the liveried boys, who showed him to one of the rooms set aside for the gen-

oliceman's shield.

was truly regal in its arran

There were no chairs, but soft and many hued alluring cushion

satin, drawn apart to reveal mirrors which multiplied the beauty of every-

kinds, which made the atmosphere redo

singing birds, and electric lights made

the rooms so brilliant that many times

during the evening they warbled in

chorus, thinking it morning.

The smaller room represented Alad

din's cave. Stalactites, resplendent with

ble rough stone, and every few inches a large precious stone was made fiery by

waxed for dancing. In a grotto, up ten

feet above the floor, the musicians play-

The festival opened informally—that is, while awaiting the arrival of others,

Ali Baba in sight. Scheherezade cam

in on the arm of the sultan. These he knew to be Miss Remsen and Mr. Van

Rawlston. Ali Baba joined them almost immediately, and a few minutes later

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That sufficed, and Mr. Van Rawlston eemed much relieved.

Mr. Thauret was not in costume, but ters followed his example, until all had he had brought with him a satchel, and passed out, when the next set of tablea now asked where he might find a place to dress. He was turned over to one of was at once quickly arranged. Again

acted, the audience in the palace room

tlemen. Mr. Barnes did not enter, for growing larger after each, so that soo had he done so without removing his mask it might have aroused suspicion. He, however, kept watch near the door, and soon saw a man come out dressed the fable of "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves' would be the next on the programme. The parts to be acted by each were quickly explained, and all wa As the Forty Thieves were prac tically like supernumeraries in a spec-tacular play, Mr. Barnes thought that he would take any position which he should choose, and so stood through all They were worn on the left breast and were intended to serve as souvenirs of the evening. Mr. Barnes smiled behind his mask as he looked down at his, At last the recitation was ended and the signal given for them to form a line to do obeisance to the sultan. Mr. which, to his mind, reminded him of a Barnes attempted to stand immediately The rooms were gorgeously decorated chind Ali Baba, and was surprised to in oriental splendor. The was designated the sultan's find two other men try for the same place coincidently. There was a moment of confusion, and then Mr. Barnes found

to be found everywhere around the walls. The floors were covered with rugs the leader. That what next occurred may be thor four deep. The walls were draped with oughly understood it will be well call accurate attention to the position of various actors. The palace room was thing. The ceiling was hung with gar-lands, in which were twined roses of all practically dark, though light from the cave room lessened the gloom so much that the figures could be distinguished lent with perfume. From among these garlands hundreds of gilded cages held enough to know whether a man or a wo

himself in line inst between the two

man were crossing the floor.

The sultan, Mr. Van Rawlston, lay or a divan, not far from the cave room and facing it. Scheherezade—Miss Emily Remsen—sat on a cushion beside him. Both of them faced the tableaus, and it will be seen at once that from gazing toward the light if either turned toward the darkness blindness would result for a few moments. Ali Baba, heading the line of Forty Thieves, came toward the divan. Here he stopped, made a salaam, bowing low, bringing his arms up above the head outstretched in front of him, then parting them with a swaying ement backward he rose erect again This done, he passed on into the darker part of the room. Next came the first of the Forty Thieves, Mr. Barnes following close behind him. This man made his salaam, bowing low. As he did so there was a slight noise. This attracted Mr. Barnes' attention for a moment and his eye wandered in the direction of the sound. For the merest part of a second, however, did his gaze leave the man before him, and when it returned he distinctly saw the figure do this: In making his salaam, when outstretching his arms, he allowed his hand to pas just over the head of Miss Remsen, who was looking down, perhaps to become relieved from the glare of the other



room. Mr. Barnes saw him deliberately and slowly take hold of her ruby pin, gently withdrawing it from her hair.

