quite willing to do as George advised

which was that he should take several of the letters and march boldly into the

So it was agreed that on Monday Mac should go to the bank and arrange to

cash his letters for £20,000 or £30,000 and go the next day for the money.

Monday came. We expected a nerv-

ous day, not such a paralyzingly nervious one as it proved to be. In fact, a

nervous Tuesday followed a nervous Monday. My reader must remember that we were in the tropics, with a blaz-

and's icy mountains to cool us.

which never came, was to come.

iest youth, had entered the Primrose Way. In our youthful fire and thought-

lessness we saw only the flowers and heard the siren's songs, but at last the Primrose Way led us down into a gloom

where all the flowers withered and the gay songs turned into dirges.

Looking at his watch, Mac jumped

ap, saying, "It is 10:45 and time to be off." So he started for the bank, we

following at some distance, our nerves all on the stretch. We felt that our lives

and fortunes were trembling in the bal ance. While watching we saw several persons enter or leave the bank, and

ared to be strange movements about

and went through our minds until at

one and everything. Mac was some-where out of sight in the private offices.

street with an eagle eyed man, a He-brew evidently, of about 45 years of age.

Both passed hurriedly into the private

office, leaving me in an agony of sus-pense. My only relief at that moment

was the thought that George and my-

self had not as yet compromised our-selves, and could, in the event of Mac's

seam in it was photographed indelibly

the objects about one will be noticed and remembered. It seems some cell of

the brain, quite separate from the cell of feeling and sensation, works calmly

and steadily on, photographing the ma-terial of one's surroundings.

At last, unable to endure the sus-

pense, above all the uncertainty, I went to the little door, and, opening it, looked in. To my intense relief I saw

Mac sitting there apparently talking un-concernedly with Braga, the manager,

and the Hebrew. As I had not attracted attention I closed the door, went out in the street and gave George the prear-

ranged signal that all was well. Just

ranged signal that all was well. Just then our partner emerged, but with a telltale face. It was flushed with cha-grin and vexation, and there was gone from the contour of his body that inde-

scribable part that tells, better than

We went by different routes to our

rendezvous, and I will leave it to the

imagination of my readers to picture

our state of mind as we listened to his

recital of woe-the tale of Priam's Troy

Mac had been cordially received by

the manager, and had told him he would require £20,000 the next day;

would he please have it ready? The manager replied that he did not require

dorse the bills of exchange and indorse

"Mr. Gregory Morrison" and explained

that he was to sell exchange for £20,000 on Morrison's credit, which the bank

contents to Mevers, who, probably with-

once," he suddenly halted, turned his

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Finally, as the result of many debates, we resolved to abandon the Bank of England matter temporarily, possibly new plan was to go to South America

such an operation successfully.

The steamer Lusitania of the Pacific

ed to go by her. engaged in a nineteenth century piratical descent upon the shores of South America. Instead of the burly, much

beweaponed pirate of other years we were mild mannered, soft spoken, coureous youngsters, yet our steel pen and ottle of ink were more deadly instruments, or at least of surer fire and of setter aim, than the long tems and horse sistols of the piratical braves of the sev-

il I called at the bank and told the ersburg and on to southern Russia for time to inspect some work I was doing ecount. He begged me not to do so, aid many flattering things to me and arged that it would be convenient to ve an open account in London.

"Well," I said, looking at my pass book, "I see I have £2,325 to my credit.
I will leave the odd £35 with you." He instantly acquiesced. Had he said, "No, you must leave at least £300, as our right and have made it £500. I dre out the £2,300 at once, intending to do posit £300 before leaving London, bu in the haste of our preparations I neglected it, and my balance at the bank stood £35 for all the weeks I was on ur piratical cruise to the Spanish main. Storing most of our baggage in Lonon, we took the train to Liverpool, and, urchasing tickets for Rio, we went on board the good ship Lusitania. The firm of Maua in Rio was the cost considerable in all South America,

nd Mac's introductions were to this firm. The plan was for Mac to present himself to Maua & Co., and to draw rithin 24 hours at least £10,000, so as to make sure of our expenses, and a day or two before steamer day to arrange for a very large sum, £30,000 or £30,000. Fate, providence, call it what you will, seldom fails to upset wrengdoing,

