SHOOTING FOR A HUSBAND.

"Have you heard the news, dear Minnie?" said Clara Taylor to a sweetlooking girl, as they met in a pleasant field one bright morning. "No," said Minnie, "I only returned

home last evening." "Then I will tell you all about it. You know what a queer old man, Mr. Compton is; but of all his strange acts nothing is so strange as the present. He

eays, as we are all fond of archery, he is going to give a prize at an archery meeting." Minnie remarked it was, indeed, news and would be quite an event in their

quiet little village. "Ah," said Clara, "but you have not heard half yet. Mr. Compton, of course, must do everything differently to other people, so his prize is to be a shell-

only a shell."
"Well," said Minnie, "I should like one of his beautiful little pearly shells much better than the finest gold arrow which could be made; indeed, who could prefer the work of man to the work of

"I think you are almost as odd as Mr. Compton himself," said Clara, "But I mean to try for the shell just for the

fun of it-won't you?" 'Oh, yes," said Minnie, "I will try; but neither you nor I will get it; remember what a good shot Flora Carter is. You know we none of us stand any chance with her."

"That reminds me of the rest of my wonderful story, which is, that Mr. Compton has declared his nephew, Clifford Bradley, shall marry the winner of this beautiful shell."

Clara tried to see the face of her companion as she said this, but Minnie had stooped to gather a bit of forgetme-not. She then listened for the sound of her voice, expecting to hear a few trembling words, if not to see a shower of tears, as it was well known that though Clifford would shoot with Flora. and sing with Clara, it was Minnie only that he truly cared for; but, to her surprise, Minnie, in a low but clear voice, merely said:

"That is a strange determination." So Clara said:

Well, dear, now I have told you the news, I must get my bow and arrows and practice, for though a little shell is nothing, Clifford Bradley, with his handsome face and his uncle's broad acres, would be a prize worth having."

Minnie, instead of entering on the path which led to the village, retraced her steps, that she might think over Clara's story. She did not doubt the truth of it, for she knew Mr. Compton his nephew to marry wealthy Flora Carter. She also knew that Flora was by far the best shot at their archery meetings; indeed, so much so, that their only aim was to therefore remained but eight. Minnie come in second best. Minnie, therefore, and Clifford had met but once since knew it was as much as if Mr. Compton had plainly said his nephew should marry Flora, But Minnie also knew Clifford cared for her more than for Flora, though he had never told her so; how, then, would it be? So deep was she in thought that she did not hear footsteps behind her until someone said "Minnie," and she looked around and saw Clifford Bradley. He asked her if she had heard the gossip of the village. Minnie said Clara had just told her of the archery meeting about to

"And do you know," said Clifford, "the prize offered on that occasion?" Minnie answered: 'Yes; a beautiful little shell."

said Clifford.

Minnie, without raising her eyes, said: "You know what a lively girl Clara is, and how fond of making out a funny story; she told me a great deal, but all may not be true." Clifford took Minnie's hand, and

drawing through his arm, said: You know, Minnie; you must know. how I loved you; the recollections of childhood the affections of youth and the love of manhood, have all been with you. Never having had the happiness of knowing my parents, and without brother or sister, what show have done without you? You

been the bright star to lead me on, to comfort me in trouble, to teach me college could have done. You, dear Minnie, have led me from earth to Heaven. I never asked you to be my wife, because I knew my poor old uncle had set his heart on my marrying that wealthy, but heartless, Flora Carter, and I have lived in hope either that my uncle would come to see the superfority of my poor Minnle to the rich Ficra, or that she might find someone willing to put up with her heartlessness for the sake of her coffers; but now all hope is over. I have told my uncle that I will never marry had to go through the ordeal again, her, and that if his conditions are to when Annie was cast out. One more depend on a bow and arrow, she may trial and Clara was rejected, leaving have his money, and I will leave him now only Flora and Minnie for the forever. And now, Minnie," continued decisive shot. Clifford, "will you share my exile, my

Minnie answered: "No. Clifford, not at the expense of your forfeiting the esteem of your un- determined to press on to the last, cle, who has been to you in the place of parents. What would have become there been a wish ungratified that he rows alone told of life and motion, could grant you? See your college education, your liberal allowance, your present position, your future prospects. Oh, no! never would I be the means of your disobliging him to whom you owe so much."