Just then a clock began to chime the
midnight hour. Instantaneously a
thought flashed through the detective's
mind. At the first note of the chimes the time had passed within which Mr. Mitchel had wagered to commit his robbery. He had thought that the man who had spoken to him had the voice of Mr. Mitchel. He had also come to this place expecting that this very jewel would be stolen. He had supposed that Thauret would play the part of accomplice and thief, while the principal, Mitchel, was manufacturing an alibi down in Philadelphia. It was evident now, so he thought, that Mitchel had escaped his spies, returned to New York, assumed one of the disguises which he himself had placed within easy reach, and now, on the very stroke of the last hour of his time, had committed his robbery—a robbery, too, which would make a commotion, and yet for which he could not be imprisoned if detected, since his flancee, at his instigation, would say that she had simply aided the scheme to further the wager, as perhaps she had, since she did

not stir when the gem was being taken.
All this flashed through Mr. Barnes' brain in a half moment, and by the time the thief before him had secured the ruby and was standing erect he had decided upon his course of action. This was to seize the man at once and pro-claim him a thief. Of course Mr. Mitchel would be able to explain his act, but at the same time he would have lost his

and Mr. Barnes darted forward to seiz him, when, to his astonishment, he was himself held as in a visa by the man behind him. He struggled to free himself; but, taken by surprise, he discover ed that he was powerless. What angere him more was that the thief was fast disappearing in the gloom. Determined not to be outwitted, he shouted: "Turn up the lights! A robbery has

"Instantly all was confusion. People crowded forward, and Mr. Barnes felt self from the pile of people who had tumbled over him and find a chance to say aloud:
"Miss Remsen has been robbed. Let

no one leave the house. Masks off!" Mr. Van Rawlston rushed to the door to see that no one departed, and people crowded around Miss Remsen to condole with her upon her loss. Mr. Barnes searched for Ali Baba and was amazed Then followed a pretty ceremonial.

Sindbad passed out of the cave room and approached the gultan and Schebere
"Who are von?" he asked roughly.

"My name is Adrian Fisher," was the reply. This astonished the detective, but it pleased him, too, for it seemed to confirm the suspicion that this man was av no more to him at that time, and nastened toward Miss Remsen to observe ner behavior. If she knew anything in dvance, she certainly was acting nirably, for she had grown excited, and was talking vehemently to those about her, declaring against the disgraceful management—so she termed it—which had enabled a thief to enter the rooms.

Barnes was thinking what

Van Rawlston apim, and by Mr. hauret, who was now in eve "Mr. Barnes, how was this thing one? Why did you not prevent it?" "I tried to do so, but could not. You must understand, Mr. Van Rawlston, that I am not omniscient. I suspected

that this robbery would occur, but could ot know how it would be accomplish ed. Nevertheless I saw the act. Then why did you not seize the "I attempted to do so, and was

hrown down from behind by his accom-"Can you identify the person by his

he Forty Thieves and evidently played This is Mr. Barnes?" said Mr. Thanret inquiringly, continuing at once:
"Yes, of course it is. We have met twice, I think. You say your thief was dressed as one of the Forty Thieves.

to allow themselves to be searched?"

"I will not hear of such an indignity to my guests," at once ejaculated Mr. Van Rawlston. "Search people in my own house! No, sir. I will willingly own house: No, sir. I will willingly pay for the lost gem rather than do so."
"You are quite right," said the detective, keenly eying Mr. Thauret. "I am sure that it would be useless."
"As you please," said Mr. Thauret,

and with a satirical smile he bowed and joined the group around Miss Remsen.
Mr. Barnes told Mr. Van Rawlston that it would be useless for him to re-main longer and that he would depart. He did not do so, however, until he had assured himself that Mr. Mitchel was not in the house. He went to the door and found that the boy who had been told to guard it had been absent looking at the tableaus when the confusion oc curred, so that he did not know whether any one had left the house or not. He

therefore departed in disgust.
"That fellow Mitchel," thought he as he walked rapidly down the avenue "that fellow is an artist. To think of the audacity of waiting till the very moment when his wager would be lost, and then committing the robbery in such a manner that 100 people will be able to testify that it occurred within the limited period. Meanwhile there is an excellent alibi for him. Sick in a hotel in Philadelphia! Bah! Isn't there one man that I can depend upon?"