A few hours after our arrival Mae called at the bankers' and was well reeived by the manager. He told him of his credits for £5,000

vant £10,000 the next day. Would they have it ready? The next day he went to the bank, George and myself being posted on In ten minutes he reappeared with a square bundle under his arm. He smiled as he passed us, and, turning a corner, entered a cafe, where we joined him His bundle contained £10,000 in Brazilian bank notes. He assured us that everything was serene at the bank; that he could have £100,000 if he wanted to

The next day Mac went to the bankers again and was requested by the manager to show the letter of credit on which was indersed the £10,000 he had drawn against it. Looking at the letter, the manager said: "This is singular There is only the name of Mr. Brad shaw, the manager, on this letter. J. P. Shipp, the submanager's name, ould be on the credit as well." And

then he went on to say that some time since they had been notified by the London bank that all letters issued by them would bear two signatures. Mac was a man of nerve, but it required all he had not to betray his un-easiness. He said he really could not say how the omission had occurred; he sup

would examine his other letters as oon as he went back to the hotel.

The look of chagrin and vexation of Mac's face when he came out was a sight to see and one that is as vivid in my memory now as in that faroff day in 1872. What a sea of misery rolls be tween then and now!

He went direct to the hotel, and there George and I soon joined him. We sat down and looked at each other. The game apparently was up, and we were a sorely disgusted party. We did not fall out with or reproach each other, but felt we deserved a kicking. We did not ask each other any questions, but I know our faces all wore a sadly puzzled could we have made such an oversight? nade this one of the omitted name seem

were mentally planning for flight. But George, being a man of extraordinary courage and resource as well dealers. Mr. Meyers, to come around many courage and resource as well dealers. der. He declared a bold step must be taken; that as the bankers had only seen submanager, must be instantly put on the others. We had the genuine signature of J. P. Shipp on a draft, and Mae at once sat down to write it on all the hand into his breast pocket and pulling Mac's nerves having had a wrench. He was a temperate man, but under the circumstances we advised him to take a glass of brandy to steady his nerves. Then placing the genuine signature before him and the forged letters he began to put in the name. The signatures were not well written, but under the trying circumstances it was wonderfulwell done. All this had taken place

rithin half an hour after he had left 242 S. Main St., Butler, Penn'a. the bank It was a trying ordeal, but Mac was

hawk's eye on Mac and said: "Why, Surely the clerks in the London banks know how to spell!"

Here was a thunderbolt, indeed, that

pierced poor Mr. Gregory Morrison through and through, but he showed no

sign. He coolly remarked that be did not care to have his bills sold on the exchange, but would go and see the peo-ple of the London and Rio and River ple of the London and No and Note:
Plate banks, as they probably would
want exchange and would doubtless let
him have what mong he required.
Meyers said very sharply, "Have you
letters to those banks?" "I have," said Mac, at the same time producing two, one to each bank, and each bearing the stamp of their respective banks.

bank and say: "Here are my letters; they are all right. Both signatures are That he had letters was a happy thing, and no one under 40 days' time could on all my letters but the one, and from say for a fact that they were not gen ions and would have called a halt had the reason that during the 40 days ould take to communicate with L don the credits could not be proved be forgeries. That such letters existed at all was due entirely to the foresight business to the English bank of Rio at which had provided to meet just such a

We all were for a brief few seconds lowed by us in a miserable state of anxiety. He was not long in the bank, but atterly dumfounded, but quickly aroused ourselves to the necessity of instant acreturned empty handed. Upon meeting at the designated place he informed us the manager was evidently agreeably tion to protect our comrade. We saw that we must at once give over all thought of trying to do any more busisurprised when shown the letters with ness in Rio, and set all our inventions and energy at work to save the £10,000 dorsement from the letter that had but and to smuggle our companion safely one signature to one with two.

