## MAIDENHOOD.

You stand in Life's fair April-tide, Upon a sun-kissed, haze-bound shore; You cannot see beyond the wide

Expanse of ocean stretched before Your eyes; but in your soul's great deep There lurks a yearning, unconfessed, To probe the mysteries that sleep Beneath that ocean's heaving breast.

God's sun smiles upon your bronze-gold hair;

God's angels rest their finger-tips-Whose every touch enframes a prayer Upon the sweet curves of you lips. And, veiled beneath the calm surprise

Whose startled glance repels desire, Within your sombre, wondering eyes, There dwells a hint of slumbering

You do not know your power as yet,-Nor shall you know till love shall stand

Demanding payment of the debt You owe him, with your heart and

. hand: Then shall your soul, awakened, rise On wings untried, but free and strong,

And soaring into Paradise, Learn there to chant life's grand,

sweet song! STELLA G. FLORENCE.

# BARKER'S BICYCLE,

Barker is an old friend of mine, and this story is not told with any malicious intention. Not for the world would friendship which has existed between us for many years.

I have had a talk with Barker about it anyway, and he says he doesn't exaggerate, which I shall certainly be gant thing, and was going to stick to it, very careful not to do.

stool and waving a long black ruler. I stone deaf or he would certainly have in a while to draw lines with, and even head. puts down an occasional figure in a as I have promised to confine this nar-

Barker's daily pursuits and the general tenor of his existence, it is by no By the time we got to the club-for to waste his talents part of the time in bounded pleasure.

never find a device which would ex- ful way. would like.

getting to be a nuisance."

"It's an outrage," said Barker, "when | before. a man can't go along the street without what I want on my bicycle is some sort that they don't own the whole town.

"I don't mind telling you, though," added Barker, "that it will take a pretty smart man to invent something that much work about that."

"Well, Barker," said I. "I am not an extraordinary smart man, but if yelling graph, but hesitated to do so. He imat them makes them move I can fix mediately mentioned the matter him- pathetic irony of the facts, it is not you."

"How?" said Barker. "Carry a phonograph," said I.

Barker stood for a few moments in of great enthusiasm.

tive genius. Now here I've been puz- that the whole thing was his own idea, zling my brains for a month about this and they had declared that he was a client of F. R. Coudert in a suit in thing, and couldn't hit on a simple lit- wonderfully ingenious. tle scheme like that. I'll go and get a phonograph right away."

"There's one thing about it, Barker," said I, "and that is that phonographs cost a good deal of money."

"What do I care for that?" said he. "I rather pay a hundred dollars than be constantly in danger from those terfeit of Barker's voice. reckless people."

familiar nasal twang about it-halloo- I took in the situation. ing at me: "Look out there!"

pregnant with the ring of authority, couldn't loosen the clamp. and as I stepped quickly to one side, stockings, sweater and cycling cap with joke.

which I was pretty well acquainted. So he actually rigged up his wheel with a phonograph! Darting into a nearby bicycle agency I hired a wheel in feverish haste, and sped up the ave- whisk. nue in pursuit of the fleeting figure in the howl of the flendish thing as it sped gers at Barker. on through the night, and as I spun over the asphalt with the speed of the wind, the space between us lessened and I began to catch the melody of shouts that were pouring forth from the vicinity of Barker's handle bars. He had evidently loaded it with a variety of expressions suitable for all sorts of emergen- equilibrium was gone, and he fell in cies, and the thing was spitting them an ignominious heap on the pavement. out with an intelligence that bordered on the marvelous.

"Would you be so kind, miss," it said and left him. with the accent of a Chesterfield, as a stepped in the way, "as to turn to the right a little? Aw, thanks!"

And the woman smiled at Barker, man. A few rods further on a small boy darted across the street beneath the flickering rays of the electric light. "Hi, there!" yelled the phonograph,

"get a move on you now-yi! yi! yi! whereupon the boy was convinced he was being pursued by a lunatic and fled down a side street. "Barker," said I solemnly, pushing

my wheel up alongside of him by a tremendous effort, "you had better take him sitting on the curbstone pounding that thing off."

