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tunes in four or five years if they es-

cape the malarial fevers and other dis-

eases which dog the steps of the white

The territory of the Acre, or a por-

tion of it, was granted not long ago

ernment of Bolivia, which had a very

doubtful title to it. The syndicate was

to build a rallway and make other im-

provements, but the project never came

to anything, owing partly to the dis-

puted ownership of the land, which led

to litigation, and finally resulted in the

proclamation of independence already

CITIZENSHIP IN TRANSVAAL

Exact Provisions of the Present Law

Which Is One of the Principal

The present law was passed by the

volksraad July 8 of this year, ostensi-

bly as a concession to the Uitlanders,

and contains certain modifications of

the older statute, which may best be

understood by a preliminary consider-

rtant distinction between burghers

of the first and second class, which is

a vital part of the constitution and

seriously affects the political status

Actual political power is vested sole-ly in burghers of the first class. This

In the Transvaal before May 29, 1876,

to Swaziland in 1894, against the Jameson raid in 1855-6 and in all the

RESTRICTIONS.

residence and registration on the books

of the field cornet by taking the oath

of allegiance and paying a £2 fee. The

however, a long way from full citizen-

ship. Naturalized burghers could be-

come first-class burghers only by

special resolution of the first chamber

twelve years after naturalization.

Moreover, the sons of allens, born in

the republic, had no political rights,

might at the age of 18 become natur-

alized burghers and could be made

first-class burghers by special resolu-

tion of the first chamber ten years of-

ter they were eligible for the second

chamber. As membership in the sec-

ond chamber was not permissible to

they could not become full citizens be-

Under the new law naturalization

may be had after two years' regidence

and the full franchise five years later.

The reduction from the twelve-year

term is a large apparent gain but

there are conditions which make it

place, though it was supposed to be

on to take advantage of the act with

in six months of its date. In the exist-

ing state of affairs the Ultlanders

could not consent to be drummed in after this fashion, and by this time

DECEPTIVE FEATURES.

the clause is a dead letter.

practically valueless. In the

fore they were 40.

mprises all male whites who resided

who took an active part in the war

children of such persons from the age Cardones district, consisting of the

of residents in the republic.

chamber.

ation of the latter's requirements.

to an American syndicate by the gov-

man in these latitudes,

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Old Love, True Love

elope from her husband it may be safely predicated that she is very inexperienced or very badly treated. The case of Lady Laura Lyndhurst falls under the first category, thus explaining, too, her entanglement with Cecil Templeton, a gentleman who followed the equally glorious and lucrative profession of officer in the army. His reasons for suddenly finding that he could exist no longer without the society of another man's wife fortunately need not be given here; they were nearly as numerous as his debts, and, seeing that foreign travel was an urgent necessity, his astuteness in discovering a woman foolish enough to bear the incidental cost will recommend itself to the approval if not to the imitation of the

It was 10.30 o'clock. Lady Lyndhurst, draped in a dark cloth mantle, was nervously adjusting a traveling cap of the same material as she stood alone before her mirror. On a chair close by lay the splendid dinner tollet which she had just made a pretense of removing before dismissing her maid for the

She knew that time did not press: indeed, she was in advance of the hour appointed by Templeton in his note, but somehow everything seemed to go wrong at the last moment; there were unforeseen difficulties about her simplest acts, and her memory, admirably under control on other occasions, had begun to grow curiously restive as the minutes went by. Outside could be heard the cold, flerce patter of wintry rain upon the window panes, while now and again a roaring gust of night wind rattled them in their frames. At length she had completed all pre-

