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# Selections.

A Soldier's Story. DY MARY KYLE DALLAS.

My college days were over. Alma Mater had done with me, and the strong arms of phyte. In a week I should occupy a desk conversation with this individual, I talked distinguished member.

friends, informed them that "Albert knew public vehicles their especial property, and it did not cure me of my love. Meanwhile. enough, and had left college." I did not wound up by a denunciation of the whole I studied and worked hard at my profession. it of you." exactly coincide in Aunt Briggs' opinion; but, nevertheless, I certainly considered at last, to observe the effect upon my neigh- acquirements became more rational. I was myself a miracle of erudition, and felt a bor, I thought I heard a faint giggle prostrong disposition to explode mines of learning at the foot of anwary listners. I uttered anronos quotations in Greek and Latin. in the course of conversation with elderly gentlemen who did not understand them, but always bowed or smiled, or said "very good indeed." to conceal their ignorance.-I astonished Dinah, who made my fire, by informing her that charcoal and diamonds | ing that detestable poodle, without taking | which he had just started upon at the period were, so to speak, one and the same thing, and, that it was within the power of science to change the former into the latter. or vice versa. The names of acids rolled unawares from my tongue, and every modern event was made the gateway by which made the cool request that I would shut the which I lugged in the old Romans, as it were, by the napes of their necks, thrusting them headlong at people who cared nothing about them, and were much more interested in the

of living Smiths or Browns. When I caught a friend nudging his neighbor with his elbow, as I deigned to enof the civilized world, I should have felt it nap. only my due. Had a service of plate been presented to me by the humble admirers of my deep researches in the cave of learning. I should, according to custom, have returned My first distinct impression was, that I had thanks in a neat and appropriate speech, preciate me.

cushions of the railroad car one fine spring had put it up at last, and I saw her features. long burst over it in the black thunderstorm costume, bearing a glossy portmanteau in my hand, and bound for a new home and a black-eyed face, encircled by a mass of From the desk and counter, from the worknew life. I was twenty-one. By shood was black hair that coiled itself up in links and shop and the forge, went troops of valiant already far in the distance. I did not even waves and ringlets, every one a heart-snare hearts to battle for the right. I could not consider myself a youth. Had it not been for the slow growth of the lemon colored mous- man before. I would have shut twenty no wish to do so. One night I frightened tache which I was assiduously cultivating. I should have had no more doubt of my mature years than I had of my learning or of my powers of fascination.

I felt a sort of contemptuous pity for the poor ignorant souls around me: the fat man opposite, in his great coat, with a lunch-box sticking out of the breast pocket, the young dandy sitting near him, with the eye-glass; and the plain, blunt-featured mechanic, spelling out the contents of a newspaper, who sat near me. Even the bustling business man, arguing with another still more bustling business man, was not worthy of my notice; and the Methodist minister, who was improving the time by distributing tracts to his neighbors, was a mere nobody I should liked to have tackled them with a little Latin, to have posed them with a Greek quotation, or to have asked them a question or two in chemistry. How blank they would have looked. How their self-conceit would have abated had they known that they were in the presence of Albert Bonnycastle, Esq., n graduate of ----College-an embryo lawyer-a young man who, in the opinion of his grand-aunt Briggs, "knew enough." As for the women, I took no notice whatever of them. I never did. A casual glance informed me that there was the usual number of elderly ladies, muffled in shawls and tippets, as though there was contagion in if you could have heard him: 'There are fresh air; of young mothers with broads of other seats where you will not feel the air, of small children, and of maiden ladies in I wish to have this window open.' And he green spectacles. The inferior sex, as I de was shivering with cold all the while, I asnominated it, was very well represented .- | sure you." Heart walk hipon my sout, put my feet upon another, closed my eyes, and composed myself for a nap.

the train came to a pause, and the bustle ing my portmanteau and taking passage of new passengers coming in, and old pas- that very night for Ireland or Africa, or the her right one came softly up and met it. | gar turned away; and as Barney's eyes folsengers going out, awoke me. I did not Fejee Islands, or any other locality where Yet still she did not spouk. stir, however, but remained in my recum- our paths would never cross each other. In bent position until a lady, in a blue veil the midst of my consternation one hope which hid her features as effectually as a crossed my mind-she might not recognize you quite forgive me?"

"Will you please to move your feet, sir. and let me sit down."

