



HOUSEHOLD TALKS Henrietta D. Grauel

How to Select a Refrigerator

family. The ice chamber should be large; there is no economy in buying ice in smallest quantities; you lose in weight of ice and cannot keep food at proper temperature. Beside this it is an an-moyance to have the ice chamber re-filled every day. It is much better to have a box that will hold fifty, seventy-five or a hundred pounds of ice and then have it opened by the ice man-but once or twice a week. The saving will be great.

but once or twice a week. The saving will be great. Another thing to give particular at tention to is the drip pipe. There must be no connection between this and the food compartment and it should be nade so that it can be removed and cleaned when elogged. Rightly selected and carefully man-aged the household refrigerator is an economical investment, for one can buy perishable foods in large quantities and not have them spoil before they are used. You also have the means at hand

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS "Please tell me how to clean a bor-owed book soiled by much handling. Vorried." Reply.—Use a soft cloth dipped in muine or in mandhane a duth dipped in



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CONTINUED In a tone different from the light and mocking one that he had hitherio used to the Arab, Tremont began to ask a dozen questions severely, and in his answers to the young Frenchman, Hammet Abou began to make a favorable impression on every one favorable impression on every one save the Marquise d'Esclignac, who did not understand him. There was a huge bamboo chair on a dais un-der a Chinese pagoda, and the Mar-quise d'Esclignac took the chair and sat upright as on a throne. Mimi, who had just been fed, came in tinkling her little bells and fawned at the sandals on Hammet Abou's bare feet. After talking with the native, Tre-mont said to his friends: "This man save that if he joins a

"This man says that if he joins a Tremont alone. Jewish caravan, which leaves here to morrow at sundown, he will be taken with these men and leave the city without suspicion, but he must share the expenses of the whole caravan.

The expedition will not be without danger; it must be entered into with great subtlety. He is either," said Tremont, "an impostor or a remark-able man." "He is an impostor, of course," murmured the Marquise d'Esclignac. "Come here, Mimi."

Tremont went on: "Further he will not disclose to us

He has evidently some carefully laid plan for rescuing Sabron." There was a pause. Hammet Abou

his hands folded peacefully across his breast, waited. Julia Redmond wait-The Comtesse de la Maine, in ed. her pretty voice, asked quickly:

"But, mes amis, there is a man's He at stake! Why do we stand here talking in the antechamber? Evident-ly the war office has done all it can for the Capitaine de Sabron. But they have not found him. Whether this fellow is crazy or not, he has a won derful hypothesis."

A brilliant look of gratitude crossed Julia Redmond's face. She glanced at the Comtesse de la Maine. "Ah, she's got the heart!" she said

to herself. "I knew it." She crossed the hall to the Comtesse de la Maine and slipped her arm in hers. "Has Monsieur de Sabron no near

family?" "No," said the Marquise d'Esclignac from her throne. "He is one of those unfamilied beings who, when they are once taken into other hearts are all the dearer because of their

orphaned state." Her tone was not unkind. It was affectionate.

"Now, my good man," she said to Hammet Abou, in a language totally incomprehensible to him, "money is no object in this question, but what will you do with Monsieur de Sabron if you find him? He may be an in-valid, and the ransom will be fabu-

lous. The Comtesse de la Maine felt the girl's arm in hers tremble. Hammet Abou answered none of these ques-tions, for he did not understand them.

He said quietly to Tremont: "The caravan starts tomorrow at sundown and there is much to do." Tremont stood pulling his mus-tache. He looked boyish and charm-ing, withal serious beyond his usual habit. His eyes wandered over to the corner where the two women stood to-

gether. "I intend to go with you. Hammet Abou," said he slowly, "if it can be arranged. Otherwise this expedition does not interest me."

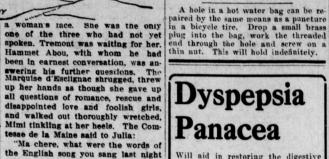
Two women said: "Oh, heavens!" at once. Robert de Tremont heard the note of anxiety in the younger voice alone.

He glanced at the Comtesse de la Main You are quite right, Madame," he said, "a man's life is at stake and we stand chaffing here. I know some thing of what the desert is and what

the natives are. Sabron would be the first to go if it were a question of a brother officer."

The Marquise d'Esclignac got down from her throne, trembling. Her eyes

were fixed upon her niece.



the English song you sang last night -the song you told me was a sort of prayer. Tell me the words slowly, will you?"

They walked out of the vestibule together, leaving Hammet Abou and

CHAPTER XXI.

