THIRD PART

THE PITTSBURG DISPATCH.

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perceived he had some natural talent for making pictures, and I felt it to be my duty to guide and encourage him. But I have had a pretty hard time of it. No matter how often I might caution him to be more careful, more precise, I could never get him to heed the instruction. He would go on dashing off pictures with as free a hand and as gallus a man-



per as a ten-cent barber lathering the Saturday night chin of a supernumerary bricklaver.

I have tried to impress upon his mind the self-evident fact that fine art is fine, but he goes on slashing away, making great heavy lines with ragged edges and jagged ends. Yesterday, however, I made a manifest im-pression on him. We were walking down Pennsylvania svenue on our way to the Capitol when I saw a number of persons ad-miring a beautiful testimonial exhibited in a store window-a delightful example of the

a store window—a delignitul example of the finest style of penmanship. "There," said I, "that is fine art, Mr. Nast. See how true every curve is, how accurately the shadings rise and fall, how smooth it all looks! Now, sir, why can I never induce you to do work like that? You could do it; if not now, after a little carging margice. But it requires little careful practice. But it requires pains and patience and true artistic persist-

Mr. Nast's nose was away up in the air. "Do you call that art? Humph!" "Well, you can see for yourself how the suple stop and admire it and ask who did . I tell you, sir, we are becoming civilfired in this country-civilized and refined-and you people who call yourselves artists may as well learn at once that you can't slash off pictures for us much longer. We want five work and we are going to have it." In this strain I scolded Mr. Nast until we reached the Capitol. It was the first time J had had an opportunity to deliver a real cli ical lecture to him and I made the best of it. I am glad to say it had some effect. "There," said he, when we had sat in the Benate gallery some time; "here is a picture

drawn? Why, that is Senator Call-the broad Senator from the narrow State of Fiorida. But, Mr. Nast, you have given him no legs. Is that intended to be a re-flection upon his understanding, or is it an allegorical representation of the Senatorial aituation in his State?" to—"
"Are you, though? Then I suppose you know most of the Senators by sight."
"Yes; I know them all."
"Good 1 You're just the man I want. Come and sit down with me here. I'm making pictures of them, and I don't know their names, you see, and—"
Mr. Nast noticed that the doorkeeper's manner had undergone a violent change, whereas he had been polite and genial be-fore, he was now a creature of frightful mien. "Well, if what I hear of that situation be true, I should say he hadn't a leg to stand on down there." When Mr. Nast began to talk politics I always back off into silence. "And who is that narrow Senator over there?" he asked. "That is Senator McPherson, of New Jermien. "So you're the little imp that's been mak-ing these pictures of Senators, are you? And you think you're going to stay in here during the secret session, do you? Well, we'll see shout that, you little skeezix," and he gathered my friend's coat collar into his capacious grasp and started for the door. Poor Th., dangling in air, grabbed up the hall-finished picture on which he had been working and telt himself projected through space. Out in the corridor the doorkeeper dronped him in a heap aud went away mut-

space. Out in the corridor the doorkeeper dropped him in a heap and went away mut-tering something to the effect that he guessed that little cuss wouldn't come around there to make pictures any more. The experience was so novel a one that it quite bewildered Mr. Nast and leit him to-tally unfit to complete the picture he had begun. I give the completed portion of it to the reader at this time with the promise that if Mr. Nast recovers his mental and newsial conjubrium by next week I will physical equilibrium by next week I will obtain from him the other half of the picture

The Silver Tiller From Colorado.

sey. Now, see here, Th., don't you go to poking un at him. New Jersey is rapidly becoming one of the most important nations of the earth. Heretofore she has relied mainly upon her succulent peaches and mosquitees, her intoxicating mushmelons and lightning, but now that she has become the proprietor of the statue of Liberty, the world must henceforth look to her for its world must henceforth look to her for its inlightenment."

Mr. Nast stroked his mustache in a refieotive sort of way. Then he gave Senator McPherson's mustache a few strokes and combed his hair up a little better. I think what I said to him had a mollifying influence upon the picture. "Who is the professor?" Mr. Nast asked, after awhile. "What professor? I see no professor."

"Why, the one in the rear row of seats. Don't you see? The gentleman a la Pompa-"Oh, that is Senator Teller, the silver-

minded Senator from Colorado. He does look somewhat like a professor, it is true, and his habits are those of one, for he is probably the most studious man in the Senate, but he makes no professions save those of a Christian gentleman and a bi-metallic statesman."

metallic statesman." Mr. Nast was perplexed. He did not quite comprehend what a bi-metallic states-man is. But when I explained that Sena-tor Teller is in favor of the free coinage of silver he seemed to catch the meaning.