I had a good mind to say, "No!" but, One Copy perannum, i paid in advance. \$150 somehow, I had not the courage, therefore ish me. What I endured that night no one months rom commencement of the year, 200 I slowly put down one foot after the other, knew. My aunt recited the story of the up my mind that the veiled lady was an ex- "knew enough." Oh, that envious blue ceedingly ugly old maid. I felt a sort of veil! how I anathematised it! unaccountable spite towards her. Why punish her for it.

In the next seat was an old gentlemana farmer-looking person-who had already sex as inferior animals. Looking around. ceeding from the depths of the blue veil .-This irritated me still more, and I revenged mysnlf by opening the window. It was a cold day, and the draught was very disagreeable; but I bore the discomfort like a herofor the female in the seat beside me had to suffer likewise, and the thought made me happy. For awhile she went on fondling and feedshe turned the blue veil towards me, and treated me accordingly. window. My blood was up, and I answered superciliously:

window open."

This time I slent I awaka with a start

and sat bolt upright, wondering who I was. where I was, and what had happened to mesomehow taken a terrible cold. Then I reand felt that, at last, the world began to aptook it. Opposite, with some five seats be-In this mood, I took my seat upon the tween us, sat the lady in the blue veil. She which had been hovering over our land so morning, attired in a span new traveling No high-nosed, sallow countenence, such as of war. Our mother country called upon I had expected, but a charming, rosy-cheeked, her sons for aid, and she was answered .by itself. I had never seen a beautiful wo- stand unmoved amidst the tumult, and I had windows, moved my seat twenty times, my aunt into hysterics by making my apdone anything, in fact, to have had her again sitting beside med I wanted to apolo- thought of Kitty Earle-for the first time I gise. I longed to appear in a more favor- had forgotten her-and when, after my aunt able light, but all in vain. There she sat, had been somewhat comforted, they found still feeding her poodle from that inexhausti- her lying senseless upon the floor of her own ble reticule, and never even looking towards me.

At twilight the train stopped at the New York depot. I had not moved my eyes from her face since I first saw it, and I sighed as she vanished in the recess of a cab.-If she ever remembered me, it would be departure I went home, to bid them all a as that insolent, disobliging fellow who formal farewell for the last time perhaps .made such rude speeches and would not It was a solemn thought and I walked on room with the information that dinner Earle. "Albert," she said—and there was not would be ready in ten minutes. In the bustle of unpacking my clothing and completing my toilet, I did not at first notice that the door of the adjoining room stood ajar, and it was to late to close it, when I heard

my aunt's voice utter the words: "Mercy, what a bear! How different from

Albert." "But if you had heard him! Description will never do him justice. Oh, Mrs. Briggs!

Good gracious! It was the voice of the was there in the house-I should meet her I had hardly fallen into a doze when at dinner time. I had wild thoughts of seiz- glad to know it." mask could have done, stopped struight be- me. Somewhat comforted, I obeyed the

folded my arms and turned to look out the rude young man in the cars for my benefit, window, while the lady squeezed herself in, and Miss Earle-Kitty was her christian spread out her crinoline, and proceeded to name-asked me, with a meaning glance, if make herself comfortable. She had a reti- he "wasn't a bear?" I agreed heartily, and tervals she inserted her glove into the open- poodle, crinoline, and the softer sex com- and she was not angry. ing of the reticule, and drew forth small mented upon, and innocent Aunt Briggs pound cakes, with which she fed herself and never guessed the secret which Miss Kitty the dog, alternately. The poodle was a pink Earle was driving into the remorseful soul eyed caterpillar looking concern, and I made of her nephew Albert, the young man who

I was in love with Kitty. No one could need she have squeezed herself into that have helped loving her; and it was terrible perticular seat, there were others vacant. - to feel as I did, and never be able to apto attract my attention-and I longed to ly outstretched hand and a friendly inter-

change of sentiment. When we had been under the same roof three long months, matters had not changed. the law were open to embrace a new neo- made sociable advances. Under cover of a With others, she was as merry as a child: with me, stiff and cold as an icicle. My apin a certain dingy office, and enter at last at my crinoline neighbor. I remarked on proach was the signal for the discharge of a what young man does not?) to become a journeys; I commented on the absurdity of iscences of our first meeting. The greater the female costume, and expressed my my anxiety to conciliate, the more revenge-My grand-aunt, Briggs, writing to her opinion of intrusive women who considered ful she became. It was a cruel ordeal, but As time passed on, my opinion of my own looked back almost with contempt upon my former self. At the end of a year a great whispered such sweet words that I cannot change had taken place in me, and yet I loved Kitty Earle only more fondly, and stood at just as great a distance. She lived to me until this war is over .- N. Y. Sunday with my aunt still, and would remain with | Times. her until the return of her father, a lieutenant in the navy, from the three years' cruise notice of my manœuvre; but soon little of our first meeting. Daily intercourse must shrugs of the shoulders, short coughs, and have taught her that I was only too anxious additional foldings of the traveling shawl, to serve and please her; but she persisted in gave token of her displeasure, and finally considering me a rule ungrateful being, and

