UP ON THE KLONDIKE RIVER.

Way up on de Kloudike ribber. Hunger, I sigh; Dar's what ma loughts am tarmin' eber, Back to the home-made pie.

All aroun' de lee am clingin' Eberywhar 1 ses. Wish 1 could hear the locus' singin'. Home in the tailow tree.

One poor little golden nugget-One lump I found:

One piece ob de procious metal, Diggin' in the cold, cold ground.

All up and down de great big ribber. Lonesonne I roam. Waitin' to heah a steamboat whistle, Hopin' to git back home.

All aroun' the ice am clingin',

Eberywhar 1 see. Wish 1 could heah de javbird singin' Home in de red plum tree.

THOSE WIDOW'S WEEDS.

One sunny day in July, two years ago, I was seated with my old triend M., at a little table in the big salle-amanger of the Hotel Baur au Lac at Zurich. The tourist season was just beginning; the table d'hote was sufficiently crowded to be interesting, without the feverish hurry and scramble that mark the height of the season, and we were in that leisurely, go-as-you-please frame of mind characteristic of a couple of hard-worked men just emancipated from the stifling drudgery of London office work, and now pausing for a day or two at the first stage of their summer holiday.

With the exquisite sense of freedom from all obligations and engagements. the feeling of relief from all irksome duties, and the exhilaration of change of scene and entourage, there comes a disposition to take a lazily observant interest in everything around, above all in the appearance, characteristics, and demeanor of one's fellow-travelers, however well worn and familiar may be their types. The anxious English maticon, suspicious of strange dishes-the buriy paterfamilias airing his short-syllabled French-the metallicvoiced Americaine, with her calculations and guesses-the obese Teuton, supplementing the axiom that fingers were made before forks, with a corollary that knives were intended to be used before either-the bushy eye-browed Frenchman, with his servicite tucked under his chin-all these types ad seen a hundred times before, t was part of our holiday feeling he beginning of our trip that we uid be renewing our acquaintance h them once again. had just recovered from the

unplation of a quartet of our own to revenue, whose skimpy gar-re is and angular cuttines went far is distify the cartoons wherein for-

its are wont to delineate the salien characteristics of the British female, when an apparition of a very different character arrested our atten-In the act of taking their seats a little table near us were three persons: a middle-aged, gray-haired clergyman; a pleasant-looking, homely lady obviously his wife; and a young with very beautiful blue eyes and to be not more than twenty-one; the blue eyes were sad and pensive; on the thick clusters of the golhair rested-a widow's cap; while perfectly fitting black dress, with road white linen collar and cuffs, disclayed to the utmost advantage the unituating lines of a full and graceful

gazed with admiration at this charming vision, to whose blooming youth and beauty the sombre garb of or machinery, and then polished with

the time. By the way, of course, so he was-he was the best man

Yes, he had to take the nows to the family; and when they broke it to her, and che read that last letter, penned to her on his deathbed, she fainted, and the letter fell on the carpet, and the best man picked it up, and striving not to see such sacred words, yet saw them inadvortently. She was rich and Tom was peor-peor not in intellect or manly strength and honor, but in money; and some of her fortune had been advanced to buy him a practice, and perhaps the foolish fellow was somewhat hyper-sensitive. The poor little note was not even good gram-mar, but possibly he was thinking of other things than grammar at the ime:

"Dearest:-The next lover you have, don't taunt him quite so cruelly if you put him under an obligation. It T. H."

Every one admired the splendid way a which she bore the awful blow. ele, pathetic, heart-stricken, she exbited a sweet fortitude, a noble resgnation, that touched chords of symathy in every one that saw her. And when she donned ber widowed gar-ments and appeared class in the garb of mourning for the husband who had never come to her arms, every one Daid:

"How perfectly sweet and beautiful! Poor, poor girl, how dreadful for her! What an exquisite sad fate!"

When, all months after the occas-ion on which we had seen her at Zuich, she married a tallow chandler with seven thoused a year, I believe she felt a deep and polynan' pang of sorrow. Those widow's weeds-they wonderfully becoming! - True Plag.

The Making of Celluloid.

A good deal of secrecy is maintained by the manufacturers of celluloid as to their respective methods of manufacture. A method adopted by a Berlla firm is to pour 100 parts of ether on 50 of collodion wool and 25 of comphor and stir the covered mass in carthenware vessels with rubber sticks uttil a homogeneous gelatinous mass is obtained, which is then rolled. At St. Deals ethyl alcohol is said to be Apart from dyestuffs and other meed. additions, the celluicid consists on an average of two-initids of pyroxylin and one-third camphor. More camphor Imparts an unpleasant sutell and impairs he six night of the product. The chemical constitution of celluloid is still doubtful. The material is generally supplied in rods of three feet in length, or in plates of thirty by twelve inches of a yellowish color, unless dyed. The fives are generally added at the time the pyroxylin and comphor are mined. Siriped articles are obtained by suorposition of plates of different coland cross cutting of the compressblocks. Celluloid cannot be explord by heat, blows or friction. It down out. It leaves an ash skeleton, ' hich continues to sparkle faintly for one time. It is solumble in other alohol and is decomposed or carbonized by concentrated acids and caustic aikalles. While the finished article is not dangerous unless it is brought in contact with fiame, the manufacture is highly so. The smaller articles are cut ready in the cold, dipped into hot water, bent and shaped and plunged nto cold water again to retain their shape. Larger articles are pressed in heated molds. The comb manufacture is simpler than with hard rubber. The teeth are stamped with dies, by hand

A WIFE WANTED BADLY.

