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THE PRAYER OF SELF.

One knelt within a world of care And sin, and lifted up his prayer; "I ask Thee, Lord, for health and power To meet the duties of each hour; For peace from care, for daily food, For life prolonged and filled with good I praise Thee for Thy gifts received, For sins forgiven, for pains relieved. For near and dear ones spared and blessed, For prospered toil and promised rest. This prayer I make in His great name Who for my soul's salvation came.

But as he prayed, lo! at his side Stood the thorn-crowned Christ, and sighed "Oh, blind disciple-came I then To bless the selfishness of men? Thou askest health, amidst the cry Of human strain and agony; Thou askest peace, while all around Trouble bows thousands to the ground; Thou askest life for thine and thee. While others die; thou thankest Me For gifts, for pardon, for success, For thine own narrow happiness

"Nay; rather bow thy head and pray That while thy brother starves to-day Thou mayst not eat thy bread at ease; Pray that no health or wealth or peace May lull thy soul while the world lies Suffering, and claims thy sacrifice; Praise not, while others weep, and thou Hast never groaned with anguished brow; Praise not, thy sins have pardon found, While others sink, in darkness drowned: Canst thou give thanks, while others nigh Outcast and lost, curse God and die?

"Not in My name thy prayer was made, Not for My sake thy praises paid. My gift is sacrifice; My blood Was shed for human brotherhood. And till thy brother's woe is thine Thy heart-beat knows no throb of mine. Come, leave thy selfish hopes, and see Thy birthright of humanity ! Shun sorrow not; be brave to bear The world's dark weight of sin and care; Spend and be sent, yearn, suffer, give;

DOLLY'S DILEMMA. CHAPTER I.

And in thy brethren learn to live.'

From my youth up, I took naturally to the science of mathematics. Even as a lit-tle child "I did my sums," without any conscious effort. Indeed, it was my well known "knack at figgerin," that induced old Deacon Dudley, the supervisor, to bestow upon me the much coveted Centre school. It was the largest in town, the hardest, and the best paid. I was only 18 at the time, but family misfortunes followed by the sickness and death of my father, made the necessity for employment urgent and imperative.

Heavily handicapped by youth and inexperience, my first term was a succession of disappointments and disillusions.

Gradually, as I became acquainted with my pupils, and accustomed to my duties, I roses stamped on the flushed cheeks of its acquired the faculty of adjusting myself to my surroundings, after which my work became more satisfatory. Term after term passed, until I felt my position to be assur-ed. For six years I held it, ciphering annually throughout the higher algebra, to the wonder of my pupils and the satisfaction of their parents. Being a district school there could be no real graduation, but gradually the day had taken upon itself

had clung to this sole relic of happier days. I fancy that after her husband's death his souls who declared that Mrs. Kempton had known all along which side of her bread was buttered on, but as this idea seemed to people made much of her for a time. Her father was wealthy, and there was always be confined exclusively to those who had before times pronounced her quixotic and the chance of his relenting; but as one by one her overtures were ignored and her letimprovident, it did not greatly affect public sentiment.

ters returned unopened, this possibility grew less and less, until after the family moved east it ceased altogether. She was Senator Borden made immediate arrange ments to remove his sister to his own home never strong or smart or capable and little But she, poor soul, in abject fear of her august sister-in-law, clung to the dear second by little every one's patience gave way, uncousin who had so brightened the years of til even our home, with its many privations seemed a very haven of rest to her. This afternoon Mrs. Mason called, and talked of

her adversity. A compromise was at last affected. Mrs. Kempton selling her little home and renothing but 'the necessary expenses of the moving to Anderson, where Mr. Borden coming occasion.' She left poor auntie nearly frantic, and absolutely determined to throw herself upon the town. She has felt it her duty, ever since she became so helpless and rheumatic. Nothing but the fact that she had rather die than live with