At last, amongst her admirers -and she had many-appeared one who seemed, in my jealous eyes, more favored than the rest. "There are other seats, madam, where you He was a fair, light whiskered, smooth will not feel the air: I preter having the spoken young gentleman, who might have been described as the pink of politeness and The blue veil fluttered, as though the propriety. Miss Kitty used him as a full to head beneath it was tossed indignantly, and set off my supposed rudeness and want of lightened them as to the remarks of those the lady gathered up her poodle, reticule, amiability; she praised his manner, his face learned ancients whose names were forever and parcels, and crossed to a seat beyond and his voice, until I was well nigh distracon my lips, I believed it to be in admiration the reach of the draught at which I rejoiced. ted. Many a troubled hour have I passed or astonishment, and never guessed that For form's sake, I kept the window up for in my office, many a long night have I they were laughing at me. Hid I been ten minutes or so, and then, closing it, put tossed to and fro upon my pillow, pondering offered the freedom of the city, or the thanks up my feet, and composed myself for another on some method which might obliterate the bad impression which I had made on Kitty. It was all in vain. Sometimes, when I had striven my best to make her like me, I would begin to hope that I had succeeded, and fancy kindness in her eye and softness in her voice; but the old spirit always broke

out again, and blighted all my dreams. pearance in a captain's uniform. I had not room, I never thought of ascribing her sorrow to my sudden announcement: the thought was too absurd.

In a week we were to leave the city, and I was very busy, so that I saw her but once in all that time. The night previous to our shut the window. Portmanteau in hand, pensively, so absorbed in my own medita-I selected the most convenient stage, and tious that I did not even notice a lady who was soon on my way to Aunt Briggs. My crossed my path just beside the fountain in cousin opened the door for me, and, after Madison Square, and she attered my name, the usual greetings, ushered me into my own and touched me on the arm. It was Kitty

one touch of the old mockery in her voice-"Albert, is this you? I am so glad that I have met you.". Her beautiful face had never seemed so lovely as it did now, with that softened light upon it, and when I offered my arm, she took it frankly, and we walked on together. Twilight had fallen-the children and nurse maids were all gone home, and the place was very quiet. She did not speak, and I was the first to break the si-

"I leave to-morrow," I said. "I wonder when I shall return?"

I thought she drew a little closer to me as she answered—"Suon, I hope.".

lady in the blue well that responded. She bending down to look into her face. "Have stand the little good there is in unfinished bending down to look into her iace. "Have stand the fittle good there is in ununished which is in high exceed in one country is gion that she has merely deferred its birth, drawers of fine linin. Sometimes the garded in others with abhorrence, which is described in the formal standard of the formal standard in the forma

it were a great one. If-" and here her fairly melted away into the moon-beams. voice broke down, and her eyes filled with forgive myself."

"Kitty," I burst forth, "dearest, dearest to know you are my friend is bliss indeed." true and earnest friend."

The shadows had deepened about us, and something cold and slimy-and what should in our walk we had come back again to the It was a plan to disturb my nap-probably proach her freely and frankly, with a friend-fountain. No one was near to see us, and my arm stole about her waist. "A friend is very dear." I said. "but there is something dearer. Will you be that dearer thing to me, one day, Kitty? will you some time let me claim you for my wife?"

I could not see her face, but I needed no answer save the drooping of her head upon into the profession of which I expected (as the disgusting practice of taking pets upon thousand unmerciful little arrows, all remin- my shoulder. My Aunt Briggs nearly went into hysterics again from sheer delight, when I led Kitty up to her chair an hour afterwards, and said-"This is my treasure, now, Aunty. Take good care of it until I claim

I sit beside the camp fire now, and think of that sweet night. A little blue veil lies maturing into a more sensible man, and folded against my heart, beneath my soldier's uniform, and when Kitty gave it to me she write them here, but can only think of the happy day which is to come, if life is spared

### The Unfinished Man.

But first let me explain that a fairy man fairies; their friend, you see-not a fairy himself, but a sort of a kind of agent, an Irish agent, who stands betwixt the Christians and the fairies, fetching and carrying, doing a hand's turn for one, and a hand's turn for another, now and again, but taking that not the smallest. Noone ever went for expect something, be it what it will.

