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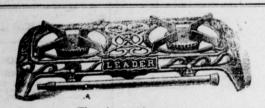
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CHAPTER VII.

MR. RANDOLPH HAS A FIGHT WITH HIS Upon leaving the vaults Mr. Mitchel and the detective parted company, the former going down to Tiffany's, where he left the ruby, with instructions as to how he wished it set. On the following morning Wilson's report to Mr. Barne stated that Mr. Mitchel had spent the afternoon at the Union League club and had accompanied his fiancee to a private ball in the evening.

On the morning of the 5th, as Mr. Mitchel was dressing, a card was brought to him which bore the name of his friend, Mr. Randolph, and that gentlean a few minutes later entered. Mr. Mitchel was cordial in his greeting and extended his hand, but Mr. Randolph refused it, saying:
"Excuse me, Mitchel, but I have

"So far as what?" "Why, haven't you read the papers?"
"No; I never do. I am above that class of literature."

"Then, with your permission, I will read one to you. "Go ahead; I am all attention." Mr. Mitchel seated himself in his most comfortable armchair, and Mr. Randolph, without removing his overcoat, sat in other. Taking a morning paper from his

pocket he read the following:
"The inquest upon the body of the
mysterious woman found murdered in the Thirtieth street apartment house was resumed yesterday at the coroner's office. Mr. Barnes, the well known detective, testified that he had been upon the Boston express at the time of the robbery of the jewels; that he had an interview with the woman at which she gave the name Rose Mitchel and made an appointment with him at her residence. He called at the time agreed upon—9 o'clock on the morning of the d-and discovered her lying in bed with her throat cut. One singular fact brought out by the detective's testimony is that the woman's name had been deliberately cut from every garment. This may indicate that Rose Mitchel is an assumed

"The doctors who performed the au-topsy declare it as their opinion that the woman was attacked while she slept. Otherwise there would have been more blood stains found, as the jugular vein and carotid artery were both cut. They think that the assassin used an ordinary pocketknife, because the wound, though

deep, is not very large.

"A curious story was obtained from
the janitor. The woman Mitchel had
been in the house about three weeks. apartments of Mr. and Mrs. Comstock, who are absent in Europe. The woman gave him a letter purporting to be writ-ten by Mrs. Comstock, instructing the janitor to allow the bearer to occupy the apartment until suited elsewhere, and also asking that the janitor's wife would see that she had proper attendance. The janitor did not doubt the authenticity of the letter, but it now appears from ony of a relative of the Comstocks, who is well acquainted with Mrs. Comstock's writing, that this let-

ter is a forgery.

"After a little further evidence of no special importance the inquest was adjourned until today. It is plain that the detectives are all at sea in this case. A startling piece of evidence has now been obtained by a reporter which may serve as a clew. It is no less than the discov ery of the lost jewels. It will be remembered that Mr. Barnes was on the train and ordered that the passengers should be searched. Nothing was found, from which it seemed safe to presume that there were two persons connected with the theft. One of these secured the plunder and handed it through a win-dow of the ear to his accomplice outside. A reporter went over the route yesterday, beginning his investigation in New Haven He went the rounds of the hotels, endeavoring to discover any suspicious person had been noticed in the city. At one of the last which he visited, which is about five minutes walk from the railroad depot, the clerk remembered a man who did act strangethe hotel at about noon on the 3d, regis-tered, asked that his satchel should be guessed that this was the missing satchleather case containing unset jewels of such size and luster that one can well

It seems that this man came into placed in the safe, went out and has el, and, so stating, the chief of police was sent for, and in his presence it was opened. In it was found a red Russia believe that they are worth \$100,000, as claimed. That these are the missing gems is plainly indicated by the fact that the jewel case has the name of Mitchel stamped upon it. Unfortunate ly there was nothing about the satchel members him distinctly, and from his have him under lock and key. "What have you to say to that, Mitch-

"Why, it is just that kind of thing that made me give up reading the news-papers—a sensational description of a

"There is more reason than that for attracting your attention. Any man with a grain of sense and with the knowledge your wager must see your hand in "In which, the robbery or the mur-

have been the best of friends ever since pelieved in you in spite of all that your

You bet me that you would commit a crime. In a few hours there is a robbery, Willard. and a new the very house where the Remsens recount it is known—there is another account in another paper here—it is known that in another paper here in that house for an hour after there a woman was heard to scream commodation of the traveling public.