At Forty-second street he took the elevated road, and in 20 minutes he

was at his office. Here he found the spy who had followed Mr. Mitchel to Phil-

adelphia.

"Well," said he angrily, "what are you doing here?"

"I am sure that Mitchel has returned to New York. I came on hoping to catch up with him, and at least to warn you."

"Your warning comes too late." "Your warning comes too late. The mischief is done. Didn't you have brains enough to telegraph?"
"I did just before I started." The
dispatch was on Mr. Barnes' desk un-

started for the festival.
"Well, well," said the detective tes-"I suppose you have done your That fellow has the devil's luck. What made you think that he had come to New York? Wasn't he sick?"

"I thought that might be a game or n alibi. To find out I registered, asking for a room near my friend, Mr. Mitchel. They gave me the one next to his. I picked the lock of the door beween the rooms and peeped in. Seeing no one, I went in. The place was emp-ty. The bird had skipped." "Take the next train back to Phila-delphia and do the best you can to find

out when Mitchel reaches there. He has gone back sure and will be sick in bed n the morning, or my name is not Barnes. Bring me proof of his trip to and from New York and I will give you \$50. Skip." CHAPTER XI.

MR. BARNES RECEIVES SEVERAL LETTERS. On the morning of the 3d of January the mail which reached Mr. Barnes contained several letters of interest to those who follow this history. The first which he opened was very brief. It If Mr. Barnes will call at his earliest convenience to will greatly oblige EMILY REMSEN.

mother, which was as follows:

I. Barnes, Esq.:

Dear Sire—I take the liberty of recalling to your mind the conversation which I had with you last month. I regret very much that I should have hinted that there was any possibility that my friend Mr. Mitchel might be implicated in the Pullman car robbery. As you know, Miss Emily Remsen was robbed at the festival, night before last, of a ruby pin worth \$30,000. It is very evident to my mind that Mr. Mitchel's hand is in this. I know hat he pretends to be sick at a hotel in Phelphia, but may not that be a humbug' delphia, but may not that be a humbug? It would have been easy enough for him to slip over, don one of the Forty Thieves' dominos, take the gem and get back to Philadelphia the same night. This would be a safe theft for him to commit, especially as he may have the assistance of Miss Remsen. Now, as all is fair in a bet, I want you to undertake to prove for me that Mr. Mitchel committed this theft. I want to win that wager from him and don't mind spending money. Even if I should advance you the whole \$1.000 I should save my own, provided you convict him within a year. Besdies, the satisfaction to me would be worth the money. It takes a sharp man to get ahead Besides, the satisfaction to me would be wor the money. It takes a sharp man to get ahe of Mr. Mitchel. I inclose check for \$300 as sort of retainer, and you may draw on me f more, up to \$1,000, if you should need it. I the way, while writing to you I may as we confess that I was wrong in my suspicion Mr. Thauref. I am sure that he does ne cheat at cards. I have watched him frequer ly since then, and he certainly plays a squa game. I have no reason for liking the ma hand, as a fact, dislike him most heartil Nevertheless justice compels me to retract it imputation which I put upon him. Anoth thing—the partner with whom he played th night I told you was unknown to me. I ha

thing—the partner wind woom he played that night I told you was unknown to me. I hav since made his acquaintance, and, though h is poor, he is a gentleman and above suspicion His name is Adrian Fisher. Hoping you will help me to win my wager, yours truly, ARTHUR RANDOLPH. "So," thought Mr. Barnes, "even Mr. Randolph sees through the transparent scheme of being sick in Philadelhia and stealing his sweetheart's jew elry in New York. It is one thing to see the trick, however, and quite an-other to prove it. He thinks that Thauret and Fisher are both virtuous. Well, I am afraid he is mistaken there."

