dwarf.

against the rocks.



A FANTASTIC TALE OF THE GREAT SHOW IN KOBOL-LAND. WRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH

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SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS CHAPTERS.

In the Kiegdom of Tanabar reigned Chamian and his cousin Millice, equal partners to the throne, being children of the twin Kings of that land. Though they had not quarreled the people feared they would, and so wished them to marry. The Minister of Agriculture, Gromline, didn't want them to marry, for he saw in the future a chance for himself if the young people quarreled. Besides, the royal houses had always been opposed to a wonderful plant he had grown and which he called "The Cosmic Bean." This would grow and yield beans at all seasons of the year. These beam, by different styles of cooking, would come on the table in the shape of meat, irnit, bread, or anything else desired; or, treated in other ways, they would produce wine, coffee, milk or any other drink. The Cosmic Bean would, of course, do away with all necessity of labor, and the royal houses and the nobility saw that they could no longer maintain their expliced positions if people did not work for them. So they opposed its cultivation. Gromline consulted a sorcerer, who advised him to get up a big show in Kobol-land, at which Chamian and Millice could meet Prince Arro and Princesa Lista, of a neighboring kingdom. A double wordding was the anticipated result of the meeting. Kobol-land was neutral ground, and inhabited by gnomes, elfs, brownies and what not. The day of the great show came and it was all that could be imagined. King Chamian and Lista woon became good friends. Queen Millice and Prince Atto, however, were a little backward. Grounline hastened to make them acquainted, but sell things did not go smoothly. Prince Atto thought to win the Queen's good graces by taking part in the athletic contests, though he was anything but an athlete. A griffin came to his relief and promised to carry him on his back in the sports. In his desperation Atto agreed, and the great races took place.

THE THREE JUDGES OF THE CAMES.

delightful society. But Atto smiled and some sharp points of rock, which could not

shook his head. He had read about sirens | fail to penetrate the delicate and tragile bot-

and shipwrecked sailors, and he was not go- tom of this little bark.

ing to be caught in their trap. But he was

quite willing to enjoy what might be called a free concert, and so kept at a safe distance

After a time the fair singers perceived

that their songs would never lure this wary

youth upon the rocks, and their music

away, but the sirens did not intend to let

him off so easily. One of them leaned over the rocks, and called to him.

stay, we pray you. We have heard of your

The Prince now began to row

Prince," said she, "one moment

and listened with great satisfaction.

ing, he drew in his oars, and took a piece of

paper and a penci! from his pocket.
"Tell it to me again," he said to the siren,

"and I will write it down, then in a few

The siren obeyed, and the Prince went to work on the puzzle. He worked and worked

and worked, but he found the problem a

good deal harder than he had expected it to

be, and the time passed rapidly, without his knowing it. As he sat completely absorbed

in his occupation, one of the sirens took the wire strings from her harp, and fastening

them together, made a little hook in one end

of this cord, which she de!tly threw into the

Then, very gently, she began to pull him

toward the rocks, the other sirens breath-

lessly watching her operations. If they could wreek and drown the Prince it would

minutes I will give you the answer.'

CHAPTER IV.

PRINCE ATTO AND THE SIRENS. As Prince Atto approached the rocks, the sirens, who had not seen a person upon the lake that day, everybody having cone to the show and the races, were greatly pleased and animated, and they sung more sweetly and touched their harps more melodiously. Atto, who had given up all hopes of finding a substitute, and expected every moment to hear the griffin rushing through the air in quest of him, thought he might as well enjoy himself while he had a chance, and rested on his oars as he listened to this charming | how of the boat without Atto perceiving it.

But this did not suit the sirens. They wanted him to come nearer, so that his boat might be wrecked upon the rocks. They sung the most delightful love songs, in which they called him by name, and tenderly reproached him for rejusing them his boat, which slowly but surely approached

It was dark when Prince Atto reached his "Those strens were really of great service to me," he said to himself, "for not only did they give me a very interesting puzzle, but they kept me out of the way till the games were over. I suppose the griffin found some one else to ride him, and I hope he has for-

gotten all about me." That evening there was a grand display of only rich." His desire for wealth became so great that he neglected his duties, and refireworks, and this consisted entirely of the performances of 12 or 12 fiery dragons, who flew through the air around and around, the valley, he thus talked to himself: "If I were rich, I could live like those grand darting upward and downward and in every direction, and all the time shooting showers of sparks and jets of flame from their nosrils, while their red-hot tails described fanwork from morning until night. If I could see one of the mountain dwarfs, I would tastic figures in the air. It was a great scene. The whole Dimmer-Glade was lighted up by the sparks and flames of the swooping, snorting monsters as they circled

'mild,' and you are anything but mild,'

and laughing at them he quickly pulled

Everybody was out of doors, and Prince Atto stood by his tent, greatly impressed by



the exhibition. Presently he heard his named called, and turning his eyes from the sky to the earth, he beheld the griffin standing by him.

