear quite sich a grumbler as that old Wells; the row as he made over 'is meals, a-findin' fault with everythink, a-sayin' as the 'am were too salt, and the tea not strong, and the coffee thick, as were not true, for I'm as partickler as anybody; and tho', of course, things wasn't as nice as if you'd only a small family, they was all good and wholesome, and quite as good as ever he got at 'ome; for I'm sure there was 'is betters there a-takin' of tea and cold meat quite thankful, as it's wonderful they could supply such a party so well; and while we was at tea, there was a large party in the next room, as were a school a-singin' beautiful all together, and werry nice it sounded. But somehow I was a little tired, went to bed in good time, well a-knowin' as I'd a 'ard day's work afore

I never did see nothink grander in my life than that Notter Dam, as is the big Paris church, and somethink like one, too, and that beantiful kep', and all lovely, though Miss Tredwell kep' a-runnin' on it down, and a-sneerin' at, and sayin' as she didn't 'old

I says, "in my opinion you did ought for to with it. stop outside as ain't fit to be in a sacred place like this, as parties is a sayin' of their prayers in, and you a-goin' on like that." "Oh," she says, "it's all superstition,"

I says, "And what do you think as they would say about your way?" I says, "If you don't like it you can leave it, as nobody asked you to come in;" and I says "if I'd my way

I'd precious soon 'ave you out." Just then Brown came up with us as 'ad been to the top of the tower, as I didn't seem to see a-goin' up myself, and as to Mrs. Archbutt, she quite ollered out at the bare thought, no doubt a-rememberin' of her bonnet.

Well Brown 'ad been up all the way along with Archbutt, and when he ketched Miss Tredwell a-jeerin' and a-larfin at the church, and give her sech a-settin' down as made 'er take to the sulks, and walks 'erself out of the church, as it wasn't the place for 'er.

Of all the lovely things as ever you see, it's the clothes as the ministers wear, and the plate as is gold, and was all stole and throwed into the river by thieves in a net for to 'ide it, as marked the spot where they'd sunk it by a cork as was tied to the net, so in course didn't float down the stream, as is a tremenjous current, and so caught the eye of some one as was on the look-out, and if they didn't fish up all the lot, as was a nice sell for them rascally thieves, and glad I was to 'ear it, the wagabones, tho' it's no wonder, as they'd like to have them as is that waluable, not as they're too good, for nothink can't be when you comes to think what they're intended for, and werry solemn too; and they was a-beginnin' to sing lovely with the orgin, as I stopped and listened to, and who should we meet in that church but Mr. Ditcher, as I 'adn't seen afore not this time as we'd been in Paris, and glad to see 'im, a-knowin' as he'd show us every think; for Brown, he'd walked off with Archbutt, through not a-carin' for to see them

When we got out there was Miss Tredwell a-sayin' as she was ready for to die with

"Well, then," I says, "take a buss to where we've agreed to meet," as was that English place near the Magalin. She says as she shouldn't think of going

about alone. "Well, then," I says, "be civil and come along with us as is a-goin' to look at one or two things more as is near at 'and," and Mr. Ditcher 'ad promised to take us to, as is 'is good-natured ways; so we went to see the Pally de Justiss and the Saint Chapell, as one of them French kings brought from the 'Oly Land, as is werry ancient, and I'm sure the place as he did used to say 'is prayers in, as he could look thro' into the chapel by a little 'ole, was a nice dungeon of a place; and talkin' of dungeons reminds me as Mr. Ditcher got us in for to see the Consurgery, where the poor dear French Queen were kep' for two nights and a day afore they murdered 'er, by a-drag-gin' 'er on a cart to the scaffoldin', with 'ardly a rag to 'er back.

