LIFE, DEATH, HEREAFTER.

Awakened by the gentle touch of

A lingering echo dying on the air: And then-a sound of melody above. -LILLIAN BARKER in Peterson.

TOMMY BROWN'S BEST GIRL.

Tommy Brown was not to be envied. Sutton's Corners, was, to say the least | here?" of it, hard luck. Sutton's Corners was a way station on the J.K. & Q. branch, miles; it's right between the two places. day, "did you see her?" not even on the main line itself. There I don't know how the dirt road runs "You bet I did," answered Tommy, the attention, and with beating heart were only two passenger trains a day between Sutton's Corners and here, "Aud I say, H. B., she is the most stun- opened the school house door. Standeach way, and now and then a long, but I guess it goes pretty straight, all ning girl I ever met in my life; pretty ing at a desk, looking over some exerstraggling freight. Sutton's Corners most as straight as the railway line." consisted mostly of a big frame depot painted a dirty red, with a number of out Tommy, "you don't go to see her but there's nothing of the conventional looked up in surprise to see a young more or less dilapidated frame build- yourself, do you?" ings inhabited chiefly by railway men. and those who worked in the neighboring saw mill. The only two-storied building in the place had once been painted white, but it sadly needed an- then, in that quarter?" other coat; there still could be read on its sides the words, in faded black letters, "Compton House," and this indicated that the place had been intended for a hotel, but the hotel business in bud. Sutton's Corners did not pay, and now the building was occupied by the station master, to whom Tommy paid four dollars a week for board and lodging. A young man without money or influence has to work his way up in this world, and Tommy had been glad to get suit me down to the ground; but, all the country." the job of telegrapher at Sutton's Corners when the place was offered to him. there, if it's trenching on your ground." He had been there three months, and was just beginning to realize, in its deadly truth, what a God-forsaken hole and is less so now than at first.' Sutton's Corners was. If he had been on the main line there was a chance for you, H. B., if the girl and I get ac- Miss Seaford to lend you some books? planation of the mystery from the girl the wire, but being a branch that led to nowhere in particular, nothing came along the telegraph line but train N., but it wouldn't do any good, so you I had thought of asking her." orders, and such like uninteresting matter. There was not a soul in Sutton's Corners that Tommy cared to speak to, and as he was a young man of reasonably good habits, not drinking or chewing tobacco, he didn't know what on earth to do with himself after 4 o'clock. He had to stick to his office until 4 o'clock in the afternoon when the so-called eastward express went by, which was the last train that day. able to tell me what you think when After it cleared the station there was you have seen her." nothing more for Tommy to do except from headquarters that a special of troduction to Miss Clara Seaford signed ment. some kind would happen along, but if by H. B. Tommy thought the letter And so Tommy's visits to Hobbs' and further orders and specials?" that message from headquarters did just a trifle too jaunty for the purpose farm became many and frequent. They "Don't wait to talk to me," she said, to come before 4 o'clock Tommy was intended. It said: free to do what he pleased with him Dear Miss Seaford: self for the rest of the day.

times amused himself when there were great friends. Yours very truly, unimportant messages to go by sending them on so fast that the other operait was the fellow at Hobbsville, twenty for Hobbs' farm. miles further on from Sutton's Corners Hobbs' farm was rather a preity and the next station to it, for stations place in spite of its name. A lovely were not close together on the branch. garden surrounded the farm house, Tommy at once made up his mind that with nice shady woods behind it. Tomthe young man at Hobbsville knew my thought to himself, "What a charmsomething, because he was so expert ing place for a stroll with a pretty at the key; thus the two struck up an girl." acquaintance which Tommy declared A somewhat faded elderly woman

after that there was no way of going ing a d young that Tommy was some- H. B.

The other fellow did not know Tom- stammered out: my as Tommy Brown, but as ton's Corners, whereas Tommy always his name, I always call him H. B." the two became the best of friends answered frankly, with a laugh: through the twenty miles of telegraph "I always call him H. B., too," and wire that stretched between them.

over the wire about the dullness of his terms of friendship. question.

there any girls over at Hobbsville?"

are you off for girls at Sutton's Cor- wires, you know, in intervals of businers?"