Mary Ann Biggs has kept her with us for the last year. Poor old soul ! she would gratify. In a few days the little ripple of excitehave a hard time with that rough woman, in that great barn full of paupers. We have made ourselves out perfect Vanderbilts, to keep her quiet; but to-day she would not be pacified, and after nearly crying herself would soon blot out all interest in her old-the duties and pleasures of her new life the story was printed next day that those sick, wrote to the selectmen. Before she sent the letter, however, she thought of this er and less favored friends. I realized my mistake when, weeks after-

wards, I received a letter from her which wrought in my life a delightful change. dress. The idea of it came as a sort of a reprieve. If she provided my graduating "One of our teachers," she wrote, "has dress she might venture to stay a little resigned, and Senator Borden has secured

longer. If not, she is going at once! You see why I would like to wear the dress ! and, besides, a few dollars saved is really an object with us; still, those dreadful roses -do you think I ever, ever can ?" The roses were dreadful. I almost doubt-

ed Mrs. Kempton's skill in their behalf, A day or two later this delightful news and I pitied the girl, shrinking with all her heart from a mortifying ordeal, but I knew there was only one answer to her

"Yes, my dear," said I, "I think you can and will. It takes a deal of pluck to Dudley and found him not only sympathetic, but fairly jubilant over my improved have a tooth out, but the sharp, relieving prospects. "I gave you your first chance," said he, pain is far easier to bear than the dull,

wearing anguish. It is going to take real grit to wear that flowered dress, but the discomfort of an hour is not to be compar ed to the remorse of a lifetime." "Just what mother told me," said Dolly bundling up her unwelcome possession.

CHAPTER II. I did not see the dress again, but I heard tude. Not for the world would I have a deal about it before the important day arpained his kindly heart by the knowledge rived. I wanted to explain matters but

kind, and so her flowered gown was regarded by some as a necessary concession to proverty, by others as a sign of open insubordination against the white dress rule. Graduation day dawned bright and clear. The church was crowded. The expected governor arrived in excellent season, bringing with him a visiting senator, and everything seemed harmonious with the excep tion of one rosy looking dress among half a

question.

dozen white ones. The exercises passed off with what might be termed "great eclat." The young ladies were graceful and winning; their parts well prepared, their enunciation clear and distinct. The young gentlemen were less awkward than usual under such circum-

stances. The pink dress was so moderniz-ed that it could not be called conspicuous; still I saw the consciousness of its vivid wearer when she stepped forward to read

her essav. It was a very unambitious effort, simply prose version of the story of Evangeline. Yet I saw with surprise that Senator Bor-den, a scholar as well as politician, gave the short reading the most profound and marked attention. After the exercises the eminent visitors

soldiery now grouped around the narrow held an informal reception, shaking hands with everyone, and good-naturedly giving outlet from the plateau to the low plain at Laing's Nek. This is the pass between the their autographs to all petitioners. Dolly Transvaal and Natal where, on a memorahowever, took no part in this bit of im-promptu festivity, but anxious to divest ble day, the Boers lay behind nearly every boulder along the narrow road and poured herself of her obnoxious finery, hurried at a murderous fire into the long, straggling once from the church. line of British soldiers who vainly tried to When the crowd had nearly dispersed reach the summit. A little further west Senator Borden surprised me by asking is Van Reenen's Pass, where thousands of with an expression of real interest for the Orange Free State burghers are now mass-ed. It is the gateway between that Re-public and Natal, and before the railroad young lady in pink. I told him her name and volunteered the information that she had gone directly home. was built through it the slow ox-wagons "I am sorry, said he. "I wanted to meet carried about 50,000 tons of freight a year her. Her face, her voice, her gestures, all up and down the pass. seemed wonderfully familiar. I can not pounds, 25 cents. It is reported that, in event of war, the place the resemblance, but it moved me British hope, through Portugal's friendlistrangely. Her name tells me nothing, and ness, to advance also from the east along yet her face, her dress, some trick of voice the line of the Delagoa Bay railroad; but or manner, took me back a half century. here again the Transvaal frontier is a nat-Ah !" with a sudden start, "I have it now. ural fortification. The plateau summit is It was my sister she recalled. She wore reached only after a toilsome ascent of the just such a rosy gown the last time I saw narrow defile of Komati Poort, and it ka and also along the Puget sound only her. Dear Marty ! Pardon me, Miss Deacon, but do you know anything of her family history? The resemblance may be purely accidental, but it interests me." would be no easy matter to reach the top pack the king, red and silver salmon, but in the face of sturdy opposition. Strongly marked topographic teatures other concerns pack a great many dog and hump-backed salmon, which no native or will thus direct the opening moves in this Something of his interest had communigame of war if it is to be played. The plan cated itself to me with his voluntary exclaof both the Boer Republics is to command mation of "Poor Marty," the girl who wore just such a rosy gown the last time he ever the passes in the southeast that give acsumer and are sold cheap. cess to their high plains and to destroy the saw her. railroads in the southwest and west that would facilitate the arrival of troops from "Mr. Borden," said I eagerly, "might it not have been the noticeable dress instead the south or volunteers from Rhodesia in the of the girl's personality that impressed north. This is the reason why Boer forces are also concentrated at Boshof, near Kimswan, ducks of all kinds, plover, snipe and you? Forty years ago it belonged to Marnumerous other birds. Eagles are there by tha Paget; was in fact her wedding gown." "Martha Paget !" cried he, "that was berley, and within a short distance of Mathe thousands. They hatch on all the isfeking, where Jameson's raiders crossed my sister's name. She was older than I, the border on their futile raid into the and very beautiful, but she disobeyed my grounds until about October 1st. Black, Transvaal. father. He never forgave her, and while brown and grizzly bears of enormous size are also plentiful in the Kayak island dishe lived I never heard her name mentioned