Well, there was in old times wonderful pearls found in the Slaney, and the reason, above all others, that the people believed for every panel any one else fished, Birney fishel up ten. Oie sail, "It won't last, Barney," and another; "It can't last, Barney,"-but it did last; though the luck neither did good to Burney nor his friends, for he wouldn't give the pearls, and he berries about it.

Time went at a hand canter; and if Barnev wasn't rich, why, it was his own fault. Some said it was only the kelpies, the badwater fairies, that took any notice of him. Anyhow, he was sitting very quiet and contentel in his little room one mid-summer ere, dressed in his best, too, out of complion the beautiful beams that spread their tell." silver threads over the waters of the lovely river-midsummer eve being the fairies' delight. And he was also, in his mind; counting the number of pearls he had, and what he should get for them, when a poor, brokendown fellow creature asked him for a bit of food.

"I have nothin' to give you in the house," a ys Barney; "I had only the praytee that did my own dinner."

"Then give me a fippiny bit," he says .-In those days the fippiny bit was our sixpence. "Give me a fippiny bit," he says, "for luck!"

"Och, murder, where would I find it." exclaimed Barney. "Do you think it is coiners like you that have the right to take the shine out of a poor laboring man like me? A fippiny bit!-get out o' this with youl" "Get out o' this with me, is it?" says the beggar, "and no welcome -- no rest -- no taste of meal or milk-not even a cup of cold mather, which, given in the name of Him

who gives all things, is a blessing to him that gives and him that takes. You're an unfinished man, Mr. Barney Regan. You're not a bad looking ould fellow-vour legs and arms and head are all sound enough-but you've no heart in your body, Barney Regan, it's a wet potato that keeps bubbing about there, instead of a heart of flesh." The man was fine spoken, and Barney felt as he had never felt before. "You're an unfinished you! and indeed you're not worth the finish-"You say that as if you meant it," I said ing now; but, for fear you shouldn't underby, Barney-look at your fine pearls, mee Her left hand lay within my own, and maul?' And without another word the beg-"Let me hear it from your own lips," I come all over like a coat of silver, and the east oven when half-starved. said. "Shall we be friende herenfter? Do hat (in Ireland a poor man's hat is called a caucheen,) swell out into a golden crown, one of the choicest of fish; but in Deconstite,

PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY MORNING. | fore me, and said, in a tone more suitable summons of the dinner bell and descended. | wered. "I have used you shamefully. - | and Barney began to see the rights of it. -"Miss Earle, my nephew, Mr. Albert Listen to me, Albert. All along I have And he called to the stranger to come back, There seems to be some superstition con-Bonnycastle." I bowed—she curtsied—and known you better than I seemed to. I have begging and praying him to turn, and he'd nected with this, as it is said that a Devon-I read my fate in the first gleam of her black pleased myself with tormenting you, I have give him all he had in the house; but it was eye. She know me, and she meant to pun- acted an unwomanly part. Yours was a too late. Whatever the stranger was, he ish me. What I endured that night no one slight offence, and I punished it as though faded and faded-fainter and fainter-und

> "No heart," thought Barney, "I've heard tears-"If you should never return, I cannot that before; but I don't believe it. I'm sure I take great care of myself, and I pay my I took the soft hand which had crept up rint, and I call myself a careful man:" and cule on her arm, and carried a little poodle was laughed at for my pains. Over and to meet its fellow in my own. She did not then he bethought himself of the pearls, and wrapped in a white merino shawl. At in- over again were my remarks upon the draw it back. I pressed my lips upon it, off he started to look after them. Now, the ever eaten in England, and, although pearls were in a box, and the box was in Kitty, you cannot tell the load that you was in another box, and that box was in a have taken from my heart. To be despised hole under Barney's bed. So he took it out by you was almost more than I could bear: of the night-cap, and laid it in the moonlight of the sweet mid-summer eve; and he put in "I am your friend," she answered - "your his great red finger and thumb to take out highly esteemed, and travelers report that ets were daily thrown to the people; the prizes a pearl, and instead of the pearl he felt it tastes like veal.

