My Closest Friend My closest friend! O subtle phrase Replete with meaning that allays The sting of loneliness and care, And breathes an intimate, sweet air

Of comradeship through all my days!

Alas! there is another phase Of friendship, which my ardor stays-For sometimes I can scarcely bear My closest friend!

Her social debts she never pays; At restaurants, her mind's a haze, She doesn't even do her share-Much to my pocketbook's despair! In fact, she is in many ways My closest friend!

-Puck.

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Ralph Morrow turned out the light and jumped into bed. It was only 9 o'clock but he was tired to the point of complete exhaustion. He had put in a hard day in a new telegraph office, and he had been glad when the night relief came in to let him off. It was the first experience in a railroad office, and he found the work vastly different from the more placid routine of a commercial branch, where the telegrams were simply worded, and there were chances for rest between times.

A busy railroad wire was one constant strain and he told himself that in five minutes he would be asleep. He had dropped into a half doze, when a soft, insistent clicking tell upon his ear and he rose in bed. There was no mistaking the familiar sound. It was the click of a telegraph key, and it was sounding a call for help. Over and over again the clicks and ticks spelled out the message as clear to Morrow as though it was a spoken language. It was an odd sort of Morre, clear and precise with none of the individuality that the average operator gives his "sending," but it was Morse beyond a question. Someone in the next room was in dire peril and was calling for help with the aid of a telegraph instrument. It seemed odd that this means should be resorted to, and Ralph decided that it must be because the victim was gagged.

The landlady had said something about having another telegrapher as a boarder when he had told her his business. It was not uncommon for

terror. NU AIVIJE UNA AMIGU "To think that such a thing could

happen in this house," she gasped. "I have been living here for nearly a year. There might have been other people killed in that time and we know nothing about It."

There was a labored step on the stairs and the landlady's perspiring face appeared above the top step, the rest of her ponderous body following. She eyed the pair sharply as she came toward them.

"Been getting acquainted?" she asked pleasantly, though her face indicated suspicion and disapproval.

Hysterically the girl told her story and the suspicious look gave place to a smilé.

"Come with me," commanded the boarding house mistress. "I guess I can find the man who needs assistance."

She led the way to the floor above and as she tapped on a door there came again a terrified appeal for The message stopped in the aid. middle of a sentence and the door flung open by a mild appearing young man.

"This is Mr. Morrow, our new boarder." introduced the landlady. 'He says that you have been telegraphing for help and he nearly scared Miss Shay to death, breaking into her room to rescue her. He thought that the sound came from her room."

"I guess it goes through the floor,' answered the new man. "I have no carpet and the space between the floor and the ceiling must act as a resonator. You a telegrapher?" He stood aside that Ralph might look into the room. An automatic transmitter, a receiver and a half lozen cells of battery told their own tale

"I'm training to be a receiver on one of the press wires. Stuff comes fast, you know, and the chief loaned chapel, near the bride's home. me an old Wheatstone apparatus. One of the boys prepares the tape and he delights in getting up the most bloodthirsty messages. These are just some practice slips pasted the idea that I was calling for help. If I had used one of the longer tapes you would have caught on."

"I'll come up some night and send for you," offered Ralph, "if you'l! keep this story quiet at the office." The rescue party retreated down ters-in-law henceforth. the stairs and the landlady left the two young people on their floor. "I feel like a fool for giving you me

man," she answered with eyes that be worth nearly \$100. Hundreds of sparkled. "You could not know that people take their vacation camping the appeal was only a pretense. You took chances just the same. I always did love brave men." good-night greeting and went back to market. to his room to dream dreams that later came true .-- Buffalo Courler.

ance. Raiph read the call as it came of such an accident if he is not stopand the girl's face grew white with ped in his downward career by the trunk of a tree.-From A Boy's Para dise in the Pacific" in St. Nicholas. DOG SAVES HIS LIFE.

Begs, Plays Dead and Somersaults

When Policeman Points Pistol. "I would have killed a dog only he was a trick dog, and that saved his life for him," said Policeman helpful features have been the num-Henry Barr. The policeman was riding his wheel on West Eighth avenue when a Eskimo dog grabbed him by the leg, tearing his trousers and inflicting a severe wound.

Barr got a rope and lassoed the dog. He then dragged his victim into an alley and attached the rope to a telegraph pole, intending to finish the animal with a bullet. He pulled his revolver and pointed it at the head of the dog. At that the animal rolled over on its back and "played dead." "You must be a trick dog," said

Barr. "Sit up and beg." The creature sat upon its haunches and howled mournfully. Then he stood on his head, turned a back somersault, flipped a chip of wood off his nose and deftly caught it in his

mouth "You are too good a dog to bump off," said Barr, "and if you promise not to grab my legs again, you can come along with me."