"Why, how do you do?" said he; take it off! Why?"

"Because I am morally certain," said I, "that it's a violation of Ordinance sulkily, and then he climbed upon his I do anything to rupture the bond of No. 5,046. If one of those mounted bicycle and rode away; and now I unpolicemen comes along and that thing howl at him you'll go to jail."

was all nonsense. He didn't care if it crat. mind, provided I handle the thing in a violated the whole Council series from neat and intelligent way, and do not A to izzard. He had got hold of an eleand I was a gay sort of a man to rec-Barker is employed in a bank during ommend it to him and then advise him the day. He has never made it very to give it up. All this time the phonoclear to me just what the nature of his graph was talking in the tone of deep occupation is in that institution, but disgust to a heavy individual who was he can be seen at any time between the | pedailing along in a leisurely way just hours of ten and three seated on a high in front of us, and who must have been am informed that he uses the rule once clambered down and punched Barker's

Then I was initiated into the mystelarge book that is always open in front ries of the thing, and saw how, by of him; but this is only hearsay, and pushing a small attachment down so that it rubbed on the front wheel, the rative strictly to facts I would rather mechanism of the phonograph was not make any positive statement about made to revolve, and it shouted out whatever was in it until the clamp was But while it may be well to give released. Barker said he had talked some short insight into the nature of into it half a day, and was evidently well supplied with a vocabulary.

sion of the events with which this story Barker was in a state of hilarious de- island's preachers. Ultimately the has to deal, as the scene is laid entire- light, and half of the dogs, children and Payne family removed to Boston, ly after the set of the sun, at which old ladies in town were on the verge where the father became distinguished time Barker ceases to be an ordinary of frenzy. Of course, all the other fel- as a teacher. John was a clever lad, individual and becomes a bicycle fiend lows in the club had to learn all about of the most desperate description. As it, and Barker pushed his machine one occasion the company of which he a matter of fact it is entirely probable around on the sidewalk and made the was captain was reviewed with veterthat such would have been his habitual phonograph curse them, and all their ans of the revolution. He was handcondition at all hours, if he had not relatives to the tenth generation, which some, graceful and engaging, and his found it necessary for financial reasons seemed to afford them the most un-

Barker's bicycle is a machine of the ning's entertainment we all went up his father, and the necessity of aiding most approved pattern and equipped stairs, and I regret to say that Barker, in the support of his family. with all the latest appliances for se- after placing the phonograph carefully At 17 he made his debut on the stage curing speed, safety and grace. There on a table beside him, got as drunk as as "Young Norval" at the Park Theatre was one point, however, on which he a lord, and talked and sang and shout- in New York, playing subsequently at experienced great annoyance. He could ed in a very scandalous and disgrace- Philadelphia, Baltimore and Boston,

ercise a sufficiently startling effect on After it was all over I took him home in his twenty-first year. He edited one pedestrians, and make them jump out and put him to bed, and while doing of the first dramatic papers, the Opera of his way in as lively a manner as he this he informed me in a maudlin and Glass. He wrote the tragedy of "Bru-"A bell ain't worth a cent, you out riding the next evening with the plays was one entitled "Clari, the Maid know," he would say to me. "People two Cutter girls, daughters of old man of Milan," which was brought out with are getting so used to hearing them Coupon Cutter, one of the directors in music by Bishop, May 8, 1823, at Covthat they don't pay any attention to the bank, and he wished I would drop ent Garden. It is in this that "Home, them. I ran over three little boys, a around and ride with the big one, so he Sweet Home" appeared. The air was dog and an old lady last week, and it's could talk to the little one. He said commonly described as Sicilian, but I said I throught it was, and that I leved the little one. He did not leve sung by Miss Tree, the elder sister of had no doubt the three little boys, the her in any ordinary way, either; but in Mrs. Charles Kean. Payne was starvdog and the old lady also thought so. a way in which no one ever had loved ing at this time in a Paris attic, and

