A BLADE OF CRASS.

Tall. slender blade of grass, Bending and swaying: Now standing motionless, Now, as if praying Bowed to the earth you are Sobbing and shaking. Ronsed from your grief at last, Quivering and quaking. Stilled now, your wild distress Stilled now, your wild distress Stilled be wind's soft caress Joyonsty waving. Joyously waving. -New York Sun

...... Mis. Williams's Wild Ride.

BY CLARICE IRENE CLINGHAN.

The women of the east, secure in their guarded homes, have little conception of the perils which in years past attended their pioneer sisters on the frontier. They may have a theosetical idea, it is true, but one must have had actual experience to realize fully the constant dangers that beset these brave souls.

The Williams ranch at Rockdale, Wyoming, lay near the foot of the Medicine Bow mountains, and was 30 miles from railroad station and at miles from rainoad station and postoffice. A young married couple dad settled there, and invested their savings in cattle and horses. They throve and were happy, until one unfortunate day, when Mrs. Williams' brother, Addison White, arrived from mining comp in Collicania where he a mining camp in California where he had been prospecting and working for two or three years. In boyish glee he produced from his capacious pockets four stout buckskin bags tied with thongs, which he flung upon the kitchen table.

'Open em, Mab," he said to Mrs. Williams. She untied one of the bags, turned it upside down, and was asliams. tonished to see an avalanche of bright, gold pieces roll over the table of and down upon the floor. "O, Ad," said Mabel, pursuing the

"O, Ad, "said Madel, pursuing the ppinning runaways," what does it mean? Where did you get them?" "They're my savings of the last four years," replied Addison, proudly. "Each of those bags has twenty-five "00 get bicsons in th?"

\$20 gold pieces in it."

Two thousand dollars! And you brought it all the way from the railword station alone on horseback!" exclaimed his sister, aghast. "How very imprudent! Don't you know this country is full of desperadoes? Why didn't you deposit it in a savings bank?

"Because I want to invest it right away, and didn't want to be bothered putting it in and then drawing itright out again," returned Addison, with a self-satisfied air, walking up and down the room with his hands in his pock-"I'm going to leave it in Aands, sis, for safe keeping. Mean-while I'll look around, and when I strike a nicelittle location in a mining samp for a general merchandise store

I use the money in buying stock." Being thus left in possession of the Areasure. Mabel cast about for a suit-Able hiding place; but the secluded litt's nooks, the corner cupboards, the mrsterious oak closets and big, rambling garrets peculiar to old-fashioned eastern houses were totally lacking i this small, bare walled, three roomed log cabin.

First Mabel loosened a board in the floor and put the four buckskin bags underneath. It seemed to her excited imagination that any one might nothat that particular board had tice been pried up and nailed down again; ad besides, the first thing a robber in search of concealed wealth would do would be to look under the floor. So, after a few days, she removed the four bags and put them with affected carelessness in the dark recesses of a little cupboard where she kept her bottles and frying pans.

But this was worse still. Her eyes seemed fixed in a telltale gaze on the place where the treasure lay concealed. So one day after dark she pried up one of the flat stones which formed part of a walk leading to the spring house, dug out some of the soil underneath to make room, placed the four little bags therein, and then carefully replaced the stone.

It was not surprising that Mrs. Wil-

shoot the man that breaks down the

She then made a pretense of piling up furniture before the door to barri-cade it, and under cover of the noise opened the rear window and sprang out. As soon as she gained the ground she fairly flew to the stable, where she unloosed the half broken colt, Taurus. Not daring to take time to saddle or bridle him, she led him to the bars, and grasping the single rope attached to his halter, sprang upon his back. By this time the robbers had broken

down the locked door and discovered her escape. They returned hastily the front of the cabin, where th horses were tethered, mounted them, and started in pursuit of their victim. The odds seemed greatly agianst the brave little woman. Taurus under-stood at once that without bridle or bit he was practically master of the situation, and began kicking, rearing and plunging. But on hearing pur-suing hoof beats he started, sniffed the air, and then, detecting the old familiar trail down the creek, which he had followed so many times in company with the herd, he galloped rapidly in that direction. This was what Mrs. Williams had counted upon and trusted to. As shot after shot whistled round her from her pursuers she clasped her arms around Taurus' neck and laid her head against his long, black mane, in an attempt to

make as poor a target as possible. But now Taurus' blood was up. At the sound of the pursuing horses, the singing of the bullets round his head, and a touch as of fire on his back, where one of the missiles made a slight flesh wound, he threw up his head, snorted with rage, and with one mighty leap into the air, bounded down the trail with a speed which it is probable was never equalled by any of his famous progenitors.

