A Veritable Robinson Crusoe Recently Discovered.

The Queer Existence of a Lone Fisherman Who Reigns In Soi fary Supremary Over an Island in Lake Michigan.

Twelve miles out in Grand Traverse bay, lying between Marion Bland and the main land, is a little island comprising about an acre of ground, and upon this island, for from the noise and termoil of the busy world, lives Dick Bassett, the hermit, says a Michigan correspondent of the New York Sunday Journal.

Bassett is an odd genius, fond of quiet and solitude, yet one of the most popular men in his section, known and liked by everybody. Beyond a few glittering generalities nothing is known of his past life, and the escapade that lod to his retirement from the world is a secret known only to him-

He is a bachelor, about fifty-five years old, good-looking, well edueated, well read and well informed, an inveterate smoker, a strict teetotaler, jolly and witty in his intercourse with men, the soul of honor in business transactions and a confirmed

On his little Island home, which is a veritable paradise in summer, he has a small log cabin comfortably furnished. a miniature chicken-cop, an lee-house and a vegetable cellar. The island is bordered with a row of fruit trees, plums, peaches, apples, pears and cherries, and in the interior is a garden for potatoes, "strawberries and other small fruit and vegetables. His acre is highly cultivated and very productive, and the crops he raises more than suffice for his simple wants. He sells some of the surplus and gives much away.

His chief occupation, however, is fishing. The waters about his Island fairly ween with whitelish and lake trout, and he is an expert in pulling them in both with the ret and line. He finds a ready market in this city for the fish and in the summer wills many to resorters. In the early full housets in his crops and then fishes until December, storing the fish away in his les-

In January he invests his ice crop. and then if he feels traccaling a Httle exercise and onjoying life on a moderate scale, be course employment in the woods and labors in the lumber camps until it is time for him to return to his

His living vaponece are merely neminal, and the money he has left after subscribing for helf a dozen papers and magnatures in lays away where nobody knows, and mone knows how much he

He is honest lidmost, and he takes it for granted that everybody else is the saure. He two an locks on "Is calan." doors and frequently goes away for hours at a time, leaving his money loose on the table. He has never loss any thing yet by threves, and apparently has no lears in that direction

All that is known of Bassett's life that he was born in the West; that his father was a relainmean and ranchman and often less Dick alone on the prairie with the entitle while he neleted travels ore scroes the contry. When the warbroke our lick was a stury young man of twon y-five, and his sympathies were with the North. He sudinged with the Fifth Issue beforeay, and that he served with pallarity to attended by eight bullet wounds ut as many different parts of

His father and other relatives mihered to the lost cause, and when the war ended nothing could be found of any of them. Bassett wandered around the country, spit firstly, in total came here. He found work at first among the fishermen, and then, taking a famey to ! the Island, he constitled apon it, and has since lived there like another Robinson"

He has a few choice hous, four or five ; cats and a dog, and leads a quiet and apparently happy life. Although he saw much hard service in the army he is not a pensioner. He lest his papers soon after the war in transmitting them to Washington, and has faited in every attempt to find any of old comrades, and he rarely even thinks now of applying for financial succor from the

A peculiar circumstance in connection with Eassett's island Lome is that It has never been entered on the Governmentebarts. There is no evidence to be found on the maps that the island exists, and he is unable to accuire any legal title to it. He holds it by the right of possession,

and has no fear that any one will try to oust him. This condition of affairs has another peculiar feature. Marion island, which is separated from Bassett's by but a few rods of water, is included in Peniusular township, and the owner of the bigger island pays his taxes and votes in the township, but Bassett's land, having no legal existence on the map, is declared not in the United States, and Bassett has no taxes to pay and is not allowed to vote.

It is held that he is not a citizen of the United States; that he does not live in this country, and to all intents and purposes is a foreigner. In spite of such triffing annoyances the solliary inhabitant of the island takes life philosophically and is supreme ruler of his

Cut the Overmonies Short. Emperor William visited recently a little Silesian town where certain millitary maneuvers were conducted. The burgomaster took it upon himself to introduce various of the town dignitaries to his Majesty. Fourteen of them were standing in a line, and the mayor began as follows; "Herr Peter Paul Schmidthis Majesty the German Emperor, King of Prussia, Margrava of Brandenburg, Herr Heinrich Wilhelm Sauerkrauthis Mujesty the German Emperor, the King of Prussia, Margravo of Brandenberg." When the burgomaster proceeded to introduce Herr Leberwurst to "his etc., etc.," the Kaiser interrupted him, laughingly, with the remark: "That will do. Herr Burgomaster: I suppose the gentlemen know who I am. Just mention their names, and then there will be some prospect of a little refreshment before nightfall."