Now, I like Barker, and he is a friend reckoned "The Maid of Milan" should being tipped over by people who don't of mine, and as a matter of course it bring to him in a total of \$1150, for look where they are going. There was only common charity to help him which he sold all his manuscripts. The ought to be a law against it. Now, out in a case like that. So I gave him a song brought the original publisher lot of good advice about how to doctor \$10,000 within two years. Payne used of a thing that will show people who his head in the morning, which he re- to say that he often heard the song in go rushing around the streets at night ceived with very bad grace, and prom- Paris, Berlin, London and elsewhere ised to be in the neighborhood of old when he had not a shilling to buy the

will fill the bill. You see, it has got to hardly got within sight of the house on American Consul at Tunis. He wrote be something out of the ordinary run. the following night when I met the two two additional stanzas to "Home, The only way I can make them move girls and Barker coming toward me. Sweet Home." There is an altered now is to yell at them, and there's too He seemed be in high spirits, and was form of the air in Donizetti's "Anna particularly jolly when they met me. Bolena," into which it was introduced I wanted to ask him about the phono- as a suggestion of Pasta. self, however, and explained that the probable that the present Congress youngest Miss Cutter was infatuated any more than its predecessors, will with the thing, and had insisted in hav- settle the account of John Howard ing it put on her bicycle, and that they Payne. For neglect and indifference profound meditation. Then he slapped were all anxiously waiting for some- in his case conspicuously, there's no me on the back with every appearance thing to get in the way so they could place like home. give it a trial. I afterwards discovered "Perkins," said he, "you're an inventhat Barker had represented to them

We had gone about three blocks, Barker and "the little one" being in action, Mme. Hare opened a boarding front, and the elder Miss Cutter and myself in the rear, when a man tried

to cross the street in front of us. "Hooray! gimme me another drink!" said the phonograph in a ghastly coun-

and fell into the gutter; Barker's ma- its bareness. One or two evening after this I was chine wobbled violently, and I could crossing Howard avenue when I heard | see that his nerve had crumbled, while | mandy peasant girl resting by the side a voice-Barker's voice, but with an un- I felt a shiver along my own spine as of a haystack. A valuation was placed

"Her golden hair was hanging down Involuntarily I started. There was her-h-h-hic-back!"sang the wretchan uncanniness about it-a weird and ed instrument in Barker's well-known with had consumed, thus: "He's eaten unnatural emphasis. It was a voice treble. Evidently "the little one"

Drops of sweat stood on Barker's When Madame won her case she prethere shot by me a vision of gray golf brow, and he tried to turn it off as a sented this picture to Mr. Coudert, in

"Funny, ain't it?" said he; "never can tell what it will say."

"You're a liar!" screamed the phonograph. "Come 'long now, and pass the

I could see "the little one" turn pale, gray. In the dim distance I could hear and the elder Miss Cutter looked dag-

> "Tra, la, la, tra, la, la, wow, wow, wow, whoopee!" said the phonograph. "Shay," it continued in a confidential whisper, "I'm struck on the-hic-pret

> tiest-hic-girl--' "Take it off!" growled Barker, making a lunge at the instrument, but his "Ho! no! you're drunk!" shrieked the machine, derisively, as we darted on

"Mr. Perkins," said the elder Miss weman of the fat and forty persuasion Cutter, dismounting, and pointing imperiously in the direction of her sister's wheel, "take that thing off?"

I obeyed her with the utmost alacriand thought he was such a polite young ty, and cast it at the dark spot where its owner was reposing.