"Why," said Tommy, "I'm in the same box as you are. There isn't a said Miss Senford. "is it difficult to ish," replied Tommy. "I am going to soul to speak to in the place, but old learn telegraphing?" women.'

is one of the drawbacks of this place. learn to telegraph, but it is difficult to you before I reach the farm house I'll they are just as often in this predice-I would give anything to have a girl learn to be an expert. It is easy enough know what my fate is." to speak to, but there isn't any. I sup- to attain a certain state of proficiency. pose, though, that you have a girl wait- but after that each step becomes harder B. "I don't think you ought to leave father or like me?" asked baby's deing for you down East."

I haven't. If I had, and she wrote me dred words a minute, but it isn't every- swer. Supposing you were told to hold looks like a cherub." The scheme was a stack of letters, it wouldn't be so body who can reach the two hundredth a train at Sutton's Corners, what could supremely successful and baby's lonely here."

"I don't know about that," said H. B., should pine right away here for lack ably well are many, but the experts month, and an extra- is not likely to maker. There are in the city 70,000 of seeing her. But if you are really dy- are very few." ing of loneliness and lack of ladies' want to make her acquaintance."

miles back from the line, but she lives at the gate, forth from the school to the farm on Engle."

her bicycle." For a young fellow with his gifts in laughter, "I brought my bicycle with word 'Dove' for it." the way of conversation and good me, although I haven't used it much. Miss Seaford laughed merrily, and school was being dismissed, and he

ing, then the instrument clicked out: "I used to, but it is N. G."

"Ah!" replied Tommy. "Are you hit,

"She said she wasn't a marrying

my, "I don't want to interfere, you books. Say, who's the greatest novelknow, in the least with a friend. I ist in this country; do you know?" may tell you, between ourselves, that "I haven't the slightest idea," reif she's not on the marry, then that will same, H. B., I'm not going to cut in "Hang the presidents of all the rail

generously. "It never was my ground, "I wouldn't mind saying a good word

quainted, and I thought it would cut any ice.'

need have no compunctions of conof introduction on the four o'clock."

what is her name?" "Her name is Clara Seaford."

"Is she pretty?"

a matter of opinion, and you will be there pretty often."

When the 4 o'clock train came in it "You bet,' was the laconic answer loce

knowing his business down to the nate as to hold the position of telegraph books he should treasure. She lent the telegrapher at Hobbsville. tors on the branch were not as expert and if your machines are of the same books she did not have and wished to clever as you pretended to be someas they might be, and Tommy some make I doubt not but you will become get, and he sent surreptitiously to the times over the wire." "H. B."

tors had to break in upon him and beg enticeing bicycle suit, put the letter in that had just arrived. Tommy was "what on earth in days gone by have I could take a message as fast as he sent 4 o'clock started down the dirt road

kept him from going melanchely mad. answered Tommy's knock at the farm It must not be supposed that the ac- house door. When Tommy asked if quaintance of telegraphers is the same Miss Seaford lived there he was ansas that of ordinary people. Tommy had wered in the affirmative, with a request never seen his friend at Hobbsville, be- to step into the parlor. A few minutes cause each of them had to stick to busi- later there came into him a girl who ness until the last train had gone, and was so startling pretty and fresh lookup or down the line, for there was not what taken aback by the vision, and even a hand car at either of the two did not make at all good his assertion stations. However, they became very that he was rather a dasher where firm friends through chatting along the ladies were concerned. He forgot all about his letter of introduction, and

"A friend of mine, who is telegrapher S. N., which was the signal for Sut- at Hobbsville, I-I-really don't know called his friend H. B., the signal for And then Tommy thought of the letter; Hobbsville. Tommy, over the wire, as he handed it to her he saw the girl told H. B. all his good stories, and H. blush, and at once he realized it had B., who had a packet of his own, re- awakened memories that doubtless turned the favor, and, as I have said, were somewhat tender, but the girl

with that Tommy laughed also, and One day when Tommy was cussing they were immediately, as it were, on

situation he sudenly asked H. B. a "He knows me as S. N.," said Tommy confidentially. "That's the way with I am going right to the school house "Say, H. B.," he clicked out, "are us telegraphers; we care very little and propose to her, even if there are about real names, because we are so two hundred and fifty children pres-"Nary a girl," responded H. B. discon- accustomed to calling each other up ent." solately, and it seemed as if the very by the signal that stands for the sta- "I wouldn't do anything so extremely instrument rattled in sympathy. "How tion. We talk to each other over the foolish," answered H. B. "why, you'll

> ness. "That must be very interesting."

