TO THE PARIS EXHIBITION.

WHAT THE OLD LADY SAW AND DID THERE.

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PART IV.

(Continued from yesterday's issue.) What to do I didn't know, for there wasn't no cloak-room, nor nothink near at hand, and there I was obligated to walk ever so far all among the crowd, a-carryin' of that jupong. ave throwed away with pleasure, but didn't dars to there. And when I got to what they calls the westiare, that jupong was that broke that it couldn't be wore no more, as I'd been and ketched my foot in it; and if that Miss Tredwell didn't 'ave the face to say as it were worth twelve shillin's, and 'ad cost eighteen, as I don't believe a word on, for I've seed them ticketed ten over and over agin But Mrs. Wells, she stood my friend, and managed for to pin me up; but I 'ad to go 'ome as soon as I'd took some refreshment, and 'ad to carry the jupong. And if Miss Tredwell didn't expect me to pay 'er twelve shillin's; but I says, "I'll give you eight, as it's more than it's worth, and never wanted to wear it." And I do believe it was only 'er art as made 'er lend it me, a-'opin' as I might spile it, as she wanted to get rid on thro being quite gone out.

I always did 'ate borrerin' clothes or lendin em either, as always ends unpleasant, the same as my black welwet cape as I lent to Brown's sister and never see a westment on it agin, as she said as it were took off 'er arm aboard of a Gravesend steamer, as in my opinion she's been and made away with it and won't tell the truth 'onest.

I quite took more to Mrs. Wells arter that day, and 'er and me often 'ad a friendly chat and suited one another, for them others would go a-flyin' off to that Exhibishun with their breakfasts in their throats, and 'er and me did used to take it more quiet, and it was the next day but one as I'd 'ad that mess about the jupong, as 'er and me agreed for to go into Paris by the 'buss, as was got werry night at 'and. Well, tho' not dressed over light l felt chilly, and says to 'er, "I'm sure it must be cold out of doors."

As soon as I'd got out I found as the weather ad changed, and afore I'd been out long I was downright a-perishin' with cold, and says to Mrs. Wells as I should like a "petty ware, as is what they calls a drop of brandy. She said as she should like the same; so I says, "Let's stop a bit, and we can soon ketch the 'buss up;" so we stops at one of them caffees,

and says to the garsong, "Doo petty wares."

He says somethink gibberish like, and brings in the bottle. I don't think as ever I felt more chilled thro', so I says to 'im, "O sho," as he understood, and brought some 'ot water, and Mrs. Wells and me 'ad a small tumbler a-piece. When we'd 'elped ourselves, that garsong, he come and took away the brandy, as we 'adn't took much out on. Well, we set a talkin' and a-sippin' of the liquor, as wasn't over strong, till I says, "This won't do: we shan't fall in with them if we don't and up I jumps and gives the feller one of them cart wheels, as they calls five francs; he says a somethink, and 'olds up 'is two fingers.

What do you mean?" and he go and fetches the brandy-bottle, as was almost empty, all but a drop, not more than a tea-

spoonful at the bottom. I says, "We've never drunk all that !" He begins to jabber and scream; so I goes up to the lady as was a-settin' at the counter, with 'er 'air done very nice, and bottles all afore 'er, and shows 'er the bottle, and says "Jammy," as means never. I couldn't make nothink of 'er, and if that waiter didn't fetch a fat man out of another place as had been playin' dominoes, and they both begun at me. Mrs. Well, she says, 'Oh, pay 'em, and

let's go." I says, "Seven francs, as is nearly six shillin's for two sixpenn'orths of brandy and water, never! Jammy," I kep' a-sayin', and if that wagabone of a waiter didn't ketch up my parysol as was a-lyin' on the little marble table, and so I says, "You give it up, or I'll make you," and shakes my list at 'im; and if that other party didn't call in one of them surjons-de-will, as nearly scared Mrs. Wells to death, and she took and paid the two