> "Now." said the elder Miss Cutter, "take us home, sir." And so I did, and when old man Cutter looked at me in an inquiring way over the tops of his eyeglasses I felt as

and strangled the janitor. They didn't ask me to come in, so I went off to hunt up Barker. I found at something with a brick.

guilty as a man who had robbed a bank

"What's that?" said I. "I never saw a man who could ask so many foolish questions," said he derstand that the Board of Directors have become economical and cut down But Barker evidently thought that his salary.-New Orleans Times-Demo-

## JOHN HOWARD PAYNE.

Career of the Author of "Home, Sweet Home."

The House Committee on Claims reports that a balance of \$205.92 is due from the United States to the heirs of John Howard Payne, author of "Home, Sweet Home," who was Consul at Tunis at the date of his death, April 9, 1852. The committee say that appropriation should be made for payment of this balance "long standing to the credit of the faithful officer whose fame was world-wide, and whose memory is dear to every American home, where it is revered and loved by old and young alike."

John Howard Payne was born in the city of New York, June 9, 1792. His youth was spent on the shores of Long Island, where Payne's father was principal of the Clinton 'Academy, while means essential to the full comprehen- we belonged to a club, both of us- Rev. Lyman Beecher was one of the poetical, military, bohemian, and on suddenly called into play by the death As a fitting conclusion to the eve- of his mother, pecuniary misfortune to

> and appearing at Drury Lane, London, disconnected way that he was going tus" for Edmund Kean. Among his that I was his only friend, and that he some attribute it to Bishop. It was did not receive even the \$125 which he Cutter's the next evening without fail. next meal or a place to lay his head.

In 1832 Payne returned to this coun-I was a little late getting off, and had try, and in 1841 he was appointed

Notwithstanding the obvious and

#### Ate Up a Picture. Mme. Hare was a French widow and

volving \$40,000.

Pending the determination of this house in New York and had as her guests, among others, Kenyon Cox, W. A. Coffin and J. Carroll Beckwith. The room in which dinner was usually served was not as cheerful as it might be and one day the artistic set agreed The man gazed at us in astonishment to send pictures with which to relieve

> Beckwith's contribution was a Norupon this picture, and when the others paid their weekly bills they would estimate how much of the canvass Beckher hand this week, last week he eat her hair, next week her feet will go." whose possession it now is.

### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

There are twenty-six cremation associations in active operation in the United States. The oldest was organized at Washington, Pa., in 1876, and the two newest are found in New Haven, Conn., and Elizabeth, N. J. (1894). The number of incinerations reported is 3,670. The number incinerated in Europe from 1876 to 1893 was 19,700. The membership of the American associations is about 8,000 and the adherents of the method about 100,000.

The Railway Age gives the following as the present mileage of the greatest railroad systems in America: Pennsylvania, 8,882; Chicago and Northwestern, 7,931; Santa Fe, 7,555; Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, 7,304; Canadian Pacific, 7,103.

Statistics show that Pennsylvania has more citizens whose sight has been destroyed, or who have had their eyes rendered useless, than any other state. The large number of iron and steel plants and other manufactories and mines within its limits is responsible for this. The fact that Pittsburgh is the center of the iron and steel trade, and in the most importnat coal-mining district in the country, furnishes the explanation for the fact, as stated by the Chronicle of that city, that there are more people in Pittsburgh wearing glass eyes than are to be found in any other city in the country. Those who are in a position to know estimate that there are about 2,400 such unfortunates in Allegheny County, or about one to

every 250 persons.

A State organization of the school Boards or Minnesota has been formed. There are similar organizations in Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Texas and Pennsylvania, and a National Conventhis year; in connection with the National Teachers' Association. The purpose in the organization of these State gather and exchange optnions and decisions. Without such organization, it is argued, School Boards are independent bodies, each acting upon its own best judgment, and knowing little or nothing of other boards. School teachers and superintendents have their own conventions and exchange of ideas, and it is equally desirable that members of School Boards should have an opportunity of educating themselves for their duties.