Alaska's Resources.

While They Are Wonderful, Gold is Not Picked Up in the Streets, The Opinion of a Hunter Given. Hundreds of Opportunities Outside of Mining for investment of Capital Can be Found in the Country. A Great Country for Sportsmen.

third trip to Alaska, loaded down with hunting and fishing trophies and more con-vinced than ever that Alaska, is not set to be a set of the centre. Both Mr Lee and W finest countries on earth, says the Chicago Inter Ocean.

"Alaska is hampered by the fact that people lie about it so terribly," said Mr. Periolat. "Its natural resources are wonlived, and where the famous Anderson derful, but gold is not to be picked up in seminary was located. To attend this the streets there any more than in Chicago. school had long been Dolly's highest ambi- At Seattle, I recollect, a couple of young tion; an ambition which a grateful brother's fellows came down from the Klondike by liberality made it perfectly possible to steamer. They had some photograph supplies in bags, and really carried about \$5,-

000 each in gold. As they walked down ment that attended their departure died away, leaving in its place only a memory. they're loaded with rocks.' The reporters two young fellows carried each \$50,000 in

ed along the western coast of Alaska and to the adjacent islands.

Alaska is the country for the sportsman, the position thus left vacant for you. He knows how you helped and encouraged me through the pink dress ordeal, and he is trict in every stream and lake; also white very glad of this opportunity to show his fish, sea trout, halibut, cod, black bass, and

appreciation of your good sense and kind-ness." numerous other species of fish are found all over Alaska. At Kayak island Mr. Periolat and George E. Joy tried to see how was officially confirmed, and I at once set | many fish they could catch in three hours. about my modest preparations for departure. They got thirty-three cod, weighing from Just before I left I called upon old Deacon eight to thirty pounds; eleven halibut, averaging from six to seventy-three pounds; four star-fish, one four-pound and one sixpound crab, and thirteen skate fish, averaging in weight from fifteen to fifty pounds. "and I presume to say I helped you to In order to prevent the lines from cutting your second one. I talked quite a spell into their hands they were obliged to with the senator when he was here and I wear heavy rubber gloves, for the halibut gave you a first-class 'recommend.' 'She is in the North Pacific ocean are very gamy young,' said I, 'and no great to look at, but she is a master hand at figgerin'.'' has no when caught on the hook they will dart all around and under the hoat I thanked the old gentleman for his doubtful compliment with becoming grati-but weighing as high as 400 pounds are caught in this district. Here also can be found the large crab in large numbers, weighing from one-half to six pounds. The

meat resembles that of the lobster some what, but is finer flavored, CHANCE FOR MONEY SEEKERS.