francs. I give it 'em pretty 'ot, I can tell you, as I'm sure understood what I meant thro' me a-makin' grimaces, jest like their own ways of goin' on, till that feller as were the proprietor, I fancies, ketched 'old on me by the shoulders and turned me out of the place, and jest at the door who should come up but a young man as was a-livin' along with us, as spoke French, and if them awdacious wretches didn't show im the brandy-bottle, and say as we'd emptied it, as I can swear only took two of them "petty wares" a-piece, and I shouldn't ave minded it 'arr so much only I'm pretty sure as that young man didn't believe me; and when we met Brown at the place, as we'd ap-pointed, the fust thing as he said was, "Well, old gal, you've been 'avin' a pretty good turn at the brandy," as made that young man roar with larfture, and I was that put out as I said I'd go 'ome at once, and would 'ave done it, too, only didn't like to leave Mrs. Wells, as can't a-bear Mrs. Archbutt, and wont speak to Miss Tredwell, as is certingly downright sickening, with 'er hairs a-pretendin' to speak French as she don't know no more on than a cow, in my opinion, and a-goin on that foolish as made me blush for 'er, for I can't a-bear anythink as is bold in a fieldmale, particklar among foreigners, as is only too glad to pick oles in any one's coats.

It was agreed as we'd sales in a carriage, the lot on us, as was the Archbutts and Wellses, Miss Tredwell, with Brown and me, and a werry nice gentleman, as said he'd accompany us for to explain things, but that old Archbutt he kep' on a-botherin' about goin' by rail, so he was give in to; not by my will, for he's jest the very one as I likes to contradict.

I must say as I thinks I was dressed nice. for I'd got on things as made me look uncommon genteel, which was a blue musling and a white jacket, with pink ribbins run thro' it. and my leghorn bonnet, as the ribbins was ironed out and looked quite new, as it did ought to for only fresh trimmed at the hend of last summer, and only on my 'ead twice, but 'ad got a good deal crushed thro' that dunce of a cabman, a-lettin' the big box fall on it, and with my white lace wall, as always looks like a lady and sorry I am as I dressed like that, for I'd 'ave give the world for my Coburg cloth and welwet cape afore we got 'ome from Wer-

The way as they put you into them waitin rooms, as is like pens at the railways, is werry aggrawatin', and parties kep' a starin' and some on em called me the belly Hanglaise, and some on 'em shoved uncomison rude when the doors was opened for to let us on to the platform; and when we'd got into the carriage Miss Tredwell says to me, "I wonder, Mrs. Brown, as you dresses that conspicuous, for every one was a-starin'

at you. I says, "Me dress conspicuous! well, I like that, partikler from you," for she was a reg' lar guy, with one of them red Grabidald jackets on, and a yaller musling skirt, and a thing like a cheese plate on the top of 'er 'ead, trimmed round with beads, for a 'at, and a lump of 'air stuck on the back of 'er 'ead for a chignon, as she wanted to make believe was 'er own 'air, when, bless you, she 'aint got six 'airs of a side growin' nat'ral, and I'm sure that thing looked like a hairy deformity a-growin' out the back of 'er 'ead, with a face as is ugly as sin, in a pair of spectacles into the bargain, as of course she can't 'elp thro' not 'avin' made 'erself, as the sayin' is.

We was werry pleasant in the train all but for Miss Tredwell, as got a-talkin' to a minister as were Henglish, with a lot of boys with 'im, as was dressed up like a Catholic priest, leastways somethink like, as said he were a Catholic, as made a Irish party pitch into 'im. along with Miss Tredwell, one a one side and the other, till Brown says, "I'd advise you all to drop it and let the gentleman alone, and let 'im be what he likes,

"Yes," says the Irish party, "but he says he's a priest and he ain't." Miss Tredwell, she says, "If he's a minister

let 'im talk like one." So I says to the Irish party, I says, "You didn't believe he was a priest, now did you?"

She says, "Not a bit on it."
"Well, then," I says, "You ain't 'urt;"
and as to Miss Tredwell, she believes jest what she likes, whatever any minister may tell 'er, so it don't much signify what he talks about for if she don't like it she can lump it, as the savin' is.

So I says, "We're out for to spend a pleasant day, and not to interfere with one another's religions, as an't nobody's affairs but our own." So Miss Tredwell says, "He's a-livin' in the

same 'ouse along with me, and a-goin' on with

them boys jest like a papist, as quite puts me I says, "You must be touchy for that to put you out;" but I think as she was put out really, with 'er faceache as were that bad as she said as the train 'ad give 'er cold.