"I must confess," said H. B., "that my. "That is, it is not very difficult to shall cycle home with her, and I'll bet herself with it. And the men, too; for and harder to take. It's something your telegraph desk. There may come voted mamma. I looked at baby long "No," said Tommy, "to tell the truth, like shorthand; any fool can do a hun- some message for you that I can't an- and steadily and then replied: "Baby

point." "I suppose," said Miss Scaford, "that | message there?" philosophically. "I haven't a girl my- it's pretty much the same with everyself, but it seems to me if I had, I thing; those who can do a th'ng pass- Tommy. "There hasn't been one for a Paris is the paradise of the dress-

In a very short time all Tommy's I'm going to chance it. You look after dress and 65,000 dressmakers. It has society, I can give you a letter of in- embarrassment left him, and he found the wire for me, and I'll do as much for been estimated that the yearly amount troduction to a very nice girl, if you himself deeply grateful to H. B. for se- you some day when you're interested carned in this business there is over curing him an introduction to so charm- in a girl."

"In heaven's name, where?" rattled ing a girl. After supper they took a | "I would not leave my post of duty," To:amy on the machine, "I thought spin together on their wheels as far as replied H. B., "for all the girls that A single strain upon the harp of time, you said there weren't any girls there." the school house, which she exhibited live, and I strongly advise you to stay "Well, she doesn't live here," ans- to him with a certain air of possession where you are."

with reckless haste, which seemed to get back to the Corners I am going to o'clock." make the very machine chuckle with paint the word out and substitute the Tommy was as good as his word. He

looks, to be stuck away in a place like I wonder how far that farm is from so it need hardly be stated that the waited till the children left before gomachine she rode was the Dove.

schoolma'am about her at all. By the man entering without rapping. There was a pause in the telegraph- way, H. B., do you know anything about books and authors and that sort Tommy, "I expected to find Miss Seaof thing?" "Not a bit; I'm not a reading man,"

answered H. B. "Why do you ask?" "I'm amazed at you," replied Tommy; girl," replied H. B., and that was as "that's why you couldn't get along much as Tommy could learn of the ro- with that girl. I believe she has read mance that had been nipped in the every mortal thing that ever was printed. I felt like a fool when she was "Look here, old fellow," said Tom- talking, she was so well posted on

I cut rather a dash with the girls, and plied H. B., "but I can tell you the presidents of all the railways in the

"Oh, that's all right," said H. B., tell you, and I'm going to post up. You don't know any fellow along the line had shown it to him. Tommy rode that has a lot of books, do you?"

Although she may not have much of herself. the schoolma'am about her, I'll bet she "It is very good of you to say so, S. would enjoy teaching a fellow. I wish gan to beat quickly when he saw the

science as far as I am concerned. If morrow. That'll give me an excuse excitement and exercise. As soon as you like, I will send you down a letter for riding over there so soon. I'll tell she came up to him she sprang off her her how blamed ignorant I am, and ask | machine. "I wish you would. By the way, her to take pity on me; that always "Oh, Tommy," she cried. fetches the girls, anyhow, and, you "get back to Sutton's Corners as quick see, when I borrow a book I can all as you can. There's a special comways go and take it back; it will give ing at five-thirty, and is to wait there "I ...ink so, of course, though that is me a reasonably good excuse for going for further orders. I answered in your

Н. В.

now and again, when he had an order brought Tommy Brown a letter of in- clicked out on H. B.'s telegraph instru- "Good gracious, Miss Scaford, what

young, and had all the concert that telegraphed to her?" mean when in Miss Seaford's prest they may be calling for you now." at a certain period of his career. An- lessly. "Clarasomewhat interfered with his friend- back at once to the post I told you not ship for the genial H. B.

sent somewhat jocular and bantering reach Sutton's Corners." messages over the wire regarding the young lady, Tommy waxed indignant, you tell the promise-" and said he wasn't going to have her

"Is it so serious as all that?" asked

"It is as serious as it can be," telegraphed Tommy.

"Beware, beware, she's fooling thee," came over the wire.

Then Tommy sent back fearful electroit Free Press. trical words, which ought to have made sparks fly from the machine, and doubtless did, asking the operator at Hobbsat the operator rattled his machine to represent, he said, fiendish laughter.

lunch, and asked his friend to answer any messages that were sent to Sutton's Corners.

"You can't leave the office," an-

swered H. B. "I am going to," said Tommy. "I

make the girl so ashamed that she'll never speak to you again."