A Tree Growing in the Air. On the plantation of Mr. John H. Roberts, near Robertville, S. C. there is a tree, if not destroyed by the turnentine hands, that does not touch the ground by six feet. A pine sapling cut down at some period unknown to the oldest inhabitant lodged on the limb of an adjacent tree. The growth of the limb and tree gradually closed around it until it became completely imbedded. Drawing STAR SHAVING PARLOR its life from the tree is grows and use. sents a luxurious appearances. All tracer of the stemp from which it was cut has COR. CENTRE AND SAMPLE STREETS long since disappeared.

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THE INSTALLMENT PLAN.

clined.

or monthly payments, a practice which has been in vogue for several years. In fact, there is no end to the articles which can be bought on the installment plan, provided they are of a durable nature. They remain the property of the seller, who holds a mortgage until the inst payment is made. The astempt to apply the installment clan to the sale of clothing hasn't been brilliant success, because wearing ap-

parel is apt to be worn out before the

time for the final payment comes.

"Our business now," said a large furniare dealer on Park row the other day, is almost entirely on the installment basis now. Twenty years ago every thing we sold was practically for cash, but now the house which doesn't sell on credit can't stay in the business very long. Young married folks are among our best customers, and every day we are helping to start a newly-wedded pair a housekeeping. It is the greatest boon to the young man of to-day that, virbout any outlay, he is able to be master of his own house instand of taking his chances in a boarding-house. It would surprise you to see the number of persons in all walks of life who utilize the installment system. Even men of moderate means prefer to buy very often on credit, and use their ready money in their business. Of course, in this business we have to be pretty good judges of human sature, but there are rarely very few whom we refuse. Risk necessarily accompanies the installment system but where the volume of business is large a house can afford to carry accounts for a long time. Sometimes a person falls behind in his payments, but if he has a good excuse to give us. as sickness in his family, for instance,

fact there is practically no limit set. As long as a man shows an inclination to pay us we do not press him, and some accounts run indefinitely. "Sometimes we look up a man or a woman who comes in to buy on credit, but as a rule we can rely on the judgment of our salesmen, who are pretty expert in sizing up the prospective customers. Some of our most interesting call ers are the young brides that are to be, who often come bravely in alone to seect the furniture for the household. They usually get along very well until it comes to giving their names. Then they besitate, stammer and blush, because they don't know whether to give their maiden name or that of their prospective husband. It usually ends with the young lady confiding to the salesman a complete explanation of the important event, with the time that the wedding is to come off, who the bridemaids are to be, and where the wedding

we always allow him more time. In

AN OFFICER'S MISTAKE.

is to take place."

How a Lieutenant Became Acquainte with the Indian Character. Soldiers advancing against Indians often march for days without seeing a red man, but the veterans know that if the Indians want to find them they will be heard from when least expected. A story told in "Warpath and Bivouse" Hustrates how suddenly Indians announce their presence. General Crook's command was camped

on Crazy Woman's Fork, and not an Indian had disturbed them for several nights. It was very cold, and all were impatient for some sort of excitement. One night some officer said: "Let us go up to Bourke's tent," and they all

The Lieutenant, a member of Crook's staff, was found studying a military map by the light of a candle. "Hello, Bourke!" said one of the visitors. "Aren't you afraid the Indians will ventilate your tent if you keep that light burning?"

"O no," replied Bourke. "The Indians that have been firing into us are a small flying party. You may rely on / that you won't hear any thing more them this side of Tongue river. The distance is too great from their villages and the weather is too cold. Mr. Indian doesn't care to be frozen. Now I'll show you on this map the point where they will most likely make their first

Whizz! pop! bag! zip! came a volley from the bluffs above the camp. A bullet struck the candle and put it out. Another made a large-sized hole in the map. The officers scattered, and Bourke was left alone to meditate on the instability of Indian character.