I says to 'er, "You'll escuse me, but," "it's your teeth as wants a-lookin"," "No," she says, "they don't," quite short; 'my teeth's fust-rate."

I says, "Then they may be useful, but is not hornamental," thro' bein' a reg'lar set of cloves in 'er mouth. "Well," she says, "you can't talk about

teeth, as has only got one." I says, "You'll escuse me, my back ones is sound, tho' only one left in front, thro' a clothes prop a-fallin' on 'em."

She only give a sneerin' smile like, and turns away 'er 'ead; but she got up the next mornin' with 'er face swelled up like a lump of dough. There was a werry nice old French gentle-

man as spoke English in the carriage with us, thro' 'avin' of a English wife, as I couldn't cotton to at all, as the sayin' is, for she would keep a-runnin down England and the English, as put me out. Certainly, Wersales is a werry fine place.

tho' dismal for to look at, and decided overgrowed. They may well call it Wersales, for never did taste such a disgustin' glass of beer, as served me right for 'avin' of it, for I'd been caught with their beer afore, as filth is the word. I never did see sich miles of picters as there

is at Wersales, and I says to Mrs. Archbutt, 'It's all werry fine to paint them battles, but, in course, they wasn't never fought in this

So the old Frenchman as spoke English, he says, "Oh, yes, they are victories of France all over the world."

"Yes," says 'is wife, a chimin' in, "they've conquered every nation." I says, "You'll escuse me, mum, but they've never conquered one."

She says, "Yes, every one, and will again."
I says, "Rubbish!" and walks on a-talkin'
to Mrs. Archbutt, thro' not a-wantin' to 'ear er: but she would keep on at it, sayin' "France for ever !" till at last I says, "Oh. says, "Waterloo !" for I was savage, not a-thinkin' as her French 'usband would 'ave 'eard me, thro', in course, not wishin' to 'urt

their feelin's. He flew at me like ravin' tigers, a-sayin as the English never did conquer at Waterloo. "No, no," he says, "no, it was a grand retreat; but the French was never beat.

"Oh," I says, "indeed; then 'ow about Sent

The temper as that man showed, and 'is wife too, as I couldn't stand it from 'er. I says, 'Your 'usband may go on, thro' being a be nighted foreigner; but as to you, I ain't no patience with you, as did ought to be ashamed on yourself, for if you like to marry a foreigner, do it in welcome, 'owever old, as l wishes 'im joy on you;" and I says, "I don't care for none of you, as is a mean-sperrited lot!" for all the English turned agin me. But says, "Whatever you may say, Waterloo is Waterloo; and all as I've got to say is as we did beat 'em, and we'll do it agin if there's any occasions;" and off I was a-walkin' all of a 'urry, a-quite forgettin' about them boards bein' that slippy, and away goes my 'eels, and I felt I was a-fallin'; so I ketches 'old on the fust thing for to save myself by, as proved to be that old Frenchman's coat-tail, as gave way with a rip up the back, and down we goes

together. His wife, she says, "Let 'im go, you old wixen !" and in tryin' to lift 'im up, down she goes too, and there we was all three a-sprawlin'. and the others a larfin' that wiclent as they

couldn't 'elp us up. Two of them men as looks arter the rooms come up a-lookin' werry sour, and speakin' that gruff as didn't seem to see no joke in it, and I'm sure I didn't, So says, "I'm shook dreadful, and it's a shame to polish 'em up like this, for whoever is to walk on sich boards as is like lookin'-glass and ice for slippiness, and I do believe as you

Jest then Brown come back, and says Whatever are you a-settin' on the floor for ? "Well," I says, "I shall like to set 'ere bit, for I'm that tired, and I can't keep my feet." So he ketched 'old on me, and give me a jerk up as pretty nigh knocked my

bonnet off. I says, "Let me ketch 'old of your for walk I can't;" and what with 'im a-'oldin' me, and a-taking werry short steps, I managed for more to totter walk thro' them rooms, as is a deal too long to please me; and Brown wasn't over-pleasant company, as give me a reg'lar jobation, thro' me a-tellin' 'im about my sayin' Waterloo.