Here also can be found the beautiful

razor-backed clams in large numbers. Indians will bring them to market for 20 cts. a bushel. These clams are unknown to us. They resemble Rockaway oysters some-what, but taste better. They can be canned at little expense and hold their flavor well. Millions of sea gull eggs, almost as large as a goose egg, can be taken from the islands in the Kayak district. An industry could be started there to gather these eggs and ship them to any part of the United States fresh. The cost would not exceed 12 cents per dozen. One dozen would weigh as much as three dozen hens' eggs.

They could also be dried and canned for market. Eggs can be gathered only in the month of May and up to June 10th. Freight can be landed from Kayak island

to Seattle, Wash., in eight days, at \$18 per ton. Freight in refrigerator cars from Se attle to New York is \$20 per ton.

GREAT COUNTRY FOR SPORT.

Hundreds of opportunities, outside of mining, for investment of capital can be found in Alaska. The codfish industry is in its infancy as yet. There is only one firm in San Francisco in the business, taking, the fish in Alaska, bringing them in salt to San Francisco, and drying them there for the market. Codfish cannot be dried

the season of 1898 he had the honor of killing with his own gun the record caribon of the world, bearing massive horns, with fifty-seven even points. He also returned with fine specimens of mounted sheep, moose wolf and a number of grizzly, brown and

White men are not allowed to kill fur

seals in Alaska. Indians have the monopoly of killing them for food, and for pelts. The Alaska Commercial company and the North American Commercial company have the monopoly in getting the furs from the Indians, and manage to keep the latter in debt by charging big prices for goods and allowing very small ones for furs. They pay the Indian 35 cents cash for a mink; beaver, \$2.50; otter, \$3; wolverine, \$2; marten or sable, \$2.50 to \$3; fine black, brown, and grizzly bears, \$12; silver fox. \$20 to \$40; cross fox, \$2 to \$3; black fox, \$40 to \$60. Then the Indian invests his cash with the trader by buying such goods as he wants, for which they are charged 100 per cent. and over profit. An Indian Mr. Periolat's trip this summer extend-Nr. Periolat's trip this summer extend-

make curios and beautiful baskets, which they sell to the tourists and stewards on the wealth to be had from the product Ships, who send them to Seattle or San are contemplating sending a petition to the Legislature asking that a law pro-

SCARCITY OF SEA OTTERS.

Sea otters are getting very scarce. Where a number of skins were taken in former years one is seldom taken now. Some In-dians are getting to know the value of fine silver and black fox, sea otters and other valuable furs. When the season is closed they select the most intelligent squaw and send her to Juneau where there is quite a competition among the fur buyers to get fair prices. Sea otters bring from \$100 to \$600 each in Juneau, black foxes, \$200 to \$300 each. There is no question but that the sea otter will soon be extinct. The catch this season will not exceed 500 skins. Formerly 3,000 to 4,000 were taken in a season. At that time the Alaska Commercial company had no competition and the natives were obliged to take what was offered, which was about \$25. The Alaska Commercial company, as well as the Alaska Canning association, have become immensely rich, but since the whites have invaded Alaska the two companies are not getting one-half the fur collections they used to get, and are obliged to pay the natives considerably more.

Mr. Periolat brought back with him some very rare, complete specimens of mammoth moose heads. mountain sheep, caribou, also two complete specimens of Mount St. Elias blue cub bears, and a large number of Alaska sable, bears, and other fine-furred animals. He will leave on his fourth tour to Alaska March 1st. and will to get a fine collection of all kinds of heads worth of the root. and furs

The Illinois Train Robbers Got \$25,000. Northwestern and American Express Companies Offer \$5.000 Reward for the Thieves.