The Term "Pin-Money." The term "pin money" thus originated: Long after the invention of pins in the fourteenth century, the maker was allowed to sell them in open shop only on the first and second of January. It was then that the court ladies and city dames flocked to the depots to buy them, having been first provided with pinmoney by their husbands. When the pins became cheap and common the ladies spent their allowances on other fancies, but the term pin-money remained

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should play or write what he likes rather than that which he thinks will please or sell. Musical composition is too often turned into commercial speculation. The money-making disposition of our people, by causing them to consider the pecuniary before the incrinsic value of their art products, is the greatest obstacle to their artistic development.

For the purpose of money-getting some musicians offer almost any thing, however had. Others, more honest than wise, persistently try to ram into the public's ear compositions that can neither be understood nor enjoyed without a prefiminary education, which they know full well the public has not had. Commercially, this is soon found to be most unprofitable, and as no artist is devoid of a stomach though he be the most refined among men, another course, is soon followed. The musical missionary gives up his post rather than starve. He no longer attempts to nourish souls by the process used in fattening geese for pates de foiegros-the bold artecrusader finally falls into the ranks of dollar-pickers!

In the attainment of desirable things. extremes should be avoided. A National musical taste can no more be created by Euch a fugues than by the varial jungle called "popular music."

Is there no golden mean, one tempted to ask? Must artists stoop to people's pockets, or shoot over people's heads? Can they not cultivate the taste of their hearers by gradually introducing a better class of music in on homes, our schools, our churches and our theaters? In doing so judiciously, they would benefit themselves quite a much as the public, for in time, they would come to be regarded as educators while now they are known only as dealers in pleasant noise. We have many musical temperaments

that only await the opportunity for development, and our Nation is able to nav for the best instructors. What grander hings too, than our mountains, car us, caves, forests and rivers could be ound on earth to inspire composers? Is it not sad that music should be at so low an ebb in a country so richly endowed by nature, and where, in almost all other fields, men have attained the greatest results? The blame for this deplorable condition of our music lies with those musicians-and their name is legion—who busy themselves exclusive ly with money-making, to the detri-ment of the art-life of their country.

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How a Paith ess Husband Was Suddenly Exposed. So long as women will be foolish men will be deceptive. One day I sat behind a couple on an Ohio & Mississippi train and it wasn't ten minutes before I dicovered that the girl was a village bellwho knew nothing of the world, and that her companion was a traveler wh neticed them as well, but it was bard to see how any thing could be done, says ; writer in the New York Sun.

He professed great admiration for the girl, and she blushingly quoried: "But how do I know you are not a married man?"

"Oh, but I assure you on my honor that I am not." "Where do you live?" "In Louisville."

"And you have neither wife nor chil dren?" At that instant the conductor came in

with a telegram and called out the address. "That's for me," said the man in the seat ahead. It was handed to him, and he was smiling as he tore it open. Next moment he fell forward in a heap and

fied into the xisle in a dead faint Half a dozen of us, including the girl read the dispatch. It was dated at In innapolis, and read: "Your wife and baby burned up with the house last night. Come at once."

It took us a quarter of an hour to bring him to, and it was half an hour ater when he left the train. He had forgotten the girl who shared his seat, and she was crouched down and crying

AMONG STRANGERS.

Strange Land.

at a railroad junction in Indiana to wait

for two hours, and it wasn't ten minutes

before we were all talking, visiting,

am, of course, speaking of the men. The

ladies held the sitting room, while we

took the platform. This one was a

middle-aged man, who took his valise

and sat down at the far end of the plat-

e did by us-let him severely alone.

"A stranger in a strange land, and

sick unto death, and yet no one has a

word of sympathy no one will even come near me. May God forgive them

for being so steny-hearted. I hope that

But no to-morrow ever came to him

It came to all the rest of us, but, come

as often as it may, none of us will ever

feel just right toward ourselves. We

It is told of Mozart that when he was

fourteen years old he heard in Rome the

"Miserere of Allegri," and knowing that

it was forbidden to take or give a copy

of this famous piece he paid such atten-

tion to the music that when he reached

home he noted down the entire score.