and cost of the European military establishments are very striking. Russia Judge Knowlton for the court says, leads off with 868,772 men in her army, while France is second with 598,263, and Germany a close third, with 584.- fire intentionally lighted and maintain-734. Austria follows after a consider- ed for a useful purpose in connection able interval with 354,252, while Italy with the occupation of a building, and and found the body in the well and notified slips in before England with 252,829. In fire which starts from such a fire Coroner Drennen. When the body was But England takes first place in the without human agency in a place drawn up there were marks around the navy with 83,400 men, followed by where fires are never lighted nor main-France, 43,620, and Italy 35,607. In the tained, although such ignition may napercentage of the population for both turally be expected to occur occasionservices in time of peace France leads ally as an incident to the maintenance with 1.67, while Greece is second with of necessary fires, and although the 1.28, and Germany third with 1.26. In place where it occurs is constructed the annual cost of both services Russia | with a view to prevent damage from leads off with \$252,176,870, followed by such ignition. A fire in a chimney France with \$181,180,002. The total should be considered rather a hostile number of armies and navies in Europe fire than a friendly fire, and as such, if are 3,681,496 men, and the cost is \$973,- it causes damage, it is within the pro-260,215 annually. We might cut a con- visions of ordinary contracts of fire insideralbe figure in the list by adding surance." the pensions for our last war to current army and navy expenses.

the two species of large water bugs cases by much labor and research, by that have come to be called electric our consuls in all parts of the world are light bugs have put in an appearance not fully appreciated at home. These around the electric arc lights. "A most reports aim, under the present system, curious thing about these bugs," it to point out to American merchants says, "is that before the introduction and manufacturers the best markets of electric lights they were considered for their products. Complete data are to be comparatively rare. They were furnished by the Consuls, and it is seldom seen, as they were not attracted made available at once for the newsby ordinary light. When the arc light papers. It has been found that Ameriappeared, however, the bugs became enormously noticeable. Upon their ap- such news, and even the trade papers pearance in such prodigious numbers use the material sparingly. The reentomologists were of the opinion that ports are published periodically in volafter two or three years both species umes which are distributed generally would grow scarce, but the numbers to business men whose addresses are do not seem to be decreasing in the on the State Department list. By the slightest. While neither the Belostoma time this publication reaches them, nor the Benacus is distinctly poison- however, the information is old and in ous, both have strong beaks, capable some cases its value is lessened. The of inflicting severe wounds, and it will department officers think that greater be wise to handle them with great care. consideration should be paid the reif at all. The very large black water ports of our Consuls, especially as they beetle will also be seen among the mean dollars and cents to many busiwater bugs around electric lamps in ness houses in all parts of the country. the proportion of about 1 to 100."

mare, and all sort of nervous ills which disturb our rest. It seems that the old idea of sleeping with the head higher than the feet is all wrong, and we must reverse the order of things and put our feet on the pillow, as this position assures "profound and intellectual sleep." It may be new to cyclists, but a French physician declares that cyclists." unknown to themselves perhaps, develop a gentle vibratory condition of the body. In other words they become human tuning forks. It was Dr. Pettit who gave the French Academy of Medi-French and English bicyclists have ment.

The estimated cost of the Nicaragua canal has been increased by the government commission, whose report has just appeared. "In spite of this in-

ent estimate by the government commission is \$133,472,893. This is just double. In the interval, however the estimates made by the company have been increasing as the difficulties were better known. Of late the estimates usually made have placed the cost at from \$100,000,000 to \$110,-000,000. The report of the government commission, instead of doubling this latter estimate, as was freely predicted, advances it only to a round \$133,-500,000. As this commission was selected in no friendly spirit and its instructions were evidently intended to render it certain that its estimates included every possible item of cost, the figures which it has now published may be accepted as final.