Once more we had matters all right The Ebro, going to Europe, was in the harbor taking in cargo and coal. The and the broken place patched up again, but it behooved us not to do so any more. But we did. Chimborazo, going south, was not yet signaled, and we determined at all haz The steamer we purposed to load our money on and ourselves, too, was the ards to get him off by the Ebro. We all had American passports, and by the use of chemicals could alter the names and Chimborazo, advertised to arrive on Tuesday and to leave for the river Plate and the west coast the next day.

descriptions on them at will. Of course the names in our passpo were the same as we had in our letters. George went to police headquarters, and giving a douceur to an attendant had the vise put on his passport at once. Then, going to the passenger agent, he bought a ticket to Liverpool by th Ebro, and by paying 10 guineas extr had a stateroom assigned to him alone After this he took a boat and went on to the steamer, carrying with him tw

g down on us with an inbags of oranges and stowed them away h & made one long for Green inder the bottom berth. To make the escape a success it wa decided prudent for George as Wilson to get the agent well acquainted with We went into the public park for our ast consultation before our fortune, his face and appearance, so if the question was asked, "Who is this Wilson? the police would see by the description Mac had in the little morocco case in his pocket two letters, each for £20,000. Certainly no man in the world but him-self could have carried off such a game played for such high stakes. Handsome it was not the man they were looking for. For the next 40 hours George made the agent very tired. At one time he would want to know if he could not get in person, faultless in address, cool in nerve, a master of all the languages some reduction in the passage rate, o spoken in Rio—Portuguese, Spanish, Italian and French. Above all, he had a boundless confidence in himself. What if the Ebro was seaworthy, or if there was any danger of her engines breaking down, etc., until the agent got not only to know "Mr. Wilson," but wished him an honorable future might have been his but for his youthful follies! Truly he at the bottom of the sea. could have achieved a wonderful suc-cess in any honorable career. Unhappily for him, he, like thousands of our brain-

When George started for the police office he left Mac and me alone in the It was absolutely essential that Ma-

should put in one more appearance at the bank. It was an ordeal, but one he had to undergo. He even dreaded to re turn to his hotel, but go he must; so, just before the bank closed, he called in and casually informed the manager that he should start the next morning for S. Romao, a town in the interior of Brazil, to be absent a week. He was then to go to the Hotel d'Europe, pay hi bill at the same time, stating that he was to leave Rio by the 4 o'clock train the next morning. As Mac had two trunks and other impedimenta befitting sary to take a carriage to the station which was nearly a mile distant. would be unsafe to go in a carriage be longing to the hotel; therefore he wa to say that a friend would call for him suggested that after he had arrange matters he should saunter out, walk

and went through our minds until at last, unable to endure the suspense, I entered the bank myself and stood there, pretending I was waiting for some one. I sharply scrutinized every to the hotel and be ready when George should call for him at 3 o'clock th The clerks were gossiping together, and that to me was suspicious. Then, to my alarm, a bank clerk entered from the next morning. After these arrangements we separat ed, George and I following to ascerta if he was being watched or shadowed by detectives. When he entered the hotel we remained in view of the entrane It was not long before he reappeared and walked leisurely along the street A few seconds after we saw anothe man come out, cross the street and g man come out, cross the street and g in the same direction. I followed him and was soon satisfied that he was keep ing Mac in view. This sort of doub Without appearing to do so I watched that dingy, mottled door leading into hunt was kept up until dusk, whe Mac returned to his hotel, uncons the private office until every crack and that a moment later his "shadow" tered the place also. Here was a "stur ner," no mistake, though it was no mor In the trying periods of one's life, when the heart and soulare on the rack, how strangely trifling details of than we had anticipated among the pos

Still I had indulged in the hope that the bank would rely entire was all the time required to carry or our plan. Though Mac had good nerve it was already somewhat shaken, and surely the situation would have un that the certain knowledge of immine danger might still further confuse him and cause some false move, we dete mined to keep our discovery to our

small but respectable looking tavern he engaged a room for the next day; also a carriage, with an English speaking driver, to be in readiness at 3 o'clock the next morning. Promptly at the ho he was at the livery stable, where found the carriage ready, and was driven to the Hotel d'Europe. Sending the driver up to the office on the second floor, Mac soon appeared and informed him that he had promised to take to the station a man who was stopping at the hotel. "He is going to S. Romao by the same train," continued Mac, "and seems a good fellow, for I had a long

any more exchange on London, but that he would send out for his broker, who would sell his bills on the exearly an hour in the morning, and I thought it could do no harm to take Here I joined them, and it would be

difficult for the reader to imagine the effect of this surprising communication upon our minds, for it was clear enough but admire his nerve in asking a con-templated victim for a ride to the stacan you be thinking of? Don't you see you are blocking our whole plan? Go up and tell him your carriage is loaded down with luggage and express your