He took up another letter. It read:

Mr. Barnes read this no less than three times, and then said aloud, though there was no one to hear him, "Well suggestiveness. What he thought, but did not put into words, was: "That man has the coolest andacity I ever met. Here he actually offers me \$1,000 to re cover that ruby, when he knows that I was right by his side at the time of the theft. Is he so egotistic that he dares to gny me? Is he so sure that he cannot be onvicted? I know that he was not in Philadelphia anyway, as my man found his room empty. His alibi is broken, at all events, clever as he thinks him-self. Will I go to Philadelphia to see him? Well, I should think so! A conversation with him will be as satisfac tory to me as it possibly can be to him. But first I must obey the call from Miss Remsen. There may be much to learn

It was nearly an hour before Mr Barnes' duties in connection with other cases made him at liberty. He went straight to Miss Remsen's and was shown into her presence.
"You sent for me, Miss Remsen," he

'Yes, Mr. Barnes," she replied. "Will you be seated?" The detective accepted her invitation, and she contin-"That is unfortunately impossible.
All that I know is that he was one of ned: "To come to the point at once, I wish to see you about my lost ruby. It was a present from Mr. Mitchel to me, wish to see you about my lost ruby. It was a present from Mr. Mitchel to me, and besides being very costly I attach a sentimental value to it. I want you to undertake to recover it and I will.

Skeleton vests of Scotch plaid: "eta or surab are worn with the service of the ser undertake to recover it, and I will give

> thousand dollar offers made to him in so "Your offer comes too late, Miss Remsen. I have a letter from Mr. Mitchel

himself, making a similar offer. It would scarcely be proper for me to accept two rewards for one service." "Then you refuse to help me?"
"On the contrary, I will use my utmost endeavors to detect the thief and

recover your property for you. But I need no money from you.' "You are very conscientious, Mr. Barnes, and I admire it. I honor a man who places his duty above money."
"I thank you for your courteous remark. Now, if I am to help you, you

"Then, tell me, have you no suspicion s to who might have taken your jew-l?" The girl hesitated, and the detect ive watched her face keenly. As she did not reply at once he asked another

must begin by assisting me."
"I will do whatever I can, certainly."

"Did you feel the person take the pin from your hair?" "Yes, I did; but I did not realize what was occurring till he had it."
"Why did you not make any resistance or cry out?"

Again she hesitated, but in a moment

she said firmly: she said firmly:
"I know that you have a right to ask
me these questions, and I will reply to them if you insist upon it. But first, tell me, would it be right for me to call a and to you as one that I may have suspected when I had but the flimsiest excuse for my suspicion? Might I not thus do more harm than good by attracting your attention to a false scent?"

"That is certainly a possibility, Miss Remsen, but it is one which I am in-

Remsen, but it is one which I am in-clined to risk. I mean that I prefer to trust to my experience than to have you omit to tell me your suspicions."
"Very well; only promise me that

you will not jump to conclusions and thus perhaps annoy the person whom I shall name. "I agree to that. I will take no action without sufficient reason other than that furnished by yourself." "Very well. You asked if I suspected

ned. It had arrived after he had any one, and again why I did not resist the thief. If you will remember, my head was bowed. At first I could not understand how something seemed to move my pin. I fancied that it had become entangled in the sultan's robe. moment it flashed across my mind that perhaps Mr. Mitchel was taking my pin in order to win his wager. Therefore I said nothing. This makes my action

clear to you?"
"Perfectly. Then I am to understand that Mr. Mitchel did not tell you in advance that he would do this?" "No, he did not, and that is why I have sent for you."
"I don't understand you.

"Why, all the time that I thought he had the pin I was not worried. I even went so far as to act indignation at the festival. That was partly for your edifi-cation and mystification. I wanted to help Mr. Mitchel's plan. But when it occurred to me yesterday that Mr. Mitchel, if he had meant to take the pin, would have told me in advance, I saw at once that my first idea was wrong and that my ruby is really gone Then I wrote to you.'