The dog was overjoyed and began to lick his new master's hand .- Denver correspondence of the New York World.

Names Will Be Just Alike.

As the romantic result of a photograph being delivered to the wrong address, through a postman's mistake of one letter in two names pronounced alike, Vernon Henning Petre, a Cannelton Indiana, man, who has been for several years in the Philippines, was married to Miss Annie Mae Petrie, of Christian county, Kentucky, in Fairview Baptist

Mr. Petre and Miss Petrie met last spring, on his return to America on furlough from his duties as deputy collector of customs at Manila, but they have been corresponding more into an endless band and run over than a year, ever since a picture of and again. The repetition gave you himself, addressed to his sister, Miss Saidee Petre, at Hopkinsville, Ky .. accidentally fell into the hands of Miss Mae Petrie, who was there at the same time. The two young women were unacquainted, but became warm friends and will be devoted sig-

Pearls Help Pay Bills.

Some of the most perfect pearls this scare," apologized Ralph. "I at Lake City, Iowa, are being found don't know what you can think of in the Raccoon river, Dr. T. W. Johnson opened a clam shell in which "I think that you are a very brave was a perfect white pearl, said to

COMMERCIAL COLUMN Weekly Review of Trade and Latest Market Reports

Bradstreet's says:

'Cooler weather is the mainspring of the moderate improvement in retail and jobbing trade reported at most cities this week. Additional erous fairs and festivals, which have enlarged the distribution locally .. at many points. While there are, reports of holding of crops, notably at the South, where prices are much lower than a year ago, the crop movement is liberal as a whole. Reports from industries are rather better as a whole. Good reports come from the lumber trade South and West and a good volume of building is going forward.

"Election uncertainties are reported affecting demand for iron and steel, but cool weather has helped the coal trade East and West. The leather and shoe trades are reported quiet, with cheaper grades in most demand. The wool trade reports the largest week's sales for over a year past and from 50 to 60 per cent. of the leading interest's machinery is reported in operation.

"On the whole this week's disributive trade probably was the best that has been enjoyed for months past, and while the impending election is a deterrent factor there seems to be a general tendency in most lines to take hold on the theory that future trade is likely to show lasting and substantial gains.

"Business failures in the United States for the week number 225, against 267 last week, 177 in the like week of 1907, 136 in 1906, 189 in 1905, and 195 in 1904.

New York. - Wheat - Receipts. 230,500 bush.; exports, 512,128 bush. Spot, firm; No. 2 red, 1.06 % @ 1.07 1/2 elevator; No. 2 red, 1.08 % o. b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 1.12% f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 hard winter, 1.09 1/4 f. o. b. afloat. Corn-Receipts, 9,675 bush .; spot firm; No. 2, 86 % nominal elevator

closing % c. net higher. December closed, 77 1/2; May closed, 73 7/4. Oats - Receipts, 64,500 bush. spot, steady; mixed, 26 to 32 lbs. natural white, 26 to 31 lbs.,

53 1/2 @ 55; clipped white, 32 to 40 lbs., 55 1/2 @ 61. Barley-Quiet: feeding. 61% @ 64 1/4 c. i. f. New York.

Poultry-Alive firm: spring chickens, 141/2; fowls, 14; turkeys, 14. Dressed irregular; Western chickens, 15@18; fowls, 13@15; turkeys, 18@21.

Butter --- Firm; receipts, 3,878; creamery specials, 27; extras, 26@ 261/2; third to first, 18@24; State dairy, common to finest., 18@24 1/2. Philadelphia. - Wheat - Easler;

contract grade, October, 1.02@ 1.02 ½ c. Corn-Firm; No. 2, for local trade,



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The Man Who Heard Voices

The Amazing Career of Frank W. Sandford,

By F. I. ANDERSON.

It became Sandford's dream to establish a Kingdom in the Holy Land, and make it the centre of his scheme of world evangelization. The gift of a house in Jerusalem, and at Joppa broad acres on which a city could thrive, furthered the idea, and he hastened to acquire vessels. There are three sailing ships in the "fleet." They comprise the "Kingdom, Yacht Club," which some of the followers thought a sportive title. For that matter, there are a dozen horses in Sandford's stables that can trot 2.20 or better.

The secret of the remarkable rise of Sandford is his infinite personal force. His gray eyes have been described as magnetic. He has been called a paranoiac by several alienists, yet none of them have been able to give a satisfactory explanation of

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Wholesale Markets.

and 87 1/2 nominal to arrive. Option market was without transactions,

operators to rig up apparatus at home for the purpose of getting up speed through practice. Some fellow operator was in danger, and had managed to work his way over to the key, and, with his bound hands, sent out his call for help in the faint hope that some brother of the key might hear and answer. That accounted for the slow, mechanical sending.