From that apartment where the corpse was found. Then here they find the jewels, and the case had your name on it."

that whatever you say is unsolicited, and that if you incriminate yourself the evidence will be used against you. riminated. The facts, in brief, are simply these." Then he narrated as accu-rately as he could recall them all the circumstances in connection with the wager. Mr. Barnes listened as though it was all a new story to him. He even jotted down a few notes on a bit of pa-per as though for reference. At the con-

'This is a most astounding tale, Mr. Randolph. It is very difficult to believe that a man like Mr. Mitchel, who certainly seems to be a gentleman, would undertake to become a criminal simply Of course it was her name, but don't you see I am all muddled up and excited? I came here to ask you to say outright to win a sum of money. Now you must have been thinking this over, and, if so, you have some explanation to offer. Would you mind telling it to me?"
"I should be glad to do so." Mr. Randolph spoke cagerly. In his heart he was fond of his friend, and therefore his theory was one which in a measure that you have had nothing to do with

'That is impossible.' "What, you refuse? You will not claim that you are innocent? Then you practically admit that you are guilty?" "I do not. I neither deny nor admir mything. Do you remember our wager have the chance of confiding his views to the detective. "You see," he continued, "it is one of the most difficult I told you then that this crisis would arise—that you would hear of some crime and come to ask me about it. I warned you that I would refuse to en-ighten you. I simply keep my word."

This was followed by a silence. Mr.
Randolph seemed much disturbed. Jamin the world are affected by mania in some form or other. I hold that any ming his hands into his pockets he went and looked out of the window. Mr. Mitchel looked at him for some minutes with a smile of amusement hovering about his lips. Suddenly he said: 'Do you mean legally insane? That

'Randolph, does your conscience trou "Most decidedly!" answered his companion sharply, turning toward him.
"Why not go and unburden your soul

"I think it is my duty to do so. But feel like a coward at the idea. It ems like betraying a friend." "Ah, you still count me your friend! Then, my dear friend—for I assure you I value your good will—I will show you how to act so as to satisfy your conence and vet not injure me.

'That is true. I did not think of that

"I wish to heaven you would!"
"Nothing easier. Go to Mr. Barnes and make a clean breast of all that you "But that is betraying you to the po

'No; Mr. Barnes is not the police He is only a private detective. If you remember, he is the very one about was made. You were boasting of his skill. It should satisfy you then to have him on my track, and it will satisfy me if you agree to talk with no other. Is it "Yes, since you are willing. I must

tell some one in authority. It is impossible for me to withhold what may be the means of detecting a criminal."

Mr. Randolph, upon leaving the hotel, went in search of Mr. Barnes. Meanwhile that gentleman was holding a conversation with Wilson.

"You say," said the detective, "that Mr. Mitchel gave you the slip again yesterday afternoon? "Yes; he doubled so often on his tracks on the elevated road that at last he eluded me, getting on a train which I failed to board. You see, it was impos-sible to tell, till the moment of starting, whether he would take a train or not.

He would mix with the crowd and seem
anxious to get on, and then at the last
moment step back. I had to imitate
him at the other end of the coach, and finally he got on just as the guard at my end slammed the gates." "This was at Forty-second street?"

"Yes; he took the down train."
"Did he notice you in any way?" "I suppose so, but no one would have guessed it. He appeared entirely igno-rant of the fact that he was followed, so

his hotel and do the best you can. Leave the rest to me. I will discover where it s he goes on these mysterious trips. Left to himself Mr. Barnes' thoughts "Wilson is no match for Mr. Mitchel.