"Then you feel sure that he would have told you in advance."
"Positive."
"May he not have feared to ask you He read this twice, and then took up another, which was as follows: to implicate yourself in robbery and possible scandal? You know he was liable to arrest, and it might be a con siderable time before he could have proved that his theft was only a joke. He may have wished to spare you no-

toriety.

"He knows me better than that." She said this with a smile.
"How better?" asked the detective. "I mean that he knows there is nothing that I would not risk for him, since I have consented to give him myself. I am one of those women, Mr. Barnes, who are not easily deterred from aiding the man of her choice."

"Do you mean that you would be

"I do, and therefore feel confident that he would have asked my assistance if it had been his intention to take my pin."
"Just as he did on another occasion?" The detective had been leading her up to this for the last few moments, and

now watched to see the effect. She did

not change countenance, but simply said: "What occasion?" "The morning when he locked your maid in this room while you went down town and took a little girl from one house to another?"
"To what other?" This was a hard one for the detective, and as he did not reply she smiled aggravatingly as she

your assertion. You suspect that I did what you say, but you do not know it. As I told you just now, it is possible for a bare suspicion to lead one astray."
"Perhaps, but I do not think that I
am far wrong in this instance."

"We will not discuss it. Let us return to the ruby. You told Mr. Van Rawlston, so he tells me, that you knew in advance that this crime was about to occur. Did you know the person who would take the pin?"
"To be perfectly frank with you,
Miss Remsen, I expected that Mr. Mitch-

I cannot do that. it would certainly be to give up my hope of recovering the stone. I am sure that Mr. Mitchel has not taken it. If I am wrong and he has he has made a mistake and must suffer

"You may rely upon it that my best energies shall be devoted to this work. I wish you good morning."

DREAMS OF DRESS. The long black undressed kid glove is again in fashionable favor Small by degrees and beautifully less grow the huge balloon sleeves, so long the

Chiffon, plain, spangled or flowered, is marked feature of nearly every full dress oilet of the se ly enriched this winter by accessories of lustrous silk velvet.

Corded silks and ribbed velvets will be extremely popular fabrics for handsome street and visiting costumes this spring. Another survival of past seasons is the short jacket. It is very popular just now in Paris and will come up for favor among dressy spring modes. Few colors are so advantag as yellow under artificial light-

surah are worn with the open fronted coats that have the popular bended off skirts, and also with the shorter Russian

short a time before. He smiled slightly tabs, "crenelated" at the lower edge; others are made with a short, sharp point front and back, and again we see bodices

calling, skating and the up town prome-nades are in princess shape, the skirt por-tion in the approved flaring style, but open up the sides and bordered with fur or heavy patterned passementerie. Kilted skirts will appear this spring, some plain others trimmed with ribbon some plain, others trimmed with ribbon put on in rows near the hem before the skirt is plaited, or sewed on from belt to skirt edge after the kilting is done, the ribbon appearing on every third or fourth kilt.—New York Post.

THE WORLD'S RIVERS.

Twelve creeks in the United States bear the name of the Rhine. Every ancient city of note was located on or near the sea or a river.

The Seine is 470 miles in length, and during the lower part of its course quently attains a width of a mile. The floods of the Nile are so regular in their coming that for hundreds of years they have not varied ten days in the date of their arrival at a given point.

The value of protective works for the banks of rivers was known to the Romans. A large stretch of the Tiber, in Rome, above and below that city, was protected by revetting the banks.

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There are three rivers known as Colorado. The first is in Utah and Arizona and is 1,300 miles long; the second is 6 river of Texas, 900 miles in length; the third is in the Argentine Republic, in South America, and is 400 miles long.

The river Platte during the summer is the release the greater portion of its course.

THE PEARL OF THE PACIFIC. Hawaii still wants to join us. If we do not want her, Johnny Bull would act as parent.—Indianapolis News.