During this time the baggage was being placed in the carriage, and as soon as Mac had dismissed his "passen-ger," who for some reason did not show in his hands ran his sharp eyes down one of them and read right through the Coming to the "note" which read. "All sums drawn against this credit please inderse on the back and notify the London and Westminster bank at

"It might be fatal to attract the attention of any one or to let any one see you leave the train. Of course this new

man, but it is not possible to foresce what disaster the least mistake or want of caution might originate. These cars are on the English system—divided into compartments. You must go into the station, stand near the ticket office until your new acquaintance comes, then observe if he buys a first class. If so, you take a second, and vice versa. Pay

no attention to him and let him see you get into your compartment, but keep an type on his movements. In case he comes to get any you are, despite the dif-ferent class or the bets, tell him the compartment is en ervthing depends on how you carry you through the next 20 minutes. A single false step, a word too little or too much, will surely prove fatal to all."

In accordance with our prearranged plan, I stopped the carriage opposite the station, it being still dark. Mae alight-ed, went straight inside, and in a few minutes saw his "passenger" come puffing in, nearly out of breath. Un a ticket, and after seeing his intende another himself just as the train began

Machad been waiting, and having pre viously unlocked with his master car ke the door opposite he stepped off on that side, hastily crossed to the other plat form of the dimly lighted station and made his way unnoticed into the street While this was passing I sat in the car riage, and it was not many minutes be fore I had the satisfaction of seeing Mac coming back to me. But for the benefit of the driver we then had a dialogue somewhat as follows:

arrived. What shall we do?' "Well, I suppose we must go back to the hotel and wait for the afternoon

train," I answered. "But I have paid my bill there," said Mac, "and do not care to go back."
"Then," I replied, "meet me at the station, and I will look after the lug-

gage."

In case they recovered the trail the information obtained from the driver would cause confusion and delay sufficient, I hoped, to enable us to get Mac

I then told the coachman to drive m into the city. It was not yet daylight, but after awhile I saw a sort of eating house and tavern combined and had the carriage halted there. Alighting, I en-tered and said to the person in charge that I did not wish to disturb my friends that I did not wish to disturb my friends at so early an hour and would pay him for taking care of my baggage, as I wished to discharge the carriage. The offer was of course accepted, the baggage housed and the carriage dismissed. In the meantime Mac was waiting for us in an appointed place not far away, where I joined him, and we went to the observe target. obscure tavern, where the room had been engaged. George was awaiting us.

So far our plan was successful. Mac was safely hidden away, while his clever friend was speeding miles away on a wild goose chase. There was only one train a day each way, and we knew the detective could not get back to Rio until late. We felt certain when he found Mac was not ou the train he would think his intended victim had slipped off at some way station-possibly with a view of making his escape patch to the bank—an unlikely thing for a Brazilian to do—it would doubtless be to the effect that his quarry had left Rio on the early train that morning with him.

and dying of thirst, he finished the bottle of iced claret.

Ten minutes before 12 the bell was rung and all people for shora ware unugand all peo

with him.
We passed some trying hours together. off to the steamer. He engaged two stalwart porters. They stand on every corner busily engaged in plaiting straw for hats while waiting for a job. Dividing the baggage between the two, he had it carried to the wharf, and taking a small boat quickly had it stowed in the hold carried to the wharf, and taking a small the bay, braga and the ponce entered to the wharf, and taking a small the bay, braga and the ponce entered to the wharf, and taking a small the bay, braga and the ponce entered to the wharf, and taking a small the bay, braga and the ponce entered to the wharf, and taking a small the bay, braga and the ponce entered to the wharf, and taking a small the bay, braga and the ponce entered to the wharf, and taking a small the bay, braga and the ponce entered to the wharf, and taking a small the bay, braga and the ponce entered to the wharf, and taking a small the bay, braga and the ponce entered to the wharf, and taking a small the bay, braga and the ponce entered to the bay and the ponce entered to the bay and the bay are the bay and the bay and the bay are the bay and the bay are the bay are the bay and the bay are the ba

It was but 10 o'clock when George joined us, and it was with something like dismay we realized that the whole day was before us. Until the day before, when Mac was in the bank, I had never known how long an hour was, but this day we all came to know how long a day could be.