That is evident. I wonder whether there is any real object in this game of hide and seek, or whether it is simply an in timation to me that he cannot be shadowed. If the latter—well, we shall see. Now let me think about those jewels found in New Haven. They tally exactly with the description. Their discovery complicates the case once more. I had almost concluded that those in the safety vaults were the ones stolen and that as they really belong to Mr. Mitchel, as ed by his receipts, he stole them to risk, since, if the crime were brought home to him, he could not be imprison-ed, though he would lose the bet. Now here is another set, evidently the right ones. Mr. Mitchel was plainly surprised at sight of the list which I found. I am Therefore he may equally well have known nothing about this duplicate set of jewels. In that case the occurrence of the train robbery on the very night of the wager may be simply a coincidence. He says that the dead woman was a blackmailer and that he gave her the address of his Paris jeweler. May he not have bought his set from that very man and may not this woman have stolen the duplicate set recently and brought them to this country? Plainly the Paris jeweler must be looked up. I have his name, which I copied from the bill of sale. If this line of argument is true, some one has followed this woman from France in order to rob her, after allowing her to accomplish the risky business of smuggling. Is that person our friend Thauret? Along this line of ent we arrive at the conclusio that Mr. Mitchel has not yet committed his crime. He hinted that I should remember this if I should exculpate him from those already committed. But do I? Why did he show me that ruby and say that he meant to present it to his sweetheart? Will he give it to her and the plot and make a hue and cry, so that the papers may make a noise? That was a part of the agreement in making his bet. But, after all, what about that but-

ton? No explanation explains which does not throw a light upon that." Here Mr. Barnes was interrupted by the announcement that Mr. Randolph

wished to speak with him. It must be remembered that Mr. Randolph was not aware of the fact that the conversation in the sleeping car had been overheard. Brought face to face with Mr. Barnes,

he felt confused and hositated.
"Mr. Randolph, I believe," said the detective, glancing at the card which had been sent in. "Be seated. You have come to see me about this Mitchel case?' The rising inflection with which the last word was spoken seemed almost unnecessary to Mr. Randolph. For if the man could ask such a question he might as well have made it a positive statement. This assumption of knowlof the one before him.

plainly indicated that Mr. Barnes pre-ferred not to be interrogated. Mr. Ran-dolph therefore concluded to hurry through with his unpleasant busines make and"\_\_

"How do you know that he is a south-

his accent," replied Mr. Randolph.
"Besides, he claims to be from the south, though I think he is rather inclined not to speak of his home. I have an indistinct recollection." his telling me once that he was born in New Or-lean. That he had some painful rec-ollections control and to it, how-

name is Thauret. "Alphonse Tharret? Yes, I know him, and I do not like him."

only a prejudice. Still we are apt to form quick estimates of men, and I have distrusted this man from the first in-

things in the world to say who is and who is not perfectly sane. Some experts contend that nine-tenths of the people Thauret was of the number. Others man who makes a collection of any kind of things, using them for other than their legitimate uses, is in a measthan their legitimate uses and the legitimate uses a constant of th

is to say, irresponsible?"
"As to responsibility, I cannot say. But I think such a mania might tempt a man to an illegal act. I must explain my idea further. Postage stamps un my idea further. Postage stamps undoubtedly have a very important value. One who collects them after they have been canceled, paying many times their face value for them, is in my opinion somewhat crazy, since he pays a fictitious price for what has no intrinsic value."

"You might say the same thing of paintings. The intrinsic value repre-sented in canvas and oil is little, yet thousands of dollars are paid for pic "That, too, is an insanity, one, of

course, which cannot be indulged in by any save the rich. But it is not the same as with the old stamp craze. Pictures remind us of nature and appeal to the senses of all mankind by recalling recollections brought into being by the cene presented. There is therefore a legitimate use for paintings, and a reasonable price as compensation for the work and genius of the artist is perhaps permissible. But should a man pay a fortune for a single canvas and then hang it in a room in his own house where it will be seen by few save him-self, that man I should consider demented. So with jewels''—
"Ah! What of them?"