It give me quite a turn when I see the awful place, as it were, for to keep any one in, let alone a queen, as bore all that meek, for I know werry well as I'd have tore them willins of soldiers' eyes out, as never left 'er alone a moment, but set there a-watchin' 'er, the undecent wagabones, as wasn't men, but devils, I do believe. I felt that sorry for 'er as I could 'ave kissed the ground as she trod upon, to think of what she must 'ave suffered, as 've seen the picters of 'er with a 'ead of 'air all piled up and powdered, a-settin' in state like a queen, and then another as showed 'er in that dungeon a-waitin' for death, as must 'ave been a 'appy release indeed.

I 'ope as it wasn't wicked on me for to feel glad when they showed us the dungeon next to 'ern, where they shet up in 'is turn one of the 'ead willins 'as 'ad done it all in the name of Robberspear, as died in hagony with 'is iaw-bone broke afore they cut 'is good-fornothink 'ead off; and I do say, if I was the French I wouldn't allow none of them picters to be showed as represents them awful times. as is a downright disgrace to 'uman natur', as

is bad enough, goodness knows. I was glad to get out of that place, as is a prison now, and I see them prisoners thro' a ratin' as was a-waitin' for their dinner or omethink to eat; and it give me quite a turn to look at 'em, and took werry good care not to be out last, for fear as I might be left behind, as I well remembers a-'earin' of a tale of a party as went down somewheres underground for to see the cutty-combs, and whatever he could want to see 'em for I can't think, as ain't showed no more now-a-days, and if he didn't get shet in thro' a-lingerin' behind, and not keepin' up with the guide and wasn't found for months arter, crouchin' behind a door, as 'ad eat 'is own shoulders away with famishin' 'unger, as is a sharp thorn and will drive parties to eat one another, the same as I've 'eard aboard ship, as is their 'abits when lost at sea; tho' for my part I'd rather starve to death a thousand

times than eat a fellow-creetur. We'd jest come out of Notter Dam when Mr. Ditcher says to me, "Mrs. Brown, mum, ave you see the Morg?"

I says, "Whoever's he?"
"Oh!" he says, "it's the French dead-

ouse, where they puts any one as comes to a accidental end, and them, p'raps, as 'as met with foul play." "Well," I says, "them ain't things as I

cares to see." "Oh," he says, "you're that near as you'd better step in."

So I says, "Werry well," for Mr. Ditcher he knows Paris that well, and all the dodges, thro' 'avin' lived there over twenty years and married to a French woman, and he'd know'd Brown some years afore, and was that glad for to see us in Paris; and if it 'adn't been for 'im I shouldn't never 'ave seen or know'd 'arf as do know about Paris, as is one of the dod-

giest places as ever you 'eard tell on.
So, I says to 'im, "Mr. Ditcher, if you takes me there, I'll go." So Miss Tredwell said as she wouldn't for the world, no more wouldn't Mrs. Archbutt. So me and Mr. Ditcher went in together, and it certingly did give me a turn when I see three mortal dead bodies laid there in a strong case, a-lookin' that frightful as made me feel sick at 'art, for I couldn't bear to see them layin' there dead drowned, and all their poor clothes a-'angin' over their 'eads, as showed as want 'ad drove many a one to do it: and I was a-sayin' to Mr. Ditcher, "Ah! if them clothes could speak they'd tell many a tale of misery and want;" and I says, "Let's come away, poor things, for we can't do 'em no good, and it's thankful as I am as there ain't

no one there as I can indemnify."

Just as we was turnin' away we met an old woman with 'er grey 'airs a-streamin' from under her cap, as come a-rushin' in and looked that distracted as I couldn't but stare at 'er, and says to Mr. Ditcher, "Look there," when she give a scream as went right thro' me, and fell flat on the stones with that crash just at my feet as made me nearly jump out of my skin. Mr. Ditcher and me picked 'er up, and if he didn't know 'er, and told me all about 'er afterwards, tho' fust we got 'er to the 'ospital, and then he said as it were that melancholy, and he know'd it all to be true, for it 'appened in the house as he were a-livin in, and he know'd 'er well, as were a poor widder with a only boy as she doted on, and would work 'erself to death, poor soul, for to let 'im 'ave pocket-money, as was kep' short thro' bein' in the army, as is not allowed I says, 'Never," a shakin' my 'ead.

much more than three farthin's a day, as don't 1 go far in tobacco and beer.