> > come out but a mite of a frog. "Bad luck to yel" said Barney; "be off with yerself-there, hop over the wet grass." "I can't, Barney," answered the frog, "I can't. I've only three legs-I'm not fin- than rabbit, ished. What use am I to man or mortalpoor unfinished frog? But I've a heart in

might be a help or a comfort to your next pearl-ah, ah!" Well, in went the red finger and thumb

again, and out came a snail with no eyes in its horns.

"Away with you," said Barney to the snail; "away with you up the window." "Ah, sir," says the snail, "I'm like yer

nonor-unfinished; I've no eyes. We all feel for you, sic, because your worse than any of us."

"But look here," says the frog, "if you'll let me lane on you, ould fellow, I'll be your eyes, and your shell will be my leg, and sleep; you'll be my leg, and I'll be your eyes, and so we'll help each other. And now we'll leave this poor man whose heart is a man that is hand and glove with the is withered in his body; or, otherways, he was made without one."

Barney kept diving into his box, but he brought out nothing only caterpillars without teeth; moths wanting wings; and fish without fins-slimy, uscless things-and all his own share from one or the other, and of a heart. "To think of one of the lords of against turtles as poisonous. The prisoners advice to a fairy min empty-handed; they selves," says one, "and we are all able to ors against eating it, and for some time lived left him," says a swaggering cockchaffer.

and roaring-"Oh, what will I do for my Barney Regan was a fairy man, was that pearls? What will I do without my pearls?" "They were no more to you than hawstones." said a blink of a fairy, looking down on him from the crook in the chimney, where she glittered like a star in the darkness of night-"not a bit more good to you than so many jack-straws; such hoards are wouldn't se'l the pearls. He always had sure to turn into slime and snails. Stagthe ugly suspicion that if he sold them he'd nant water grows bad, and so does unused be cheated—he was such a miser; and pearls wealth. Do you understand me? If not, were as plenty in Barney's cabin as black- the lazy pond at your door will tell you what stagnant water is."

"Oh, my! oh, my!" exclaimed Barney. "If I knew how to do better I'd do it!" "Are you in carnest?" said the bright star, cutting a step on the pot-hook.

"Can you take away the wet-praytee, and nut a heart o' flesh in my bosom!"

"No, I can't; but you pray for it, and ment to the day -as if it was a saint's day, raynounce all your miserly ways, and there's the oll sinner!-and wondering, when the no knowing what you may come to. Every moon rose, if he should see the fairies dance prayer is a pearl of more value than I can

"And would you get mee back mee pearls?" "I'll give you one more trial, Barney."

And as she snoke Birney gave a start, and rubbed his eves hard wid the back of his hand, and jumped to his feet, and there went the moonbeams dancing in the Maybush, and under it stood the beggar he had told to "get out of that:" and Barney found he had slept and dramed.

beggar, "and take an air of the fire, and a stench. draw at the pipe; and though I'm as poor-" oh, such a grip as came to his throat as he said that)-"I mean, though I'm not as people considerably above the lowest rank poor as you, yet I'm not rich." (Another grip) "Anyway, you shall have a share of an Indian people called the Batta, who are what I have, and good luck to you!"

ladder: and he made the poor man welcome; some nations cat their enemies, and some and he (the begger) was a knowledgeable their friends. man, and told him much he never knew be- Herodotus relates that a Persian king fore, and taught him the value of pearls; asked the Indian soldiers that were in his bosom; the-clasp was a magnificent cameo.—and Barney found his box all right, and service what reward would induce them to We may judge of the delicacy of the workman whenever he felt the wet praytee feel in his burn the dead bodies of their friends instead ship, and of the beauty of the design, by the bosom he knew things was going wrong, and of eating them. They replied by entreating antique gems preserved in European colleche'd pray against it, and that would put it him not to mention anything so shocking.
all right again, and then his heart would set On the other hand the New Zealanders. beating.

## A Curious Chapter on Food.

The diversity prevailing in different naions in reference to articles of food seems man," he says again; "Barney, Heaven help to confirm in its literal sense the proverbial saying, that "One man's meat is another man's poison." Many an article of food which is in high esteem in one country is even famine can hardly surmount.