"Jewels have a market value, and a place in the world. But when a man goes about buying up every magnificent specimen that can be found, and then locks his treasures up in a safe, he is simply a crazy man pure and simple."
"What has all this to do with the

case in hand?" "Everything. My friend is a crank on the subject of jewels. Sensible and entertaining on any other topic, if you mention the name of any kind of jewel e is off in a minute, giving a long history of this or that celebrated stone. His especial craze in this connection is to relate the crimes that have surrounded every stone of any great price. He has made my blood curdle at his ghastly tales of cruel murder, committed to

gain possession of diamonds and rubies."
"Then your conclusion is that by filling his mind with such thoughts he may have accustomed himself to the idea of crime in connection with jew- wondered whether this partner in the 'Exactly. The worst of it is that we may become habituated to anything. For instance, all ordinary men are abashed in the presence of the dead. No Why he should have done so, however be or how much he may scoff at the idea of ghosts and the like, he will pre-fer company if he must sit up with a

More than that, the slightest ice in the icebox, will cause a shiver to pass through him. Yet physicians who study frequently in the dissecting room come to have that contempt of a dead which he sells." "Your argument is not bad, Mr. Randolph. It is not impossible that your friend might be generous and gentle and yet with a mania for the possession of jewels, and with the knowledge of

all the crimes that have been committee to gain them, the temptation to kill o steal would perhaps become overpower ing, where his passion sees an opportunity to be satisfied. It is an odd world. "Do you think that in a case of that kind the man would be excusable on the plea of mania? Legally, I mean?'
"Well, no, I do not! Psychologically I admit that you may be correct, and I can sympathize with a man who became a criminal in such a way. But legally

he would be culpable. At least I think so. The question to be answered is, Did your friend steal those jewels? You slept with him that night. What do you think?" "I don't know what to think. He climbing over me, and, though I sleep soundly, that ought to have awakened

take the things, where could he have hidden them, and how did they get to New Haven? By the way, I suppose you have the description of the man who left the satchel at the hotel? Does it tally with that of my friend?" "I can't say. It is rather vague. The clerk says the man was of medium size, with red hair and beard, while the por-

ter who saw him also is equally positive that he had black hair and n beard. The last fits Mr. Mitchel better than the first, but it is a description which would do as well for 1,000 men found in a walk along Broadway."
"I almost think that after all the thief is some one else. "Let us hope so, Mr. Randolph. I will say this much, if there is any com fort in it for you. At present there is

ant his arrest.' The detective said this with a prooped to make him more communicative

'You have known Mr. Mitchel for a number of years, I believe?"
"No, not more than a year and a half. He has not been in New York two

"No, I think he came from New Or-

A curious sensation passed over Mr. Barnes. There is a superstitious belief, much esteemed by many, that a shudder or chill of this character means that Therefore an uncamy thought accompanies it. With Mr. Barnes it is differ-

the man and the woman know each oth-

ever."
"I would like to ask you a question
"I would like to ask you a question
"I Randolph. I

"Why not?"
"I don't exactly know. Perhaps it is

stant that I met him. "Yes. I may be entirely wrong, and perhaps I should not tell you the story, but I will do so. It was at one of my

were looking on. The stakes were small still there was money up. Thauret and the bottom card would be the trump.

Now it is pretty well known that as the ing four of a suit mainly, it is a mathe



"This time he was alone natical certainty that if the pack shuffled twice only, and the dealer is skillful enough to handle the pack so that the two halves split each other ex actly both times, the result will be that the majority of trumps will go to himself and partner. Cutting does not alter this fact at all. Now what I observed was that Thauret dealt in that way ev ery time. He and his partner won about \$200 during the evening. I think he

"Who was his partner?"

"I do not know. "Was Mr. Mitchel present that night?"
"Yes, and agreed with me that the man is a card sharp. Yet of course we may be doing him an injustice. After all we only know that he shuffled his eards twice, and played in good luck. I have since seen him lose at the same

"Well, I am much indebted to you, Mr. Randolph, for the information which you have given me. I will say that if I can prove that your friend had no hand in this affair I shall be most

happy."