parations, and, leaving the glass, sat herself down to write to her husband the letter she understood was imperatively demanded by tradition. She com-"Dear Ralph"-then paused, effaced the words and began anew lower down, but, shocked at her ill breeding, flung the sheet away and chose another. She got as far as the date-which he would hardly require to be reminded of-and paused again. the tip of her quill to her lips, staring at the noble motto above the address. What on earth should she write? Women she remembered, usually had a good deal to say on such emergencies: sentimental barmaid, who the week before had committed a sensational suicide with the aid of oxalic acid, had been very fluent, and the heroine of a novel she finished only that same morning had displayed considerable epistolary powers when renouncing a brutal husband, and here she sat without a word to throw at a dog, much less a spouse; it was very puzzling. She forgot that the diffuseness of the former lady was owing to an uneducated exercise of the faculty of selection, a defect painfully noticeable in her chemical essay, while the prolixities of the latter were due, like England's greatness, to a sound commercial policy. Instead, she recollected most inopportunely that this would be the second occasion on which she wrote to her husband during their eighteen menths of married life; the thought did not make the words flow. To write the treachery she meditated was not so easy after all. Still she persevered doggedly, jotting down a phrase here nd there, the stealthy hand of the lit tle clock stealing over the painted dial, the hearth fire dwindling below.

At last, weary of her task, she rose, and throwing open the window nearest looked out upon the night. "My God! my God!" she whispered, "must this be irrevocable? What if I shall learn to repent when repentance will be vain?" The sleet drove pitllessly against her brow, beating down the dainty curls clustering there, but she did not heed. So she remained, a pallid face questioning the darkness which held no answer. Slowly a belfry somewhere away eastward chimed the hour, the very hour at which she should leave that house forever!

Starting from her reverle she returned to the table, and taking up the dis-carded pen, forced herself to write anew until the missive was finished and sealed. Then, pausing a moment to glance round the cosy room, she extinguished the light, stepped into the passage and locked the door, thrusting the key underneath, a proceeding for which she could offer herself no adequate reason save that it looked picturesquely final.

Lord Lyndhurst's apartments lay on the opposite wing of the mansion, and it would take some time to traverse the corridors. Mechanically she turned to the library as she passed and looked

When an English lady determines to | in; his lordship's valet was dozing be side the fire; she thought of leaving the letter there, but the man's presence deterred her. Retracing her steps, she reached hr husband's room; it was tenantless, as she expected. Placing the sealed envelope conspicuously upon his dressing case, she turned to leave the place, but stopped short, chilled by a sudden thought. "My purse!" She had forgotten that adjunct indispensable to sinner or saint, and return for it now was out of the question. Money she never lacked. A few words would she knew, bring thousands from her banker tomorrow, but at that precise moment she was poorer than the shivering flower girls in the square below plodding home with their meagre earn-

> "How absurd!" she muttered. To go thus was unthinkable-a crime she might commit-a betise never! glanced at her watch. Time had taken wings within the last quarter of an hour. Whatever she would do must be done at once, but what to do?

She looked round desperately. Close beside the case stood a small ivory casket-a pretty, curiously worked Indian toy. She knew Lord Lyndhurst frequently kept letters of consequence In such a receptacle; why not money for current expenses also? Her cheeks

Two Malay krises, mementos of foreign travel, lay near. She caught up one, her face ablaze with scarlet shame; she was about to wrong the man she had sworn to love, but were

there deeper depths still? Lady Lyndhurst, you will perceive. was very inexperienced indeed.

For a moment she wavered; then, growing hot and cold by turns, she inserted one of the dagger points between the casket lids. It was not quite easy to pry asunder, the ivory being strengthened by steel bands within, but, exerting all her force, she did succeed in wrenching the cover aside. What to her eyes was a confused mass of papers lay atop; beneath, however, she saw the gleam of gold.

She hastily took the money, some score of sovereigns, and then was about to rush from the room when an Irresistible impulse made her carry the casket to the rosy circle of light cast upon the table from the low-shaded lamp. She scarcely admitted it, but her heart was throbbing with a mad hope that hidden here might be some document proof of past or present folly on her husband's part which might pailiate in her own eyes the step she meditated, because she still needed the salve of self-justification, bing yet in leading strings to sin.