"That's what I'm in favor of, too," said he; "the free coinage and the free distribution of it. I have studied this money question pretty carefully and I think I know something about it. If you will let me take a silver dollar



"But I am a doorkeeper, and it is my duty SOUTH SEA LOVERS.

break through.

In New Britain the Youth Wins His Bride at Public Auction.

HE PAYS NINE PIGS IF SHE IS FAT. A System by Which He is Allowed to Wed

Only One Girl in Four.

eight and then, if Lumie has any earnest competitor, it may creep slowly up by a bid of now an additional cowrie or a palm of shell money until nine pigs is reached and the girl is knocked down to the highest bid-der. That is all the ceremony there is. Lumi drives his pigs to the house of his father-in-law, leads the girl to his own house and she is his wife. To bring as much as nine pigs a girl must be very fat and be furthermore the daughter of a man wealthy enough to be a chief; seven pigs is a high figure and few run over six. The buyer takes his purchase to his home and looks to her domestic services to make good the amount which he has paid. NOT ALL A MATTER OF PIGS. MOTHERS-IN-LAW STRICTLY TABOOED NOT ALL A MATTER OF PIGS. Such a system affords no room for any of

IWRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH. !

Such a system affords no room for any of the softer sentiments, it would seem, yet husbands and wives in New Britain dis-play great affection and are as true as though their marriage had been solemnized with the most elaborate vows. After mar-riage the clan division is ceremonially per-petuated in the house, not to the extent of interfering with domestic harmony, but upon certain solemn eccasions. The door-way is in the middle of one of the sides, the fireplace directly opposite on the other. Be-When a man and merry maiden make their minds up to marry, being savages of the western half of the great South Sea and possibly cannibals, the affair is not as easy of accomplishment as on first glance it might seem to those who, without exper-ience of its complex multitude of petty refireplace directly opposite on the other. Be tween the two the line is drawn; one side of strictions and rude ceremonies, look upon savage freedom as the best instance of simthe house is the husband's side, the other is the wite's. Each retains the individual plicity of fashion and absence of all conventhe wife's, Each retains the individual ownership of their separate property; he keeps his possessions on his side the line, she on hers, and nothing is moved from one side to the other without an equivalent. The children belonging to each are said to be "in the door," and it is only as they grow up or in the event of the father's death that they definitely go over to the mother's side. tionality. No judgment could be more erroneous. The conventions of civilized life may be put aside by those upon whom they bear heavily and no particular harm will result therefrom; the conventions of savage life form a containing wall too high for the savage to look over, too stout for him to

mother's side. In the Solomon Islands this idea of mar-riage classes has become so obscure as almost to have passed out of existence, and with it It would seem that the greater the simplicity of the barbarism the more fixed is the power of its daily round of etiquette. Nothto have passed out of existence, and with it the idea of marriage by purchase. In its place we find a strong development of the idea of wedding by force, which is the gen-esis of the marriage ceremonial of all civil-ized communities. The marriage class sur-vives only in the shape of a custom that a man must marry someone not of his own town. As there is no free intercourse be-tween town and town, this naturally leads to ipg in Melanesian life is less easy of accomplishment than matrimony, yet at the same time no other communities show such simple conditions of life in general. Students of the manners and customs of the islanders

WIFE HUNTING FORAYS conducted either by stealth or lying in wait on the part of the single man, or by the union of a number of bachelors in a bold

attack upon some village, followed, in the event of success, by a division of the spoil. The captive woman makes such resistance as is in her power as long as resistance avails; afterward she settles down contentedly in her new position and makes no attempt at escape. Beyond the Solomons, in the banks group, marriage still goes in classes and entirely by purchase. As soon as the purchase price has been paid over and the bride taken to her home she can have no intercourse

to her home she can have no intercourse with his parents nor he with hers. When accidentally brought face to face with the tabooed individuals they must ignore them as though the place in which they stand were filled with empty air. As in the other concerns of life, so in this the most important of all, the Fijians seem to have shown the fullest flower of barbaric manhood. Space was afforded for the growth of affection and marriage was not forced upon the women. From this sprang

forced upon the women. From this sprang happy homes, and to this is undoubtedly due the fact that the Fijian race shows no sign of dwindling before the white men like the Hawaiians and other Polynesians who were always lax in their views of marriage.

JAPANESE IN ONE LESSON.

WILLIAM CHURCHILL.

Haif Dozen Words Will Enable One to Say Anything Worth Saying.