So he says, "Don't you let me 'ear you jag gerin' no more about sich a subject, as you didn't never ought to mention afore the

I says, "I didn't go to do it." "Well, then," he says, "no more on it, if you please." I was that tired with walkin' about

that pallis, and I was for to go into the gardings and see the grand hose as they plays the water-works with, and there I see the old Frenchman and 'is wife as glared at me. Well, parties was a-rushin' all one side of

them fountings, so I says to Mrs. Archbutt, "Let's come this way, as no one else ain't a-goin', "and jest then they took and turned the water that strong, as the wind took, and it come slap over me and Mrs. Archbutt, and 'arf drowned us. She was in a towerin' rage, and said as I'd

done it for the purpose, as I'm sure I'd got quite as much on it as 'er, but she's been that cross-grained for ever so long, so she must get pleased agin, and off she walked a mutterin', We was a-goin' to dine at the Pally Royal. "We don't want only a bit of So I says,

lunch," so I says to Miss Tredwell, as was

walkin' alone thro' 'avin' 'ad words with every one, "What would you like?" "Oh," she says, "somethink light, pastry like." So we goes into a pastrycook's shop on our way to the train as we was a-walkin' to slow along with another lady as 'ad jined us thro' bein' in the same 'ouse, and a-talkin'

friendly. We ad a few small cakes and a glass of the winergariest wine a-piece as ever I tasted, and if they didn't take and charge us 'arf-a-crown, leastways three francs, as is the same thing when you turns it into our money, as was a downright swindle, and I wouldn't 'ave paid it, only I'd given the young girl a five-franc piece, so in course she collared the lot.

I couldn't make 'er understand much, but I kep' on a-sayin' "filloo," as I knows is French for thief, and walks out of the shop, as is a reg'lar set of 'orse leeches overywhere.

It's downright dreadful the price of everythink, and I'm sure if it wasn't as Mr. Cook manages wonderful for parties, nobody couldn't come to Paris at all, but things as Princes, and even the Prince of Wales 'isself 'ad to look to the money, and was drove to beer at the Exhibishun, as in course is a thing as he'd look down on in a gen'ral way as beneath 'im.

Wersales is a werry unpleasant pavement to walk on, and glad I was for to get to the train, where we met the others, and so got back to Paris in good time, as is a blessin', for I can't a-bear that shovin' and scrougin' for to get a train, as am always afraid of bein' pushed under the wheels, as would make short work of any one.

I must say as some of them picters about battles is werry grand, but you can see who does the work, for there was the kings and hemperors a-settin' quite easy on their 'osses, and them poor sojers a-bein' killed all round, and all I got to say, more fools them to go and fight over a thing as won't bring them no good, but make widders and orphins, and you wouldn't ketch me a-fightin'. not excep' any one was to come for to inwade us, and then I'd 'ave every man, woman, and child turn to, 'cos that's fightin' in self-defense; but to see them sojers a-rushin' on like wild beasts to kill their feller-creaturs, is enough to turn any one sick, and I wouldn't be in their boots as orders it to be done, not for a

trifle. Them French dinners waries a good deal, and I'm sure as some of them as is cheapest is best, and a werry nice dinner we got for two francs and a 'arf in the Pally Royal, as ain't dear when you comes to think, tho' in course the wine ain't no great shakes, and requires you to take a "petty ware" or two arter it, as we did out in the gardings, as is werry well, but it 'ad turned that chilly, I may say cold, and there was Miss Tredwell, as required all 'er warm shawl for 'erself, thro' s 'owlin' with toothache. So I says to the lady as I'd made friends with, "This won't suit me,

I shall get 'ome." So she says, "So shall I."
"Ah," I says, "I dare say your pa's expectin" you," for I'd see 'er about the place with a old

She says, "That's my 'usband." I says, "Oh, indeed." I says, "Some parties does look holder than their hages;" for I didn't know what to say, and felt as I'd put my foot

So we left the rest on 'em, as said they was a-goin' somewheres; and off me and the lady goes to ketch the 'buss by what they calls the Bourse, and 'ad to wait there some time, thro' there bein' so many a-goin'. At last we was off, but not afore the rain begun; and as to the cold, I was downright perishin'; and them 'bussmen is that contrairy, for if he didn't take us ever so far wrong, and we 'ad to walk 'ome at least a mile in torrents of rain. and all as I was fit for was bed, arter a cup of ot tea, as was the only thing as I'd relished

Brown he come in werry late, and said as they'd all been for to see 'orsemanship, at a surk, as they calls it.