Mac's hand in hearty farewell, we ran to the upper deck, down the ladder into our boat, and a moment later the big ship, putting on full steam, left us astern, we ordering the boatman to pull hard after the ship. Mac soon appeared on the after deck and waved his handkerchief to us in farewell. We gave him

and the shadow, to our intense relief, began to darken in our little room, where we were holding our watch. The tropic night closes quickly in. Soon the city was shrouded in darkness, and we sallied out to the beach at the head of the bay to find relief in movement. The time passed quicker then, and at last we sat down on some wreckage there and watched the tropic night as it revealed its wealth of stars, and sitting there we oralized upon the destiny of man and his relations to things seen and unseen.

upon spiritual force, most of all upon divine justice, which in the end evens up all things. But like so many other philosophers who write the style of the gods and make a pish at fortune we failed to make a personal application of

our philosophy.

We sat for an hour longer, and then securing a be with two negro rowers we pulled for the ship. Three or four small boats were fastened to the companion ladder, and our arrival attracted attention. Two officials in uniform, no attention. Two officers in uniform, probably customs officers, stood at the companion way. It was an anxious moment, but we slipped through the dimly lighted cabins and passages and were soon safely in the stateroom. Bidding both goodby and promising to be on board again at 8 in the morning, I went ashore and straight to bed and soon was dreaming of starlit seas, of tropic woods and summer bowers white and sweet with May blossoms.

My health then as now was perfect and I awoke fresh and hopeful. After breakfasting on a dish of prawns and another of soft shelled crabs I was off across the bay. Soon after 8 I knocked softly at the stateroom door, was ac mitted and presented the lunch I had brought. They gave me a warm greetby the ing, but neither had slept. The room had been hot and stuffy, and the noise of stowing cargo had helped to banish Upon seeing signs of disapproval in my face he explained, "Well, you know, he said he could not get a carrier of the said he could not get a carrier of the said he could not get a carrier of the said he could not get a carrier of the said he could not get a carrier of the said he could not get a carrier of the said he could not get a carrier of the said he could not get a carrier of the said he could not get a carrier of the said he could not get a carrier of the said he could not get a carrier of the said he could not get a carrier of the said he could not get a carrier of the said he carrier of the said he could not get a carrier of the said he could not get a carrier of the said he carrier of the sai

spirits proved infectious.

I knew by sight the chief of police and those just under him. I also knew Braga, the bank manager, by sight. They of course did not know me, and I could unsuspected be a looker on in Vienna. Soon the shore passengers, their friends and many idle visitors came off nized every boatload as it came up the

At 9:30 I saw a boat coming, which, into his new friend's confidence. I could when half a mile away, I recognized as containing the chief of police and several of his subordinates. Ten minutes tion. I said to Mac: "What in the world after Braga and one of the bank officials came, the only passengers in their and at once joined the police on the after deck and stood with them waiting and watching the boats as they arrived. down with luggage and express your regrets that you cannot accommodate him."

and watening the babel reigned around the ship. About threescore boats surrounded her, the owners selling to the passengers everything from oranges to monkeys, snakes and parrots.

I determined to conceal from George himself, we started rapidly for the sta-tion. On the way I requested him to avoid making any new friends until he I would slip down and report all's well, should find himself well out at sea. I but soon after 10 o'clock the enemy was joined by the ticket agent from shore, and I could sthey were contemplating

some movement. Slipping down to the cabin, I said: "Boys, everything is all right. Keep perfectly cool Brags and the police are pulling to the ship and may search it. If so, it will take half an hour to get here. I will keep everything in my eye and give you ample notice."

I then returned on deck and stood among the officials. They conversed in Portuguese, which was Greek to me. Soon the agent dived below and reap-peared with the manifest of the passengers and an enormous heap of passports. After some conversation they sent the passports back; then, headed by the agent and purser, manifest in hand, they began to verify the list and scrutinize the passengers in the staterooms. Once more I hurried below and reported.