"I am not going to do anything fool-"Oh, not very difficult," replied Tom- 4 o'clock, when it is dismissed; then I | ful that I think women should fortify

"I'd wait till 4 o'clock," answered H.

"There won't be any train," answered come in to-day of all days in the year. persons who make articles of women's

wered H. B., "but about ten miles that seemed delightful to Tommy, After Bah!" rejoined Tommy, trying to away. She's the schoolma'am at escorting her back to the farm they throw contempt into the working of the Hobbs' Centre, which is four or five stood and chatted together for a while machine. "You have never been in love, and don't know anything about it. at Hobbs' farm and rides back and "I see," she said, "that you ride an The whole branch line may go to thunder as far as I am concerned, but I'm "Yes," said Tommy, with a sigh, look- going to Hobbsville Center school "Oh, I say," telegraphed Tommy ing at his machine, "but as soon as I house, and I'm-geing to be there by 4

arrived at the school house just as ing in. The youngsters looked rather "It can't be more than ten or eleven | "Well," said H. B. over the wire next | curiously at the machine leaning against the fence, but Tommy paid litas a picture, too. I used to think cises, was an elderly spinster with "But I say, old fellow," hammered school mistresses were rather sticks, curls hanging against her cheeks. She

"I-I-beg your pardon," stammered ford here."

Miss Seaford?" inquired the lady meditatively. "I know no one of that name."

"She teaches this school, does she not?' inquired Tommy, rather bewil dered, feeling somehow that he had been fooled, but not knowing quite in what manner.

"I am the school mistress here," said

the lady. "I beg your pardon," said Tommy. 'I have been misinformed. I thought Miss Seaford was the teacher."

He backed out as well as he could. closed the door and mounted his biways; I'm interested in books now, I cycle. There could not be a mistake about the school house, for she herself as fast as he could towards Hobbs' "No, I don't. But why don't you ask farm, where he hoped to get some ex-

Before he had gone far his heart begirl herself on her wheel coming to-"H. B., you're a brick. I'll do it to wards him. Her face was rosy with

name, but if another message should "Well, you are getting along," said come you must ask them to repeat. Hurry, hurry, for there is no time to

do you knew about repent messages

took bicycle rides together, and they "but hurry back. I have ridden twelve strolled in the woods together. She miles to tell you this, and must return "This letter will be presented to you took his reading in charge and told him to Hobbsville so as to be there when Tommy was an expert telegrapher, by my friend S. N., who is so unfortu- the books he should shun, and the the special comes. I am H. B. I am ground, or, as he himself said, down to operator at that last spot on earth, Sut- him volume after volume, and Tommy, might have known that long ago, you the ground wire. Most of the operation's Corners. He also rides a bicycle, with great deftness, found out the stupid fellow, if you had been half as

city for them. It delighted him to see Tommy Brown stood there, half her eyes light with pleasure when he dazed, looking at the girl, and there Nevertheless commy donned his most took from his pocket some new book passed through his mind the thought,

> had formerly filled his animated being | She seemed to read his mind, for a with regard to woman had now left slight smile flickered around her lips. him, and he felt numble and small and "Hurry back," she said, hurry back;

> ence. All of which is good for a man "Let 'em call," replied Tommy, reckother change had come over him which "Yes, yes, I know all about it. Get

to leave, and then telegraph me. See When the telegrapher at Hobbsville if I don't reach Hobbsville before you "Clara I shall not move a pedal until

"I'll promise anything," cried the girl, made the subject of telegraphic gos- "if you only reach Sutton's Corners before the special."

With that she mounted her wheel and rode off, waving her hand to him, which motion seemed curiously like wafting a kiss. And thus forever after Clara Seafora

The Retort Clever.

was Tommy Brown's best girl.—De-

Bless the babies! We couldn't get ville to mind his own business, where hiong without them. But how careful we have to be, when we mention there little high mightinesses! A young Phil-One day Tommy telegraphed H. B., adelphian was laughing recently, says saying he was going away shortly after the Press, over the absurd mistakes one is apt to fall into when talking about the first-born of the house to the

newly made mamma. "Well," she said, "Jerome K. Jerome helped us out wonderfully in one respect. He said that when in doubt as won't stand this suspense any longer. to the gender of the little morsel of humanity one should carefully avoid referring to the child as 'he' or 'she' and

merely call it 'the little angel.' " That settles one side of the question. But suppose you are asked whether baby resembles papa or mamma? That is just as bad as the other. Well, I found myself face to face with this latter question a few days ago, and the leave here and reach the school about way I took of replying was so successment.