But he was the pride of 'er 'eart, and took that pleasure in seein' 'im in 'is uniform, as I'm sure I should be werry sorry for to see a boy of mine in, as is a disfigurement, and I can't a-bear the sight of them red breeches; and as to bein' a soger, it was nearly the death of me when my Joe listed, but the French is different, thro' bein' a blood-thirsty race; and Mr. Ditcher said as this poor old soul seemed quite cut up when her son's time was up as never settled down steady like, but wouldn't take no pleasure in 'is work, as were a cabinet-maker by trade; but, law, 'owever can you expect any one to settle down to work arter bein' a sojer.

Well, this young feller he fell in love with a werry nice young gal, as 'er father wouldn't ear on it, and 'ad agreed as she was to marry another party, as she didn't care nothink about; and the poor gal she took it so to 'art, as for to go and pison 'erself. And Mr. Ditcher said as he should never forget that young man's face the night as she died, as was only four days ago; and he come into 'is mother's shop, and kissed 'er, a-lookin' ghastly white, and says, "Good night, mother." She says, "Where are you agoin' to-night, Antoine?"

He only says, "To bed-to sleep;" and out he goes, but never went to bed, and only to 'is long sleep, for he didn't come in to breakfast in the mornin': and then some one come and told the poor old lady, as the young gal, her son's sweet'art, 'ad pisoned 'erself the night

Then she says, "My boy is dead too; I know it—I know it;" and if she didn't rush out of the place, and went down to that Morg, but there wasn't no body of her son there. she wouldn't give it up, but come again twice that day, and the fust thing the next mornin', without finding 'im, as was only brought in just afore we went in to see it; and that's 'ow it were as we see 'er.

I do believe I felt as much for that poor soul as if she 'adn't been a foreigner, as 'er poor, pale, distracted face 'aunted me; and I says, when I got 'ome, as I'd never go to see no more Morgs, and, before the week was out, Mr. Dichter told me as the poor old lady were dead, and no doubt a broken 'art, as I'm sure it would be my death for to see a boy of mine a-layin' in that dreadful place, as I can't get

the sight out of my eyes night nor day.

And we see the 'ospital, as it looks like a pallis, and thousands of poor creeturs a-sufferin' there, as is called God's House; and so it is, for comfortin' and relievin' them as is afflicted, and I'm sure them good sisters as nusses them day and night for love, is a beautiful sight alone, and to think of any one a-doin' on it all for strangers, as is a painful duty by a friend; and that quiet and nice in their ways, as is sich a comfort in a sick room, and not to be neglected as some of our sick, as whatever can you expect when some of them 'ospital nusses did used to be downright wretches, as would rob and ill-use the sick, as 'appened to poor 'Liza Burress many years ago, as I remember, in a 'ospital, as died neglected, and only found out thro' a poor gal as was in the same ward as told of their goin's on; but there's some, I'm told, as is werry good, and improvin' every day.

Miss Tredwell, she didn't seem for to care about the 'ospital, and she says, "I do believe, Mrs. Brown, as you're a downright

reg'lar nuss."
"Well," I says, "and what if I am—where's the 'arm? and you may be glad on my 'elp yet afore you dies;' and I walks on, and we leaves the 'ospital; and I makes my obedience to one of them sisters, and says, "It's sorry I am, mum, not for to be able to tell you as I thinks, you're a hornament to your sect,' as Mr. Ditcher told 'er in French, and she shook ands with me quite freely, as I felt more proud on than if she'd been a queen. By the time as we'd done that

done up, and a 'buss as took Was reg'lar glad ketch for to us to the Magalin; and there we met the others as 'ad been elsewheres, and glad I was for to 'ave a good draught of beer and some cold meat, for I can't stand the wish-wash wittles and drink as the French lives on, as don't seem to 'ave no strength in it, and some on it is downright muck, for never shall I forget bein perswaded for to taste a snail, as I shouldn't have knowed what it was to look at it all but