It is estimated that the robbers who held up train No. 9 on the Northwestern railroad, near De Kalb, Ill., Friday night, secured over \$25,000. The Chicago & Northwestern and the American Express Companies together Friday offered a reward of \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the robbers. year. proportionate amount will be paid for the arrest and conviction of each of the in Alaska on account of the damp nights. robbers This industry can be made to pay large re-turns to any enterprising Yankee who Following is the official report of the robbery received at the Northwestern diswould undertake it and ship the fish in salt patcher's office Friday : "Three or four to Chicago and dry them here. Millions of men masked and heavily armed, came to the office at the tower W, block station, located half way between Elburn and herring can be taken at almost any season of the year. Fish have but little value in Alaska. Indians will bring in a twenty or Maple Park. Told operator to hold up twenty-five pound salmon for 10 to 15 his hands. This was about 10:50 p. m. cents; a string of mountain trout, weighing fifteen to twenty-five pounds, 25 cents; a then tied him down with a buckskin. cod, 5 cents; halibut, weighing ten to fifty There was a train coming, and the operator told them it was fourth 119, and The smoking of salmon and halibut the men cleared the block. But when No. would also give large returns, but they must be held in Alaska until the cold 119 was approaching close the men saw it was the train and propped the train order weather starts in, which is about October, signal, stopping the train. Immediately when they can be shipped to any part of they blew open, the safe in American Exthe United States in a good, sound condipress Company's car, looted its contents, tion. Reliable canners of salmon in Alasthen cut off the engine and ran it to a

Ginseng Diggers' Riches.

Potter County's Peculiar Industry Pays Handsomely. Old Couple Earned \$15,000. Proposed Law to Prevent Trespassing on Neighbors' Lands May Develop a Rival to Moonshiners' Avocation

It is estimated that \$5,000 worth of gineng has been shipped from Potter and adjoining counties in Pennsylvania and New York during the past two months. Except for the profit made by the country storekeepers, who ship direct to New York and Philadelphia jobbers, this money went in-to the pockets of the ginseng root diggers heterogeneous collection of men and women, who during the months of August, September and October live in hovels on the mountains, and with trowels and pickaxe go about among the bushes digging the precious root.

When dried, ginseng root nets the digger from \$4.50 to \$6.50 per pound, according to quality. I is not infrequent that diggers find roots that when dried weigh two ounces. Some of the diggers this year are known to have gathered in one day root sufficient to make three pounds of dried ginseng, so that for them the work was quite remunerative.

A CURE-ALL FOR CHINAMEN.

do sewing. Quite a number have sewing machines that turn by hand. They also cities for export to China make curios and heautiful backets

Owners of mountain land, recognizing hibiting the digging of the root except by the owners of the land upon which it

grows be passed. One old couple, who live in the south-

ern part of the county, are known to have earned and saved \$15,000 by the digging of ginseng, in the 18 years that they have followed the business. It beats "moonshining," which is carried on to some ex-tent in the lumber districts of the country; but if a law prohibiting the digging of the root is passed another unique and pictur-esque mode of law-breaking will fall to Potter county's lot, for the expert diggers, both men and women, will search for the roots by night, and by the aid of bull's-eye lanterns will pick out the pre-cious herb with but little trouble. This method of digging is even now resorted to by the more greedy of the diggers.

MUST GUARD GINSENG GARDENS.

Several experimental ginseng gardens have been started in that section of the State, and the domestic growth of the root is a matter of much interest to the Department of Agriculture. In one of the gardens, near Westfield, a finer grade of root than that found in the forests has been raised, and the care of the plants requires very little effort.

So tempting is the crop of high-priced ginseng that thieves one night raided the garden of James Hoover, near Westfield, and dug more than one-half the entire crop while Mr. Hoover slept. It is esti-

Changing of the Leaves.

Various Theories as to Their Different Coloring in Autumn.