Pall Mall Budget.] Contrary to popular belief, Japanese seems to be a tolerably easy language to learn, after all. The following, under the heading of "The Japanese Language in One Lesson, is from the Japan Herald: "Arimas means everything. Arimasen means noth-



A ROMANCE OF RUSSIA AND SIBERIA. BY PRINCE JOSEF LUBOMIRSKI. Author of "Safer-Hadji, a Story of Turkistan," Etc. TRANSLATED FROM THE RUSSIAN FOR THE DISPATCH BY META DE VERA.

SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS CHAPTERS.

SUPPRISE OF DEVENOUS CHAPTERS.

CHAPTER XXIV.

CHAPTER XXIV. Miller's opportune arrival had come obout in this way: The Tungus had brought Dr. Haas to Jenar-kus, who understood a little Russian and knew Miller's name. The same evening Haas saw Miller, who at once the same are still half sav-ages," she said, never letting go Popoff's head. "Yesterday I was a cheer'ul, merry girl—to-day I cannot weep, and only thirst for revenge. You think I am insane. I swear to you I tell the truth. He is dead, wear to you I tell the truth. He is dead, wear to you I tell the truth. He is dead, the same are still half sav-ages," she said. never letting go Popoff's head. "Yesterday I was a cheer'ul, merry swear to you I tell the truth. He is dead, wear to you I tell the truth. same evening Haas saw Miller, who at once collected a small number of exiles and gave the promise that the colonists of the village itself would also render assistance. The Doc-tor had Jana's money still about him, and was already suspected; he thought it best, therefore, to give Jenar-kus tha 40,000 rou-bles who in return engaged to furnish the bles, who, in return, engaged to furnish the exiles with the necessary arms. As the time was pressing, Miller determined to go on, although most of the men had only heavy clubs and a few swords.

While Palkin was trying to persuade Popoff to surrender the unlucky paper, Miller reached the village, where he had many allies. They first surprised the house of the inspector, seized and bound two Kossacks and the captain of gendarmes of Irkutsk. In another room they found Jana and Helen, held prisoners. Helen had been released after she had told the Captain all she knew. but as Jana was not an exile some regard had to be had to her name and rank. Then Jana and Helen had at once started to warn Vladimir and Popoff against Colonel Palkin's treacherous intentions. They had, however, been seized by the Captain, who was on the watch for them. Then Miller with his followers had hastened to assist Popoff. The whole village was involved in the conspiracy, hence

no one warned the gendarmes. Palkin did not cease to shout and to curse; his uninterrupted threatenings at last made Miller impatient.

have a law they call lynch law. This law says: An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth! This man has had one of us murdered, killed by the knout. I condemn him to the sam penalty!"

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At these words Palkin changed color, and tore madly at his bonds. "What! You will dare touch your

Colonel? Miller laughed aloud. "You shall see what we think of your

rank.

In the meantime the exiles looked at each other; some one had to be found who would take upon himself the duty of the executioner. Miller grasped their secret thoughts. "Well, we must have an executioner. Bring the captain from Irkutsk in here." The exiles all agreed, and two men imme-

diately went to the inspector's house. "Listen to me, although I do not know you," said Palkin now. "Don't do this, Do not disgrace a superior officer by strik-

ing him with the nagaiks. Rather kill me at a blow at once. What harm did I ever do you?" Miller interrupted him angrily.

"You pretend not to know me, and ask me what harm you have done me. And yet you arrested me at the same time with the Ace of Hearts, and I owe it to you that I am here in exile!" "I only did my duty at that time."

"Perhaps you also murdered this man com duty, who was my friend? You only gratify me immensely by your prayers, which show me what cowards you are, after

Palkin, now convinced that nothing could prevent his destiny from being fulfilled, howed contempt, and boastingly said:

"Do what you choose, robber! You shall see how a Colonel of the gendarmes can die. You shall not hear my voice, and see how differently from your friend I shall bear your torment!"

We'll seel" said Miller.

The door opened, and four of the exiles ragged the Captain in. He trembled and ooked deadly pale; when he saw the corpses ying about he fell on his knees and cried, addressing Miller: "Pardon mel Mercyl"

Miller kicked him back with his foot. "Get up, dog! You shall escape with your life if you obey our orders." "Whatever you order I'll do it cheerfully.

"I have sentenced this man here to receive 500 blows with the nagaika. That is your duty, as you are an officer of the police. Carry out the sentence and your life shall be spared!"