Mr. Ditcher, he was along with us, and said as they was considered fine things for the chest, as I'd got a nasty cold on myself, so I agreed as I'd 'ave some. It give me a bit of a turn when they brought 'em, and a little fork a-purpose to pick 'em out with; and nasty black stuff it looked as we did pick it out, and we all agreed as we'd taste 'em together. So Mr. Ditcher, as is full of his fun and uncommon good company, he says, "Now, then, all together," and we all put the bits as we 'ad on our forks into our mouths simultanous. never did taste nothink like it, and 'opes as l never shall. I didn't look at nobody else, but I rushes to the winder, and so did all the rest; and it wasn't till we'd 'ad brandy round as one on us could touch a bit more dinner; but will say as them frogs as they eats is nice, that delicate as you might think it was fine small rabbit; not as they're things as I cares about, nor yet about rabbits, partickler them Ostend ones, as I don't believe is rabbits at all

in my 'art. I never didn't taste no mice, as I'm sure never should fancy, as must always be a faint smell, tho' I've 'eard say thro' a uncle of mine as 'ad been in Cheyney as them Chinee would eat puppy-dog pie and relish it, but good beef and mutton is all as I cares about, with lamb and weal occasional for a change, tho' I will say as you gets beautiful meat in France, tho' a frightful price, nearly two shillin's a-pound, as is the reason as many is drove to mice and frogs. Their wegetables, they're delicious, but most parties wants a bit of meat once a-day.

Never shall I forget the row as I 'ad at one of them restorongs at the Exhibishun over a bit of beef as they brought me that coarse and underdone, quite soddened as I didn't fancy; for me and Mrs. Archbutt felt peckish at one, and agreed as we'd take a somethink. Well, I was for Spiers and Pond's, but she says, "Oh, no;" she says, "we can 'ave English dinners when at 'ome; let's dine à la mode

I says, "None of your à la mode for me," as is a thing as I never would touch, not even out of the à la mode beef shops of London, let alone Paris.

"Oh," she says, "we'll have a somethink as is ready," and so I looks at the cart as I couldn't make nothink on, and the more that waiter jabbered, the more I didn't understand. So "Oh, bother, stop that," I says, "roast, and off he goes, and werry soon come back with two plates on it, and a lump of mashed tater by the side, as must 'ave been let overboil, and then won't never mash, but when I see the meat, I says, "What you

He says, "Ah. Oh, yes."

As was all the English as the idjot know'd tho' they'd wrote up "English speke 'ere." I says, "Whatever do you call it ?" a-pintin to my plate.

He says, "Rosbif."

He says, "May wee say filly." I could swear them was 'is words. I says, "I thought so; filly indeed. I won't eat none of your 'orseflesh," I says. "Come

on, Mrs. Archbutt." Well, that waiter, he danced about us and says, "pay ya." I says, "Jammy." He calls another as ketched 'old of my redicule. I give 'im a shove as sent 'im agin another as were carryin' a lot of plates, as sent 'im backwards on a table full of glasses, and they fetches in one of them perlice, and a interpreter as stood me out as filly meant roast beef. So I had to pay, for there wasn't no standin' agin that fellow, as would swear anythink, for I do believe as in that Exhibishun they was all alike, them as would say anythink but their prayers, and them they whistles, as the sayin' is; and all I've got to say is, I shan't trust myself in none of them restorongs no more alone, for I'm sure that waiter, he looked as if he could ave murdered me, and I do think as he would, only I'd got 'old of my umbreller that firm as looked determined, and so I was to 'ave give 'im a topper if he'd touched me agin, for as I says to him, "Paws off, Pompey," as is French, I knows, for I don't 'old with bein' pulled about by nobody, let alone with their greasy fingers, as left a mark on my sleeve as it was, the' certingly they are beautiful clean in the general way, and their linen got up that white as never can be washed in cold water, the same as you may see them washerwomen in boats on the river by the 'undred a-washin' away, as wouldn't suit me, and it seems to me as them poor women works 'arder than the men a-sweepin' the streets, and sich like, as is work only fit for slaves, not but what some of them French is nearly as dark as niggers; and there was a young gal in the train with us the day as we was a-goin' to Wersales, as was a downright tea-pot, with a turbin on the top of 'er black wool, as spoke French jest like the white ones, as is what they never can do with the English, as shows as they must be all the same; for I'm sure the langwidge of them Christshun Minstrels is downright foolishness. and I've 'eard 'em speak the same myself down by the Docks, when they wasn't up to their larks, with their bones and banjos, and all manner.