He was enabled a few days afterward to

check the copy, when he found that he

had not made a single mistake. The

next day he produced such a sensation

in Rome by singing the "Miserere" at a

concert that Pope Clement XIV. re-

quested that he should be presented to

him. Thus, by his wonderful memory,

he was enabled to begin with success

A Transparent Fish.

A "lantern" fish was recently caught

in the Columbia river although its

proper home is in the deep sea. Its pe-

cultarity is its transparency; by holding

it up to the light every bone can be

easily counted. It has a reddish tinge,

and this ope was about seven inches

in drag nets off the coast that were eigh-

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had misjudged him.

his musical career.

teen inches long.

smoking and yarning. All but one.

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could. Everybody noticed his action VILL Law Ear BOST or FAILLS O MAN HOOD with the Control of the Con and he was put down as a sour-minded chap who could have added nothing to our comfort. We samply did by him as About ten minutes before train time I noticed that the man was asleep. I made bold to approach him and call out.

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dal and simple It is a disgrace to the human raceit we shall be forced to admit it-the for probably the majority of patients this kind of treatment, carried to it logical end, will not do at all Only a man of the greatest good sonse, combined with high education and liberal culture, can profit by the existence variety of this treatment; and even such a one, under the pressure of physical pain, may revert to the condition of the majorin In practice most physicians of this shool, much as many of them would ike to be consistent and logical, an

forced to adopt a half-way course, less ing more or less toward the mysticis and grandiloquence of the opposit party. A sielliful practitioner will often vary his manner and methods according o his patient, thus achieving the bes Therefore, in practice, there is a

pretty even gradation from the extrem vstical to the extreme radical pr chan, even some of the former admit ing the theoretical correctness of it adical views, but maintaining that they are not practical. It must be ablitted, however, that most of the my ies appear, outwardly at least, to have uplete confidence in themselves, and believe fully in the preternature owers they seem to claim. Whateve bey may confess to themselves in the ecret recesses of their professions losets, the public never hears then cknowledge even the possibility heir making a mistake. If the discass loes not yield to their blandishmentswhether allopathic, homeopathic, et etic or herbalistic so much the worse for the disease. Let it be anotherna to existing when it ought not to exist. the treatment be altered, there is no acknowledgment that a new theory of the allment is to be tested; the patient is led to infer that the change of modical is part of a plan formed within the deep recesses of the mystic's brain at the out-

UNCLE SAM'S PET. An Old Horse That Draws a Pension for

Past Service. There is a horse in the United States army, says the Louisville Courier-Jour ial, on the retired list drawing a penen. The horse belonged to Captain Keogh, a near relative to General Cos r, and is the only horse that escape he massacre in which that General was cilled. His name is Comanche, and he is stationed at Fort Riley, Kan., with the Seventh Cavalry-Custer's old regi-His pension is sufficient to cover his

transportation wherever he goes, and to pay for his forage. He is cared for by a man detailed for that duty, and who does nothing else. He is saddled, bridled and equipped and led out for insection, yet no one dares sit in his saddle. He has been much sought after by enterprising showmen, but Uncle Sam

He will be kept as long as life lasts. and after that will probably be prepared and sent to the Smithsonian Institute at Washington. When found Comanche was many miles away from the scene of the battle. He had seven wounds, and was nearly exhausted from loss of blood English Swindlers.

Here is the newest dodge for plunder ing the British householder, says the New York Sunday Journal; A circular is received by the lady of the house

from an apparently respectable firm announcing some wonderful bargains h household linen, buckaback and similar goods. At the appointed time the rep resentative appears-in one case hi came in a brougham. He produces samples of the linen, etc., and generally succeeds in taking orders, the goods b ing of first-rate quality, and miracelously cheap. He then announces that he has with him some lengths of dress material of novel make and astenishing value. These he sells for cash on the spot. Needless to say, the dress material turns out to be worthless, and the other goods are never delivered. A Real Robinson Crusos.

The island of Tristan in the South At tic is inhabited by eighty peoplepatriarch of the party, Peter Green. veritable Robinson Crusoe, having been there for fifty-two years. He has just sent a letter complaining that some of the grown-up children show a desire to leave their lovely island home.

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