"Fine show, isn't it?" said the winged creature. "It's a great success, and they are going to do it again to-morrow night. That big dragon up there, the one whose tail glows brightest, and who shoots sparks in every direction at once, will vary the performance o-morrow by carrying a man on his back. The man is to hold a great bouquet, and the dragon will keep the flowers lighted up all the time he is flying. I have recommended you for the rider. It is a great idea. A prince on a firework! Such a thing was never again."

down his back, and his legs gave way be-neath him, so that he sat suddenly upon the

you should perform your bare-backed feat the city, only my house is much grander and it would not be expected of you."
"Didn't you perform to-day?" gasped

"Ob, no," replied the griffin. wouldn't be so mean as to go through that act without you, unless, of course, you

you."
"Very well, then," said the griffin, "be

and to'd him what had happened. "I beg vou will not trifle with that griffin again," said the Minister. "I never saw afternoon, when it became necessary to post pone his act, because you could not be found. It I had not pacified him by ordering the judges of the flower show to give him a first prize for his chrysanthemum. there is no knowing what violent act he

but I could see the fire in his eyes."

During the morning Queen Millice again visited the flower show, where she met King Chamian, who was selecting a bouquet for the Princess Lista.

best." "Why, cousin!" exclaimed Chamian, "I

did not suppose you cared for such things."
"I care very much for the honor of the

heat us of it." Atto stopped rowing for a noment, and called back: little cottage stood in a narrow valley, far from the village. In the summer, Friedel tended the sheep in the sunny meadows, and "I have the answer," he cried, "and it is very different from you, for it is the word

Alpine flowers had lost all their charm for

him. His constant thought was, "If I were

ceived many word of reproof from his father.
One day, as Friedel led his flock through

people in the city. They have joy and hap-piness, while I must live in poverty, and

ask him to help me."
"Here is one now," said a shrill little

voice, and Friedel saw standing before him a tiny man, carrying a golden wand.
"So you want to be rich?" asked the

"Yes, rich, very rich," stammered the

astonished boy.

"Nothing could be easier," said the dwarf, twirling his wand in his hand," "Follow me and your wish shall be granted."

Friedel, forgetful of his flock, and his de-sire for wealth conquering his fear of the dwarfs, followed the little man up the steep

mountain side and into a narrow cave.

Here the walls were so low that many times

Friedel had to crawl on his hands and knees, and it was so dark that he could see nothing, and thus often struck himself

'Can we not have a light?" asked Friedel,

as he received a severe blow on his head. The dwarf raised his wand, and cried, "Come, fireflies." And at once such a swarm of insects buzzed about, each carry-

ing his tiny lantern, that the cave was as light as day. The passage through the mountain was long and winding, and was

when he had tasted the fruit he cried: "It is

delicious. I could live on such food for 50

Friedel's delight knew no bounds, and he

He then followed his guide up the broad

tains. And as the boy lay there and viewed

the luxuries about him he could hardly be-

lieve that he was the same poor shepherd

lad who a short time ago was tending

sheep and was so eager for riches.

Friedel was very happy in his castle

under the mountain. He seemed to have

no thought of his home and mother, and he

spent many hours in his tressure room

How the time passed he did not know, for he had no clock to tell the hour, and no sun

seen there since.

counting his gold and admiring its beauty.

"Now I shall be rich like those people in

"Of course I do," laughed Friedel. "Then you snall do so," said the dwarf, "and this eastle shall be yours."

than theirs.

in the winter he helped his father with all kinds of curious wood-carving, which they carried for sale into the city. On one of his trips into the city, Friedel saw the King's palace, and many of the splendors within. From that time, the boy's mind was filled with the thought of riches. He no longer Puzzles for the Little Folks That Will Keep Their Brains Busy for Most of the Week if They Solve Them Correctly-Home Amusements. Address communications for this departmen

to E. R. CHADBOURN, Lewiston, Maine. with the thought of riches. He no longer enjoyed the beauty and grandeur of the mountain scenery around him. The care of the flocks became tiresome to him, and the climbs up the steep mountain side after rare 1478-GREEK DEITIES.