They may talk about weather, but all as I've got to say of all the weather as ever I know'd, this 'ere Paris beats it 'oller-a furniss one day and a-freezin' the next.

I thought as it were too early for summer things afore I left 'ome, so wore winter ones, as was nearly my death with 'eat, for I did think as I should 'ave melted dead away, and yet airaid to change; but it was that warm that I says to Miss Tredwell, "I do think as I must wear my yaller musling to-morrow.' She says, "Oh do, for I'm sure you'll look so nice in a musling," But, law, when I come to get it out you'd 'ave thought as it 'ad been in the dirty-clothes bag, it was that dreadful tumbled; but the young woman as waited on us as were that civil she said as it could be ironed out easy, and took it accordin'.

Miss Tredwell she says to me, "You ain't never a-going to wear that musling without a I says, "Whatever do you mean?"
"Oh," she says, "one of them spring petticoats."

I says, "No crinoline for me," She says, "Not a crinoline, but," she says I'll show you," and runs to 'er room and fetches one as was only a crinoline on a small scale arter all.

"There," she says; "it's jest enough to make your musling set helegant, and you're wel-I says, "What are you a-going' to do with-out it?"

"Oh," she says, "my dress as I'm a-goin' to wear ain't made for it, so do take it, for I shan't wear it no more."

Well, I must say as when I come to put that musling on it did look werry dabby, for in ironin' of it out they'd been and damped it, so as it was as limp as a rag; so I let Miss Tredwell put me on the jupong, and I wore only a light jacket as looked werry nice, tho' I must say as it were werry summery, but it was a 'ot sun 'tho' 'eavy clouds about.

I thought as I must 'ave bust out a-larfin' in Mrs. Archbutt's face, for if she 'adn't gone and put on a 'at the same as Mrs. Wells got, and a new wig as curled at the back. Miss Tredwell, she 'd words with Mrs. Wells jest as we was a-startin', thro' a-sayin' as Mrs. Wells 'ad got 'er parysol, as they'd bought 'em new

together the day before. Of all the hold fools as ever I did 'know, it's that Archbutt, as will always contradict you about the shortest way, and I'm sure the time as he kep' us a-waitin', with 'im a spreadin' the plan of Paris up agin a wall and a-disputin' about the way Brown and Wells 'ad started, so I says to Miss Tredwell, "Let's go by the train, the same as we did yesterday;" and so she agreed, and while old Archbutt was a-talkin' we sloped on the quiet, as the sayin' is, and got to the train.

As soon as ever I were at the station I felt the wind a-blowin' that cool thro' my musling as I says, "Miss Tredwell, I must go back for a warm shawl.11

We'd took our tickets, and jest at that moment in come the train, and Miss Tredwell says, "I'll lend you my shawl," and 'urries me down the stairs.

Of all the ill-convenient trains to get into it's them second-class French, for the sides is so steep and the steps that narrer as I couldn't 'rdly climb up at all; but the carriages inside is comfortable, the' narrer.

Of all the roundabouts it is that way of goin' to the Exhibishun, as seems for to whisk you all round Paris, tho' it gets you there at

We was determined, Miss Tredwell and me, for to 'ave a good look at the jewels, as is splendid. I never did see nothink more lovely than a lot as belongs to a Countess.