Mac was naturally very dignified, but divesting himself of coat, vest and dig-nity at the same time he planted himself under the berth. Very close and very hot quarters he found it, and we put the bags of oranges in front, disposreality they were a mere screen.

Then we opened the door to the full-st extent. We had taken off our coats, it being frightfully hot, and with a bot-



tle of claret and a bowl of ice standing on the little washstand and two glasses

all in full view we waited the arrival of our friends the enemy.

Our door was flat against the partition, giving a full sweep to the room to the eye of the passerby, and George and I waited confidently for the inspection we knew was inevitable. I sat on the swinging my feet. George sat on a folding camp stool, with his face toward the door, but not obstructing the view. Soon the procession arrived, with the ticket agent in front. When he saw George he simply said, "How do you do, Mr Wilson?" and passed on without looking in the room. Braga and the police followed, casually glanced at us two and were gone. I put on my coat and followed the procession, and at 11:30 they went up on the after deck, evidently satisfied that their man was not on the ship, and contented themselves with watching new arrivals. I flew down and gave them the good news that the search was over, and poor Mac, half roasted, came from behind the bags of oranges. Declaring he was roasted alive

sound of the steam winch lifting the anchor, and at noon precisely, to our boat quickly had it stowed in the hold and the small articles carried to the stateroom. Soon after he joined us on shore.

It was but 10 o'clock when George

It was but 10 o'clock when George three cheers, and excited and happy, with our long anxiety over, we returned

to the shore With Mac sailing northward, ho! with Wilson's passport and ticket in his pocket and all our money save £2,000 in his trunk our buccaneering expedition on the Spanish main was over and all but a failure when comparing the £10,000 we had captured with our mag

nificent expectations.
So, destroying all documents save our passports, we paid a visit to Buenos Ayres, and then embarked on a French steamer for Marseilles, arriving there without any particular adventure, and the next day had a happy meeting with Mac in Paris.

We resolved to see something of Europe before returning to America, so the next few weeks we spent in a pleasure

In the course of it we visited Vienna. remaining there some time and bringing away many and pleasant memories that music loving old city on the Danube. We finally all returned to Wiesbaden together and visited the casino, watching the play and players with an interest that never flagged. Here we saw such vast sums of money ever chang ing hands that we almost insensibly began to think the thousands we had were as nothing, and when divided up the sum coming to each seemed almost beg-

Gradually we began to speculate as to the desirability of doubling our capital once or twice at least before we threw need hardly tell the reader that what at first was a philosophical speculation, an airy theory of a happy possibility, rapidly crystallized into steadfast purpos and determinate resolve, and soon our brains were working and readily brought forth a new scheme. For was not there the Bank of England, with uncounted millions in her vaults, and was not I, as Frederick Albert Warren, a customer of the bank and as such were not the vaults of the bank at our disposition?

Finally we resolved to go on with our postponed assault upon the money bags of the Bank of England, at the same time evolving a plan that seemed to promise unbounded wealth and complete mmunity for us all.
So we packed our baggage, bade fare-

well to Wiesbaden, and one early June morning in 1872 saw us all once more in smoky London, resolved to rouse that old lady called the Bank of England from her century long slumber spent in dreaming of her impregnability.

Carrie's Blunder.

Little Carrie had been instructed to learn a Scripture verse with the word good in it. Accordingly her parents taught her, "It is lawful to do good on the Sabbath day."

The little maid repeated her text many times softly to herself before the

beginning of the general exercise, in which all the Sunday school classes were

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Almost every group of mammals has others spotted or covered with rosettes exhibit stripings or stars as a frequent abnormality. Thus, most donkeys and horses show some trace of stars, of dap-plings, or, in rarer though common cases, of zebra markings. Most lions show here and there on their sides resettelike markings recalling the spots of the leopard. A very large number of self colored animals have ringed tails or spotted bellies. Another frequent oc-currence is a disparity in coloration between the young and the full grown skin among many animals. Dr. Bonavia mentions that the plain colored puma gives birth to spotted young, while many deer, tinted a uniform brown when adult, are barred and spotted when young. He might have added that lion whelps almost invariably are spotted

and that tapirs are born with whitish spots on a brown ground color.