> 1479-ANAGRAM. A silly and weak-minded churi A sily and weak-minded churi Adored a pert and sprightly girl,— Though hapless was the fellow's fate, For she did not reciprocate. And everything be did to please her Seemed only to provoke and tease her. The nosegays that he sent her, she Would toss aside quite scornfully: She would not walk with him from caurch But always left him in the lurch: When her as partner he would choose At dances, she would flat refuse. Poor fellow! he was sadly grieved. Poor fellow! he was sadly grieved.
> By the harsh treatment he received,
> One last resort there seemed to be:—
> 'Twas in the way of poetry.
> He thought it would be wise and witty
> To indite an "amorous ditry."
> (Others with more brains and sense
> have oft committed like offence.)
> In this he missed it altogether:
> His verses were but the last feather:
> She sent them back, and told him that
> They were insipid, silly, flat,

Archimedes, old annals prove,
Once confidently vaunted
His lever would the world move,
And but a fulerum wanted.
His boast remained an idle threat,
But Erm ages after

Poor Erin often has displayed A crape upon her hatchment

For some brave lover who had paid

With life for the attachment.

And mong the band who round her stood—
What helress had a greater?

A laughing lover found who could

For her amusement cater.

W. Wilso

steps and into the wide hall. Here were many dwawfs in rich attire, who bowed low 1481-PHONETICISMS before Friedel and called him master.
"These shall be your servants," said the dwarf, "and they will always be ready to do your bidding." Then the dwarf vanished, leaving the boy to enjoy his new possession. After Friedel had entered the dining-hall and had partaken of the feast there, one of his servants led him to a couch, hung with silken curso doing.

4. If you can be so heartless to a preacher as to put out one of his eyes, he will at once go to

1482-ENIGMA. opular on every hand,

You find me under foot, 'tis said: You also find me over head; I'm oft avoided—often sought; I stop decay; I also rot.

Sometimes I kill both man and wife; At other times I give new life, I'm full of life while dealing death, I'm full of death while giving breath.

I curb him in his gambols wild.

Another foe quite strikes me cold Whene'er I feel his chilling hold: A short while in his grasp I cower, And then I undermine his power. C. L. E.

1483-TRANSPOSITION. The one addicted to the prime The one addicted to the prime Expects a two at any time.

He's never safe from anxious fears:
In debt, no doubt, up to his ears;
Striving to make a show on naught,
Not knowing when he may be brought Unto the last resource he knows; Ne'er thinking to pay what he owes; By no one trusted or believed; When the two come, by no one grieved.

Such is the devotee of one. A person honest people shun.
BITTER SWEET.

1484-A GREAT BLUNDER.

A servant girl, who was always making blunders, was dusting the parior, in which was a bust of the lady for whom she worked. In some way she pushed it from the pedestal to the floor and the head was severed from the shoulders. In her terror she attempted to replace the head, and made another blunder by putting on, not the head, but something that caused pain. Just then she heard her lady in the hall, and half beside herself with fear she smatched another article and placed it upon the headless bust, and found that it then represented a lock of the lady's husband's hair. The lady herself just then entered the room, and her indignation can be better imagined than described.

1485-CHARADE. A pirate bold was first the rover; The skull and cross-bones flag he showed. He sonk a last in the Stratis of Dover. And sailed away with his booty stowed.

But he ran afoul of a mag next minute. He fought for life, but he wasn't in it, And total strung him up that night. IRON MASK.

1486-AMPUTATIONS.

Behold a noble animal;
His head from snoulders sever,
And what is left will, in a sense, Be just the same as ever. Replace this graceful creature's head-

His flesh with fear will quiver-Cut off his tail, and what is left Will be a foreign river. 1487-REVERSAL.

Some think that whole's a final drink, With them I can't agree; If I indeleged in it, I think, 'Twould get the best of me. Some think that whole's a final drink, That there is none that's better, But soon they find, to their dismay, It binds them with a fetter. Horizon.

ANSWERS 1469—The inevitable is bound to occur.
"The" in "evitable" is bound to a cur.
1470—M-alnee; D-andy: Pa-o-t; Ma-l-t; Anne-x;

1470—31-410e; D-andy: Fa-0-t; Ma-7-t; Ause-3, In-v-e; Co-1-n, 1471—Kind-led, 1472—Pitchers, chairs (chares), check, tables, stand, ranges, butter-dish (but a dish), side-board, uras (erns), 1473—150wn. 1474-Vale, lave,

1476-Mechanician.

A 'POSSUM'S POCKET.

Provision Nature Has Made for the Youngsters Born in Trees.

THE POUCH OF THE KANGAROO.

Modern Engineering Skill and the Seven Wonders of the World.