Hawaiian Islands, for the great power that owns them will control the north Pacific.—Denver Republican.

Miss Kate Field of Washington and President Dole of the Hawaiian republic are talking up union with considerable are talking up union with considerable onthusiasm, but as yet the matter ha onthusnasin, but as yet the injuster may gone no farther than a proposal to apner Hawaii to the United States. There is no wedding in sight.—Cincinnati Times-Star. Kate Fleld, writing from Honolulu, an-Kate Field, writing from Honoliu, announces that Hawaii is anxious to be annoxed to the United States. Miss Field is thus early in the campaign of leap year work. She once made a great fight on plurality of wives among the Mormons of Utah, but she believes in the more the meriter for Uncle Sam.—Springfield Leader-Democrat.

PERFUMES. The principal European manufactories of perfumes are in London, Parls and the towns of south France and north Italy. The precious cintment which the woman poured upon the feet of Christ was highly perfumed, so that the odor filled the house. Pliny says that special perfumes, not allowed to any but members of the royal family, were prepared for the Roman emperors.

perors.

In Exedus, XXX, an account is given of the oil of holy ointment made by Moses from myrrh, cinnamon, calamus, cassia The records left by the Phœnicians, As-syrians and ancient Persians show that among all those nations the use of per-

Perfumes are now extensively manufactured in the United States, and the hattive articles are said by experts to compare favorably with foreign manufacturers.

THE YACHTING EARL. Dunraven was not a success in "Measure For Measure." He should confine himself to "Much Ado About Nothing."
—Philadelphia Telegraph. It is rumored that Earl Dunrayen will soon be made a duke. This is all wrong. His title would be more appropriately that of å fluke.—Harper's Bazar.

One of Lord Dunrayen's boats will take part in the coming races in the Mediter part in the coming races in the Mediter.

That is, a small sea, too where

ranean. That is a small sea, too, where even the lines of latitude and longitude might obstruct his course.—New York Mail and Express.

variety of several early presidential booms.

—Washington Times.

Somebody might arise and advertise himself as a presidential impossibility just by way of variety. —Washington Star.

It doesn't take much to make a "presidential problem." dential possibility," but presidential prob-abilities are scarce, even now.—Buffalo Commercial.

Grand Duke Alexis is a full admiral now and the head of the Russian navy.

The sultan is not of pure Turkish descent. Singularly enough, there is a strain of pure Armenian blood in his

The czar is reported to have said to somebody who commented on the sex of his baby: "The czarina and I are rejoiced to have a daughter. The child is ours, and ours only. A son would have belonged to all Russia."

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seeming jewels, hung pendent from the ceiling. The wells were made to resem-Executor's Notice. Letters testamentary on the Catate of acob Shoup, dec'd, late of Eyans City, state Co. Pa., having been granted to undersighed, all persons knowing bemselves indebted to said estate will the tiny electric lamp hidden behind it. The floor alone was unlike a cave, being lesse make immediate payment, and any aving claims against said estate will prethose already present amused themselves waltzing, chatting or chaffing one anoth-er. Mr. Barnes sauntered about, keeping

> the arm, and turning he saw a man costumed as himself. "We must be careful or Ali Baba may iscover our password, 'Sesame,' as he

> > Mr. Barnes. The other man looked at him intently a moment through his mask, and without a word moved away. Mr. Barnes was mystified. He regretted that he had not replied in some les candid fashion that he might have heard the voice again. But taken by surprise as he was, he had lost his self possession for a moment. If he were not the voice was one which he had heard

did in the real story.

by the time that he himself reached there, there were at least a dozen similar costumes in a group. He looked them over carefully, but there was nothing by which he could pick out the special man for whom he was searching. He went up to one at haphazard and whispered

to him:

should say that was Mitchel." He followed across the room after the person,

but he saw him go out into the hall, and

"Sesa-what!" came the reply in a strange tone.
"Don't you know our password?" asked the detective.
'Password? Rats! We are not real thieves.'' And with a laugh he turned away. Mr. Barnes felt himself powerless, and besides recalled the fact that while he followed this will-o'-the-wisp he was not keeping an eye upon Ali Baba. Hurrying back into the ballroom, he soon found him, though he had part

