THE MACKEY ROMANCE

FROM A NEVADA MINING GULCH TO MARBLE PALACES.

The Poor Nevada Widow Whose Daughter Has Just Wedded the Prince Colonna-Brief Sketch of a

Romantic Career.

[Augusta Constitutionalist.] Some twenty odd years ago there dwelt in California a family of three persons, father, mother and daughter. The latter was a mere child. All were young. The father was a physician. Unfortunately he in ured his not very extensive practice by intemperance. His habits became so dis-signtol that the poor wife, despairing of his reformation, and also of the possibility of independent action on her own part to secure support for herself and child, proposed a separation. The man agreed to it, but he was not put out like "Itip Van Winkle." He was assured that while he lived she would never cease to help him, and that when he mended his ways their relations should be restored He de parted to cure himself, if possible, and be come worthy of the woman who, sorely beset, undertook the maintenance of the family. Encouraged by his wife's prayers letters and heroic conduct, the doctor re-deemed himself. At least he thought so, and his poor wife was more than willing to believe it. He returned to her home and heart, warmly welcomed back to

both. Unluckily he had either miscalculated his will power, or the demon of indulgence was simply asleep, and by no means dead within him. He went back to his cups, and very soon the skele ton finger of poverty was laid upon his domestic affairs. The devoted wife, unwilling to undertake an experimental separation, and unable to remain where she was, determined to try what change of scene would do for this m.serable man, who, naturally kind, talented and whole some, seemed to be insanely abandoned to the evil of strong drink. Just at this crisis rumors had reached California of the Comstock lode discovery, and thither many of the mining population drifted. Across the Sierras to virginia City this

little and wretched family journeyed. The doctor pulled himself together for a while and did some business, but his health was gone, and very soon he died. Widow and orphans were left in the very depths of poverty. The generous miners had clubbed together to bury the doctor. They made up a purse for the mother and child from time to time, and thus saved both from sheer deprivation of food, shel-ter and raiment. There was at that time superintendent of one of the mines a sturdy young Irishman, who, from the lowest rounds of the ladder, had begun to push his way to fortune. He was not then more than moderately well off, and little dreamed of the Monte Cri to casket in store for him. He used to carry the weekly or monthly stipend to the widow, and his visits to her became more and more frequent. At last he married her, and her days of fear on the score of poverty were over. She possessed a well-todo husband, and certain to make his way in the world.

But in the days of distress the unhappy woman had resorted to the morphine habit, and could not, of her own efferts release herself from it. A young physiclan at Virginia City, who had recently graduated in Fran.e, informed her that if she would visit Paris and put implicitly under the care herself of his old master there, her cure could be guaranteed. While the husband remained to uncover, with the present junior senator from Nevada, the richest silver deposit the world has ever known, the wife crossed the seas and submitted to are whe crossed the seas and submitted to a rigorous medical treatment. It was successful after many months of endur-ance. Meanwhile, the famous California and Consolidated Virginia mines were penetrated by the husband, and the worldrenowned bonanza, of which he was principal owner, made him at least forty times a millionaire. The wife in Paris, now perfectly cured and blooming. at once rose into prominence and celeb rity, for how could the marvel-loving Parisians help adoring a woman whose talents and beauty were matched by such fabulous wealth so romantically discovered? For years this lady, who is no other than Mrs. John Mackey, has been a silver queen in the most splendid capital of Europe. She has lived in palaces. Noblemen and men of genius have paid court at her shrine. Now all Paris, and therefore all the universe, is in a ferment over the recent marriage of Miss Mackey and the Prince Colonna. The drift is nup-tially to Rome, the City of the Soul, and to Italian nobility. It is a miraculous bridging of the chasm that lies between the mining gulch of the Nevada moun tains and St. Peter's church, where stands tains and St. Peter's church, where stands, in supernal splendor, "the grandest dome that mortal hand has painted against God's loveliest sky." Little did the widow of the wretched doctor of Virginia City imagine that she would fairly roll in wealth, dwell is palaces he courted by obucch and state, be familfarly associated with the proudest names of the descendants of the crusaders, and finally become the mother-in-law of a Prince Colonna, whose nobility dates back almost to the time of Saladin. The family name is as famous Saladin. The family hame is as famous as any in history, and the heir of the Colonna family, at 27 years of age, wedded the daughter of the poor doctor who fell by the wayside in Nevada, and sleeps his last sleep in that stony desert.

WANTED. [Duncan Macgregor in New York Times.]

Wanted: Men. Wanted: Men. Not syste as fit and wise, Not faiths with rigid eyes, Not wealth in mountain piles, Not power with gracious smiles,

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The Swallow's Marvelous Speed. [Cor. Edinburgh Review.]