The Captain sprang up. "A knout! Give me the knout! I understand that art to perfection. You shall

see it!' With these words he took the instrument of torture in his hands, approaching Palkin commanded me to do so. He was my life, my hope, my all. To-day I have lost all?" ""Are you afraid then?" she continued as Miller hesitated. "You want revenge and you neglect a formidable weapon. Must



two clans, known respectively as the Mara-mara and the Pikalaba. They are most intimately associated in all the business and pleasure of life, they live in the same houses, in fact, no bousehold can exist without hav-ing representatives of each clan. That there may never be same doubt of the clan to which may never be any doubt of the clan to which any particular individual belongs the device of the clan is prominently displayed in tattooed lines upon his back and breast. Far

from being a division of the community, these two clans tend toward its closer union, for no person may marry a member of his own clan but must choose from the other. This plan is still further complicated by the subdivision of each clan into four co-or-dinate groups which are named respectively the subdivision of each clan into four co-or-dinate groups which are named respectively alter some fish, plant, bird or beast. The natural object whose name is borne by each group, becomes in some sort its totem and in tattooing upon the body and in rude carving upon the doorway is displayed as a device. The groups in each clan which bear a kin-dred device are looked upon as too closely related to allow intermariage between memrelated to allow intermarriage between mem-bers of each although their clans are dis-tinct. Likewise the individual must not

marry into the group of either parent or one cognate therewith in the other clan. A VERY DESIRABLE CATCH.

The coming ocean steamer will be over a uarter of a mile in length and will do the quarter of a mile in length and will do the passage from Sandy Hook to Liverpool in 36 hours, being one night out. She will be driven by electricity, and in such a fashion stokeen, railway time, despite storm or to the clan and group of any individual, for the most cursory glance at his body will at once show his position. Lumie, we will take for example, a young man who has built for to be an and group of any individual, for the most cursory glance at his body will at once show his position. Lumie, we will take for example, a young man who has built for the most cursory glance at his body will at the conjugation in one word. Wakari-silence, you wretched coward."

through which the silk passes in the body

READERS OF BOOKS.

Mr. Carnegie's Library.

of the insect which produces it.

THE TYPICAL COURTSHIP. New Britain gives the explanation of that which is faint in other islands; there the Melanesian stock is the purest and there it is most difficult for two young people, or three or four for the matter of that since polygamy rules, to become one. Every New British community is sharply divided into them to Sullivan, saying: 'Here, John, is the dust; I want you to have it.'

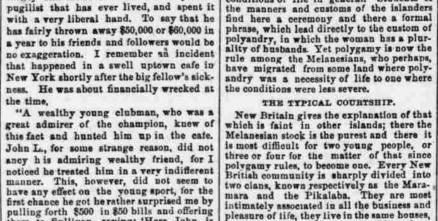
I'm well heeled. "Still Sullivan refused. Finally he agreed to accept \$50, which he slapped on the bar and ordered the barkeeper to put up that many dollars worth of wine for the

rowd. This reckless action of Sullivan fairly horrified the swell clubman. He stood speechless looking the big fellow over. When he recovered later on he offered Sul-livan the remainder of the boodle, but the

latter refused. "'Well,' he said, 'John, you're the great-est puzzle I ever met with.' "Atthough Sullivan was fairly broke, he wanted to show that rich young man his contempt for his money."

STEAMER OF THE FUTURE.

What We May Expect If Improvement I Ocean Travel Continues. This may seem far from clear, a concrete example will serve for illustration. Re-



for my next letter. WILLIS B. HAWKINS.

EASY COMES, EASY GOES.

Champion Sullivan's Utter Lack of Appre-

clation for Money.

L. Sullivan," writes his old friend Arthur

Lumley. "He has undoubtedly made more

money and made it easier than any other

"Few men care less for money than John

"'No, I don't want it, thank you." "'But I insist, John, you must. Why, bless your soul, you can't go broke while I'm well heeled.'



of Vice President Morton. How does that strike you?"

"That, sir," I said, shaking his hand warmly, "that, sir, is art; fine art. That is the best picture you ever made. Really, my dear fellow, 1 have more hope for you than ever before. I knew you had talent, but, sir, if you keep on in this way you will convince me that you have genius. True, this picture makes our esteemed Vice President look a bit like King Gambrious pausing, mallet in hand, aiter opening a keg on bock beer day, but viewing it merely as a work of art. I am proud of it, sir, and will print it in my next letter." Nast seemed to be very much pleased

that he had given me such gratification He smiled-a smile of peculiar pleasureand went on with his picture making. If he did not make any more drawings of equal merit it was not surprising. He is



Mr. McPherson En/ightening the World. deeply set in his bad habits and I cannot

hope to drag him out of them all dt once. "Who is that Senator?" asked Mr. Nast. "That one down there-the one who looks as it he ought to take a broad view of every-

thing." "Ohl that one whose picture you have

Million

The Senate Has Gone Into Secret Session. and a gold one a moment, I will show you

by practical demonstration one of the most potent arguments in favor of free coinage of silver

"Ob, no, Th.," I said. "I have had that argument played on me a good many times. I have let people take dollars and I have seen the practical demonstration to my entire satisfaction."