It is not necessary to dilate upon the feelings with which she prosecuted her search, since modern education is rendering the woman of today less and less liable to the painful virtue that gives them birth. An hour past it seemed heroic to brave society's wrath in the dramatic name of love, and if her fault was great, at least she greatly dared the penalty; it had not entered into her calculations that first she should sink to the level of thief and spy. "If mother could only see me now!" she thought, and in her agony she blessed the bitter fact that the gracious face which had been to her adoring eyes the lovellest on earth was hidden away beneath the yews of Sussex churchyard-her heart at least would not bleed tonight for a

daughter's intamy. The case did not contain much after all, only some blue, official looking papers, five or six letters addressed in august handwriting, two moroccocovered little boxes and what she at first mistook for a roll of bank notes tied by a scrap of faded ribbon. A light leaped into her eyes, her mouth growing hard as she untied the latter. Two more letters, on bearing a foreign postmark, rewarded her efforts: last fell face downward, but its seal had a familiar look. She snatched it up tore away the cover and beween the folds of the inclosed paper

found a tress of gold-shot hair. She perused the note breathlessly, the handwriting was her own! It commenced, "Dear Ralph," and ended on the same page; even now she felt its It was dated some six months back from a French watering place. Still, the hair-the hair? The com began to swim, she reeled, but an arm suported her, and, looking up, she found herself in the presence of Lord Lyndhurst.

He did not speak She drew away and faced him desperately, holding out the lock of hair. 'Whose is this?" she demanded hoarse-

'Yours," he answered. 'Mine! But how?"

"Yes; does it seem strange in a husband to keep a ringlet of his wife's hair? I think it stranger that you do not appear to recognize it. I cut the curl off myself last year when you were delirious from fever. There was some talk of shaving your head, and I wished this, since hair changes color often after such attacks, to remind me of what it was like the day I met you first under the elms-you recollect?-in your avenue."

There was a curiously low tone in his voice; he did not appear to mark the traveling dress, the disorderly table, or even the shattered casket. Lyndhurst shivered. After a Lady pause he continued: "I put it there where I keep the most valued things possess; some communications with which her majesty has honored me, my star, the cross I got over that Burmah trouble; and-yes-those two letters, one wherein you accept me as husband. and the other before us, the one you wrote from Brittany when our child

Lady Lyndhurst had grown pale, her very lips were white; she sank into a chair, the tress slipping from her nerveless hand. His lordship stooped

slowly and picked it up. "I fear," he went on, "you will think this a sad travesty of 'The Rape of the I wonder what Pope would have made of his poem with an old

fellow like me for hero!" Lady Lyndhurst sat silent, but many things came back to her as he spoke little acts of sacrifice, of unrecognized unrequited tenderness; he was old, too-no, not so very, very old, and years had brought him honor-what would they bring her? She closed her eyes, but the hot tears forced them open again.

The Honorable Cecil Templeton was saying to himself just then that you never know where you are with a woman-a certain person was making exactly the same remark.

Her husband turned aside, and as he did so his eye caught the white envelope on the dressing case. She saw him take it up, read the superscription, and then, adjusting his glasses, bring it nearer the light. Her coice seemed lost but something must e said lest he should read that letter In her presence; morever, she distinctly recollected that she had spelled the word "misapprehend" wrongly-it was very humiliating. All she could think of, however, was the pitifully inadequate remark: "You have come from the house earlier than usual, Lord Lyndhurst?"

He looked round courteously. "Yes," he replied, "I do not think that I shall be so late at the house for some time as I have been lately. Ah!-we go out you see, on that Indian policy question, and, of course, I shall lose office."

The voice was calm, but her quick ear detected its maimed inflection. She pressed her hand against her heart. She understood now, with the sympa-thy of awakening love and remorse, the weight of the blow he had received, the passion with which he had striven for his party, the absolute unselfishness of his labors, even the pathos of his belief that in its policy alone lay England's hope amid the wreck and ruin of disjointed times. And this was the hour she had chosen for betrayal He was bending nearer the light, breaking the wax.

"Lord Lyndhurst!-Ralph!" "For God's sake don't read gasped. that! It was written under a-a mispprehension!"

His lordship did not appear sur-He trifled with the lampshade, apparently, and in a moment the feeble flame went out, leaving the room lit only by the flickering gleam from the tiny hearth fire. Holding the letter aloft, he said-his voice resonant as been that night in the when he fought a losing fight with a gallantry that put younger men to This was not intended to be read until after."