Among all the migrants the swallow has, perhaps, attracted most attention in all ages and countries. It arrives in Sus sex villages with remarkable punctuality none of the migrants perform their jour neys more rapidly than the swallows and their congeners. A swift with young ones, or during migration, covers 1,000 to 2,000 miles a day. It begins business, feeding its young, about 3 o'clock a. m., and continues it till 9 p. m. At that season, therefore, the swift spends nearly eighteen hours upon the wing, and it has been computed that at the ordinary rate of traveling of this very fast bird it would circumnavigate the globe in about fourteen days. At a push, if it were making forced flights, the swift would probably keep on the wing, with very brief intervals of rest during fourteen days. The speed of the whole tribe is marvelous, and seems the more so when compared with that of the swiftest of animals that depend for their progressive powers on legs, however many legs they may be furnished with.

The hare is swift, yet in Turner's wellknown picture of rain, steam, and speed the hare's fate is sealed; she will be run over and crushed by the engine rushing in her wake. The swiftest animals would soon break down at forty miles an hour. which the swallow unconsciously ac complishes, merrily twittering all while. All the swallow tribe are found in every part of Great Britain, including Shetland, except the swift, which is not found in those islands.

The Wines of Ancient Times. [Cleveland Leader.]

The celebrated ancient wines seem rather to have been syrups or extracts than wines. They were undoubtedly sweet and little fermented, and Chaptal, in his "Elements of Chemistry," declares it to be impossible to suppose that they could have obtained any spirit, or possessed, in consequence, any especially intoxicating properties. The wines so valued by the Greeks and Romans contained much saccharine matter and little alcohol. Arisotle says the wines of Arcadia were so thick, either by boiling or by adulteration, that they dried up in the goat skins, and the people would scrape the dried material off and dissolve it in water. The thick and fat wines of Chios, Thasos Lesbos, and (rete were probably of this character.

The pitched and pickled wines are doubtless the wines the Romans kept to such extraordinary age. Horace boasts of drinking some seventy years old, and one kind is said to have been kept in Rome more than 100 years. The celebrated Opimian wines, which took the name of the consul who lived when they were first made, are spoken of by Pliny as having been preserved until his time, nearly 200 years, and so excellent were they that money could not buy them. How Grit Succumbs to Climate.

LONDON PHYSICIANS.

What the Famous Ones Charge-Fees of the Cheap Practitioners-Starting Out.

National Life Insurance [London Cor. San Francisco Chronicle. The usual fee for a consulting physician in London is calculated by the mileage covered in visiting a patient. One guinea per mile is the charge paid, but, of course, when a man of the standing of Clarke, Ferrier, Critchett, or Barnes attends a consultation in the country the fee is enormous, as any of these men would not probab'y be away from London for twenty-four hours for less than \$500. The fee of any ordinary practitio er for visiting a patient at his or her residence render. may be set down at 5 shillings. The R. M. MCENALLY, Special Agt. semi-fashionable physician's fee will be double that amount, while the shining lights of the profession will not visit a patient under 2 guineas, though they will treat one at their o lice for half that There are hundreds of doc sum. tors in London, however, who will pay a visit to the house and preribe for the patient for half a crown, ud there are scores of fully qualified and ble medical men in London who will pas three visits to a sick person and provide him with medicine for the absurdly smallum of .i0 cen's.

By this it will be seen that competition is as keen here amongst members of the nedical prosession as it is amongst business men and shopkgepers the cheap loctors I have spoken of keep dispensaries, chemist shops in fact, and here they attend for several hours daily and see persons three times a week, finding all medi-cine, for the bagatelle of 25 cents. I am aware that this statement must seem preposterous to American readers, but I can ouch for the tru h of it. I firmly beieve, too, that many of these doctors are far more successful in the treatment of liseases than their more experienced rethren. These men see disease of every ariet; and in every stage and in a single day treat as many persons as their high toned brethren attend in the course of a | month

It takes a great deal more capital to enable a medical man to start in practice in this country than it does in America. The juvenile sawbones fresh from the vitiated atmosphere of the dissecting room has but to purchase a shingle and hire the use, for a few hours dai y, of a parlor in New York, Philadelphia or Boston, to become a practicing surgeon and physician. Over here, however, the case is widely differ ent. No young doctor would not think of starting in the profession until he could take and furnish a house throughout, erect a handsome red lamp outside his door and put up a brass plate of Brobdingnagian proportions. Furthermore, he will have little hope of success unless he can from the first support the expense of a brougham, a coachman in livery and a page boy to carry out the medicine to possible patients. In short, there are few young men who would think of starting in practice for themselves until they were in a position to spend at least \$2,000 dur ing the first year of their practice

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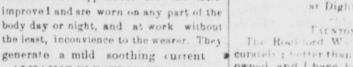
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A Converted Chinaman's Work. New York Cor. Lter Ocean.

A glance into a room in the Chinese quarter discloses a picture which held me-for a closer examination. It was Chinese workmanship. The life size form of a man *as clothed in a flowing, flowered robe; his feet were in thick soled shoes, and a queue hung from under an Oriental and a queue hung from under an Orientai cap, in all essentials it was like the China-men as depicted on fan and tea chests. But the face puzzled me for a while. The eyes were oblique, but the other features were Caucasian, and there was a full beard. Something in the expression piqued my curiosity. Turning to the card on the door post I read the inscrip Discard on the door picture of Our Savior. " Then the truth dawned upon me. That was a Chinese picture of Our Savior. To make sure I entered and inquired. "Him Clist," the man in charge blandly

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Bac of Pennsylvania's Great Minds. Meadville Tribune.

thoughtful genius comes forward and suggests a prevention against the blizzard. His plan is to perforate the soil Manitoba with natural gas wells, keep them burning, and thus thaw out the blizzards before they get started on their costern trip.