In a brief article on the "Coloring of the maple," the Oswego Times says : time is at hand when the leaves of the maple, the most perfect shade tree known to Northern climes, are about to change their hues, thereby giving to the landscape an aspect of varied and singular beauty unmatched in any other part of the

In discussing the probable cause of leaf

that anything so frivolous as a pink frock Dolly positively forebade anything of the had far more to do with my good fortune than his unique and well meant "recommend."-By Katherine Jewett. Natural Defences of the Boers. Wherever the Transvaal frontier touches British territory on the south Nature has

raised a barrier difficult to cross. The Boers thus have a signal advantage in position for the conduct of a defensive campaign. The plateau on which their big farms and gold mines lie is 4500 to 5500 leet above the sea, and slopes quite abruptly to the coast plain. The mountains rising from this low plain have given to a part of Natal and adjoining districts in Cape Colony the name of "the Switzerland of South Africa," though their tops scarcely rise above the summit of the plateau. Through defiles among these mountains and up the slope of the plateau front rise the two or three roads by which the lofty plains are reached. The historic defeats

the Boers have inflicted upon the British arms have occurred, in every case, when the British were trying to pass these gate-ways and reach the top of the Transvaal

We hear of thousands of Kruger's citizen

the dignity and importance of an annual celebration

At first I had been one of its most enthusiastic supporters, believing that its coveted success would not only stimulate ambition and reward industry, but would also tend toward the establishment of a much needed free high school. Yet I now realize with pain, that it bade fair to be a culmination of jealousy, unkind emulation and unnecessary extravagance.

The leader in the every extravagant device was, naturally enough, Muriel Mason, only daughter of the richest man in town. Born to command. she held her own against all opposition until the subject of dress was

In her case the important gown was to be a dainty creation of white lace and surah, therefore she decreed that her classmates should likewise drape themselves in white.

"This is not fair," protested Lura Haley, who delighted in gay fabrics and vivid coloring. "I am sure I don't want to accentuate my natural ugliness

"It won't make any difference on the stage," said Muriel with careless unkind-

After this experimental tilt, as no further opposition was hazarded, the white dress rule was supposed to be imperative. That evening Dolly Kempton came to me, her pretty face clouded, her young arms load-

Poor Dolly; I divined her trouble before she voiced it. She was a delicate little creature, studious and refined, yet not exactly popular among her mates. She was poor, undisguisedly and undeniably so. She lived with her widowed mother and an aged woman, know as Aunt Marty, a queer, Since his death I have searched for her long irresponsible old body, who, with the slighgtest possible claim, had burdened and unavailingly." "I think your search is ended," said I. them for years. With pauprism staring her in the face, she had fled for shelter to and that you will find her living with Mrs. Kempton in this village. Mrs. Kempton, who was herself in straitened circumstances. The connection beme the way ?" questioned he eagerly; and the next moment we were hurrying down tween them was the slightest, and entailed neither legal nor moral obligations; yet she the broad shaded street. cared for the poor soul, so stretching her meagre income that it covered the bare Mrs. Paget sitting on the tiny vine-wreathnecessities of life for the three, herself, her ed piazza. Her soft white hair shone in daughter and their perennial guest.

the sunlight. her pain-distorted hands lay Knowing the circumstances, I could well idly on her lap; her cotton gown and stiffly understand what a perplexing question starched apron were clean and speckless; graduating expenses must be in that pinch-ed household; but I was hardly prepared for the solution which Dolly's big bundle but her face, sorrow-seamed and time defaced, hore no trace of bloom or beauty. "And yet," said my companion, seem-ing to divine my thoughts, "it is Marty contained. She opened it, spreading before my astonished eyes a garment quaintly herself; the very image of our mother as I saw her last." He went swiftly up the litbeautiful in tint and texture, but grotes-que in figure and design. An ancient dress tle graveled path, his face growing visibly of white silk tissue, gayly brocaded with paler as he walked. hugh garlands of pink roses and green leaves. The fabric itself was exquisitely fine moment's space no word passed between and delicate, the ground work time had yelthem. Then the woman arose, her worn lowed into the softest ivory tint; but alas, face working, her faded eyes brightening, the passing years had wrought no such reher hands appealingly extended. "Father !" she cried, "father forgive fining change upon the over-blown roses and over-green leaves, running riotously me !' over the scant skirt and low bodice of this impossible gown.

