

Between Trinket and Ruby.

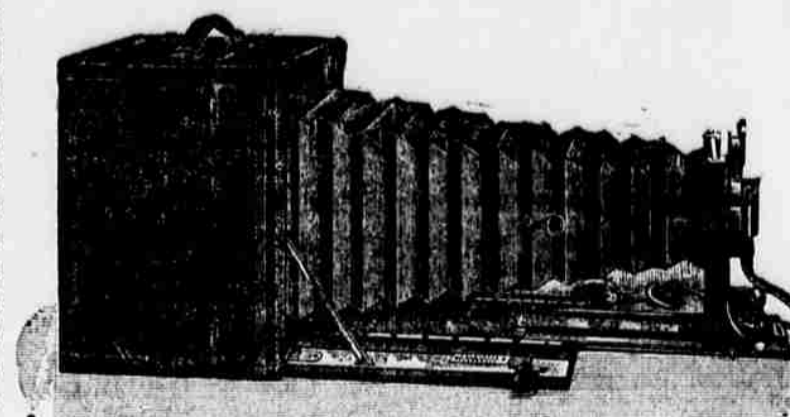
THE little Countess Jacqueline was presented at court that evening. A stir of more than usual curiosity greeted her entrance. There were whispers and knowing smiles and little astonished shrugs as she passed beside De Marche down the Gallery of Mirrors.

Obeying her, he came upon the cardinal, who had been quizzically watching him. "Plotting a rescue for madame?" he said. "I but hinted, your eminence, that one lover safe is better than two others."

Help his occasional escape from the boredom of royal etiquette. And the dulcet of his court could read his eye when it rested on the Countess Jacqueline. So when she hurried away to an anteroom opening from the second grand gallery, only Louis followed. She was flushed and trembling, and she thought it was his coming.

of assimilating large quantities of food at short intervals increases with distance from the equator. Jack Frost is the patron saint of glutons, and the gastronomic exploits of a piny Laplander would make the tall, Prussian squire, having their right to roast beef by a fifty-mile gallop.

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THE DEATH CARD.

Fatal Superstition or Whatever It Was, the Man Died. A curious example of the power of suggestion over a superstitious mind has just been told me by a man who knows the name is too well known to mention. He tells the story as his reason for refusing to play cards these days.

THE LATE NIAGARA FALLS.

Protest Against Its Foreible Wending to Utilitarian Purposes. From the Toronto Globe. Civilization is passing over the face of the continent as restlessly as the movement of the glaciers, denuding it of forests, slaughtering its wild animals and birds, obliterating every touch of natural beauty, degrading the grandeur of nature's handiwork, straightening out streams, squaring ponds and bays, leveling hills and valleys, and diverting catarnets to power tunnels. Even the catarnet of Niagara is being converted into a mere mill race.

elated with its workings, and at that time my chief ambition was to be able to send a message over the wires. "What kind of work do you want to do?" the operator asked me. I replied that I didn't suppose I was capable of doing anything but carry messages. "Well," he said, "we don't pay boys anything the first six months; but if you want to work, you will have a chance to learn the business. When you're in the office you can easily pick up the knack of operating the keys, and, eventually, you'll get an office of your own."

AIDS TO APPETITE.

Gold Air Stimulates Desire for Food and Helps Digestion. From What to Eat. The German inventors of a portable gymnasium advised the apparatus as a "substitute for drugs and spices," warranted to effect a mechanical promotion of appetite.

ROBERT CLOWRY'S BEGINNING.

President Western Union Worked Six Months Without Pay. The December Success contains an interesting interview with Robert C. Clowry, president of the Western Union Telegraph Company, in which he tells of the struggle of his early life. Of his first position, Mr. Clowry said: "I had been living with my mother on a farm in Will county, not far from Joliet, and, having reached the age of fifteen, I thought it was time to start out in the world. My father had a small business in Joliet, and I had heard of the telegraph. I was fas-