PLEASANT TALK FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

There is one species of wild animal in the United States that might naturally excite the envy of the very small boy. It is born with a pocket-not such a pocket as the boy gets in his early stages of trouserhood, barely large enough to squeeze a top into-but a capacious pocket that would hold not only a top, but also a knife, or whistle, an assorted lot of strings, a dozen marbles and all the other valuable property that the average small boy loves to freight himself with.

It is a harmless little animal, this lucky one with the natural pocket, but it puzzles the naturalist more than almost anything else of animal kind. It is the opossum, found only in America, the very mention of which will cause the mouth of a Southern negro to "water." The wonderful peculiarity of this little animal is the arrangement which nature has provided for the period of babyhood. Although the full-grown opossum is as large as a cat the young ones, at birth, are

Not Bigger Than a Pea. But this is not the strangest thing about the little 'possums. They have a sort of double birth. At so early a stage of their life that they look as much like a pea as like an adult opossum they are transferred from the normal birthplace to a secondary one. The latter is a pocket or pouch on the exterior of the female's abdomen. It might be likened to a patch sewed outside on the knee of a gamin's trousers, with the top left open. This pocket is lined with fine hair, and it opens or closes at the will of the animal by an arrangement of muscles and bones suited for the purpose.

At a very early stage in the existence of

the young opossums, and they average a dozen at a time, they pass into this pocket and each finds a fountain of nourishment ready, to which it at once seals its lips, There is an old adage about the desirability of sticking to a good thing, and the infantile opossum seems to understand its importance. Although they are only about the size of a pea when they first appear in the pocket, as remarked before, the youngsters take possession of the founts and never let go (night or day) for several weeks. In fact they hold on until they are big enough to travel, to emerge from the pocket and frisk about in early attempts to gain knowledge about the

queer world of 'possumdom. A Retreat in Time of Danger.

But if danger appears while the young ones are taking their early outings the mother gives a shrill signal, and the little fellows scamper to her and tumble headlong into that capacious and very useful pocket, something like the retreat of a brood of chicks under the old hen's wings when the hungry hawk is looking for a breakfast of spring chicken.

There are other very queer things about the opossum. It seems to love a very soft couch to sleep on, and to gratify this whim it often sleeps in the air. It does this by twisting its tail around the limb of a tree and then hanging head downward. It also assumes this attitude for catching small animals, hanging motionless from a limb, with one eye open, ready to pounce on any thing that, from an opossum standpoint, or rather hangpoint, might seem good to eat. The tail is a very important part of the opossum's anatomy. Sometimes the mother may be seen trudging along with her whole

brood dangling from her neck by their little almost hairless, and so rough that it will not slip when employed for hanging purposes. Not much can be said for the legs. They are very short and the animal is not a good traveler. But it is an excellent climber has a pair of very sharp eyes and is liberally sup-plied with teeth—an even four dozen of ordinary ones and two very large ones in addition. Its head is shaped something like

pocket, although the two animals are utterly unlike in other respects. The kangaroe grows as large as 200 pounds in weight, and has an enormous tail which serves it as a sort of fifth leg. It has very long and powerful hind legs, although its fore legs are short and comparatively puny.

When moving slowly it walks on allfours, but when in a hurry it moves by leaps

on it hind legs, and can thus travel as fast as the flectest horse can run. Its average leap when putsued is about 15 feet, but it has been known to make jumps of 30 feet. There is no crowding of the pocket home of the young knngaroo. Sometimes there are twins, but ordinarily one of these queer creatures has the whole apartment to itself.

The Wonders of the World.

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The greatest, or at least the most massive of the ancient wonders of the world were the pyramids of Egypt. Although built ages before Solomon's wisdom decided the first historical question of baby ownership, before little Moses floated in the wicker basket among the bullroshes of the Nile, and even long before Abraham was born, the 70 pyramids were silently watching the moving panorama of the world. But there is not an expert civil engineer in the United States who would not take a contract to duplicate the whole 70 for the Chicago World's Fair if they would agree to make the date four years instead of one year after the four hundredth anniversary of Columbus's discovery. Five year's time and ample money would be all the engineer would ask, although the Gizeh or Great Pyramid was 30 years building with a force of 100,000 men. But all the work on the pyramids was done by human muscle. They had none of the modern mechanical appliances. Their work is only wonderful because under these circumstances they were able to pile enormous stones upon one another to a maximum height of 489 feet.