Mr. Nast was at work with his pencil. "What are you doing now?" "I am making a nice picture of Senator Teller," he said; "I am with him and I mean to make as good a portrait of him as I

can." When it was finished he passed it over to me with a triumphant air.

"Do you call that a good picture of the Senator?" I asked. "That is my chef-d'œuvre."

"It is nothing of the kind, Th. I am sur-prised that you should think it is. I must ecline to print it, sir. I will print it, but do so only that the people may see why I ectine to print it." It amazed me to see that Mr. Nast had tallen back into his old habit so completely, and that he even went so far as to set his picture above the one of Vice President Morton, which is in so much higher style of art. I sometimes almost lose hope of being able to reform this man.

I need hardly say that in this frame of mind I was gratified to hear the bell



To be Continued in Our Next. which announces to all the doorkeepers

that the Senate is going into execu-tive session and that the galleries must be cleared. "Come on," I said, as I arose to go.

"Where are you going?" "I don't know; anywhere." "I'd rather stay here a little longer." "But the Senate is going into executive

"Is it? Well, then, I'm sure I want to stay. I have never seen an executive session, and I have often wondered what it is like. I believe I can get some good pictures out of an executive session.

"I shouldn't wonder," I admitted, "but_" "You go on if you want to. I'll meet you after awhile. I'm going to stay right here

and see this thing out." What was there for me to do but to go? Still I did not go far. I stepped out into the corridor and kept my eye on Th. through the glass door. Presently one of the doorkeepers ap-

roached Mr. Nast, who was working away at a picture. "The Scaate is going into executive ses-sion now," said he, politely. "So I heard," said Th.

"Every body leaves the galleries, you know, during executive sessions." "Yes; I noticed that, but that's where

they make their mistake. I understand there's twice as much fun in the executive session as in any other. The doorkeeper looked down on my little friend and smiled.

fog. Passengers can be secured by flash net and has the equity of a yam plantation photo-Edison's patent-and the ticket will include an opera stall, or a concert ticket,

how he goes to work: His own father belonged to the Pikalaba or a seat in a church pew-the opera house concert hall, and church being all on board. clan and the fish group, his mother was a Maramara of the plant group; thus he, in-heriting nothing from his father and every-thing from his mother, is likewise a Mara-A covered ring for horse exercise will be provided and a racing track for fast trotters, A baseball ground and tennis courts will also form a portion of the attraction. For business men a stock exchange will be operated, the quotations being posted from mara plant. He is therefore debarred from marriage with any member of a plant or fish the tickers every two minutes on the vibra-tion system. The leading papers of all group, but must restrict his choice to the Pikalaba birds and beasts, say to one-fourth countries will be reprinted each morning by the electric reflection system. A spacious conservatory, containing the choicest flowers of all climates, will afford an agreeable of the girl population of his town. This is indeed no great handship to him, for he has known from his earliest childhood that some of the maidens were positively pro-hibited to him and by the time his thoughts lounging place, and bouquets will be pro-vided gratis. bend toward matrimony he must have be-come resigned to his fate and is prepared to confine his attentions to every fourth girl. As at Monaco and Monte Carlo, a suite of apartments will be laid out for play, to be connue his attentions to every fourth girl. A young man so prosperous as Lumie seems to be could not be expected to mate with any but the daughter of a family equally as wealthy as his own. The poorer girls whom he will see about the town may become wives to him, but they must wait until he has made selections of his chief wife and then they mit and the mit and kept open all night-a sumptuous supper, with costliest wines free. English tailors and shoemakers will be in attendance, and clothes will be made and finished during the passage. The millinery department will contain the French fashions of the previous day, and costumes will be confectioned while the ship is en route, and delivered complete on arrival at dock. Accommodahen they without any ceremony are sum moned to take the minor positions, which tion will be furnished for 10,000 passengers. are in little different from slavery.

THE GIRLS ARE ALL CAGED.

TO RIVAL THE SILK WORM. But of the maidens of high degree he has no view, for they are all carefully caged at their seminary in the bush under the pro-A French Scientist Proposes to Make the Fabric From Mulberry Leaves. tection of the dread fabu. Upon a morning early the women of the town are in commo-According to a report presented to the tion; they have learned through some mys-tion; they have learned through some mys-terious channel that a girl will on that day be brought home from her seclusion of from six to eight years. Who the debutante may be they do not know, but they glee-fully spread their news about the town. All other along much yield to the great eract Paris Academy of Sciences by M. Emile Blanchard, a professor of chemistry, says a Paris correspondent, it will be quite possible, at a not remote epoch, to manufacture silk without the intervention of the cocoon. other plans must yield to the great event; the fishers on this day draw no nets, the warriors grant one day's respits to the towns on either hand—all busy themselves Mr. Blanchard is convinced that the constituent materials of silk are to be found in the mulberry leat, upon which the silk worm feeds. By dyeing some of the leaves on which a worm fed, and then after a while with guessing who it is whose education has been completed and in absurd speculation opening the body of the chrysalis, he found that nothing had passed through the diges-tive organs and into the blood except the as to what she will fetch.