"Well," I says, "you're welcome to go for me, as don't care about them things." But he says as it were wonderful. We was fast asleep as churches, as the sayin' is, and I was a-dreamin' of fightin' with that old Frenchman about Waterloo, and thought I was 'ammerin' at 'is 'ead, as sounded 'oller; but when I was woke up, there was somebody a-'ammerin' somewheres, so I listens attentive, but didn't care for to get out of bed; and as to Brown, when I told 'im about it, he only says, "Let 'em 'ammer, as ain't at our door," and goes

But in the mornin' we 'eard the reason as they was a-'ammerin', for if Mrs. Archbutt 'adn't been and took the key of Miss Tredwell's door into 'er room, so she couldn't get in, and Miss Tredwell 'ad to set up in the Sally Mangy all night; and a pretty rage she were in, for she declared as Mrs. Archbutt 'ad done it for the purpose, thro' their 'avin' quarrelled at the surk, as made Mrs. Archbutt leave fust; and when she got 'ome, went and collared Miss Tredwell's key, and pretended she didn't 'ear a sound all night, as must be as deaf as 'er 'usband. But I must say as it served Miss Tredwell right, for she'd a werry nice room next ourn as she would move out on, because she didn't like bein' so 'igh up, as she said it didn't sound well; a stuck-up hidjot, and a nice swelled face she'd got, as wasn't no improvement to her, and couldn't go to the Louver the next day, as she'd promised to, a sayin' as she'd been, and could show 'em everythink worth seein', as is 'er blowin ways; but she 'ad to take to 'er bed, and was glad for me to ferment 'er face with poppyeads, as gives 'er ease; but I must say, of the disagreeables as ever I did see, she's the worst, out and out. Sich a sour, discontented temper, and that conceited, as you'd think 'er a downright beauty, instead

I didn't mean for to go to the Louver myself no more, but they all says to me, "Oh do come, Mrs. Brown, 'cos yeu've been afore, and can tell us all about it.''

"Well," I says, "I ain't no objections, though it would take wollums." So go we did, a party. As is certingly a noble place, and some of them picters is werry well, tho rench; and you did ought, at your time of I I've 'eard say as they was stole, a good many

life, to 'ave more sense in your 'ead than on 'em, out of other countries, by old Boney, and 'aughty in pasain', as I'm sure didn't 'art illude to."

and a good many had to be give back. my feelin's.

What I likes best at the Louver is them royal robes as is a 'angin' up in glass cases; and there's a little shoe as belonged to that poor dear queen, with 'er 'ead out off; and there's everythink as Bonyparty did use to wear, down to 'is tooth-brush; all except what Madame Tusso 'ave got in Baker Street Bazaar, as best, for there's the carriage as he tried for get away in, and the bed as he died in; and 'owever they can let 'im lay there in that state, as even the Duke of Wellin'ton 'isself went to look at 'im, as they'd better put in 'is tomb, as they've got all ready in the Invalids, as we're a-goin' to see, and no doubt a wonderful man, but why ever couldn't he stop at 'ome like this one, and set to work for rebuild the place, as must have wanted it in them days, as I've 'eard say they 'adnt a drop of water in the 'ouse, as wants many improvements still, the' werry nice to look at outside, and certingly werry pretty, and all done up gay; and as to the fur nishin', it looks that elegant lit up of a night, as is like fairy-land. But give me what's plain and wholesome afore all your finery, as is only gimerack arter all. And the floors at that Louver was as bad as Wersales for bein' slippery, and p'raps it's done for the purpose, for to prevent any one a-hookin' of it too sudden, as might be a-carryin' somethink off, and wouldn't never get far: leastways, I shouldn't, for I was a-slippin' about all the time, and wouldn't ave minded if I'd 'ad my umbreller, as is always a support, and done no 'arm to nothink, for I'm sure I shouldn't never 'ave took it off the ground.