"I am bound and helpless. Come quickly to my assistance."

There was silence for a minute. then springing from the bed Ralph took a pencil and on the cover of a cigar box he tapped out an inquiry as to where the call came from. After a moment there came a reply: "I am in the room on your right. Unless you come quickly they will return and kill me. Every moment is precious."

With a hasty "O. K." Ralph slipped into his clothes, and, with a revolver that he had used when he was in charge of an office on the night trick held ready for instant use, he softly opened his door and went out into the hall. For a moment the "room on the right" puzzled him. There were rooms on each side of him. Was it on the right, entering or leaving his own room. He concluded that it must have meant the room to the east of his, and with stealthy steps he approached the door. Carefully he turned the knob and then, with a lunge, threw his entire weight against the door.

There was no crash of splintering wood. The door was not locked, and the push he gave sent him spinning into the room, until he lost his balance and fell heavily to the floor.

There was a cry of terror, and Ralph scrambled into a sitting position to look into a pair of blue eyes set in a very scared face.

"I'm not a burglar," he assured as he slipped the gun into his pocket. "You telegraphed for help and I came to your relief."

"Telegraphed?" The girl seemed dazed.

"Certainly," insisted Ralph. "You telegraphed that your life was in danger. You said that you were bound and helpless."

He looked uncertainly about him. The girl had been sitting quietly beside the drop light on the table. The book she had been reading lay on the floor beside her, and there was no trace of ropes or bonds of ing on the smooth, slippery grass, but any sort.

"It must be the other room," he said dully. "It said the room ou i the east. It is one of the two."

fear.

led the way to the door of his room. The ticking was heard distinctively

to a more desperate appeal for assist. arms and legs. Lucky is the victim News.

MOUNTAIN SLIDING.

Hawaiian Small Boy Simply "Drops Down the Edge of the Scenery."

Water sports are by no means the only vigorous athletics indulged in by the boys of Hawaii. Mountain climbing is a favorite pastime, for there are peaks four thousand feet high within easy walking distance island of Hawaii there are two mounheight. Sometimes the Honolulu presentation of white gloves. schools give picnics on the mountain sides that the pupils may gather landshells. It is on these excursions in drawal of the garrison, hitherto the search of land-shells that the

ing. A very steep mountain side is and sloping downward. Every one gathers his own ti leaves-the ti leaf but not nearly so long. With a bunch of ti leaves in his hand, the first boy

steps to the edge of the side, grasps minster Gazette. the leaves by the stems in both hands, places the leafy part under him and sits down, gives himself a start and drops down the edge of the that it was an easy matter to regudropping down over the edge of a them. mountain, and upon my brief sled of

brake and drew up on the ti leaves my body. There I sat, looking downward almost perpendicularly, held in position only by a few ti-leaves restthe sliding grass is nearly a foot long. and it is only after it has been rein the eyes of the Hawaiian small "Some one is in danger?" asked boy, and sometimes leads to acci-

every year, and live along the 'Coon seadching for pearls, and this year they have been more than ordinarily 54 1/2 @ 55c. Ralph's eyes were eloquent as he successful, and not a few have sent took her slender hand in his for excellent gems to Eastern jewelers creamery, 28c.; do., nearby prints,

> The clams are gathered by wading shore, where they are opened with care, lest the pearl escape the sharp eye of the hunter. The pearl business is helping out families that at mark. would otherwise be in straitened circumstances.

> > Colony Without Crime,

St. Helena, our little Napoleonic colony in mid-Atlantic, is a model community. Its governor, Col. Gallwey, is also its judge, but in the of any part of Honolulu, and on the latter capacity he has little or nothing to do. He holds court at stated tains fully fourteen thousand feet in times, but the only business is the 1.03 1/ @ 1.03 1/; spot No. 2 red

Nevertheless St. Helena has an "in spector of police" and as the withchief consumer of local products, has Hawaiian schoolboys revel in the adversely affected the finances the once national sport-mountain-slid- St. Helena Guardian urges the abolition of this "unnecessary official who has practically nothing to do." His bushels; Southern, white, 80. selected, where the grass is long salary should go to a "much wanted assistant surgeon." There is only one surgeon in St. Helena, and if he is something like the banana leaf, became incapacitated the little com munity on the lonely Napoleonic rock would be in a parlous state .-- West-

Bother of Dressing Up.