As the sun climbs high and nearer to its midday point the villagers flock out along the path which leads to the girls' retreat and crowd about the latticed hedge from elements necessary for the production of silk. Other matters had been excluded by certain glands of the worm which had which dangle the cloth streamers and fillet acted as a membrave. M. Blanchard confesses, however, that the silk which he produced by experiments of hair which mark the tabu; well to the front will be found Lumie and any others who may be ready for marriage. Upon the other side of the sham bulwark people are with mulberry leaves was interior in richness, and particularly in gloss, to that furn-shed by the cocoons. This resulted from the fact that, as the silk goes through two pro-cesses in the glands of the worm, he had heard moving about and at the moment of high noon the guardian of the young girls appears and leads into view her obarge, who perhaps would blush if she were not as only the time and the means to study the first-that in which the silk is evolved in its black as a bag of soot. Alter one moment primary state. He believes, however, that it will be possible eventually to produce, by chemical means, the gloss or varnish which is the result of the second stage of interested inspection a murmur of dis satisfaction arises from many of the young men who find her to belong to a clan and

group prohibited to them. But not from Lumie. He spies upon her breast the Pikalaba mark and tattooed above it the outstretched wings of a bird, by this he knows that she is eligible. THE FATTER THE BETTER.

Led by the chief and by all the young men who seek to marry her, the young woman goes down to her old home in the village and pods and speaks to those whose faces are yet familiar after her long absence. She sits upon a small mat before her tather's some training and at her side The Classes That Will Take Advantage of Now that Pittsburg is to have a library, it might be interesting to know what class is going to profit most by it. Some light is She sits upon a small mat before her latter's door to receive her friends, and at her side sits her guardian who now and again cod-descends to a gratified smile when one and another compliment her upon the fatness of her charge. Meanwhile a feast is preparing thrown on this question by the latest report of the Birmingham Free Library Committee. Among other tables therein given is one showing the occupations of borrowers admitted during 1889. Here are some of the figures: Scholars and students, 1,392; cierks and bookkeepin the house behind her to which all the village is invited. In the high post of honor sits the maiden just about to make her entry into the world of society, thus placed on exhibition that her chance of inding a husband may be better.

and students, 1,392; clerks and bookkeep-ers, 1,138; errand and office boys, 301; teach-ers, 293; shop assistants, 290; jewclers, 216; compositors and printers, 192; milliners and dressmakers, 169. Almost at the bottom of the list come journalists 6, news agents 2, reporters 2. Is this because they have libra-ries of their own? or because the people who write in newspapers have no time for read-ing bootr?

mas means unlimited potentiality, past, or' so and many conconnuts. His house present and future, and can be made to ex-seems lonely and he wants a wife. This is press anything. It also is a whole conjugation in itself, and can be applied to every-

thing and everybody (yourself included). Dekimasen means of course everything that dekimas doesn't mean. Ka is a vocal note of interrogation and can be tacked on to anything. Ano-ne can be thrown in any-

where to make conversation. After going through the above course the After going inrough the above course the student is competent to say anything. When being spoken to or answered it is ad-visable to exclaim Ho1 (long), hai (me-dium), or ha (short), which expresses sur-prise, wonder, assent, sympathy, absorbing interest, honor—in fact, the whole gamut of the feelings—care being taken to ejaculate it in different time (since the second the technings-care being taken to ejaculate it in a different tone every time (minor scales preferable)--with a varied and ap-propriate tacial expression, the cue for which must be taken from the face of the speaker. When the student is not speaking, this word properly played upon will keep the other man going all the time.

A VORACIOUS PIKE.