But as I were a-saying about that Louver, it's a noble place, and done up all beautiful for to show to them kings and hemperors as is a-comin' on a wisit, one down and the other come on, as the sayin' is, 'cos, in course it wouldn't do for to 'ave a lot of 'em all together at a time as would lead to words, a-talkin' over their kingdoms, as they're all a-trvin' to do one another out on, and 'im as is the strongest will in course get his way, certingly this 'ere hempire 'ave a wonderful harmy of 'is hown. I don't know 'ow many millions, but the place reg'lar swarms with sojers, as is all to show off among them other kings, as no doubt makes them feel wild.

But the way as they gets the sojers is downright 'art breakin', as Mr. Ditcher was a-tellin' me they makes every one serve, a-tearin' on them away from their 'omes, like as they did a young man as he know'd as 'ad a aged mother for to support on a sitivation of about eighty pounds a-year, as kep' 'em both respectable, and 'er one as 'ad seen better days, when he was drawed and 'ad to serve, and 'is place kep' open for 'im for a 'ole year, as he come back to quite pleased, but ketch 'em a-lettin' 'im go, and called 'im back for 'is four years as he 'ad to serve, and lost 'is place in course, and the poor old lady broke 'er 'art and died, and was of course a burden off i's back, but he never settled down to no good, and was p'raps drove to the Morg in the end like a-many more.

I was that wild when I found as I might 'ave took my umbreller to the Louver, as would 'ave been a comfort there and come in useful, for as we was a-comin' out of it, it was a-rainin' 'ard, and should 'ave brought it all but for a party where we was a-stoppin', as is one of them as must put her oar in, as the sayin' is, and she says umbrellers ain't allowed in there, and so said every one, so I left mine. I must say as they do keep up them pallises beautiful night and day, as makes Buckingham Pallis look a dingy 'ole, and the gas a-burnin' beautiful and bright, as is quite a disgrace to us as inwented it; but I 'eard parties sayin' as they'd walked over us everywhere at the Exhibishun, and even cut us out with our own knives, as we did used to pest 'em at 'oller. I says to Brown, "I don't think as I shall

do that 'ere Exposishun much more, so should like a good day at it." "Well," he says, "we'll start early to-

morrer, and finish it up.' I says, "I'm agreeable." So he was up with the lark, as the sayin' is, and went over to breakfast, and when we got into the Sally Mangy if all the chairs wasn't put with their faces down like agin the table, so the waiter he said as it were parties as 'ad come down 'arf dressed, and done it for to secure the places; but the lady of the 'ouse she come in and see it and up and spoke like a lady a-sayin' as it were not fair and she wouldn't ave it, and says to me, "Mrs. Brown, mum,

pray take your place." I says, "Oh this 'ere little side table will do werry well for us" as was in the winder; so down we set, and Mrs. Archbutt she come in jest then a-savin' as Archbutt was that bad as he couldn't get up, so us three jest filled the table as the waiter brought us werry nice tea and 'ot rolls, leastways new, and 'am and heggs, as was fresh laid, and plenty of delicious butter as I quite enjoyed. Well other parties come in and took their places at the other table, and jest then down come them parties as 'ad thought to 'ave 'em by turnin' down the chairs, and one party as was that one as was always interferin' and told me not to take my umbreller to the Louver. She was one as know'd 'er way about, and she says to the waiter, as was a werry civil "That table was secured for a-pintin' to where we was a-settin'. He told 'er as fust come fust served was the rule. So she says, "Any one as 'ad the feelin's of a lady wouldn't 'ave took a table as was en-

I says, "Pray, who are you to engage a table?" I says, "Praps you'd like to 'ave the

best of everythink, and fust turn."

She says, "That's my table, and if you was a lady you'd give it up."

I says, "If I was a fool, you mean, but," I says, "there ain't nothink green about me."

Note that the sawards would 'syarun' ich. Well. I do think as words would 'ave run 'igh only some 'ad done breakfast and got up, and that flaunty thing sat down and began a-finding fault with everythink. So I says to Mrs. Archbutt, "It's my opinion as them as lives in the cookshop line at 'ome gives theirselves

the most hairs when out." Oh, she did fly out, that party, and said a was a gross insultin' of 'er, and she wouldn't set in the room with me; but she was too wide awake not to go en with 'er breakfast, and kep' a-glarin' at me with 'er mouth full of roll and 'am, as I didn't care about; but found arter as I'd 'it 'er 'ard thro' 'er bein' in the am and beef line, as, in course, I were unawares of, or I'd never 'ave illuded to the subjec', as, of course, was a 'omethrust, as the