"But," said Clifford, "is it not too much for him to expect me now to give up all my life for a freak such as Tell me, Minnie, dear, what ought I to do, and if I can I will try and do it."

"Then, dear Clifford," said Minnie looking at him with a sweet smile "I say, trust in God, be patient, do your duty, and still hope.

"But do you advise me to marry one woman and love another?" said Clifford with some bitterness in his tone. "No, never," returned Minnie; "but better remain as you are than leave your uncle in anger. See him, dear Clifford, and learn from his own lips the truth, for it may not be as report

Clifford looked down, and seeing the little spray of forget-me-nots in Minnie's hand, he took it, and divided it, gave her one piece and kept the other himself, and saying:

"I will do as you wish, but I cannot give you up." They parted.

Minnie returned to her home duties, and Clifford to the Hall, and, being determined to act on Minnie's advice, he sent at once to say, if quite convenient, would be glad of a few minutes' conversation with his uncle. With a beating heart he entered the room where sat the cold, inflexible-looking old man, reading the paper.

"Well, sir," said Mr. Compton, "you want to speak to me; be quick, if you please, for I am reading subjects of

"I am come-I am here, uncle."

ton, taking from his pocket two parcels, one large and the other small, thus addressed them: "My friends, I know you all think

"So I see; so now tell me what you are come and what you are here for." "Uncle, is it true that you really mean to say that any girl who happened to shoot well should-should-in short, that you think the only qualifieation for my wife is to know how to use a bow and arrow?

"I did not think my words were so difficult to understand," said Mr. Compton; 'but as you appear rather dull of comprehension, I will write out my orders"-there was a strong emphasis on this word-"for Wednesday week, and as I intend to have several papers put up in different parts of my grounds you may amuse yourself by reading them. Good morning, sir-we meet at dinner; but you will please to remember there need be no further discussion of this subject."

Mr. Compton then took up the paper and was soon engrossed with the subject he had been disturbed from, though Clifford heard, or thought he the words "Poor boy! poor heard. boy!" as he left the room.

Several times during the day he went out to see if any papers were visible, but carefully avoided the archery ground, knowing from the noise which proceeded from the spot that many were there practicing. When he returned to his room to dress for dinner. he found the following paper in his uncle's handwriting:

"GREAT TORMARTON.

"Great Toxophilite Entertainment.-On Wednesday, May 24, a grand meeting will ake place among the ladies of Great Tormarton. The winner to receive the prize of 'A Pearly Shell,' and also a husband, if she wishes it. N. B.—The estate f Great Tormarton to be presented on (Signed) "JEREMIAH COMPTON."

We leave Clifford Bradley to ponder over this extraordinary paper, while we look at the effect it produced in the village; and not alone in the village in which the hall was situated, for the singularity of the announcement had caused its publication from village to village, and parties were formed to attend in all directions, for every one was to be made welcome, though only the residents were to be performers, But no words can express the excitement of the twelve girls whose names were entered as competitors. Nothing else was talked of, and nothing else was thought of. From morn till dusk practing was going on and when Flora Carter was one of the party she was the victor. Two days before the allmportant one, four of the members begged to have their names taken off the list, saying the very thought of it made them nervous, they were sure they could not stand the reality-there the meeting recorded in the early part of this tale, and then Minnie wished to withdraw from the trial; but Clifford begged her so earnestly not to

throw away his only hope that she con-sented to let her name remain. At length the day arrived. Marquees were crected in the different parts of the beautiful grounds with refreshments, and the evening was to close with a dance at the hall. At an early hour guests of all descriptions were wending their way to the joyous scene, and the fields and reads were crowded with pedestrians and vehicles of all sorts. the neighboring squire to the humble most of us are well acquainted, "and tax cart of the adjoining village, yet their use lies at the bottom of all for the grand event, and as the hour still realize the romance that is often approached the crowd drew near the archery ground, commenting on the un- viting exterior. To me it is a pleasure

usual proceeeding. The clock struck 12 and the bells were stopped by order of Mr. Compton, till, as he said, "they had something to ring for."