His general conclusion is that all mammals were originally spotted, and that stripes have resulted from the fusion of rows of spots, and self color from the obliteration of spots. So far he might find many naturalists prepared to agree with him and all no willing to consider the cellectiand new facts tending toward ! clusion. On the other hand, he ever, Eimer, a German naturalist via has made a special study of the markings of animals, has shown at least an equal weight of evidence in favor of the view that spots are the result of bands break-ing up and are newer than bands in the history of animals. For our own part, we do not think that there is enough evidence to draw a definite conclusion

The Great Wall of China. Authorities differ as to the exact date when the great wall of China was built, but the concensus of opinion appears to be that it was begun at least in the reign of the Emperor Che-Hwang-Te, the founder of the Tsin dynasty, who ascended the throne in 231 B. C., and died 210 B. C. There does not seem to be any reason for doubting its actual existence. It is true that the late Carter Harrison of Chicago, when visiting China in 1886, wrote home that he was inclined to look upon it as a myth. Subsequently a paragraph went the round of the papers, copied from the London Times of Aug. 5, 1887, which attempted to show on the authority of Abbe Larrier that the great wall "does at the company of not and never did exist," that there are indeed "square towers of earth faced with brick at considerable distance from each other, but these were never joined

This paragraph called out a lively controversy which was settled in favor of the wall. Among others, H. S. Ashbee wrote to Notes and Queries insisting that he himself had seen the great wall; that he had climbed upon it, and though he had never measured it nor traveled along it for any great length he could bear ocular evidence that it extended from the point where he stood upon it in a straight line, unbroken save in places where it has been allowed to fall into decay, as far as the eye could reach in either direction. "While crossing the gulf of Liau-Tong I plainly saw, from the deck of the steamer, where the great wall started from the sea. Further, in the same part of China, but unconnected with the great wall, I observed the square towers in question."

Idleness-Its Varieties

Idleness plays many parts. There are the constitutionally indolent — those who, like Dr. Johnson, are never phys-

tive for exertion; ill health, real or fancied; indulgent friends and much more often by self indulgence. That idleness is one of the seven deadly sins gives them no sort of concern. It is of the essence of their complaint to have no feeling of their own infirmity. They are asleep. They cannot tell their dreams, for they do not even know that

they are dreaming.
Giving up, nerveless relaxation, has become a habit, and to them-as to the ferent motive—nothing is of any consequence. But whereas it was his own convenience, his own feelings, his own immortal Mr. Toots, though from a difcomfort, that never were of consequence to the unselfish Toots, it is precisely your convenience, your feelings, your comfort that are, to the idle man, of no consequence. Floating idly about on "the great Pacific ocean of indolence," he makes first one compromise, then another, with self respect, until he ends by sacrificing the exteem of his fellow men n the private altar of his own sloth. His affairs get first muddled, then em barrassed, then decaying, then desperate, and he feebly flatters himself with an idea of repose, now that all is gone.

THE FASHION PLATE.

The smart white mohair gowns of the ummer serve admirably as demisaison

New belts are of soft, gay plaid silk, knotted under a metal clasp at one side, and are suggestively named toreador. Framboise or raspberry red is a color that will be much seen in millinery, felt bounets and hats being shown of

this tint.

Wide effects continue The early autumn hats look very much overloaded in their abundance of ostrich plumes, wide ribbons and elaborate or-All browns with a reddish tinge are

in especial favor for the coming cool season, though no wardrobe will be complete without one good black gown for the street. The pretty fichus of the summer in gauze mull and chiffon are to be continned for autumn wear in heavier mate-

Antoinette cut and are trimmed with lace or ruffles. The women who come back to town with black mohair gowns lined with colored silk to match the bodice word with them need only a small, full cape of black velvet, trimmed with jet van

dykes, to have handsome early autumn Although the skirts of gowns remain plain for the most part, and the godet skirt is still the fashionable one, frills are seen on some of the imported gowns. The road back to trimmed skirts undoubtedly has by way of flounces. - New

York Times.

Monazite, a rare mineral which nei mountains that lie in North Carolina.

It is estimated that 293 hairs on the head, \$9 on the chin, 23 on the fore-arm and 19 on the back of the hand are respectively contained in an area of a quarter of an inch.

which all the Sunday school classes were to join. Then, when her turn came, she sent a ripple over the audience by recting, in clear but lisping accents:

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