"Ah," I says, "fine feathers makes fine birds, but they don't make 'appy ones;" so I 'opes as them diamons isn't got at the price of artache, for I'm told them French 'usbands is a awdacious lot, a-goin' on all manner, and a-givin' of them diamons to their favorites by the bushel, and often a-neglectin' of their I says to Miss Tredwell, "Do look there,"

says, "'ow careless, to be sure, for to leave them lovely jewels there," for a laying outside on the top of one of them glass-cases there was diamons and rubies, as big as the top of your finger, as anybody might take. The gentleman as was a standin' there were

very perlite, and he smiles and draws his 'and along the case, and if them jewels wasn't inside stuck to the glass.

"Lor," I says, "I could 'ave swore they could 'ave been picked up." "Yes," says he, "and you ain't the only one as thought the same, for a lady come by the other day, and throwed 'er 'ankercher over them, a-askin' the price of a bracelet for to take up attention, a-thinkin' to take

"What," I says, "collar the lot? Eh! I hope you don't call sich a individual a lady, as must be only a fieldmale, whether English or

That gentleman only smiled, and were that perlite as to show me some lovely things as the Hemperor 'ad bought for 'is good lady; and I'm sure nobedy don't ought to be seen in

such things but queens and princesses, as, in course, must be that dressed for to look like

theirselves. For my part, I do think as the imitations is a deal more showy than the real ones, and, of course, you'd get more for your money; but then, in case of a rainy day, where are you? whilst them lords and dukes can't never be 'ard up, as long as they've got them things to make the money on at a pinch.

I don't think as ever I did see sich a lot of bedsteads and sideboards and one thing and the other, as parties can't know what to do with if they 'ad 'em; and altogether the place is that confusin' that you're quite bewildered, and as to findin, your way about, why you're always a-comin' back to the same place; leastways, we was, for that Miss Tredwell keep a-leadin' me wrong. And there was a pulpit as was stuck in the middle of one passage as we was always a-comin' to, till I got that wild as I couldn't bear it no longer, so takes my own way, and walks thro' the picters, and come out in the middle ile like; and glad I was for to see a seat, and set down all of a 'urry for there wasn't many wacant. I 'adn't no idea as it sloped back slippy like, and there I was a-settin' without my feet a-touchin' the ground.

I was that tired as I didn't care about nothink, and see a good many idjots grinnin', as is their French ways, for they will laugh at anythink, as is what I calls a friverlous lot. So I says to Miss Tredwell, "Don't take no

notice, let 'em grin;" and we'd set there, I should think, 'arf a 'our, when who should come up but Brown and Mr. Wells. So Brown says, "Halle! Martha, draw it

I says, "Whatever do you mean ?" "Why," he says, "you're a-settin' showin' your feet like anythink."

"Well," I says, "they're my own."
"Yes," he says, "but you needn't come the
Menken over us; for, tho' werry good feet in
their way, they ain't much to look at." Jest at the same moment up came Mrs. Archbutt and Mrs. Wells, as both exclaimed, "For goodness' sake, Mrs. Brown, do get up, you're such a figger! Why, we've seen your

feet for ever so far off, a good way over your boot tops." I was rather put out by Mrs. Archbutt's ways, as she was evident put out at me 'avin

started afore 'er. So I says, "My figger, mum, is p'raps as good as others, tho' I mayn't 'ave on a new 'ead of 'air and a 'at," and was a-goin' to get up, but, law, it was a 'ard struggle for me to get on my feet, thro' the seat bein' leather and that deep back, and I thought as I heerd somethink go snap in that petticoat, but give myself a shake, and all seemed right; so I walks on, and give Mrs. Archbutt a look for I see 'er a-sneerin'; and jest as I were a-crossin' of the open court, I give a stumble thro' a-ketchin' my foot in somethink as I couldn't make out, and away I went down such a crash on all fours; and when they picked me up there was that jupong as 'ad slipped down round my feet, and throwed me

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August 10, 1867,
FORAGE.