And now appeared the eight fair girls, dressed alike in white, with green scarfs thrown over one shoulder and fastened at the waist with a small silver arrow-a present from the docsaid he was determined all should get something. They had straw hats with drooping green feather; and truly, higher and holler things than school or if Tormarton had nothing else to boast of, it might surely be proud of these eight fair maidens. All countenances expressed more or less excitement, but who could tell the feeling of their hearts? Flora and Minnie were the most calm, the former, it may be, from a well-assured hope of success, and the latter from the peaceful trust she so happily evinced on every occasion. Lots were drawn for the order of procedure, and the game began.

Flora, Minnie, Clara and Annie Simpson were so nearly alike that they

Minnie had hitherto kept quite calm, but now she was so overcome that the dea of giving up to Flora crossed her mind; but she thought of Clifford, and The excitement was greater than ever when the two took their stand. Every you had it not been for him? Has voice was hushed, and the whizzing ar-It is over-and Flora Carter is declared the conqueror. Many heads dropped sorrowfully, for Minnie Foster was loved by all, while Flora's proud spirit had gained her few friends.

But Mr. Compton's commands were issued, that the eight candidates should opair to the hall; his nephew also vas ordered to be present, and as many

After the Fever

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He then took the larger parcel and Boys' Knee Pants. "I have now to present the estate of Great Tommarton, which I do to Miss. Minnie Foster, feeling assured that in so doing I give it to the one I love best. There are the title deeds, dear

Minnle; accept them as a proof of my admiration of your character, which I have long been secretly watching. And now," he continued, "there is still one piece of business to be accomplished-my penniless nephew is to become the husband of the fair victor in this day's sport-if she wishes it."

me a strange old man, and so I doubt

not I am, though perhaps not so

strange as you fancy. My conduct on

this occasion has not been without a

purpose, and that was the welfare and

happiness of this dear boy, who has

been to me more than a son, and for

whom I would relinquish all I possess

in this world. You all know the terms

on which the archery meeting of to-

Mr. Compton then opened the small

parcel, disclosing a box, from which

he took a most exquisite little pearly

shell, lying as it were, on a bed of

jacinth; this was made into a brooch

held it up the sun played on the fac-

inth, showing the little pearly shell

"Miss Flora Carter," said Mr. Comp-

ton, "allow me to present you with the

promised prize, and while I do so, to

compliment you on your great skill."

as unique as it was beautiful. As he

day has taken place."

to the greatest advantage.

All eyes were now turned to Flora; but anger, spite, mortification and disappointment were depicted on her countenance, and, with ill-suppressed rage, she said:

"Oh, sir; I beg I may be no inconvenience to Mr. Clifford Bradley. I never had the least intention or wish, I assure you, to take any part in that extraordinary portion of your entertainment.

Clifford drew back, feeling, no doubt, that the penniless nephew was no prize to anyone, but Minnle went at once to Mr. Compton, saying: "Oh, no, no, never! could I do any-

thing so unjust, so-"Foolish child," said Mr. Compton, "do what you will with the trumpery parchments, I will not have them again, they have long been a trouble to me, and now in my old age, I only want a resting place for a short time and kindness, and both I know I shall years the papers relating to cipher are have from you." Minnie looked at Clifford, and in one

oment was in his arms. "That's right, that's right! hold her fast, my boy; depend on it, your queer old uncle has taken the right means to discover the true from the false. And now bid the bells ring, for we are all satisfied. I have still my dear boy and a loving niece as well. Clifford has the wife of his choice; Minnie has the husband of her heart; they both have the estate of Great Tormarton, and Miss Flora Carter has the pearly shell,"-From London Spare Moments.