The detective arose and Mr. Randolph accepted the action as a hint that he was dismissed. After his departure Mr. Barnes sat down again. In his mind he plice of Thauret in the jewel robbery, and whether he was the man who left the jewels in the hotel at New Haven. was a mystery.

A few minutes later Mr. Barnes left

the building and walked rapidly to-ward Third avenue, where he took the elevated road, getting out at Seventysixth street. Going eastward a few houses, he rang the bell of one, and was shown into a modestly furnished parlor.

A few minutes later a comely young woman of about 24 or 25 entered. two talked together in low tones for some time, and then the girl left the room, returning in street attire. To gether they left the house.

Four days later Mr. Barnes received a note which simply said, "Come up." He seemed to understand it, however, and was quickly on his way to the hou n Seventy-sixth street. Once more th girl joined him in the parlor.

"Why, of course," replied the girl. You never knew me to make a failure did you? You don't class me with Wil-

"Never mind about Wilson; tell me our story. 'Very good. Don't be impatient. You know me. I take my own way of doing things. Well, you left me in Madison Square park. I sat on a bench and watched Wilson. Two hours later a an came out of the hotel and Wilson ollowed him. It made me laugh to see the gawk skulking along in the rear. He's no artist. Why, any booby could

tell in a minute that he was on the "I told you to omit remarks about

"I know, but I choose to tell you about him, because I make you appreciate me more. So there he was chasin after your man Mitchel. You see I ha found out his name. You didn't tell ne, but that could not trouble me long, you know. It was real fun. One minut Wilson would be actually running would stop so short that Wilson would almost bump into him. Of course he knows Wilson by this time, and just has fun with him. I wanted to get one good square look at him myself. I jumped on a car and reached Third aveue ahead of them. I ran up stairs to be platform of the elevated station and hid in the waiting room. Soon up cam Mitchel, and away he goes to the end of the platform. Wilson stopped in the aiddle and tried to look natural, which, of course, he didn't. When the train came along, I got aboard and walked through till I found my man, and down I sat right opposite to him. I just stud

ied his face, you bet."
"Yes, miss, and he studied yours You are a goose, and you disobeyed or 'That's all right. It came out straight

enough. At Forty-second street he go out, and so did Wilson, and so didn't I.

'Because then he might have suspec ed me. No. sir; I rode on up to Forty train down, and was waiting in th "You know that?" said he. "Would you mind telling me how?"
"We detectives are supposed to know everything, are we not?" This was said with an affable smile, but the answer panies it. With Mr. Barnes it is different second time. This time he was alone, evidently having eluded Wilson at the panies it. With Mr. Barnes it is different second time. This time he was alone, evidently having eluded Wilson at the panies it. With Mr. Barnes it is different second time. This time he was alone, evidently having eluded Wilson at the panies it. With Mr. Barnes it is different second time. This time he was alone, evidently having eluded Wilson at the panies it. With Mr. Barnes it is different second time. This time he was alone, evidently having eluded Wilson at the panies it. With Mr. Barnes it is different second time. This time he was alone, evidently having eluded Wilson at the panies it. With Mr. Barnes it is different second time. This time he was alone, evidently having eluded Wilson at the panies it. With Mr. Barnes it is different second time. This time he was alone, evidently having eluded Wilson at the panies it. With Mr. Barnes it is different second time. This time he was alone, evidently having eluded Wilson at the panies it. With Mr. Barnes it is different second time. This time he was alone, evidently having eluded Wilson at the panies it. With Mr. Barnes it is different second time. This time he was alone, evidently having eluded Wilson at the panies it. happened that at the time he just hit upon a clew. Therefore he stopped to consider. All that Mr. Randolph had place. Here is the number." She hand-

she had fived in New Orleans. Was "I am not through yet. When I take there any significance in this fact? Did up a case, I go to the end of it. Do you suppose I would track that man and then let you turn Wilson on him again? Not much. Next day I called at the house and rang the bell. A servant girl opened the door. I asked to see the mis-tress. She asked what I wanted, and I told her that I had been sent for to take a situation. She looked surprised, be-cause, of course, she had not been notiquickly went on to say that I would not like to make her lose her place, and asked what sort of people they were who lived in the house. I got her talking and soon found out that it is a him. ing and soon found out that it is a kind of private boarding school, and that about another man, Mr. Randolph. I there is a child there, a girl of 14, wonder whether you have met him. His named Rose Mitchel, and that your man is her father. How does that strike

is her father. How does that strike you?'