In the Shetland Islands it is said that embe and lobsters abound, which the people lowed him, he saw the ould gray coat be catch for the London market, but refuse to

The John Dory is reckoned by epicures "It is you who should forgive," she one- and his stick grow into a glittering wand; where it abounds, and also in Ireland, it a map of life.

used to be thrown away as unfit for food .shire cook flatly refuses to dress it.

Eels, which are abundant and of good quality in Cumberland and Westmoreland; and also in Scotland, are regarded by the people there with as much disgust as snakes.

Skate, which is in high estimation in England, in Ireland is hardly ever eaten excent by the fishermen. Scallops, on the other hand, are hardly

one of Barney's old night-caps, and that few of the English have any idea that they are catable. The cuttle-fish (that kind which produces

is not caten by us. But at Naples, it is Cockchafers are candied, and served up

with other confectionery, by the Italians. The hedgehog no one thinks of eating in ships, houses, and lands. England except the gypsies, and some who have joined them, report that it is better

The sailors in the English and Dutch whaleships do not eat the flesh of the whale: satirize them as far back as the reign of Agustus; my body, Master Barney, and so, maybe, I but those in the French whalers (with their but Pluny was the first writer who spoke of well known skill in cookery) are said to precious stones. make a palatable dish of it.

By almost all the lower classes in England venison and game of all kinds are held in abhorrence, and so are fresh figs.

By the Australian savages, frogs, snakes, large moths, and grabs, picked out from the wood-all of which the English settlers turn from with disgust-are esteemed as dainties; but they are shocked at our eating ovsters.

Milk, as an article of food (except for sucking babies), is loathed by the South Sea Islanders. Goats have been introduced into that women, not content with wearing gold on we'll be so gay together! I'll tell you several of the islands; but the people deride their heads, arms, tresses and fingers; in their where the leaves are, and while you ate I'll the settlers with using their milk, and ask ears, and around the corsage of their tunices, them why they do not milk their sows. On yet wore pearls on their bosom, in the dead of the other hand dog: and rats are favorite of the night, that even in their sleep they might articles of food with them.

Those last, as is well known, are often eaten by the Chinese, who also cat salt earth-worms, and a kind of sea-slug, which most Europeans will turn from with disgust.

In the narrative of Anson's voyage is a full account of the prejudice of the South fell to pitying Barney because of his want Americans (both Creoles and Indians) creation being worse finished than our- captured on the prize ships warned the sailon the turtle they began to eat it-at first Barney began crying and tearing his hair, sparingly and at length heartily. And when set ashore and liberated they declared they blessed the day of their capture, which had introduced to them a plentiful supply

of wholesome and delicious food. Horseflesh, which most Europeans would preferred by the Tartars to all other; and the flesh of a wild ass's colt was greatly esteemed by the Romans.

As for pork, it is on religious grounds that Jews and Mahommedans abstain from it, as the Hindoos do from beef. But the Christians of the East seem to have an equal aversion to it; and the like prevailed till lately in Scotland.

Europe, though most Englishmen would be half starved before they would eat it. In Vienna the large wood ants are served

up and eaten alive. Small land crabs are eaten alive in China. The ignuana, a large species of lizard, is reckoned a great dainty in some of the West

India Islands. Maize (the Indian corn of America) has been introduced into New Zealand by the missionaries, and the people cultivate and paring it for food is to Europeans most dis-

Human flesh has been, and still is eaten in many parts of the world, and that by of savages-such as the Fijii Islanders and said to have a written language. And even That was Barney's first step on the right in cannibalism there are great diversities-

contrary, it is said that if a mother finds a dames, in their mad endeavors to rival each young baby troublesome to carry about she other in this species of ornament spent a large will eat it (although she would not allow days man although she would not allow any one clee to do so) under the full persuaand that the next child she bears will be a was worn on the naked leg, as bracelets are re-appearance of the eaten one. When re- worn on the arms. monstrated with she will reply: "Oh, massa, he plenty come again."