"Do you think baby looks like his I do if there were no one to take the mamma sent me baby's picture in a sil-

\$250,976,000.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

railway employees killed during last, forty times as much as on sand." year within the limits of the United | The city authorities of Chicago have Staes was 1,811, and the number in- issued a permit for the building of a jured 25,696, being a decrease of 12 in gospel ship in that city. It will be a the number of employees killed and an church in the form of a ship with increase of 2,274 in the number in- masts, rigging and smokestack. Its jured. This class includes trainmen. promoters have secured the lease of a switchmen, flagmen, watchmen and lot on Carroll avenue for its site. The other persons upon the pay roll of the cost is \$2,000, of which the greater part railways. The number of passengers has been pledged. The auditorium will killed during the year was 170 and in- seat 500. The idea of a ship will be jured 2,375, which was a decrease com- carried out by having smoke from the pared with the previous year of 154 smokestack during services, and the killed and 659 injured. The total, for presence of a corps of naval cadets and 1895 is less, both relatively and abso- a naval band. The sensational methlutely, than during any year for which ods are simply to attract the people. complete statistics are obtainable. Services will be held every evening. There was, however, a falling off of 245 and the ship will be open at all hours. in number of other persons killed upon It will be ready to "sail" about Jan. 1. railways during the year and 244 in the Dr. Abbott, the secretary of the injured. This includes all persons ex- Board of Health of Massachusetts. cept employees and passengers who gives the bicycle a long mark as a facwere killed or injured during the year. tor in the improvement in the health It should be said, however, that the of Massachusetts women. He says that passenger traffic during 1895 was un- last year, for the first time in the hisus; ally light, and smaller than for any tory of the State, there were fewer previous year since 1880. It is a re- deaths by consumption of females than markable fact, however, that a total males. He gives the bicycle the credit of 6,136 persons were killed and 34,748 for the change. Bicycle-riding gets were injured upon the railways of the women out-of-doors and strengthens United States last year. The largest their lungs. Five years ago, about the number of accidents occurred at high- time bicycles began to be prevalent, way crossings. From this cause 505 the annual rate of mortality among persons lost their lives, and at railway | Massachusetts women by consumption stations, through carelessness, 376 persons were killed. Throughout the United States only forty persons were killed in collisions during the year and only 97 were injured; only 47 were killed by derailment and only 84 were injured, which shows that the larger part of the fatalities caused by railways is due to the carelessness of the

The next universal postal congress will assemble in Washington in May, 1897. Invitations will be sent to all countries having mail arrangements. the debates will be conducted in French. China and the Orange Free State are the only countries of importance that do not belong to the Universal Pestal Union; they will, however, that of payment by one country for of vexations work. The payment is weighs all mails it dispatches to every subject." point outside its limits, and the countries to which the mails are respectively addressed verify the figures. But the system gives rise to so many complications and annoyances that it is proposed to do away with it altogether. Some countries, among them the United States, seek the total abolishment of these transit rates and the substitution of an arrangement by which each country carries the mails of all others

Since the present century began the penitentiaries of the civilized world tion. Instead of being dens of idleness, her. as in the time of General Oglethorp and John Howard, the various prisons of Europe and America have been converted into places of discipline and labor. Formerly the object of prisons and penitentiaries was to punish, but to-day the object of these grim institutions of justice is not only to punish but to reform. With this latter object in view a school has recently been organized in the Tombs of New York city which bids fair to become a permanent institution. The New York Tribune is warm in its indorsement of this educational reform, and speaks of it as one of the most beneficent and farreaching movements which have been started in the metropolis for years. When the fact is remembered that cerated in the Tombs each week, the but what it will prove a splendid suc-

It is easy to figure out from the Supervising Inspector General's report that a person is very much safer while travelling on a steamboat than when or pleasure. Of 600,000,000 journeys of this sort made last year, he says that only 221 ended in a fatal accident. Otherwise stated, the percentages of fraction which conveys no meaning to the mind until it is turned into the statement that a man with just average luck can make 2,715,403 trips on turn comes to be drowned or blown up. | fifty miles in all, for this purpose. Nobody, however, gets much comfort out of computations of this sort, since they form a branch of mathematics to which everyone gives unonestioning theoretical belief and then conducts

such a degree that he can draw cleven of course, American machinery.