"My girl, you are a genius. But still you knew this the day before yesterday. Why did you not report?'

"I went down again yesterday to try to learn more. I sat out in the park and watched the young girls when they came out for an airing. I could not find a chance to speak to the girl, but I found out which is she by hearing the others call her name. I had my camera along, and I took her portrait for you. The dagger ring, the blade of which was poisoned, was one of the infernal machines concocted by mediavel Italians. A tiny claw of steel was projected by a spring, and a scratch from this atrocious weapon meant certain death. along, and I took her portrait for you.

What do you say now? Have I wasted for

'Not at all. You are clever, but you time conjectural, but it has been will never be great, because you are too conceited. However, I have nothing but praise for you this time. Get me the

left the house.

[CONTINUED.]

These are the days when women rule
And men must meekly bow.
The ardent swain his words must cool,
For times are different now.
Then linger not so shyly here,
While blushes come and go.
Nay, if you love me, Mary, dear,
Why don't you let li me so?

With tenderest words your heart I'd thrill,
But asage bids beware.
The places men are wont to fill
Are chosen by the fair.
Where once a lover's course was clear
Propriety says "No."
Then, if you love me, Mary, dear,
Why don't you tell me so?

A rapturous trembling at my heart
Proclaims you 'mid the throng—
Nay, nay; forgive me! I depart
From customs new, but strong.
This yours to speak and mine to hear.
This inpulse I forego.
But if you love me, Mary, dear,
Why don't you tell me so?
—Philander Johnson in Washington Star.

There is a bitter coolness right in th

There is a bitter coolness right in the bosom of a family I know, and it happened in this wise: They haven't been married very long, and she is in just that stage of devotion when she wants to do everything for him. The band about his hat needed renewing the other day, and thinking to surprise him she put a brand new ribbon on one day while he was down town. When he came home, he noticed the new

"I-I had it done," replied she coyly.
"Well," he snorted, "what born idiot ever put a bow on the wrong side of the And of course her tender heart was bro-ken, for it isn't given to any woman to understand why self respect will not allow a man to wear either a hat, bow or nose-gay on his right side.—Washington Post.

The Modern Muse. I wrote a little poem; 'twas bright and sweet and gay, The cleverest and best I'd done for many and many a day.

I sent it to an editor—alas! my hopes were

and sent it back again.

And then I took that poem apart and tried a new invention.

I put it into dialect past human comprehension, possible to absorb it. Its value is \$40 per convenient.

Mrs. Kingsiey—Has ne become experienced to do anything?
Mrs. Jolibby—He tells me that he has learned how to crook his elbow, though I don't know what that means exactly.—
Detroit Free Press. Hard to Realize. The flash and glint of steel shod, clinking heels, The rasp and glitter of the skates on glaring

And round and round the schoolboy skims and Above his quickened breath in vapor take

At the meeting of the Hod Carriers' as sociation:
Clancy—Mr. Chairman, Oi t'ink we should expel Murphy fur not attendin meetin's. He's absent agin the noight,
Brady—Ye're no gintleman, Clancy, fur t' make thot complaint behoind a man's make that complaint behack.—Philadelphia Record.