Thackeray's crossing-sweeper who kept his carriage was not entirely a ed. 16. scenery like a flash. I was assured creation of his imagination. I knew a man who took his stand daily out late the speed of descent, by mere- side a public house, fetched cabs and ly grasping the ti stems firmly and did odd jobs. His relatives were lifting them upward, this acting as very well off indeed, and they per a brake. I longed for the thrill of suaded him to go and live with

After leading a life of luxury for ti leaves began the descent. I went a couple of months he reappeared one like the wind; it seemed as though day outside the public house. I, my breath would be taken away from knowing his circumstances, asked me, or that I would plunge head over him why he had left comfort for the heels, to be dashed to pieces among cold pavement. "I had to," he said the trees below. I thought of my "I stood it as long as I could, but, when they wanted me to dress for with all my might and came up with dinner every time they had company 830 head. Sheep almost nominal a jerk that jarred every bone in I chucked it."-From the Referee.

Dinner Only Costs Seventy Cents. At Warsaw, Ind., nine persons feasted on 70 cents' worth of food] in Indiana has been proved by a class in the domestic science departpeatedly slidden over and beaten ment of the Winons Normal School. right and I supposed that that meant | down that it approaches perfection | A dinner served by the class to nine persong and costing exactly 70 cents was made up of the following menu: the girl, catching the infection of his den's, when, for instance, the thin Cream of tomato soup and wafers layer of ti leaves wears out beneath breaded pork chops, potatoes in white "In mortal danger! Listen." He the slide, a gentle tug at the stalks sauce, celery, baking powder biscuits, parts the sled and sends the slider apple pie, cheese, coffee. President whizzing downward in a most uncom- Jonathan Rigdon of the school was and now the message had changed fortable and ungraceful manner, all a guest at the dinner.-Indianapolis

87@87 Oats-Firm; No. 2, white, natural,

Butter -- Firm; extra Westera

Eggs-Firm; Pennsylvania and and with nets, and carried to the other nearby firsts, free cases, 25c. at mark: do., current receipts, in returnable cases, 24 at mark; Western firsts, free cases, 25 at mark: do., current receipts, free cases, 24

> Cheese-Firm; New York, full creams, choice, 13 ½ c.; do., fair to good, 12 ½ @ 13.

Poultry-Alive, steady; fowls, 12@14c.; old reasters, 91/2@10; spring chickens, 14@15; do., ducks, 11@1112: old ducks, 101/2@11.

Baltimore-Flour-Dull, unchanged; receipts, 16,891 barrels; exports, 2.132 barrels.

Wheat-Firmer: spot. contract. Western, 1.05 % @ 1.05 1/2; October, 1.03 1/2 @ 1.03 1/4 ; November, 1.03 5/4 @1.03%: December, 1.04% @1.05; steamer, No: 2 red, 1.00 % @ 1.00 % . receipts, 56,164 bushles; Southern, by sample, 90 @ 1.01; do., on grade, 99 1/2 @ 1.02 1/2.

Corn-Dull; year, 68% @69; January, 681/2 @ 683/4: receipts. 4.286

Oats-Firm; No. 2 white, 53; No. white, 51@511/2; No. 2 mixed, @ 51 1/2; receipts, 10,644 bushels. Rye-Steady; No. 2 Western export, 83@83½; receipts, 16,554 bushels.

Hay-Firm; No. 1 timothy, 14.50; No. 1 clover mixed, 12.00. Butter-Very firm; fancy imita-

tion, 21@22; fancy creamery, 27@ 28; fancy ladle, 20@21; store pack-Eggs-Very firm, 24@25. Cheese-Quiet; new large, 131/2

new flats, 13 1/2; new small, 13 1/4.

Live stack.

New York .- Beeves-Receipts, 1,-908 head. Feeling steady. Dressed beef in moderate demand at 7 to 10 % c. per pound for native sides.

Calves-Receipts, 413 head. Veals, firm; grassers and Western calves, steady. Common to prime veals, 5.00 to 9.75; yearlings and grassers, 2.75 to 3.50. City dressed veals firm at 8 to 14 1/2 c. per pound; country dressed. 7 to 12 1/2 c.

Sheep and Lambs-Receipts. 3.and firm; lambs, 25 to 50c, higher. A few common sheep, 2.50 to 2.75. culls, 1.50; lambs, 5.00 to 6.50; culls, 4.00.

Hogs -- Receipts, 3,524 head; market lower. Prime heavy. Pennsylvania hogs sold at 6.95 per 100 pounds.

Chicago .--- Cattle--- Receipts, about 6,000 head; market 5 to 10c. low-Steers, 4.40 @ 7.75; cows, 3.25 er. @5.25; heifers, 3.00@4.25; bulls, 2.50@4.50; calves, 3.50@8.50; stockers and feeders, 2.60@4.50.

Hogs-Receipts estimated about 14,000; market sleady to 5c. lower. Choice heavy shipping, 7.00@7.35; butchers, 7.00@7.15; light mixed. 6.60 @ 6.80; choice light, 6.80 @ 6.95.

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