times as mach as on a dirt road, or thirty-three times as much as he can It appears from a recent report of the carry on his back. What the road traf-Interstate Commerce Commission that fic of cities owes to the street railways the dangers of travel upon railways is illustrated by the computation that have been considerably reduced by the on metal rails a horse can draw one adoption of block signals, interlocking and two-thirds times as much as on the switches, automatic couplers, vestibile best asphalt pavement; four times as cars and other devices intended to en- much as on Belgian blocks, nine times hance the comfort and safety of pas- as tauch as on cobblestones, twenty sengers and employes. The number of times as much as on an earth road, and

began to decrease, and has steadily diminished ever since.

"The Boston Transcript" thinks the election of McKinley a confirmation of the old tradition that the American people like their presidents to have only one Christian name. The first five presidents had no middle name, and when McKinley is inaugurated he will public, and not to the railway man- be the seventeenth president without one. The list includes George Washlugton, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, James Monroe, Andrew Jackson, Martin Van Buren, John Tyler, Zachary Taylor, Millard The sessions will last two months, and Fillmore, Franklin Pierce, James Buchanan, Abraham Lincoln, Andrew Johnson, Grover Cleveland, Benjamin Harrison.

"One can't help observing with much satisfaction," says W. H. Webster, probably send delegates. The vital "that the bicycle has attracted the question before the congress will be favorable attention of the postal authorities in European countries, notathe transportation of its mails across bly England and Spain. The postal the domains of every other. Every folk at Washington are also investigrain of weight of mail matter sent by gating the bicycle as a means of postal one country across the land or water delivery, and rather exhaustive exof another is now scrupulously paid for periments will be made in this counto its destination. The settlement of try next year. This is as it should be. the rate of payment causes a vast deal I think that the bicycle is destined to be an important factor in the postal sermade on the basis of statistics taken vice, and that, too, before many years once in three years, covering a period have passed. Its advantages are apof four weeks. Every country then parent to any one who considers the

Spanish inefficiency has been shown up in a ludicrous way by the recent self-floating of the new cruiser Princess de Asturias at cadtz. The vessel, which it had taken seven years to build, got stuck in the mud when they tried to launch her, over a month ago, After trying their best to float her without success for thirty days, the Spanish engineers gave up the job, adopting the usual Micawber pelicy of Spain, of waiting for something to turn up. They were justified by the cruiser's slipping into the water of her own accord one have undergone a radical transforma- afternoon when no one was watching

It having been stated lately in the English papers that Queen Victoria has been a total abstainer for several years, somebody has deemed it worth while to investigate the important matter, and now this announcement is made: "Her Majesty drinks little wine, but at 2 o'clock lunch-which really constitutes her dinner-her beverage is a glass of weak Scotch whiskey and mineral water. At dinner her Majesty does little more than merely touch her wine."

England's Oldest Postman.

The oldest letter carrier in England, Richard Pearson of Richard Castle, better known in the district as "Dick." hundreds of the young waifs are incar- the Postman," retired from her Majesty's service the other day on a wellgood effects of such a school can be earned pension, says the London Weekreadily imagined, and there is no doubt ly. Born in 1831, Dick began letter carrying at the mature age of 11, his round consisting of outlying villages and hamlets, but a few years later he was removed to Barnard Castle, where he had one daily delivery for the munificent wage of \$2 per week. Always a engaged in any other form of business good pedestrian, he has accomplished a good deal of long distance walking at one time and another. During the railway era he had the serving of the Parliamentary notices in connection fatalities was .00000036. That is a with the South Durham and Lancashire Union Railway on nearly all land-owners in Westmoreland, and on one occasion, in the interval between two deliveries, walked to Appleby Casvessels propelled by steam before his the Lord Appleby's seat, and back,

The Panama Canal.

Dispatches from Panama show that work on the canal has not been discontinued. A new director-general his affairs on directly contrary princ's has arrived from France, and 150 laborers have gone to work on the Cule-On an ordinary dirt road, according bra division, but the most encouraging to "The Philadelphia Record," "a horse sich of progress is the adoption on can araw three times as much weight another division of the machinery and as he can carry on his back. On a methods used in making excavations good macadamized road the animal can in the Chicago drahace canal. The pull three times as much as on a dirt | best work on the isthmus in the days road, while on an asphalt payement of the first company was done by conthe power of the horse is multiplied to tractors from this country, who used,