About 11 o'clock a blare upon a cor-

net attracted the attention of the frolicking throng. A man dressed as a genius announced that the time had ar-

rived for the entertainment. Immedi

ately every one went into the Aladdin's

cave room except Scheherezade and the

ed from Scheherezade.

sultan, and a heavy pair of satin curtains were dropped, so that they hid the eave from the sultan's palace. The sultan lay down upon a divan near the curtains, and Scheherezade sat beside him upon a satin cushion on the floor. Behind the curtains the committee busied themselves forming a tableau. those not needed being hidden from view behind still another pair of curtains, which were of a gloriously beau-tiful blue and served as a rich back-ground. Many of the guests, knowing that their tableau would not be reached for some time, passed around and stood crowding about the doorways of the hall, to get a view of the first pictures. Soft music was begun, when, at a signal, the electric lights in the palace room were extinguished, and the front pair of yellow satin curtains were drawn aside, showing a tableau of Sind-bad the Sailor. Mr. Barnes, peeping from behind the red curtain, noticed that as Scheherezade sat on her low cushion in the now darkened palace room the rays of an electric light in the cave just touched a gorgeous ruby which she wore in her hair. This he knew at once was the same which Mr. Mitchel had shown to him, and which

Scheherezade began to recite the story of Sindbad, a monologue for the evening having been prepared which told in a few words enough to explain the se-quence of the tableaus. Her voice was musical and her reading admirable, so that very soon there was a silence as of death, save as it was broken by her words. As she reached various parts of her tale she would clap her hands, and at once others entered the scene, grouping themselves to form new pictures. Thus Sindbad was followed along his various travels, till at the end the curtains were dropped for a moment, to be parted again, showing all who had taken

and approached the sultan and Schehere-

himself hurled violently toward the advancing throng. Toppling against some one, both fell to the ground, and several others tumbled over them. Pandemoni um reigned supreme, yet it was some time before any one thought of turning up the lights. Mr. Van Rawlston, un-Lucette told him had been presented to derstanding the situation better than any other, was the first to recover his presence of mind, and himself turned on the first only made things worse, for i blinded everybody. Thus, to the detect ive's chagrin, several valuable minute were lost before he could extricate him-

"Mr. Barnes, you have no proof of

Miss Remsen, I expected that Mr. Mitchel would take it. I think now that he did take it. Do you wish me to continue the investigation? It may lead to your friend's losing his wager, whereas you have the right to notify the police that your gem has been returned to you. That would make our work on the case useless and assure him of winning his bet."

Mr. Barnes' object here was ingenious. He thought that if the girl accepted his suggestion he would thus be assured that she still suspected Mr. Mitchel. Thus he would reach her true opinion of the case. Her answer was be el would take it. I think now that he did take it. Do you wish me to continue

you \$1,000 if you succeed."

Mr. Barnes had never had so many

and Eton jackets. Some of the silk bodices are cut into

The Euphrates is termed in the east the Royal river, from the fact that 672 kings have reigned on its banks.

The word meander comes from the refer of the same name, whose course was so devious that it furnished nearly every modern language with a new word.

The river latte during the summer is dry along the greater portion of its course. The water runs underground, only an oc-casional pool appearing on the surface, By digging almost anywhere in its course a supply of fresh, cool water may be ob-tained.

parent.—Indianapolis News.
What's the use of Hawaii seeking admission to the Union? Dole himself states that not it man there'is itching for office.
—St. Paul Globe.
The United States ought to own the

Nearly every known perfume is now successfully imitated by the synthetic processes of the chemical laboratory.

mes was very common.

PERT POLITICS. Age is beginning to stale the original