### Gems and Precious Stones.

Notwithstanding the edicts by which he endeavored to curb the follies of others, Cuar was himself an indefatigable collector of precious stones, chiseled vases, statues, pictures, etc., especially, when they had been the work of famous ancient masters. The quanity of gems the Casars had at their command must have been enormous. Caligula bu It ships entirely of cedar, with sterns inlaid with gems. These were probably fine stones such as the onyx. The emperor's mantle was heavy with precious stones and gold embroidery; and Inthey are abundant on many of the coats, citatus, his favorite horse, was covered with purple housings, and wore a pearl collar. - - --

In the golden house of Nero, the panels were of mother-of-pearl, enriched with gold and" the inky fluid), although found on our coasts, gems. At the Great Games instituted by this emperor, as many as a thouasand lottery tickconsisted of quanites of rare birds of various. kinds, corn, gold, silver, robes pearls, precious stones, and nictures; during the last days, even

> But it was under the reign of the Antonines that luxury was carried to its greatest height-Luxery in edifices, gardens, furniture, banqueta and dress, found historians to panegyrize or.

When the mania for jewels reached its climax, it was not enough for the vanity of these masters of the world that their trinkets were valuable on account of the workmanship and beauty of the gems; they were not content unless they could boast of possessing such as had an illustrious origin. A ring, a vase, a string of pearls, or a cameo, had its genealogy, and: was traced back to a Cleopatra, an Antony, or some other illustrious owner. This vanity forms the text of one of Martial's epigrams.

Men and women vied with each other in their fondness of jewels. Pliny indignantly relates be conscious of the possession of inestimable

He complains, moreover, that they wore gold on their feet, thus establishing, between the stola of the matron and the plebeian tunic, a sort of feminine equestrian order. This was but a trifling piece of extravagance, however, when compared with the whim of the Emprese Hoppma, who caused her mules to be shot with

Indeed moderation could scarcely be expectselves," says one, "and we are all able to on bad ship beef; but seeing our men thrive ed from wives of the patricians who had subpity him," says another; "and not a pearl on bad ship beef; but seeing our men thrive dued empires, made kings their tributaries, and reigned as sovereigns over the wide domains wrested from surrounding nations to be provinces of Rome. "I have seen." savs Pliny. "Lollia Pauline, who was the wife of the Emperor Caligula, and this not on the occasion of a solemn festival, or ceremony, but merely at the supper of ordinary betrothals, I have seen refuse to eat, except in great extremity, is Lollia Pauline covered with emeralds and pearls arranged alternately, so as to give each other additional brilliancy on her head, neck, arms, hands, and girdle, to the amount of 40,000 sesterces (£236,000 sterling), the wich value she was prepared to prove on the instant by producing the receipts; and these pearls came, not from the produgal generosity of an imperial busspoils of provinces. Marcus Lollius, her grandfather, was dishonored in all the East on ac-The large shell smail, called escargot, was count of the gifts he had extorted from kings, a favorite dainty with the ancient Romans, disgraced by Tiberius, and obliged to poison and still is so in a great part of the south of himself by the light of the lucernas blazing with jewels."

The Greek and Roman jewelers have warled the form and style of ornaments to such a degree that, according to archmologists, our most skillful modern artists are merely, copyists or imitators. The works that treat of the jewelry of the ancients furnish inexhaustible reportories to those who explore their scientific denthe. Diadems, necklaces, carrings, bracelets, rings, pins, brooches, clasps of all shapes and dimensions, surmounted with busis, statueltes, animals birds, insects, flowers, etc., were indespensable highly esteem it. But their mode of pre- to the Roman ladies, and were frequently prized far more for their artistic merit than for the gusting. They steep it into water until it substance of which they were composed. Hairis putrid, and then make it into a kind of pins constituted a very important article of the "Come in, mee poor man," he says to the porridge, which emits a most intelerable toilet, and were elaborately finished; the head usually represented figures delicately wrought. Mention is made of a hair-pin that cost £10,000, Among the relies of Pompeii and Herculaneum now in the Royal Museum of Nanles, is a pin that had belonged to the Empress of Sabina; if represents the Goddess of Plenty, bearing in one hand the horn of Archelans, and caressing a dolphin with the other. This pin is described by Winkelman in his letter on the antiquities of Herculaneum.

The necklace usually wound several times round the neck, the last circle falling on the

The very garters of the Roman ladies were before their conversion, who seemed to have splendid trinkets, on which gold, silver, and considered that the proper diet of mankind precious stones were predigally employed .is man-seem to have eaten only their Sabina, the younger, possessed a pair of garters valued at nearly £40,000, on account of the Among the Australian savages, on the rich cameos that clasped them. The patrician

· Nero offered to Jupiter Capitolinus the first cuttings of his beard in a golden-vasa-curiched with very costly pearls.

for head. Every face has its acores and is clous stones of inestimable price and marter wore the same-pair twice. It desarreme

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