The Dry Science Made Interesting by an English Authority.

From the London News. "Very few people realize the importance of statistics," began Mr. Holifrom the handsome equipage of Schooling, with whose curious articles ial movements or legislation. Fewer I had from the northwest concealed beneath their dry and uninto find the picturesque and romantic

ion. I have been engaged in this statistical and diagrammatic work since January, 1895, my first signed article Strand. My father was stopping with me some years ago and he happened a kind and jecose old man, who to take up the paper and read a paragraph concerning the weight of the earth; enormous figures, which gave the reader no idea of what he read. 'There,' said I, ' is an article for me.' The illustration of such an article was immensely difficult. In 'The Vision of Gold' which was published as a serial in 1895 in the Strand, I conceived some very curious ideas for illustrating it. which caught on well. Some time ago I wrote an article on 'Hatches, Matches and Dispatches' for the Pall Mail Magazine. The figures I obtained from the register-general's report, and to illustrate some remarks in it I had my own baby boy photographed as com ing out of a broken eggshell. Do you remember an article I wrote for the jubilee number of Pearson's Magazine on England and her dependencies? That was a very successful piece of work

"I find." continued Mr. Schooling.

"that the schools are taking up some

of these articles, as teachers have written to me to ask permission to use them for their classes. The illustrations are reproduced, greatly enlarged, either for lantern or on canvas. For instance, one lady gave a lesson to her class on my article on 'Land Versus Sea' in order that the children might see at a glance how the sea is practically nowhere in comparison to the land. The depth of the sea, as you can see by this diagram, is shown by that thin black line, while beneath that line you have that immense depth of something which takes you to the very center of the earth. Here, too, is another article which has been very opular with teachers during the late late epidemic of imperialism-the contrast between our dependencies and those of the other five powers, in which I have represented each power with its colonies hanging from it. My work is capable of almost any amount of variety. Professionally, as you may know, I am an actuary and statis-The correspondence I get is very interesting. Many people write to me as an expert in handwriting. Witness the Dreyfus case. Their solicitor came over and gave me a fac simile of the document said to have been found in the German embassy waste paper basket, and also letters written both before and after the accusation, in order that I might given my opinion that these papers were not written by Dreyfus, and, which is a very rare thing, eleven experts came to the same conclusion. Then, again, great firms have put their advertising agents into communication with me. There is one poster I designed in which I compare the sole of a certain

celebrated cocoa with the height of "Some time ago I was engaged in some articles dealing with secrets in cipher. I went down to Hatfield and spent many hours in going through manuscripts of every description. One of the most curious ciphers I dis34 feet long, well made and well fin-ished. WEDNESDAY ONLY,

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ect was the string cipher, and which than that of the orange tree and covconsisted of string which had been marked with ink and then wound round specially prepared cards with exactly similar marks upon them. Y invaded the foreign office only to learn that regularly after the lapse of forty stored in the public archives. How few people are aware of the extreme use of cipher from time immemorial by the governments of great countries! How few realize the romance that is hidden away among those gloomy records! And the immense quantity of them! To my dismay the porter at

one place brought up the ciphers in great trolley. I may tell you that it is impossible for an outsider to decipher foreign office cipher documents. "It is curious," continued my host, as ve returned to his special work, "how dmost anything will lend itself to this antistical and statistical treatment. Only the other day I bad to prepare an urticle for National Righteousness aling with figures and statistics regarding the optum traffic," "How do cu get the primary blea for these