> A sense of Christmas in the air. (Ten dollars for that hat?) Glad bells are chiming everywhere (I'll not pay bills like that!) The snowflakes trickle from the sky.
>
> (And fifty for that cloak?)
> And brighter beam the stars on high.
>
> (Another, and—I'm broke!)
>
> —Atlanta Constitution

Not a Great Deal. "I'm engaged to three just at pre e said. "Yes; a good deal on she said. "Yes; a good deal on hand? Oh, no! Not nearly as much as I have had. There is but one diamond in this

A charming young belle of the Sioux Stooped over to lace up her shioux, But she said as she laced, "I must have these replaced, For I see they no longer will dioux."
—Chicago Record.

Cause to Complain. "I don't think it's fair, Josiah," said Mrs. Chugwater as the attendants bathed her sprained ankle with soothing lotions and wrapped bandages about it. the one that always carries the accident insurance policies, and I'm the one that's always getting hurt!"—Chicago Tribune.

We don't want to play in your yard, We have playgrounds of our own, But you'll have to, we assure you, Let our old back fence alone. —Washington Star.

"He must be worth at least \$100,000 amma.''
"How do you know?"
"He told me his fortune ended in five iphers.''
''H'm! Maybe it begins with one too.'

I never had a penell that
I'd spent both time and skill to mend
But what it fell upon the floor
And always on the sharpened end.
—Chicago Record. Plaint of a Pessimist.

Sympathetic Wife-Oh, dear, I'm s sorry you are sick. What could you have eaten at the dinner? RINGS AND RING LORE.

Betrothal rings came into use in Europe as early as the ninth century.

The ring of Childeric is still preserved in the Imperial museum in Paris.

In the later Roman empire rings cut from solid stone, generally agate or onyx, became fashionable.

away with the other man's pocketbook.-Grand Rapids Press.

every wedding among wealthy Sax numbers of gold rings were given at to friends as mementos of the occasion Quintillian laid down certain rules for the wearing of rings. He protested against the use of too many and said that it was

In the Roman burial urns have been found great numbers of rings with shells. The use of these was for a long

conceited. However, I have nothing but praise for you this time. Get me the picture."

The girl went up stairs and returned with a small, rather dim photograph of a young, pretty girl, and gave it to Mr. Barnes. About half an hour later he left the house.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Actor Mansfield is going to elevate the lecture platform. The stage is too crowded.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

A man of the name of Sign is in jail in Iowa on the charge of forgery. Who says there's nothing in a name?—St. Joseph Gazette.

A Michigan man coughs up bullets.
This is different from the average man,
who merely coughs up his wad.—Kansas
City Journal. As Mr. Anson retires from the stage he

cannot withstand the temptation to cast a withering glance at the umpire.—Chi-cago Times-1 erald. It is estimated that Americans spend \$20,000,000 annually for chewing gum. Where is the anti chewing gum party?—Grayville Independent.

There are in Chicago, according to Com-missioner Kent, 836 streets that look like —well, that is to say, they are paved only with good intentions.—Chicago Tribune. We kick at the weather. It is one of the rested rights of an American to object to werything, and we propose to enjoy the penefits of citizenship.—Youngstown Tel-

We don't propose to get excited over war reports until we have heard from Mrs. Helen Gougar, Sister Lease and George Francis Train. If they say fight, she goes. —Wisconsin State Journal. It is stated that butter contains 40 times as many microbes as oleomargarine, and yet the latter has never succeeded in overcoming its shrinking modesty about assuming its own name.—St. Louis Globe Democratic

COSTLIER THAN GOLD.

Zirconium comes in flat, thin, grayish blue crystals and is worth \$40 per ounce. Barium is kept in kerosene. In color it is silver white, and its price is \$32 per Strontium is kept in kerosene to prevent oxidation. It is dark gray in color before melting, but after it is light gray. Its price is \$40 per ounce.

Cerium is a brownish green mass in appearance, but in reality it is a white metal belonging to the aluminium family. Its value is \$40 per ounce.

ounce.

Obscured the sense, and spoiled the rhyme, and mailed the shapeless wreck

and mailed the shapeless wreck

overstals and is very hard. The crystals and mailed the shapeless wreck can be also be that selfsame editor, who promptly sent a check!

—New York Tribme.

His Exercise.