In a work on the road and pavements

of France, Professor A. P. Rockwell, formerly of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, deduces from the reports of the Minister of the Interior, for 1881-1886, that the average cost of nearly 26,000 miles of macadamized road in France, of which over 17,000 miles were ordinary local roads, were as follows: Main highways, \$2,309 per mile; secondary highways, \$2,309 per mile, and ordinary local roads, \$2,036 per mile. These figures include the cost of the road proper and the grading and right of way; but do not include the cost of bridges, culverts and other structures. The range in price is not very great, being only \$800 per mile in some departments and as much as \$5.-600 and \$7,200 per mile in others. All of the Paris pavements, except a portion of the block-stone paving, are laid on concrete foundations. The total area of Paris street pavements on January 1, 1894, was 10,554,520 square yards, and the percentages of kinds of pavement were as follows: Blockstone, 71.5 per cent; macadam 16.3 per tion-the first-will be held in Buffalo | cent; asphalt, 3.8 per cent. and wood 8.4 per cent. Asphalt pavements date from 1855 and the first wood pave ments were laid in 1881; but the ten Associations of School Boards is to dency of to-day is to substitute wood or asphalt for stone and macadam, with wood as the present favorite.

In an interesting decision the Massa-

chusetts Supreme Court decides that damages by smoke from a fire which was confined exclusively in a chimneyplace come within the risks insured against by a policy of the standard form in Massachusetts. The defendant contended that the policy was not intended to apply to a fire which is lighted and maintained for the ordin-The figures given by Professor ary purposes for which fires are used Michie in the Independent of the size in buildings, and which is confined within the place that is atted for such "We are inclined to the opinion that a distinction should be made between a

The State Department officers feel that the Consular reports which are The Washington Star announces that prepared at infinite pains, and in some can newspapers care very little for The subjects treated of are as varied Some wise French physician has dis- as the lines of commerce, and both excovered a new cure for insomnia, night- portation and importation are dealt with. It was remarked recently in the State Department that the London Times awaited with apparent interest the publication of the Consular reports, and made regularly an abstract of the information. It is the only paper in the world, so far as the department officials know, which makes this use of the commercial reports of American Consuls.

Discovers a Petrified Man. Peter McNabb, a fern gatherer, found in his wanderings through cine the "tip" on this, and since then a forest near Columbus, Ohio, what seems to be the petrified remains been suprised, when they have com- of a man-probably a prehistoric man. plained to their medical advisers that He says it was brought to light by a they felt unusually restless and could recent landslide. One arm and one leg not account for it, to learn that they are missing, the remaining leg being had unconsciously acquired the "vibra- drawn up against the stomach and the tory habit." The medical journals are head dropping upon the breast. In size taking the matter up, and soon Ameri- it is a little above the ordinary, and apcan doctors also will doubtless begin pears to have been buried in a sitting to perscribe for the cure of the new ail- posture. Hundreds look at it, but no scientist has yet examined it.-Chicago

## The Value of London.

At a meeting of the City Commission crease, however," says The Manufac- of Sewers the other day it was stated turer, "the cost remains within the particulars had been received of the bounds of the capital and the aid which | quinquennial valuation of the metroan be legitimately extended by the polis, from which it appeared that the Julted States." The original estimate gross value of property in London, of the Nicaragua Canal Company ten including the city, was \$215,657,795, ears ago was \$66,466,880. The pres. and the ratable value, \$183,403,240.

## CABLE SPARKS.

In the recent fighting in Crete the Turkish oss was 75 killed, while the Christians lost 40 killed.

Lady Henry Somerset was re-elected presdent of the British Woman's Temperance Association.

The Spanish government has ordered the arrest of Generals Campos and Borrero, who were about to engage in a duel. The plague has broken out among the no-

orious Hamidish cavairy, stationed at Cazghnas, in the villayet of Bitlis, Armenia. M. Thierbaut, formerly consul for France

at New York, has been appointed first secreary of the French Legation at Washington. The Bering sea convention was ratified at ondon by United States Ambassador Bayard and the Marquis of Salisbury as minister or foreign affairs.