THE COLUMBIAN, BLOOMSBURG, PA.

The Predictment of a College Professor in Vassar's Traditional Law.

There is a tradition to the effect that no man is allowed to become a member of the Vassar faculty unless he is married. Whether the tradition has any grounds it is hard to say. One thing is certin, if the tradition were not true, then the following story could not be true, either, and where is the man or woman who would be brave enough to deny the truth of the story? Based primarily, therefore, upon the

tradition, the story goes on to affirm that if an unmarried man makes application to become a member of the Vassar faculty, he is, all other things concurring, only premitted to do so on con. dition that he gets married and at once. Sometimes this is easier than at other. A young man who sought to fill the Vassar chair of history not long ago (at least so says the story) was so acceptable in every way that his examiners forgot to inquire into the most im-portant thing of all—his state of single or double blessedness. Not until the day of opening the college was at hand did any of them recall how shockingly they had left undone those things which they ought to have done. The young man, by that time arrived, had to confess that he was a bachelor. Well, there was nothing for it but the one thing, so the faculty hemmed and hawed a bit and finally got it out that

the young man must get married. "We'll give you just two weeks," they said; "otherwise, you'll have to resign your place. Surely you know of some girl that you can get to marry you within two weeks." It was now the turn of the poor young man to hem and haw, but he saw there was no alternative, his whole professional future depended upon it so he permitted himself to be hustled off the campus before any of the suspectible students caught sight of him, promising to return within a fortnight, married. He was as good as his word, though (according to the s'ory) he had a pretty hard time filling the contract to the letter. Be sides its verification of the tradition, this story has another value. It succinctly disproves the charges that Vassar or any other colleges possesses a discourager of matrimony.

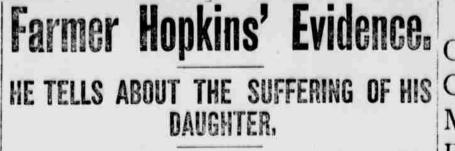
Are There Unlucky Numbers.

The superstition that thirteen is unfucky, which is traced back to a sacred source, meets with as many contradic tions as confirmations. The fact that the horrible fire in the Paris Bazaar started at Booth thirteen was tele graphed all around the world, whereas little notice is attracted by Nansen's success with thirieen men.

At one time two was a dreaded num-ber in England, owing to the dynastic disasters to all monarchs second of their name from Ethelred II. to George Yet Napoleon's number through all his life was two; and who could wish for better luck than that which results at times from having two strings to your bow!

Three, which since the days of Pythagoras has been the divine number, shows that it is not invariably fortunate, for, though the Fates are three, so also are the Furies. The Graces are three, but so also are the judges in Hades, and the heads of Cerberus. Then there are the records of the three disloyal tribes in Welsh history; there are the three robbers in Orion's belt; there were three tyrants at Athens, and three in mythology is as unlucky as it is divine.

Militarism Costly,



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WOLLOW. and bereavement formed so piquant and touching a contrast; but on turning to M. in the expectation meeting in his face a reflection of D' my own emotion, I was surprised to and in the attentive scrutiny, with which he was regarding her an expression which I could not quite understand. M. can make his face as inscrutable as a door knocker when he likes, and his look at this moment was absolutely undecipherable. All I could make out was that he was regarding son. one whom he did not like. However, I was not to be put off.

"Smart young widow over there," said I.

"H'm," said M., deliberately. "How do you know she's a widow?" "She wears the uniform, anyhow,"

said I. "Do you know who she is, then?'

M. put down his knife and fork, leans his elbows on the table, and said:

"That is Tom Heatherington's girl." "Not really? Then she wears that dress for him? Poor thing!" "Poor thing!" echoed M., in a tone

whose dryness and wan! of sympathy jarred unpleasantly upon me.

For it was a pathetic little story, one thet had found its way into the newss, and had aroused general sym-DAT and interest "Suicide on the (a Wedding," so ran the headind so should the newspaper Hi: be. hankful for so attractive an adment of their wares. The even- \mathbf{v}_{E} pers sold well that night, and d passengers in suburban trains ed their eyes to peruse the grewletails-how the bridegroomelect 312 gired to rest the night before the ang-day, apparently in his usual i and spirits-how the best man he diasted alone, and attributed his fr.s. d's delay in appearing to his makhe elaborate toilet proper to the 12.5 ion-how, as he was so long in coming, the best man went up stairs to his room and found the door lockhow, as no knocking could make him snawer, the hall porter broke open the door; and the chambermalds phyliched, and there was general turmail and excitement and wonder throughout the hotel, for he was lying here in bed, dead some hours, and the lau anum bottle stood on the table by the budside, hard by a letter addressed to his netrothed-all this had, for the nonce, ministered sweetly to the morbld sensationalism of the day, and many a hearth had been cheered, and many a dinner eaten with better appetite, for this dainty hors d'oeuvre. "Poor man!" said the ladies, "I pity the girl," said the gentlemen, "Spectrul," said the newspaper boysand all were satisfied.