Its Death Caused by a Large Fish Getting Fast in Its Throat.

female pike weighing 29 pounds has been found in the lake at Ewhurst Park, Basingstoke, the seat of Lord Alexander Russell. It had apparently met its death in the vain attempt to swallow one of its own species weighing nine pounds. The two fish, in the position in which they were found, are being stuffed at Winchester. Pike have died in this manner before, and it is doubtful whether or not these should be regarded as instances of voracity or pure accidents. Pike, like many other fish, requently do battle, and it has been suggested that when two savage fish rush headlong at one apother the smaller one might easily enter the jaws of the larger. Once in, there would be no getting out again, for the pike's mouth is lined with hundreds of sharp teeth, which,

like those of the shark, point throatwards. As an undoubted instance of pikeish

voracity, there is an unusually well at ticated record of a pike of two pounds first swallowing a trout of one pound and shortly afterward, while the tail of the trout was still in its throat, seizing an artificial bait 314 inches in length.

CHARMING AWAY DISEASE.

Amusing Custom That Still Prevails Among the Hindoos of Bengal.

A ludierous custom is still followed in Hindoo households of Bengal. The last day of Falgoon, that tell on March 12, was observed in worshipping Ghantoo, the god of itches and the diseases of the skin which afflict the natives. Very early on the morn-

ing of this day the mistresses of the families, changing their noctural attire, put a useless black earthen vessel outside the threshold of their back doors, with a handful of rice and masoor dal, four cowries, and a piece of rag smeared with tumeric. Wild flowers appearing in this season-called Ghantoo tool-are offered in worship. The young before the minimes stand in a semi-circle hands.

These last words hurt Palkin like a mon tal offense. He ceased to cry.

Helen, kneeling by the corpse of her be trothed, was apparently praying quietly, but in her face threats seemed rather to pre vail than resignation. Dr. Haas east a last look at Nicholas, bandaged the slightly wounded men, and turned to the Countess "Countess, we have nothing more to do here. Your husband is in danger, and Popoff is beyond our help. Human justice must proceed. Scenes like these are not for your eyes. I also cannot stay here; my duty is to help and to save, not to punish. Fol-

ow me, I pray." Jana understood at once. "Blood enough has been shed," she said. "Pardon the guilty man!"

Miller shrugged his shoulders and turned round, eagerly. "The Doctor advised you well, Countess" This is no place for you!"

"For my husband's sake do not avenge vourself l'

"Your words are in vain, Countess. I pray you once more leave us, unless you wish to witness the execution!" Haas seized her hand, saying, "Come, I beseech you. This is nothing for you, and we cannot change matters as they are. These men have gone too far to stop "You see, I am too feeble."

She followed him, saying, almost uncon-

sciously: "Oh, my God! My God! Pardon them! Pardon him, also! And pardon me, who have caused all this shedding of blood!" Hazs was already in the door with the Countess, when Helen sprang up, and, in her despair, cried: "Doctor! You abandon him? Stay! You n the body.

must stay!" Hass shook his head.

"I can do nothing more. I can assist no one and save no one here." "Then Nicholas is no longer alive?" Hans had no answer to give. He turned the Countess, who took Helen by the

"Come, Helen! Let us return together town. We must submit to God's will, all

of us, my child!" The Doctor noticed that the exiles were becoming impatient at this delay; they meant to have their revenge. He therefore drew the Countess along with him, say

"Come! Helen will follow us soon!" Helen stood like a statue, and when the door was closed behind Haas and the Count-

ess, she spoke: "He is dead! Really dead! Murdered by those who dispised him because he served "I was a fool?" he oried in his fury. "Ha! ha!" said Miller. "The bird is singing again. We must have made a good bargain!" them. You will surely punish that man, won't you?" she added, pointing at Palkin. The exiles bowed their heads. "That will be the beginning of revenge,

"You shall know it all," said Helen. but only the beginning. Other men as powerful as this man have been as guilty of know all, and shall have strength enough, trust, to tell you the details. And then all is at an end. Now I have done my work. Do you now administer justice and avenge yourself. I shall pray for him here." She knelt down by the body of her be-

his death. He is dead, but do not believe that he cannot averge himseli!" "Listen to me," ahe said, turning to Mil-ler. "You seem to be the leader of the others. They have tortured him to death to extort his secret from him. I have kept trothed. "And now," said Miller, turning to Palkin, "it is your turn." Did you, per-haps, think we had forgotten you?" Miller turned next to the exiles with these it as he has kept it, and I will intrust it to you. What do I now care for Count Lanin? I shall avenge myself and him at the same

She sat down on the bench and took

Popoff's cold head in her lap. "You searched in vain for that docu-ment," she said, turning to Palkin, "and yet he had it in his possession. Now that he is dead you shall see it. Do you know what he did? He had a false tooth inserted "We have transgressed the criminal laws of this country. We shall henceforth be looked upon as murderers, and be hunted down like wolves and bears. To-morrow I shall procure arms for you all. To-morrow 1 must create general terror. This man here is one of our bitterest and most powerful enemies. I need not accuse him before you; you know yourselves of what he is capable. When the conches are sounded by the female worshipers, as the signal of the poojah being over, the boys break the vea-sels into atoms. The mirthful children, in their anxeity to strike the first blow, some-times build the sound with the sound w