"Father died years ago," answered Senator Borden, gently, "and ever since I have been searching for you, my sis-"Dear Miss Deacon," said Dolly, with a little nervous laugh that had in it a hint of tears; "do you think that any circumstance or combination of circumstances, could make ing herself toward him. The scene that it one's duty to wear that for a graduating followed was too sacred for strangers to dress ?" look upon, and so I quietly withdrew, go-

I looked at her in astonishment.

ing back to my delayed duties. "Mother wants me to wear it," she went That afternoon I was "a personag on, "and, indeed, I want to, after a fashion, yet all the same my soul abhors those an-cient roses. You see, it was Aunt Marty's wedding gown, and in her eyes as fine and mance that had ever stirred the monotony valuable as ever. Through all the shifts of my quiet life. and changes of her most unhappy life, she | Of course there were a few ill-natured

Great Swimming Feats.

Record Made by Holbein in the Open Sea

the Thames. district Leander and Lord Byron, these famous Kayak island is a small island of about almost dead from suffocation when re-wimmers, might both have envied the 300 acres, on which the Siwash Indian leased, the towel used as a gag having "Is it far from here? Would you show extraordinary feats performed in August makes his home. A trading post is found in the open sea by Holbein, the cyclist. here belonging to the North American Commercial company, managed by D. R. Temple, a Boston Yankee, who has been in This athlete in July swam no less than 43 miles in the Upper Thames. But fresh and salt water are different, and in August As we neared the Kempton cottage I saw he beat this by continuing in the Solent Twenty miles from Kayak island, on the during twelve hours, and swimming over

mainland, are found the largest coal and 46 miles. oil fields in the world. A company of Eng-Starting from the Spit fort, he paddled lish capitalists now developing this vast field out between the Norman's and Horse forts, on a good eastward tide, with the under the direction of F. H. Shephard. The company has located several thousand wind against him, and a big swell on, past acres, and has some 200 Indians and whites the Warner lightship and the Sludge buoy, employed, paying each man from \$40 to \$100 per month and board. The coal is another couple of miles to the eastward. He then passed in a wide sweep to the Bembridge ledge, and turned in under the said to be superior to Pennsylvania coal. The Indians are peaceful, honest and hard-Wight on the eastward tide. This then working people all along the coast of Alaska. serving him splendidly, he moved very In the Kayak island district most of them rapidly to Castle point, Cowes, and so have given up hunting and trapping on acswam as far as Egypt point.

count of being employed by the coal and oil company, which they prefer to hunting. Kayak island can be reached from Chi-At 7:20 Holbein, who had been in the water eleven hours and forty minutes, was within half a mile of Hampstead ledge, close to Yarmouth, Isle of Wight. cago in eleven days, going via, Juneau, from which port a steamer leaves for South-Here the tide failed him, and after rewestern Alaska monthly beginning April maining in another twenty minutes, so as to complete the twelve hours, he got into 15th. the boat unassisted. This was as good as orty-six or forty-seven miles of unbroken natation, and through the sea water was warm, the feat must be considered as unprecedented. If any man might resonably marry a mermaid it is surely Mr. Holbein.-From the London Telegraph.

-Tom-That girl's a jilt. She's a Quaker, too.

-Bob-I guess you mean "Shaker,"

don't you?

Just in front of her he stopped, and for a

"Bennie ! Bennie !" she screamed fling-

point two miles west of Maple Park and escaped. The express train was badly damaged." When the special train bearing General white man in Alaska will eat. They are labeled nicely on the cans as "Alaska or Columbia river salmon" to deceive the conrobbery they found that not only the operator of tower W had been bound and gagged, but that the conductor, engineer Kayak island district is visited yearly by and fireman had been tied securely to the millions of game birds, such as geese, brant express car, the robbers thus preventing immediate pursuit. Shortly after the officials arrived another special train bearing

General Manager Antisdel of the Amerilands. The young are able to fly about can Express Company, W. A. Pinkerton August 20th, and remain on the breeding and a number of detectives arrived, and an organized pursuit was begun. A good description of the robbers was

furnished by Operator Whisler, of tower W. Blood was streaming from Whisler's trict. Mountain sheep are found there, but no moose or caribou can be had in this face, where he had been struck with a revolver by one of the robbers. He was Kayak island is a small island of about almost dead from suffocation when rebeen stuffed down his throat.