The hanging gardens of Babylon would not be much of a "wonder" in our day. Their base was a square of four acres, rising on stone terraces to 300 feet at the summit. Lead sheets to retain moisture above covered the stonework, with earth on ton. Trees, shrubbery, flowers, fountains and the like completes the misnamed "hanging" gardens, The Colossus of Rhodes was a statue made of fietal plates, like the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor. It was about 30 feet high, less than one-third as high as Liberty Statue. The Temple of Diana, at Ephesus, was a building 25 by 425 feet at the base. It was chiefly noted for its pillars, 127 in number, and weighing 150 tons each. Every one of these pillars was a present from a king, r-presenting 127 kingdoms, and this fact added to the fame of the Temple in the night, when all Ephesus was carousing over the birth of Alexander, and it was tota one of the "seven wonders" in existence to-day are the pyramids of Egypt, and we have many great monuments of engineering genins, con-structed within the memory of the present genstructed within the memory of the present generation, that dwarf the greatest achievements of the ancients. The money and scientific knowledge that have produced our great railways, mountain tunnels, ocean steamships and so on, could quickly reproduce all the accient wonders, and add a great many "modern improvements,"

J. H. WEBB.

Some young men offect bangle canes, loto their thick English walking sticks are engraving removed and replaced by the The Princess has supplied Mortlock's

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monogram of the fair giver. Of course, the value of the cane is enhanced by the number of shiny disks to be counted, and when you meet a young fellow swinging a stick studded half way down to the ferrule, you may know he is very popular with his young women friends.

MEALS FOR ONE DAY.

Menus for Breakfast, Luncheon and Dinne -Recipes for the Different Dishes-Value of System in Cooking-Some General Directions for the Housekeeper. [WRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH.]

However excellent a woman's judgment may be, and however experienced, her household affairs must be carried on under systematic rules. She may in the matter of her cooking become almost perfect by a system of her own, not in so many words deducible to rule; but in this she is an exception.

In these days much is to be learned from print. Recipes and formulas of new and novel mixtures of food are constantly given out by professional cooks. In the preparation of these, rules are given, which must be literally and accurately followed. In some instances the least deviation from the prescribed formulas may mar if not destroy the combination, and the attempt made in reproducing it may hopelessly fail. Where an exact recipe is given, it should be exactly followed. If rules are to be observed they must be strictly and literally followed, else they are not in the proper sense rules at all. I give to-day another set of meals: Brenkinst.

Baked apples, Cream, Broiled sweetbreads, Crumbed eggs, - tewed potatoes, Coffee, Luncheon. l'anned oysters. Thin bread and butter. Stewed fruit. Wafers.

Celery. Banana pudding. Coffee.

The recipes below will help the house-

Boil one-half dozen eggs for 20 minutes. Remove the shells and cut in rather thick slices. Spread with melted butter, sprinkle with sitted crumbs and fry brown. Serve on squares of toasted bread, with a dressing of drawn butter. Easter Biscuit. To five well-beaten eggs add one-half cupful

of buttermilk or sour milk, a tablespoonful of melted butter, a little salt and a half teaspoon-ful of soda dissolved in a spoonful of the sour milk. Add flour enough to mix rather stiff. Cut in pretty shapes, gash through the center and fry light brown in hot lard. Banana Pudding.

Line a deep dessert dish with slices of sponge cake and alternate with thin slices of banana and cake until the dish is full. Pour over the whole a pint of cold-boiled custard and heap with whipped cream. Here are some general recipes that will be

found reliable: Apple Short Cake. Make rich biscuit dough. Bake in jelly cake tins. Split and spread between sweetened apple sauce, flavored to taste.

Banana Pates. Line party pans with rich puff paste. Fill with raw rice and bake until crisp. Rémove the rice, and when cold fill with the banana mixture, made as follows: Mix a half dozen minced bananas with a half cupful of whipped cream and two tablespoonfals of sugar. Garnish the tops of the pates with whipped cream.

Rice Pies. Wash and soak a teacupful of rice. Put into a stewpan with a quart of boiling water. When quite tender add a quart of milk, a teaspoonful of sait, a grated nuimeg and five well-beaten eggs. Sweeten to taste and press through a sieve. Bake in pie tins without upper crust,

Cream Pie or Cake. One egg beaten light, to which add by degrees one cupful of granulated sugar, one tablespoonful melted butter, one cupful of milk, a little nutmeg and a pinch of salt. Sift two teaspoonfuls of baking powder into two cupfuls of flour in a separate dish. Add this by degrees, beating well, to the other ingredlents, dropping in one-half teaspoonful of lents, dropping in one-half teaspoonful of lemon or vanilla at the last. Bake in one loaf or drop on three jelly tins. Spread jelly between layers, or cream made as follows: To one pint of milk when boiling add two eggs, one tablespoonful of corn starch, two tablespooniuls of granulated sugar and a pinch of salt. Add flavoring when removed from the salt. Add flavoring when removed from fire. When cold pu: between layers. Flour may be used in place of corn starch.

dition. Its head is shaped something like that of a lox. Its flesh is oily with a pungent odor. In addition to the colored people in the South some whites regard possum as a delicacy, but if the reader should have courage to tackle this delicacy the conclusion would probably be similar to that of the person who "could ent crow, but didn't hanker a ter it."