Palkin roared with fury, while Miller

"That man I am to beat? No, never!" "Well," said Miller, "then you will have o die, too. Comrades, this vermin wrishmy weak hand set you an example and show you that you are weaker than a helpless woman?"

ing at our feet is one of our worst and cruel-With these words she hastily seized a dagest enemies. He has the death of many ger in Miller's belt, knelt down, put Pop-off's head on the bench and tried to open the brother on his conscience. You are all of you soldiers, and therefore it is no disgrace irmly closed mouth of the dead man. to anyone to carry out the sentence which I pronounce. It is death for the Captain of

The bystanders shuddered. Helen tried in vain; she even tried it again and again, but in vain. She gave the have only two guns, but they will suffice. tagger then to Miller, saying in a flood of Two men forward ! tears:

Instantly two exiles advanced who had Helen's courage had made a deep impres-sion upon Miller. He took the dirk, but he

once been dependent on the hated Captain, and had suffered accordingly. The hesitation of the Captain had, how-ever, been founded only upon the fear of also tried in vain. To end this fearful scene he struck the handle with his whole strength. the inferior before the superior. When he saw death so near to himself his apprehen-The front teeth dropped out! The whole body shook and Popoff uttered a cry of pain that sounded superhuman. The powerful blow had aroused the last breath that dwelt

Irkutsk, and death by being shot.

sions vanished, and he oried: "Stop, I'll inflict the punishment!" "First tear off the gold lace of his uni-form," commanded Miller.

Miller dropped the dagger in amazement. Nicholas opened his eyes and saw Helen, Palkin in bonds and the exiles around him. That glance revealed all. With a superhuman effort he raised his bloody arm, took out the false tooth, handed it to "Consider," eried Palkin. "You are mmitting treason against the Czar." The Captain saw only death threatening him visibly. Like a wolf he fell upon the Colonel, tore off the lace and the whole uni-"Lanin! Schelm!" Then he breathed his last. "And now," said Helen. "break the tooth."

form. "Consider!" cried Palkin once more. "It is high treason!'

The Captain, half insane with fear, tore off his shirt also, leaving the broad back of Miller struck the apparent tooth with the the Colonel of the gendarmes bare. The ex-iles looked euriously at the proceeding. "Captain, take time to reflect!" cried Paldagger. When the ivory broke a small roll of paper dropped on the floor. Miller picked it up and examined it.

kin once more. "Strikel" commanded Miller.

"A receipt by Schelm! That is Schelm's own handwriting! 30 October. Conspiracy The nagaika whizzed through the air, and La. . . . Secret funds. . . . I do not see at once what this means, but it must Palkin uttered a cry that went through marrow and bone, as Russians say.

be a weapon of very great importance." Palkin could not help, by a powerful "Captain, strike harder if you wish to save your life!" curse, to show his wrath at having failed to

The man struck almost without knowing what he did. At the twentieth blow Palkin roared like a wild beast.

"Rather kill me at once, but cease tortur ing mel" Miller laughed aloud,

"Did I not say so? You have weakened very quickly. Captain, mind, if you do not use the nagaika well-"

Miller's revenge was, however, not to be complete. Suddenly one of the exiles, who had stood sentinel, rushed in, exclaiming: "Take care! A troop of soldiers is ap-proaching the village. We must have been careless and allowed one of the Cosmicks to

escape." "Let us escape!" cried Miller. At the

same time he drew his dagger and threw it at Palkin, but the hut was too dark and the darger stuck in the post without injuring Palkin. Miller jumped out of the window; all the others had scattered in a moment. Helen alone remained near the body of

Popoff. She did not listen to one of the exiles whe asked her to go with them. The Captain alone saw and heard nothing; he continued pitilessly to inflict blow for blow. Only when all the exiles had left, and the room

What punishment do you decree against im? What has he deserved?" had become quiet, he looked around, and, loi he was alone with Palkin. Helen only kneeling at her betrothed's side. The heavy "Death?" cried the exiles unanimously. "Death? Really? Have you thought of nothing better?" laughed Miller, scorniully. "Lusten to me. Far in the west of the world, across the ocean in America, they tread of approaching soldiers, the ratt of arms became audibie. The Captain came aware that help came for Palkin. In-

time."

inding a busband may be better. The morning after the feast she is put up at auction on the village green. The bid-ding begins at two pigs, for that is the amount which has been expended upon her education; pig by pig it runs up to seven or ducation; pig by pig it runs up to

hand.

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