P. M. Arthur was re-elected chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers at Ottawa, Ont., by a vote of 326 to 86 for Habrstick, of Wisconsin. Home Secretary Rid'ey declared in the

House of Commons that the government ould see no further reason for clemency in the Maybrick case. A body of Fahavalo's bandits has burned

he town of Antirabe, Madagascar. The French troops finally attacked the bandits and killed 200 of them. The deaths from cholera at Alexandria

Monday numbered 5; at (airo, 20; at Old Cairo, 15; elsewhere in Egypt, 45. Total ince September, 2,523. In the discussion of the diseases of animals

bill in the House of Commons efforts failed to make an exception of the British colonies known to be free from disease. A confidential note has been addressed to

the Belgium government announcing that ex-Empress Eugenie has summoned a great neeting of French monarchists to take place in Brussels during the coming month of

The Swiss National Council has expressed regret that the United States has not replied to the Swiss roposal for the conclusion of an arbitration treaty, and has requested the Bundesrath to demand a categoric answer, but the president of the Confederation has declined to make the demand.

## FOUND HER IN A WELL.

A Shocking Crime at Everett Springs. Near Rome, Georgia.

The body of Mrs. Ann Tudor, a white woman, was found in an old well at Everett Springs, fifteen miles above Bome, Ga. She was a widow about 30 years oldiand since the death of Charles Thompson's wife, about two years ago, she has kept house for him. Thompson is about 35 years of age, and lives at the foot of John's Mountair. Saturday afternoon Thompson reported to the neighborhood that Mrs. Tudor was missing. Searching parties were at once organized which showed that the woman had been strangled. A fish line had been tied around her dress, in which two large rocks were confined so as to prevent the body from ris-

The Coroner's jury decided to arrest Thompson's son and another young man, but when Thompson heard what their intentions were he asked to be allowed to make a statement. "Mrs. Tudor had lived with me like a wife for some time," he said, "and lately she found that she was in trouble. Then she said she wanted to die, if I could belp her she would get out of the world rather than be disgraced. We went to the well and I tied the rocks in her dress and she fastened a rope around her own neck and the other end around her legs. She sat onthe edge of the well for some time and at last jumped off. She struggled a while, and finally when I found she was dead I drew the body up, cut the rope from around her neck and dropped her into the weil."

## CONSULS GENERAL APPOINTED. A Priend of the Novelist Stevenson to Go to

Apia. President Cleveland sent to the Senate the

following nominations:

William Churchill, of New York, to be consul general of the United States at Apia, Davis N. Burke, of New York, to be consul general of the United States at Tang'er, Muraceo.

William Churchill, who has been nortinated to be United States consul general at Apia, Samoa, is a native of Brooklyn, born in 1859. He is a graduate of Yale, and is thoroughly familiar with the customs, business and social affairs of the Samoan Islands, baving spent four years in Micronesia. Mr. Churchill was intimate with Robert Louis Stevenson while the latter lived in Samoa, and was of much assistance to him at the beginning of the novelist's residence there, furnishing him with information as to the islands, the traditions and customs that was gratefully received by Stevenson. Since his return to the United States Mr. Churchill has discharged the duties of editor of the Brooklyn Times, although he has taken no part in polities, and his endorsements are of the highest character. He has figured to some extent in the literary world, and is known as the author of one of the latest popular novels devoted to South Sea life.

David N. Burke, who is made consul general at Tangier, Morocco, is at present consal at Malaga, where he became consul in 1893, being appointed from New York. He replaces at Tangier Consul General John Judson Barelay, who was appointed from Alabama in September, 1893, and is recalled

## FOUGHT WITH BANDITS.

French Troops in Madagascar Slaughter 200 of a

A body of 1500 Fahavalos bandits has burned Antrirabe, Madagascar, according to a special despatch. For three days the bandits blockaded a house in which a detachment of French troops was protecting the

Norwegian mission. The French resident, with a detachment of Novas, eventually raised the blockade after sharp fighting, during which 200 Faha-