Deside the opossum there is one large animal that has the strange pocket residence for its young ones. The kangaroo, found only in Australia and the neighboring islands, has a counterpart of the opossum's mocket although the two animals are utterly properly and the foundation of the person who "could ent crow, but didn't hanker a ter it."

Graham Bread.

Three tablespoonfuls N. O. molasses. Two cupfuls lukewarm water. One teaspoonful of salt. One half cupful of yeast. One cupful flow rand graham flour to make a stiff butter which will elling as it drops from the spoon cluster which will elling as it drops from the spoo Graham Bread.

Pudding or Mush. Stir graham flour into boiling water to which

a little salt has been added. Stir well, and let boil for one-half hour. Serve with cream or with molasses or maple syrup Brown Bread.

One cupful of sweet milk one cupful of mo-lasses, one cupful of graham flour, one cupful of flour, one teaspoonful of baking powder (or saleratus); put in mold and steam for three hours. Fishballs.

Take equal parts of left-over codfish and cold mashed potatoes—a pint of each; sur in a beaten egg and a little flour; shape into balls and glaze with egg: roll in crumbs and set aside for 30 minutes; immerse in smoking fat for 10 or 15 minutes; drain and serve. Lobster Salad.

To a quart of boiled or canned lobster, cut into small pieces, add three tablespoonfuls of vinegar, two of oil, a coaspoonful of sait and a half teaspoonful of pepper; set aside for an hour, when a cupful of mayounnise or cream dressing may be adood. When about to serve, dressing may be added.
arrange on lettuce leaves.
ELLICE SERENA.

GOLD IS INDESTRUCTIBLE.

of Roman Jewelery Once.

A Ring of To-Day May Have Been a Piece

New York Telegram.] "Gold is one of the few things in this world that is practically indestructible," said Albert S. Ellis, a well-known assaver of Denver, Col., at the Hotel Imperial last night, "There is but little wear to it, and even this little arises from friction. When a jeweler melts down a plece of manufactured gold, say an old watch, he eliminates the baser metals, and the gold is resolved again into its earliest purity with but a minute loss. An ounce of pure gold is worth to-day \$20 80, and as gold comes from the earth it is ordinarily nine-teen-twentleths fine, the impurities being silver, copper, quartz, sand, etc. To re-move these various processes are resorted to, depending on the nature of the impurities. The usual way is to have recourse to chemical baths, acids being taken, in which gold is not soluble, but which dissolves away the copper and silver, leaving the pure gold.
"A karat is one twenty-fourth of the chosen standard, and thus an 18 karat ring would consist of 18 parts gold and 6 parts silver and copper, the latter being the u-ual alloy used in jewelry. No doubt there is gold in our every day jewelry that ormerly existed in one way or another the old Roman days, or even be ore, and has come down to us through all these centuries.

ORNAMENTED WITH PHOTOGRAPHS. A Novel Tea Service Being Made for the Princess of Wales.

Pall Mall Budget.] The Princess of Wales is a first-rate photographer, and Mortlock's are making her a tea service which is to be ornamented with photographs that she took while in Scotland. The ground of the china will

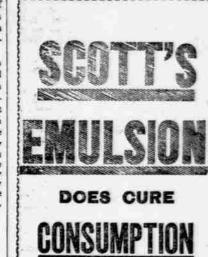
be ivory, and the pictures will be orange. A dinner service in those colors was made for the Prince of Orange by Wedgewood in

with her own negatives, and the service will be an expensive one. The cups will be pear-shaped and very small, and the plates will have scalloped edges etched with lines of orange. Both will be ornamented in the center with a picture. Any amateur photographer who wants a service like this can get her ideas fully carried out for a £10

Wants His Window Broken.

Philadelphia Press.?

The Chinese have but a vague idea of the meaning of the English language. One on North Fifteenth street has in his window a placard inscribed, "\$10 reward to any ene breaking this window." Thus far no per-son has made an effort to collect the money.



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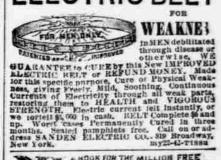
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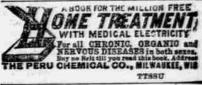
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third is the square root of double my first, plus my fourth. My whole is soft and gentle, and yet my second and third have only had tried to jump into his boat, and he to change places, and there is a falsehood in would not again approach the rocks. my very center."