"No: but oh, there need be no 'after' if-you will only forgive me!" Lady Lyndhurst never knew how it happened, but in an instant she was sobbing on her husband's breast, sobblng out a confused tangle of childish words, and conscious that every sob only tightened the clasp of the loyal

arms around her. And so, by the grace of God and the force of circumstances, the Honorable Cecil Templeton traveled alone.-Black and White.

A NEW SOVEREIGN STATE.

The Republic of the Acre, the Latest Government in South America. From the New York Sun.

Probably there are not many people who have heard of the Republic of the Acre. It is a brand new state which has arisen in South America in the last few weeks. It owes its origin to the fact that a large part of the interior of South America is a no-man's land, some parts claimed by two or even three of the republics which have no clearly defined limits.

A certain Rodriguez Aries happened along, and determined to take advantage of this state of affairs. He was an adventurer who had seen much of the world, having been successively a bank employe in Spain, a theatrical manager in the United States, a clerk | By registration at the age of 16 they of works in Paris, and a broker in the Argentine Republic. While in Buenos Ayres he made the acquaintance of the gentlemen who are now his ministers of state.

Rodriguez Aries proclaimed a vast territory bordering on Brazil and Bolivia as the Republic of the Acre, so called from the river of that name, a tributary of the Amazon, which flows through it. The territory has an extent of some 200,000 square miles and an estimated population of 50,000. It was claimed by both Brazil and Bolivia, but that did not matter to Rodriguez Aries. He established his capital at a small village called Antimairi, appointed his ministers and was ready for business. He calculates on raising revenue from a royalty on the rubber gathered in his territory, which depends principally on that staple for its commerce.

Roderiguez Aries is an intelligent. wide-awake man, apparently about 50 years old. His face is of a decided Spanish cast, with kindly looking eyes, which beam on you through a pair of gold-rimmed spectacles. From his appearance one might take him to be a professional man, a lawyer or a doc-

Whether the new Republic of Acre will take a permanent place among the family of nations remains to be seen. It may be noted that there are prosperous states in existence today which have arisen in the same manner as the Republic of the Acre; among these may be mentioned the Transvaal and the Orange Free State in South Africa. which were also established by adventurers in a no man's-land, and are now of sufficient importance to make no

must satisfy a property qualification, and must abjure allegiance to other countries during his long probationary

Some of the provisions are not unreasonable in themselves, but it is clear that if the Boer policy were to keep aliens out it would be impossible to get the necessary certificate from field cornet, ladrost and commandant or the affidavits from burghers. Nor would anything be gained by an appeal to the executive council, which is the source of the policy.

As the president, commandant gen-eral and first chamber are elected by first class burghers only and the opportunities for a sort of veto upon applicants are so many, it is no wonder that an alien should heritate to foreswear allegiance to his native country for the slight chance that is offered him of becoming a citizen. The franchise is and must continue to be a Boer monopoly if the Boers are allowed to have their way.

It should be added that in Cape Colony there are no such discriminations for or against Boers. The Boer majority rules because it is a major-ity, and no Englishman complains. But the majority of the Transvaal, which is or has been Uitlanders, is completely under the thumb of the armed minority.

GUANAJUATO'S WONDERFUL MINES.

A District in Mexico That Has Yielded Half a Billion Dollars.

From Modern Mexico. Who that has visited Mexico has not heard of the celebrated mines of Guanajuato, discovered in 1548 by packers going from Mexico to Zacatecas. The first mine was given the name of San Barnabe, and two years later came the discovery of the celebrated San Juan de Rayas; then in quick succession Mellada, Santa Anita, Franstos, Cata, Sirena and a host of others; but it was not till in the course of the eighteenth century that Guanajuato reached a surprising degree of wealth and pros-perity. Then all the famous mines were at the height of their fame and produced an enormous amount of gold and silver. From 1766 to 1803 the mines produced \$165,000,000 in gold and silver; from 1803 to 1887 the production was \$355,616,500, which makes for a period of 122 years the enormous total of \$520,616,500. These figures are taken from the records of the ministry of encouragement, and are undoubtedly correct. If we consider that these mines were worked for 218 years before 1776 and produced at least \$4,000,000 a year during that time, and that since 1837 the district of Guanajuato has produced between five and stx millions annually, it will be seen that the enormous total of between 1,400 and 1,500 millions has been added to the wealth of the world by this district. And there are enormous tracts of the great vein from which all this wealth has