Mrs. Jolliboy—My husband takes regular exercise at the club gymnasium now, and I judge from what he says that he is getting on finely.

Mrs. Kingsley—Has he become expertence of the same hardness will not. It is worth \$25 per ounce.

Most of these metals are shown in power form because they are obtained in that form. It is difficult often to obtain them in globules because they decompose very quickly when exposed to the air. If kept in lump, they are usually preserved in kerosene.—New York Herald.

805,223 more than its receipts

OUR NATIONAL FINANCES. In the year 1904 \$100,000,000 in bonds In 1835 the public debt of the United States was only \$37,513. Last year the United States spent \$42,-

Not quite half of our revenue last year was received from customs duties. The total ordinary expenditures of the government in 1895 were \$356,195,298. government in 1895 were \$356, 195, 298.

Thirty-seven cents per capita in 189s was sufficient to pay the interest on the nation's borrowings.

France, Russia, Great Britain, Austria-Hungary, Italy, Spain and Prussia are the only nations deeper in debt than is the United States.

In 1867 3 cents per capita of silver and 66 cents per capita of gold was coined. In 1894 13 cents per capita of silver and \$1.17 of gold was minted.

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The Indebtedness of the United States, less cash on hand on Nov. 1, 1895, was \$812,137,610.87. Without deductions and including certificates and treasury notes it was \$1,717,481,779.

ADVERTISING AXIOMS. The duller the season the more need there is of advertising, and of good adver-tising at that. Never sit down to write an ad-until you Never sit down to write an ad-until you have thoroughly thought out the subject and know exactly what you wish to say. No newspaper reader will ever believe a "selling out below cost" announcement unless adequate reasons for the sacrifice

Sincerity in an advertisement is the condiment which frequently makes an otherwise unattractive "business-literary" dose palatable. The bare statement that you sell cheaper than any other merchant in your line in town isn't worth the paper it's printed on Prove it by quoting prices.—Octavus Cohen.

The "new woman" has not been conspicuous in the war flurry. We are evidently far from the time when bloomers will wave, so to speak, in the thick of the battle.—Cleveland Leader. New Jersey's first woman lawyer has been granted permission to wear her hat in court. But the court didn't agree to keep her informed as to whether or not it was on straight.—Kansas City Journal.

Hetty Green has a Bible, but it men tions only the difficulties of a rich man in getting to heaven. There is not a word about a rich woman. Mrs. Stanton ought to readily perceive this virtue in the old fashloned book.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Inshioned book.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The question has been raised as to what
the new woman would do in case of war.
Without venturing into details it may be
afely said that if she should engage the
attention of the enemy as much as she
now does that of her contemporaries he
would not have much time left for fighting.—Philadelphia Ledger.

JEWELRY CONCEITS.

Out of the ordinary are princess lamps in cobalt blue, with figure panels. Stocking supporters are brought out with all the ordinary buckles, slides and loops of gold.

loops of gold.

Purses of woven gold have heavy gold clasps circled with jewels and a small watch in the center.

The showcases still disclose side combs in many varieties, with pearl and diamond heading, or with a waved edge of gold.

Feminine smokers can hardly fail to be pleased with cigarette holders having to see the please of golds.

RODGE 3 BROS. 1874 | KNIVES, FORKS, SPOGNS TRIPLE PLATE.

Consideration.

During January and February we will make a reduction of

On all cash orders or Suits, Overcoats or Trousers made from "Idea of the company your choice of any so far. material in the house, These garments will have the same fit and

**SUnder-**

Largest stock of hats and



we first met. I have stood by you and

edge made him more than ever confident of the skill of detectives, and especially the person affected is to be buried. "You know that?" said he. "Would

rough with his unpleasant business.
"Mr. Barnes, I have a confession to had come from New Orleans. In a mo"You have done well, that the dead woman had told him that mo at once?"

said was that Mr. Mitchel, he thought, had come from New Orleans. In a montit flashed across Mr. Barnes' mind ing it. "But why did you not report to you know.—Boston Transcript.

What She Said.

er-I've not the slightest idea.