They tells me as that Exposishun is arranged in horder, but I'm blessed if I could make 'ead or tail on it, for I kep' a-wanderin' on, and seein' the same things over and over agin. Brown, he was that dead nuts on the machinery, as is, no doubt, werry wonderful, but don't suit me; so I agreed for to meet 'im at Spiers and Pond's, and me, and Mrs. Archbutt, and another lady, the same as we'd met at Wersales, went one way, and Brown As to Miss in that rage another. Tredwell she was in key as she wouldn't speak to nobody, and went back to 'er aunt and uncle; and when we met 'er in the Exposishun, only bowed distant

Mrs. Archbutt, she was quite cheerful and 'appy all thro' bein' without 'er 'usband, as certingly is a aggrawatin' old feel. She kep' a-sayin', "Oh, come here!" and, "Oh, do look there !" till I says to er, "I ain't a-goin' bustin' "Oh," she says, "I wants to see every-

think." "Well," I says, "you're old enough for to take care of yourself, and can meet us by and So off she walks, and me and that other by." So off she walks, and me and that other lady in the name of Wilby was left alone, and was a-lookin' at them jewels; and I was a-speakin' about anyone a-marryin' for them things without no affection, and I see 'er eyes full of tears.

"Ah t" she says, "many does it." I says, "I've no patience with them, as 'ad

etter go to service." She says, "You're right;" and then I remembered about 'er 'usband bein' that elderly, so I changes the subjec' sudden, thro' a-remarkin' as I'd 'eard say as there was kings and queens a-walkin' about jest for all the world like common people, and certingly if there was kings and queens they was com-mon-lookin' enough, though I see many a-givin' of theirselves hairs all hover the

I was a-walkin' about, and we come to one place where there was a many lookin' in; so I says, "What is it?"
"Oh," they says, "only some Turks
a-makin' real coffee."

"Well," I says, "I never know'd as Turks made coffee, as I always thought grow'd.

"Oh," says a party, "they're a-makin' the real thing, as is well worth tastin'," So Mrs. Wilby said, as 'er 'ead were that bad, as p'raps a cup of good strong coffee would

"Well," I says, "I've 'eard say that it is a fine thing for the 'ead." So in we goes, and them Turks as was called

Tunies, illudin', no doubt, to their 'abits, was very perlite, and brought us the coffee in a little cup, as I took a gulp at; and of all the beastliness as I got in my mouth, as were nothin' but 'ot water and coffee-grounds, as swaller I couldn't, so I spit all over the place, as p'raps was not manners; but I'll teach them Tunics not to play no more of their games on me, as ain't one to stand no sich larks.

I see their eyes a-glarin' at me, as, no doubt, would 'ave liked to 'ave 'amstrong me on the spot, as they do their own wives, the willins, a-darin' for to tie a 'onest woman up in a sack, and drewnd her. I should like for to see 'em try to get me into a sack, as I think they'd 'ave their work cut out.

I don't know what they charged for that beastliness of coffee, for Mrs. Wilby took and paid for it, and says, "Never mind." She was that broken sperrit, as didn't seem for to mind nothink.

I ain't no doubt as all them buildin's as is about the Exposishun will be werry fine when finished, but they seems all in confusion now, and higgledy-piggledy, as the sayin' is, and Rooshuns and Prooshuns and them Germans, along with the Grecians and Swedes, as I did always used to think meant turnips, thro havin' 'eard Mr. Simpson, as was a large cowkeeper, speak on 'em often, but turned out 'uman bein's; and then there was them Denmarks, along with the Dutch, let alone Turks and infidels of all sorts, as put you in mind of Noah's Ark, as contained beasts of all sorts, and if 'adn't been for lots of perlice all over the place, no doubt would 'ave been a-tearin' one another to bits like wild beasts, but certingly a wonderful sight, tho' too noisy for me, and glad I was when we got to Spiers and Pond's for a drop of beer, as cooled the mouth, and that perlite to me as you'd think I'd been a queen, as they says as they know'd me as well as Oneen Wictoria, as they ain't sure is a-comin', but if she should will be on the quiet like me, as prefers it; for tho' she is a-cheerin' up a bit, poor dear, yet in course must feel to 'er life's end, as is becomin' in any woman, partikler when left comfortable and a grow'd up family.