Atto's eves sparkled, as he heard this puzzle.

"That is truly difficult," said he, "but I fhink I can work it out for you," and so say-

we had hoped, by our songs, to draw you

tion which has greatly puzzled us, and since

we first heard it, has kept us awake night

after night. We believe you to be the only

one in all this region who car solve this prob

This interested Prince Atto. He was proud of his ability to work of problems,

and was always willing to show it, so he

stopped, and then rowed a little nearer to

"What do you want to know?" he said,

The puzzie we wish you to solve for us

"speak plainly and I can bear it at this dis-

is this," said the siren who had before spoken. "I am composed of four parts, but represent 1,551 separate portions. My first

part is far greater than the other three, but

my second is as good as any one. My first

far as my third, and yet my second can see farther than all the rest put together. My

ill go twice as far as my last, 20 times as

listen to it and give us the answer."

the rocks.

near to us, so that we might put to a queslem for us, and we humbly pray you to

> siren who held the cord and gave her a vigthe water. siren rose to the surface, and began to swim

The sirebs themselves scarcely knew what

"That is an excellent puzzle," said she

it and read them to you." (To be continued next week.)

FRIEDEL'S EASTER. TRANSLATED FOR THE DISPATCH.

Among the Alps there is one very high mountain, called Untersberg. It looks down upon many green meadows, where goats and sheep can be seen grazing, and it stands like a great protector above the little village nestled at its foot. In the dense forest and rocky caves dwell many a mockng echo, repeating again and again theories of the shepherd, leading his flock through the valley. From the mountain side gush forth cold, crystal springs, refreshing for both man and beast. Within the mountain, as everyone knows, dwell the mountain

beautiful land a shepherd boy, named ernment, take Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup in

mountain was long and winding, and was crossed by many other ways. Finally, the fireflies departed, and in the distance a glimmer of light was seen, which continued to grow brighter. The narrow path widened, and at last led into a large garden, lighted by unseen lights. There were flowers of many colors, and trees having leaves of silver and gold; but trees having leaves of silver and gold; but nowhere was any bright sunshine, nor the beautiful green of the grass and trees on the mountain. In the midst of the garden was a lake, whose waves washed ashore, strewn with sands of gold and pebbles of pearls. Many gaily-decked boats, filled with dwarfs, floated on its smooth surface. Near the lake stood a stately eastle, with high towers and strong wall, built wholly of gold and studded with gems. On the low, drooping branches, which shaded the avenue leading to the castle, hung fruits of different kinds. "Eat of the fruit," said the dwarf, "and tell me how you like it."

Friedel needed no second invitation, and

be the rarest fun for them.

The slender cord was pulled in so graduseen before, and will probably never be seen ally that Atto did not feel the motion of the Atta could not say a word. A chill went

ground. "Or course," continued the griffin, "i with me to-morrow afternoon, you would be too tired to ride the dragon in the evening,

"Oh, no, no, no," cried Atto, "I would rather ride you. I prefer that, I assure

ready at 5 o'clock."

The next morning, Atto met Gromline

might have committed, so do not fail to be on hand to-day." "You may be sure I shall not," Atto answered, dolefully. "He spoke gently to me,

"Are you going to take part in the sports to-day?" she asked him. "Oh, yes," he re-plied, "this afternoon is to be devoted to games of strength and agility."
"If you do engage in these contests," said

Millice, "I hope you will not allow yourself

to be beaten. You rode well yesterday, but I did not like to see you come in second

Atte. He was in low spirits, but he bright-

nearby, and who had not ventured among the crowds at the races, although they had family," said the young queen.
Shortly afterward Millice encountered all seen the flower show had watched with acuch interest the solitary boatman on the lake and had been greatly concerned for his salety when they found that the sirens were ened up a little when he saw her. "I have a puzzle which I will put to you," said he; "I know you like puzzles endeavoring to allure him to destruction. It had delighted them to see that the Prince was aware of his danger, and that he pru-dently kept away from the rocks, but now and this is a fresh one which I heard yesterday," and then he told her the siren's puzzie. Queen Millice was much interested, and

great learning, and o. your quick wit, and | that the strens were taking an under sory, |

But the sport of the sirens was not unob-

served; the company of dryads who had

taken up their quarters in the oak grove

THE DUEL BETWEEN THE PRINCE AND THE UNICORN. and slipping gently between the trees they asking Atto to repeat the puzzle, she sat approached the shore.