Master and Friend. Pitchoune, who might have been considered as one of the infinitesimal

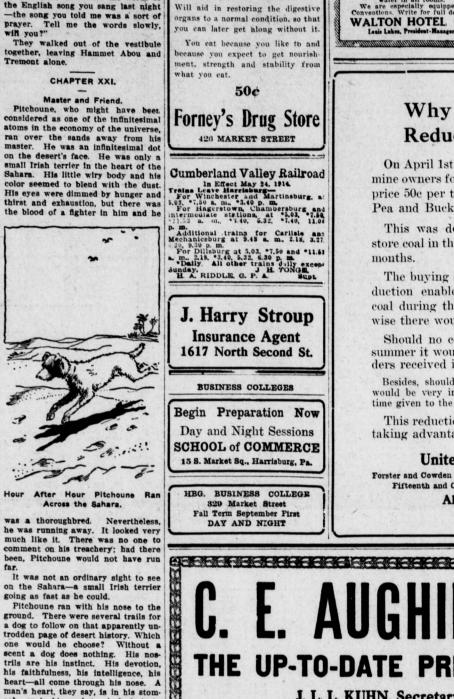
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Across the Sahara.



the morning he took a bath in the pool, and the sun rose while he swam in the water.

in the water. If Sabron or Miss Redmond could have seen him he would have seem t the epitome of heartless egoism. Ho was the epitome of wisdom. Instinct and wisdom sometimes go closely to-gether. Solomon was only instinc-tive when he asked for wisdom. The epicurean Lucullus, when dying, asked for a certain Nile fish cooked in wine.

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wine.



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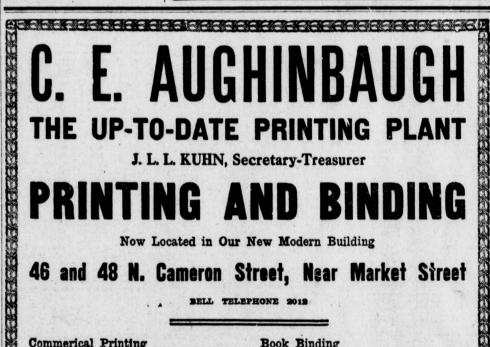
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"Julia," she began, and stopped. Madame de la Maine said nothing. "Robert, you are my godson, and I forbid it. Your mother-" "-is one of the bravest women I ever knew," said her godson. "My father was a soldier." Julia withdrew her arm from the Comtesse de la Maine as though to leave her free. "Then you two girls," said the Marrules d'Esclignac, thoroughly Ameri-can for a moment, "must forbid him to go." She fixed her eyes sternly upon her niece, with a glance of en-treaty and reproach. Miss Redmond sald in a firm voice: "In Monsieur de Tremont's case I should do exactly what he proposes." "But he is risking his life," said the Marquise d'Esclignac. "He is not even an intimate friend of Monsieur de Sa-bren!" Tremont said, smiling:

"You tell us that he has no broth-er, marraine. Eh bien, I will pass as his brother."

thrill touched Julia Redmond's heart. She almost loved him. If, as her aunt had said, Sabron had been out of the question

The Comtesse de la Maine was the

palest of the three women. She had been quietly looking at Tremont and now a smile crossed her lips that had tears back of it—one of those beau-tiful smiles that mean so much on

Fatigue and hunger were for otter as hour after hour Pitchoune ran across the Sahara. Mercifully, the m sun had been clouded by the pre-cursor of a windstorm. The air was almost cool. Mercifully, the wind did not arise until the little terrier had pursued his course to the end.

ach—or in his pocket. A dog's is in his nostrils. If Pitchoune had chosen the wrong direction, this story would

never have been written. Michette did not give birth to the sixth puppy,

in the stables of the garrison, for nothing. Nor had Sabron saved him on the night of the memorable dinner

for nothing. With his nose flat to the sands Pit-

north and south, took a scent to the east, decided on it—for what reason will never be told—and followed it.

oune smelt to east and to west, to

There are occasions when an ani-mai's intelligence surpasses the hu-man. When, toward evening of the twelve hours that it had taken him to reach a certain point, he came to a settlement of mud huts on the bor-ders of an oasis he was pretity account ders of an casis, he was pretty nearly at the end of his strength. The casis at the end of his strength. The casis was the only sign of life in five hun-dred miles. There was very little left in his small body. He lay down, pant-ing, but his bright spirit was unwill-ing just then to leave his form and hovered near him. In the religion of Tatman dogs alone have souls. Pitchoune panted and dragged him-self to a pool of water around which the green palms gray, and he drank

the green paims grew, and he drank and drank. Then the little desert wayfarer hid himself in the bushes TC . and slept till morning. All night he was racked with convulsive twitches, but he slept and in his dreams he M P killed a young chicken and ate it. In



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