Three suspects were arrested at day-Temple, a Boston Yankee, who has been in Alaska for upward of thirteen years and speaks the Indian language. Treater with a freight car, but the police were not at all confident that they had the break and taken to the South Wilmhurst men.

> -The only outlet which the Boers have to the ocean is over Portugese territory to Delagoa bay. Under existing treaties with and food by this route. With this outlet the big cage and the tiers of seats. An atto the outer world cut off or blocked up they would be thrown on their own re-sources and compelled to continue the war that moment Mlle. Pianka fired her revolver with England on what they can make and to subdue the unruly beast with which she raise themselves.

> England has not been blind to the value of this outlet to the Boers and has, it seems, been negotiating with Portugal for the purchase of the territory through which the Boers must pass, and it is understood in London that the government has agreed to pay a price of \$40,000,000 and that the formal announcement of the purchase and the cession of the territory is to be made at ly one of the lion cubs which are occasionalthe approaching special session of Parlia-

says Mr. Periolat, are at Cook's inlet. Mountain sheep, mammoth moose, with massive horns, and caribou are all found in ment. And so the great nation, by means of its to the excited ladies in the audience. enormous wealth has stolen a march on the Cook's inlet district. Also all varie- the little nation, and the Boers will have ties of fish. In the winter season bands of to depend upon their own resources, mountain sheep numbering from 100 up- cept in so far as they may be aided by ward, are seen. Two well-known Chicago sportsmen are now in these hunting grounds They are Harry E. Lee and V. Shaw Ken-nedy. This is Mr. Lee's second trip. In doomed.

coloring, the *Times* suggests, but does not assume to decide. One interesting statement is made, and that is in regard to the habit of American maples transplanted to English soil of coloring in autumn, while English trees planted in America do not color, but retain the home habit. The truth of this statement is well attested by the habit of the few English oaks in Rochester grounds. These oaks do not change color under the soft blandishments of autumn, but remain green until the leaves are frozen and destroyed.

An agricultural paper, the The New York Farmer, suggests loss of vitality as a cause for chauge of color, and instances dying branches that turn red even in midsum mer. The leaves certainly lose vitality as ripeness approaches, but this loss does not wholly account for the change. No one has yet been able to tell why one green leaf turns yellow, another red, another purple, and still others brown, scarlet and chocolate. Species is not a determining factor, as the sugar maple turns red in one locality and yellow in another. Sugar maples with feet bathed continually in a cold spring brook welling out of the banks in Seneca park turn red, while most of the sugar maples in the streets of Rochester turn yellow. Still the spring water may be a determining cause. The chemical composition of the soil may control. Whatever the cause of color changes in autumn foliage, they are observed with never-failing interest each year.

Dragged a Lion by Its Tail.

Plucky Woman in the Exposition Animal Show Quickly Quells a Panic.

There was a short-lived panci among the ladies in the audience at Hagenback's wild animal show on the National Export Exposition Midway in Philadelphia last week. Mlle. Pianka was in the midst of her thrilling act with the four big lions, which she compels to perform all manner of tricks against their will. One of the beasts had ecome ugly and was snarling and leaping about in the most alarming fashion. The ladies in the audience had become worked up to a very high pitch of nervous excite-

ment, expecting at any moment to see the angry beast leap upon the nervy tamer and tear her to pieces. It may be imagined, therefore, how extremely excited many in Portugal they have the privilege of ex- the audience became to see another lion porting and importing ammunition, arms suddenly appear in the open space between tendant yelled at the beast, and a score or more of women arose from their seats. At was battling inside the cage, and this, of course, added to the turmoil. Several women opened their mouths to scream, but the next moment they were laughing. For quicker than it takes to tell it Mile. Morelli, the leopard-tamer, who had been standing near the ticket office, ran in, and grabbing the beast by the tail, carried it triumphantly out of the way. It was merely placed on exhibition in a little pen at the entrance, but it looked big and ferocious

> -A little fellow of six was reproached When] by his teacher for his slowness. was your age," said the teacher, "I was at least a year further advanced than you are." "Perhaps you had a better teacher than I have," replied the incorrigible vouth.

HUNTERS IN ALASKA.

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