[Exchange.]

A Florida letter says, that in the struggle which ensued there between the grit of the Yankee settler and the climate the former invariably succumbs, and the state will never be converted into Yankeeland. Man can not shape the weather, but the weather does mold the man. The invincible sunshine and the warm compulsive rains soon have their influence upon the most energetic immigrant. It is not to be expected that a person who can pick his breakfast from an orange tree and gather a dinner of bananas should develop the energy of a person who must plant his crops, and cultivate and dig them before he can enjoy them. So the northern man who goes to

Florida and builds him a house the first month of his stay, and plants his grove the next, gradually finds himself falling into slip-shod ways. His fences get to be disreputable, his house is not fresh painted. his walks are neglected, his garden goes to weeds, and he and his wife and children settle into the easy untidiness which befits the latitude. It is the latitude which governs,

Smoking Again Investigated.

By a long series of experiments, a Rus-sian physician, Dr. Zulinski, has proven that tobacco smoke is distinct poison, although its action upon men is very slight unless inhaled in consider-able quantities. He has found that the poisonous property is not exclusively due to the nicotine, for tobacco smoke contains a second toxical principle called colodine, as well as carbonic oxide and hydrocyanic acid. The effects depend largely upon the nature of the tobacco and the manner of smoking it.

The most poison is derived from the smoking of cigars, less than cigarettes, still less from pipes, and least of all from the use of nargiles or any other apparatus in which the smoke is passed through water. Tobacco which has been artificially lightened in color is, in Dr. Zulansopinion, more dangerous than the darker kinds.

A Canal Through the Malay Peninsula. [London Athenaeum.]

Although the latest reports from the French engineers employed on the survey have demonstrated the impracticability of the proposed qual through the Krah isthmus, the French are still very keen on the question of piercing the Malay peninsula. The same engineers who were constrained to report unfavorably on the Krah scheme now declare that they have surveyed a feasible route less than fifty miles south of that originally pro-

posed. The route now suggested seems to be from Bangri on the west coast to Phanom, near the castern, but considerable re-near the castern, but considerable rede Lesseps, has, however, expressed his belief in the feasibility of the schema.

Lumber Fools.

(Chicago Herald. Lumber pools are being formed to buy and hold timber lands until wanted. One and hold timber lands until waited. One pool has recently bought 3,000,000,000 feet, and refused to sell any. This sort of control is steadily growing, and will, in time, extend itself over enough timber territory to make a too rapid denudation of feet timber immerial of forest timber impossible.

more peaceful and quiet paths, is nece sary. At such a moment, a copy of some sprightly paper is worth a ton of physic. for physic cannot purge the brain of burn-ing thoughts, while reading something The Pittsburgh Weekly light and airy and pure, fills the darkened drives the ghosts of imagination out. two thoughts can exist in the brain at once. Darkness and light are quantities that do not mix. If gloom fills every re-cess, when the light comes to occupy its congratulates its Democratic readers on the dawn of a year, under conditions that have not existed for a quarter of a century tenement, light alone will remain. If the happy thought once enters, gloom must find another home. d After the fourth of March there will be

Too Good for a Clerk. [Chicago News.]

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"Well, what then?"

"Oh, nothing. The woman would take care of the rest of it." "Young man, I don't want you for a clerk. I want you for a pariner."

A Curious New Plant.

[Pall Mall Gazette.]

To the number of curious plants, such to the incoming administration. Ist poli as the carnivorous and fly-catching plant, a new specimen has lately been added which is described as the traveling plant. It is said to be of the lily of the valley species (Convallaria polyganatum), and has a root formed of knots, by which it annually advances about an inch distant from the place where the plant was first rooted. Every year another knot is added, which drags the plant further on, so that in twenty years' time the plant has traveled about twenty inches from the original place.

Demand for Port Wine. [The Argonaut.]

Port wine has been supposed to be out of fashion, its gouty tendencies have led to its discontinuance at the dinner table.

But the Feurtreeds, the great wine merchants at Oporto, have published a state-ment showing that the number of pipes exported has steadily increased during the exported has steadily increased during the last fifty years, the increase being espe-cially marked during the past decade. The explanation is that port, which was for-merly the favorite beverage of statesmen, has become the coveted resource of invalida.

France's Suspension Bridges. [Professor E. C. Marshall.]

I have had occasion lately to read up in French everything that I could find on the subject of bridges. I discover that the French have more suspension bridges than any nation on the globe. Their engineers are putting up suspension bridges everywhere, and at least one of the structures approximates to the size of weure an accurate list of them on this side of the water.

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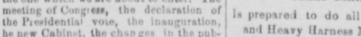
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