antastical articles of yours?" I asked. "Ah, that is difficult to snawer. I suppose each one has its birth in some sort of friction among the brain cells. But I get suggestions went he from all over the worth. Here is wrote my correspondent, in the square of a chest-board, how many, by squating care one, will you have in these things. Government pays an on the last encek? This is, of course, ommenced a merry peal; but they immense sum to have blue books com- an impossible task to tackle, by reason piled, and the pity of it is that they of its vastness. No," he went on, in are not done in more interesting fash - reply to a susceion I had put to him. I never did this kind of thing at book but I was always inventing and making things. And it struck me one on this subject appearing in the day that thus same capacity for inventiveness might be turned to account rom a literary point of view. Here, for instance, is a little conjuring box." And as he spoke Mr. Schooling took his vatch, put it into the box, and then gave me the box a very small one, minus the watch. A very clever trick. but quite beyond my finding out, until its extreme simplicity was made plain to me. That was one of my little inventions at school,' he said.

MANGOES IN CUBA.

Why Our Soldiers in the Island Were Forbidden to Eat Them.

from the Boston Evening Transcript. In the long list of suggestions from the medical department, all of which recommended as a desirable article of diet. But somebody at headquarters ommanders and told if they are the the way the company commanders ad-

dressed their men: "Now, I see that some of you have They call it General Mango, because more Spanish soldiers than all of their formation. generals put together. If you eat it General Mango will kill you, just as it has killed the Spaniards. I am told on good authority that if you eat a mango every day and then get yellow fever you will swell up frightfully and surely die. Now, I give you this posiany of this fruit, and I shall punish severely any man that disobeys the

After such an order the obedient regulars generally let the mangoes alone, although they were abundant, ing of the sort." tempting and delicious. The volunteers ate them more freely, without any bad results, so far as heard from. When the Cuban officers and aides were asked their opinion as to the wholesaid: "It is perfectly wholesome if eaten ripe; all these bad things apply to the unripe mango, which is sometimes eaten by the Spaniards." Most of the army doctors seemed to think that the only way to prevent the eating of the unripe mango was to prohibit the fruit altogether. There were many cases in which the most obedient regulars were impelled by thirst and by hunger for a bit of fruit to dis obey the order; and, as the clear yellow mango is always ripe, while the unripe fruit is green or greenish did not take a very high order of intelligence to discriminate between the fruit which was fit to eat and that

which was unfit. It is certainly hard to believe any ill of a mango when one looks at it. tree itself is a most beautiful and attractive thing. Imagine a tree as large as a big Massachusetts oak, covcovered in connection with this sub- ered with rich and glossy foliage finer

ered also with golden fruit nestling brilliantly among the green leaves. On such a tree there must often be a hundred barrels of mangoes, fully matured, every one of which is as large as a good-sized pear. In shape the mango is not unlike a short and thick ncumber, and it has a thin, tough skin, which, when matured, reveals a nass of the most delicious juicy pulp. The only trouble about enting the mango is that one needs an abbution afterward. Some say the ideal way is to get into a bathtub, take the mango, eat it, and then go on with the ake the trouble to seek the ablution for the sake of the fruit. And imagine the trees which bear the fruit growing wild everywhere; and also springng up in every garden and door yard the largest and finest ones were away up on a wild mountain side, where ap parently no one had ever gathered the sounding fruit. Nor are they a naive fruit in Cuba; they have been ineduced from India and simply gone viid in the rich soil of the island,

THIBET'S MARVELOUS TREE

Jorn't Missionaries Testfy to Its Existence, and It Is Not a Fraud.

Of all the wonderful sights reported by the Jesuit missionaries, Hue and Clober, during their explorations of Thibet, by for the strangest is what they have to say of the tre- of ten thousand images. They had heard about this wonderful tree long before they reached the locality of its growth, and, as they approached the spot, their uriosity regarding it increased a thou-

Here is the'r rarrative of the result f their examination of the tree; "It will here be naturally expected We say semething about thin treself. Does it exist? Have we seen it Has it any prouling attribute? What nout its marvelous leaves?