The weather kep' a-changin' from cold to ot and ot to cold all the time as we was in Paris, for I was perished in my musling at Wersales, and werry nigh suffocated a goin out in my coburg cloth in a chary-bang, as they calls it, when we went a party for to see San Denney, as is a fine church, where they did used for to bury the kings and queens; and if them low-lived wagabones of a mob didn't go out in a Resolution and took and pulled the werry dead out of their coffins and made a bonfire on them, and I'd put a few on the top on themselves, jest to see 'ow they liked it; and I do think as we'd seed nearly everythink as is worth seein', and all thro' them parties as took us about in them charybangs, as is werry convenient, thro' no dust a-flyin' along of the 'eavy' rains as 'ad reg'larly deluged the roads, and made it werry unpleasant for me a-steppin' suddin off the kerb stone, and missed my foot, and down I come on all fours and got up a reg'lar mask of mud, as it's lucky was only sand, and didn't 'urt myself, tho' it didn't make my coburg look any the better, and was obligated to throw my gloves away, and shook my front off as fell over my eyes, and Mrs. Archbutt never told me on till it dropped, as is a nasty-tempered woman, and I don't know as ever I wishes to see any on 'em again, tho' I must say I took to Mrs. Wilby, as made 'erself werry agreeable of a evenin' where we was a-stoppin', a-playin' the pianner, as was worth listenin' to, thro' 'avin' been a governess, the' I'm sure for to 'ear some was downright strummin'; and as to Miss Tredwell a-singin' "Hever of Thee," I thought I should 'ave bust myself a-keepin' under my lariture, as will 'ave a went, and made Brown that savage with me; and all as I've got to say is as I'd go all over the world with Mr. Cook myself, and Brown says the same, as I'm sure they're ain't nothin' left undone by for to satisfy parties, and I felt like a friend to, and is good lady, as I opes we may meet agin and 'ave many a pleasant chat, as is always a pleasure, partikler when you agrees, as it isn't always as you can, for some parties is that contrairy as not a hangel couldn't get on with, and sich didn't ought to come out on excursions, as all depends on parties bein that [To be concluded in THE EVENING TELEGRAPH to-morrow.]

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PHILADELPHIA DEPOT,
ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,
No. 1139 GIRARD STREET,
August 10, 1807,
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 I, 1867, and ending the 28th day of February,
1868, inclusive, viz.;—

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STATIONERY.

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Sealed Proposals will also be received at this Office until 12 o'clock M., TUESDAY, August 20, 1867, for furnishing this Depot with Stationery, for a period of one (1) year, commencing September 1, 1867, and ending the 31st day of August, 1868, inclusive, viz.—

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Memorandum Books, demi, 8vo., flush, 56 leaves.

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quart bottles; Gum Bands, assorted sizes; Erasers, "Wostenholm's;" French Violet Copying Ink.

All of the above-named articles to be of the best quality and to be subject to inspection. 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 inpended 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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IMPROVEMENT OF THE DES MOINES
RAPIDS OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER,
U. S. ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
DAVENFORT, IOWA, 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 wail of the
Canal for the improvement of the navigation
of the Mississippi river at the Des Moines
Rapids.

The Canal is to be about 7½ (seven and one-half) miles long, extending from Nashville to Keokuk, Iowa. The width at the water surface inside the canal to be 300 (three hundred) feet in embankment, and 250 (two hundred in embankment, and 200 (two hundred and fifty) feet 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 800 (three hundred) feet from the Iowa shore. 800 (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 1½ (one and one-half) base to 1 (one) vertical. The average thickness of the rip-rap protection to be 2½ (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.

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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. with form or guarantee, will be furnished at this office on application.

The price or prices in the contract will be con-sidered as including the expense of furnishing all the materials and performing all the work, according to the plans and specifications exhi-

bited at the letting.

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. shall be entirely completed.

Persons desiring further information can

obtain the same by calling at this office, where maps, plans, specifications, and form of con-tract can be consulted. Proposals must be addressed to the under

signed, and should be endorsed "Proposais for work on the improvement of the Des Moines Eapids."

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