FORAGE.

Scaled Proposals will be received at this Office until 12 o'clock M., TUESDAY, August 20, 1867, for furnishing this Depot with Forage for a period of six (6) months, commencing September 1, 1867, and ending the 29th day of February, 1868, inclusive at the commencing September 1, 1869, and the commencing September 1, 1869

1868, inclusive, viz.:—
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for the use of animals in the public service at
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STATIONERY.

Scaled Proposals will also be received at this Office until 12 o'clock M., TUESDAY, August 20, 1897, for furnishing this Depot with Stationery, for a period of one (1) year, commencing September 1, 1867, and ending the 31st day of August. 1898, inclusive, viz.:—

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Samples of the articles of Stationery bid for must be delivered at this office twenty-four (24) hours previous to the opening of the bids. Each bid must be guaranteed by two responsible persons, whose signatures must be appended to the bid, and certified to as being good and sufficient security for the amount involved, by the United States District Judge, Attorney, Collector, or other public officer.

Blank forms for bids can be had on application at this office, and bidders are requested to be present at the opening of the same.

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Endorse envelopes, "Proposals for Forage and Stationery," respectively.

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IMPROVEMENT OF THE DES MOINES
RAPIDS OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER.
U. S. ENGINEER'S OFFICE.
DAVENPORT, LOWA, July 24, 1867.
Sealed proposals, in duplicate, will be received at this office until 12 M., WEDNESDAY, September 4, 1867, for excavating the prism and constructing the embankment wall of the Canal for the improvement of the navigation of the Mississippi river at the Des Moines Rapids.

of the Mississippi river at the Des Moines Rapids.

The Canal is to be about 7½ (seven and one-baif) miles long, extending from Nashville to Keoknik, Iowa. The width at the water surface inside the canal to be 300 (three hundred) feet embankment, and 250 (two hundred and fifty leet in excavation, and in low water to be 5 (five) feet deep. All the material excavated from the prism of the canal to be used in building the embankment. The latter throughout the greater part of the distance will be about

300 (three hundred) feet from the Iowa shore. Where rock excavation occurs, the bottom of the canal will have a slope of 1½ (one and one-half) inches to the mile. The embankment is to be built of earth clay and rock; to be 10 (ten) feet wide on top, including the rip-rap covering; to be 2 (two) feet above high-water mark, with slopes of 11/2 (one and one). ing; to be 2 (two) feet above high-water mark, with slopes of 1% (one and one-half) base to 1 (one) vertical. The average thickness of the rip-rap protection to be 2% (two and one-half) feet on the river side, 2 (two) feet on the canal side, and 1 (one) foot on top.

All propositions must state the price at which each and every kind of work specified in the proposal is to be done, and no bid will be considered that is not definite in this respect.

The Government reserves the right to reject

The Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

A printed copy of this advertisement must be attached to each proposal.

Each bid must contain a written or printed guarantee signed by two responsible persons.

Blanks for proposals of the form required, with form of guarantee, will be furnished at this office on application.

The price or prices in the contract will be con-The price or prices in the contract will be considered as including the expense of furnishing all the materials and performing all the work,

secording to the plans and specifications exhibited at the letting.

The entire cost of the canal is estimated at The entire cost of the canal is estimated at \$2,068,845 (two million sixty-eight thousand three hundred and forty-five). The amount appropriated by Congress is \$700,000 (seven hundred thousand dollars)—the contract can only be made to cover this amount.

Fifteen (15) per cent, of the amount of any work done or materials furnished, at the contract price thereof, will be reserved until the whole work which is the subject of contract shall be entirely completed. whole work which is the subject of contract shall be entirely completed.

Persons desiring further information can obtain the same by calling at this office, where maps, plans, specifications, and form of contract can be consulted.

Proposals must be addressed to the undersigned, and should be endorsed "Proposals for work on the improvement of the Des Moines Rapids."

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