'Yes, this tree does exist. At the foot of the mountains on which the Lamsery stands, and not far from the prinipal Euddhist temple, is a great square enclosure formed by brick wails. Upon entering this we were able to examine at leisure the marvelous tree, some of the branches of which had already manifested themselves above the wall. "Our eyes were first directed with earnest curiosity to the leaves, and we were filled with an absolute consternation of astonishment at finding that, in point of fact, there were upon each of the leaves well-formed Thibetan charwere disregarded, the ripe mango was acters, all of a green color, some darker, some lighter, than the leaf itself. Our first impression was a suspicion ssued an edict against it, and the sol- of fraud on the part of the Lamas; diers were called up by the company but, after a minute examination of every detail, we could not discover the ruit they would be punished. This is least deception. The characters all appeared to us portions of the leaf itself, equally with its veins and nerves, the position was not the same in all: been eating those mangoes in spite of in one leaf they would be at the top of our advice to the contrary. Do you the leaf; in another, in the middle; know what the Cubans call this fruit? in a third, at the base or at the side; the younger leaves represented the they say that the mango has kille! characters only in a partial state of

"The bark of the tree and its branches, which resemble that of the plane tree, are also covered with these characters. When you remove a piece of the old bark the young bark under it exhibits the indistinct outlines of characters in a germinating state, and, ive order that not one of you shall eat | what is very singular, these new characters are not infrequently different from those which they replace, examined everything with the closest attention,in order to detect some traces of trickery, but we could discern noth-

The missionaries, Hue and Gobet, might have remained in Thibet as long as they wished had it not been for the interference of the Chinese ambassador there. For some reason this indivsomness of the fruit they generally idual took a dislike to them, and ultimately caused them to depart. The Lamas were willing that they should remain, but it appeared to the missionaries that their presence might cause disturbance, so they quickly withdrew, taking with them some of the first facts ever gathered in that mysterious

TOUGHT AT FIVE YARDS.

And, Strange to Say, One Participant Escaped Uninjured.

From the St. Louis Republic

Two Mexican citizens of El Paso Pexas, to settle an old fued, met on the field of honor and exchanged shots until one of the duellists fell badly the sanguinary encounter began three swam the river and eluded his puryears ago, when Ramon Gomez eloped sucr. from Juarez, Mexico, one night with

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Antonio Velardo. The rivers fled to the side of the river and were mar-

The brother has strenuously objected to the match and never became reconciled toward his sister of her husband. He endeavored to make the life of his brother-in-law a burden by taunting him with being a sneak and a coward. One morning the two men tast and Gomez told Velardo that he would demonstrate to him that he was no

coward and challenged him to fight duel with six-shooters. Velardo promptly accepted and on a quiet spot on the Texas shore of the Rio Grande was selected for their rendezvous, each procured a second and armed with sixshooters, met at midday. They took their positions five yards apart and, at a signal, both deliberately

took aim and began to shoot. Six shots had been exchanged when Gomez fell with two bullets in his left leg below the knew and his shin was badly shattered. Just then the wounded man's wife appeared. She attacked her brother with the fury of a tigress and she was with difficulty flung aside. The injured duellist and both seconds beat a hasty retreat when mounted custom inspecters galloped up and succeeded in capturing Gomes wounded. The feud out of which grew and his second. The other second

removed to the hospital, where his les was amputated. Velardo is engaged in the cigar busines and Gomez is merchant.

The Great Russian Canal.

From the Philadelphia Record. The Great Russian canal to connect the Baltic and Black reas will be begun in the spring. The minimum waterway is to have a depth of 28 feet 4 inches, a width at the bottom of 116 feet 8 inches, and a width at the top of 216 feet 8 inches. Its total length is some 1,000 miles, but only 125 miles will be an artificial channel. The route is from Riga along the Duna as far as Dunaberg. From that point to Lepel, on the Beresina, an expensive cut must be made. From the Lepel the course of the Beresina will be utilized as far as its junction with the Duelper, and then the ine will follow the latter stream to Cher-

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