It was distinctly disagreeable of M. not to share in the general feeling. But then, he is a queer sort of fellow, and he happened to like iom Hetherington. and he happened to be down there at

pumice stone and cold water .-- Chicago Record.

Ball Bearings.

The chief obstacle to the adoption of roller bearings to all kinds of vehicles has been their lack of durability when applied to heavy machinery, but this objection appears to have been overcome, and in Europe the application of roller bearings to railway cara is attracting considerable attention. For instance, the Liverpool overhead railway, after a great many experi-ments, has obtained eminently satisfactory results, and arrangements are now being made to fit all the trains with them. The corporation of Liverpool has had three tram cars fitted and running experimentally for over two years, and their consulting engineer certifies that at least thirty percont. of the energy is saved by the use of these hearings as compared with those in ordinary use. The City and South London Electric Rallway is now experimenting with roller bearings appiled to its cars. The engineers of the Westerly and City Railway, of Lonton, have specified roller bearings for he whole of the stock ordered for this line. A passenger train of six carriages, fitted with roller bearings, which has been running for two years between Erighton and Kempton, has hown a saving of 1214 to 5 per cent. in he amount of fuel, which saving has been under great disadvantage, as the ongine had to keep up steam for sixteen hours daily, while only seven hours in actual use,-Mining Industry and Review.

The Sun's Spots.

"The sun has great activity in its spots," says Bayne's "Pith of Astron-omy," "these being sometimes 50,000 milles in d.smeter. These spots are enormous vents for the tempests of flame that sweep out of and down into the sun. An up-and-down rush has a veicelty of about 20 miles a second, and a side rush a velocity of 120 miles a second. These tempests rage for days and months at a time, and as they cense the sides of the spots fly together at the rate of 20,000 miles an hour; they strike toge her and the rising may of the fire leaps thousands of into space; it falls again and is over the Himalayes of fire as the en over the pubbles on its beach. if I pass large as this earth were placed is such a tempest they would be mere corial as lossed by an ocean storm."

Overheard at Bar Harbor,

"he ('soldedly)-1 won't.

He-You shouldn't say "I won't" to me: you should have said, "I prefer 201.

Sho-But that wouldn't be true .-Harlem Life.

Not only is the cost of paying and subsisting the soldiers and sailors stupen-dous, but it is necessary to constantly re-equip them and to build more modern vessels by reason of the developpment in firearms and naval construction due to the rivalry of the neighboring nations. The German infantry is now to be armed with new rifles, the work of purchasing new cannon for artillery being completed. This is an additional burden to the German taxpayers, and coming at a time when about one hundred million dollars is to be expended in enlarging the German navy makes the price paid for war preparations an exorbitant one. France is about to expend several hundred million francs for more war vessels. Eng-land is paying out millions of funds each year for the same purpose, and is about to increase its army 30 per cent. Italy is groaning under the weight of taxation to maintain its naval and military establishmets that it may contin-ue a "power." Russla is equally extravagant in its military and naval expenditures, and Austria is not be-hindhand. This is the price of peace, and the taxpayers of Europe can see no lessening of the cost, but rather a steady increase until the crash comes, and with it the destruction of one or more nations.

Buying the Apples Only.

Congressman Campbeli of McLeans boro. Ill., a great apple region, tells the following yarn about one of his former constituents. The old man owned a good farm and a big orchard, but his children had married, off, and the old man was growing loncsome on the farm. Recently he told a friend in town that he would seil his place if he got his price. When the apple buying time came around the town man met one of the buyers from the East and in the course of the conversation remarked to him that he thought he knew where he could buy an orchard crop a few miles out. The buyer was ready to go and look, and the town man ac-companied him. They went to the old farmer's place. They walked through the orchard carefully, and the buyer examined the apples critically. The old farmer was pretty hard of hearing, and it was impossible to carry on much conversation with him. As they came tack to the house the apple buyer naked

"Well, What do you want for your crop?

"Six thousand dollars," replied the old man.

The buyer figured a little and said: "All right. I'll take it." The old farmer seemed a little sur-

prised at the promptness with which the bargain was atruck, but, turning to the town man, he said promptly:

"Me and my wife will be in to-morrow to sign the deeds." "Thunder!" said the town man. "He

isn't buying your farm. He's giving you that for your apple crop."

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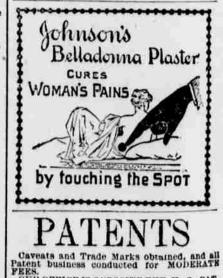
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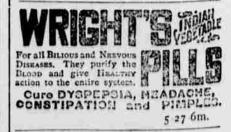
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