prospected as yet. The first mines worked on a large scale were Rayas and Mellada; then came Santa Anita, San Vincente, Cata, Franstos, Sirena, Valenciana, La Luz, Santa Lucia, San Jose de los Muchachos and many others. The first of these, San Juan De Rayas, is one of the most famous mines on the main vein, and the document of denouncement is the oldest in the archives of Guanajuato. The books of the owners show that Rayas alone paid in royalties to the king of Spain \$17,363,000; and it has been worked constantly for a period of 349 years. Rayas and Valenciana are also noted for their great shafts of octagon shape, the first 11.31 meters in Before taking up the discussion of diameter and 382 meters deep, which the steps necessary to secure citizen- cost \$1,700,000; the second 9.22 meters ship it will be well also to note an im- diameter and 515 deep and walled in with cut stone from the top to a depth

been taken that have hardly been well

of seventy meters, which cost \$1,200,000. Going southeast from Mellada we come to the Sirena, which is now being worked by an American company, who have just completed a fine modern %1stamp wet crushing mill with the Boss continuous process of amalgamation. From the Sirena southeast for a distance of 2,000 meters the vein is capped independence in 1881, the expedition and it has not been prospected enough to determine its value. Then we come to another important tribal wars of the republic, and the group of gold mines of the Cedro and

of 16. It is only the citizens thus des Belgrade, San Jose, San Matias, San fined who have an unquestioned right Guerra, Cardones and Union, of which to vote for members of the first cham- the most important are Cedro, which ber of the legislature, which, with the has produced many thousands of tons executive, is in supreme control of af-fairs.

of ore, and has thousands of dollars' worth of modern machinery on it, in-Second-class burghers include the cluding hoist, compressor, boilers, naturalized male aliens and their pumps and engines; Cardones, now children from the age of 16. They, as worked by the American company, well as first-class burghers, may vote with a modern mill hoist, pumps, etc., for members of the inferior second and the Union, which is being rapidly developed through a magnificent tunnel, and producing very high grade Under the old law naturalization gold and silver ores. All these mines might be obtained after two years' are not for the amount of gold they have produced and are producing, as this end of the vein carries much more gold than the end on which the other famous mines situated. Cedro allen who had proceeded so far was, and Cardones, especially, have big bodies developed, which carry a big percentage of gold. South from Cardones and on the same voin, which is here of an immense width, are Canar les Camacho, San Vincento and sev eral others noted for their rich gold ores, and on which an American company is soon to begin erecting a gold mill of big capacity. West from these is the mine El Santo Nino del Najal, celebrated for the rich and enormous amounts of gold ore it has produced and which has an American company. Still further south are Villapando, San Rafael, Cata, Dolores, La Loca and a men under 30 years, it follows that host of others. With the advent of modern machinery and adequate capital, with scientific working under able management, this celebrated vein is bound to make Guanajuato more famous in the future for the gold it will produce than it has been in the past for the gold and silver it has produced.

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But the law is also deceptive in a much broader sense. Both naturalization and the right to franchise are conditioned on certificates from field ornet and landrost, countersigned by which the applicant resides, or, in dofault thereof, on affidavits from at least two burghers. These must de-clare the applicant's continuous reg-probably would do just as well to eat istration in the field cornet's list, residence during the required time in the republic, obedience to the laws of the land, and that he has committed no offense against the independence of the republic. Furthermore, he must take ach to aid digestion, effidavit that he has never been sen-

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Conners takes his own medicine and

"No, I don't buy it at the drug store; net and landrost, countersigned by sea sand nor none o' that," says Con-commandant of the division in ners: "I just dip up a cupful of sand

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