The siren had now drawn the boat so near the points of rock that a strong jerk would knock it against them, and her eyes and those of her sister's were glistening with the anticipation of the delightful scene which would follow. But one of the dryads, running shead of the others, sprang behind the

prous push, which sent her headlong into Atto, startled by the great splash, turned quickly, and imagining the sirens were jumping into the lake to capture him by main force, he seized the oars, and pulled rapidly to a safe distance and then stopped. "ffeigho!" he cried, as the unfortunate toward the shore, "what is the meaning of

The sirens themselves scarcely knew what had happened, for every dryad was now behind a tree, but they called to the Prince that he need not be frightened; one of their sisters had accidentally fallen into the water. That was all, and they besought him to come back, and tell them the answer to the puzzle. But Atto believed that the siren had tried to jump into his boat, and he

down to solve it. In about 15 minutes she succeeded.

"do you know any more as good as it is?"
"Oh yes," said Atto. "I have at least a
dozen of them in a little book. I will bring

you? You are at my home, and yet I do

his flocks were found wandering over the mountain."
"Fifty years," cried Friedel in astonishpeople in the church did not know me dwarfs, who seldom allow themselves to be

SOME ENIGMATICAL NUTS.

They were insipid, silly, flat,
And that he was a stupid fool
Who ought to go awhile to school,
"A Mad Girl," very mad, was she;—
His chance was spoiled by poetry.
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"Do you really mean that?" asked the Produced, we know, a lever great That moved the world to laughter. II.

 Carry all the tea out of a city in China, and you will find a cathedral officer.
 If you chance to be in the garden of a high church dignitary, pull up his peas, and all that remains will be a piece of a hoe.

3. If you undertake to brush a bee from a wall ornament, you will make a great noise by

I'm popular on every land; In every clime, in every land; The greatest cities of the earth To me directly owe their birth.

rose and set to mark the days and nights. After a time the boy began to long for a sight of the blue sky and the snow-capped Alps, and he thought he would willingly give up all his wealth for one glimpse of his mother's face. Although his servants were just as attentive and his castle just as beautiful, Friedel became very unhappy. He called the dwarfs to him, and inquired

the way out of the mountain; but no one knew, and the dwarf who had brought him there had disappeared, and had not been Friedel now gave himself up to finding the dark passage through the mountain. He sought in every direction, but always with the same result; for after wandering about until weary, he would again find himself in sight of his castle. One time, while walking on the shore of the lake Friedel spied in a boat, gliding over the waves, the dwarf who had brought him

Friedel seized the little man, and cried: "Now I have you, and I shall not let you go until you promise to lead me through the mountain. "Have you not a beautifu! home here?" asked the dwarf. "and do you wish to return

"I want to see the sunshine, the blue sky

As the dwarf reached the bank,

and my purents," answered Friedel.
"Very well," replied the dwarf, "I shall show you the way to your home; but you must leave all your wealth here, and return to poverty." Friedel was so anxious to be gone that he bade the dwarf to say no more, but to show him the way without delay. He was sur-prised to find the entrance to the passage so near his castle, and he wondered why he had not discovered it before. The swarm of fireflies again lighted them through the dark way. Friedel gave a cry of joy when he

once more saw bright daylight, and the Alps raising their snowy heads above them.

Senreely waiting to say goodby to the dwarf, he started off toward his home. As he

to the little but in the valley?"

parsed through the village the church bells were calling the people to service. Every one was carrying flowers. Even the little lilies of the valley,
Friedel now knew that it was Easter Sunday, and he thought that before going home he would go into the church and hear the Easter hymns, Instead of seeing familiar faces about him, Friedel met only strangers, who looked curiously at him as if to say, "Who are you?" Frieder though that he must certainly be dreaming, and leaving the church he hastened along the wellknown path to his home. When he arrived at the little cottage he saw sitting before the

not know you."

The boy laughed and replied: "This is The boy laughed and replied: "This is not your how; for I have lived here five years, and I never before heard of you."
"Have you never heard of Friedel the shepherd boy?" asked Friedel.
"Oh, yes," was the reply, "my grand-mother has often told me about the boy, who nearly 50 years ago disappeared, and his flashs were found wandering over the

door a boy, who was a stranger to him: Friedel approached and said: "Who are

ment, "can it be possible that I have been away so long a time? No wonder that the At that moment, an old woman hobbled to the door, and the mother's loving eyes, although dimmed with age, recognized her boy, who was restored to her on that bright Easter Sunday. There was a happy re-union in that humble home, and Friedel now devoted all his evergies to making happy the last days of his aged parents.

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