Whether the robbers' horses were already jaded, or whether Taurus' speed was too great for them at best, the desperadoes soon gave up the chase. But the colt did not slacken his speed till, trembling, wild-eyed, his flanks reeking with blood and foam, he stopped at the round up seven miles away.

Breathless and dizzy, Mabel slid to the ground, and in a few words in-formed her husband of what had taken place at the cabin. In a few moments Williams and four of his men had saddled their horses and were on their way to the ranch. When they arrived they found the

house in utter confusion and the robbers gone. Nothing had been taken. Under the flat stone the four little buckskin bags and their contents remained safe and untouched.

A few months later the robbers were apprehended for other crimes, for which they were tried and served their

terms in the penitentiary. As for Addison, he discovered a fa-vorable location for his store, and is now a well-to-do merchant in a large western city.

Mrs. Williams is past middle life now, and has streaks of gray in her black hair, but she has never forgotten her wild seven-mile ride on the back of the unbroken colt, and rather enjoys relating the adventure when coaxed to do so. She likes better, however, to call attention to her favorite horse, Taurus, which, although ra-ther advanced in years, is still a handsome, mettlesome animal, with a scar across his back where the robber's bullet plowed his skin on that memorable morning 20 years ago.-Youth's Companion.

A Carlous Chinese Custom

According to the rule sanctioned by ceuturies of Chinese observance, no document can have the authority of the imperial throne of China unless it bears a red spot placed there by the sovereign. To the Grand Council the Tsung-li-Yamen and all other departments of state takes their business, and the Grand Council in turn consid-ers all documents, and attaches to each a piece of red paper on which its own decision is written. Each morning at daybreak the Grand Council proceeds to the palace to submit the papers to the sovereign, who, as each document is produced, signifies approval by makis produced, signifies approval by mak-ing a small spot with a brush on the margin of the red paper. With the red spot upon it the paper is the most sacred thing in the world to a Chinaman; without it, it may be torn to shreda with impunity.-Leslie's Weekly.



THE EDICTS OF FASHION.

New York City.—Russian styles have taken an accepted place and bid fair to continue their popularity for many months. The tasteful yet simple May



Manton walst illustrated exemplifies one of the best forms and is in every way desirable. The model is a Beatrice cloth, in a soft pastel shade of tan. with bands of white covered with rows of machine stitching, but the style is equally appropriate for French flannel, Henrietta, albatross and the like, and for taffeta and other waist



ROUND YOKE WRAPPER.

from washable materials should be unlined.

advantage of home-making is to be found in the opportunity to select the best material and to secure a perfect it. The May Manton model illus-trated can be relied upon to be correct in every detail, and to give certain satisfaction. As shown it is of per-cale, white with strips of blue, but the same material in different colors and in figures, as well as stripes, is correct, and both Madras and cheviot are also fashionable materials, while outing and Scotch flannels are much

liked for morning wear. The fronts of the waist are laid in style, finished at the wrists by straight cuffs, the pointed ends of which lap over the straight. At the neck is a three straight box pleats, so insuring deep standing collar, that is pointed at one end to match the cuffs, and simple and perfect laundering. The sleeves are in regulation shirt style, closes slightly to the left of the cenwith stiff cuffs of the latest decreed

DEFICIENT EDUCATION.

I'm really sorry for the man Who's bred to idleness. He passes through life's little span A picture of distress. Alas, he may not even know. What joy it is to shirk, He is indeed a man of woe Who hasn't learned to work.

Bat sadder is the busy one Who hurries through this life Who hurries through this life And never stops to think of fun Amid the bustling strife. He is the mournfullest of men-You see him every day-Who feels like loading now and then,

But doesn't know the way. -Washington Star.

HUMOROUS.

Riter—Have you read my last poem? Reeder—I hope so.

The Photographer—But this picture doesn't look like her. Astute Assist-ant—Of course, not; but it looks like she thinks she looks.

Wigg-Young Gotrox is an imbecile He hasn't even horse sense. Wagg-He doesn't need horse sense. He rides in an automobile.

"Some people say," remarked the alkative barber, "that barbers are talkative too fond of conversation." "O! that's all wrong," replied the man in the chair; "it's soliloguy they're fond of."

"What does the teacher say when you don't know your lessons?" asked Willie's father. "She says I must be a chip of the old blockhead," replied Willie. And then something hap pened.

"I know all the tricks of the trade,' declared the loud-mouthed lodger. "You don't suppose I've been board-ing 20 years for nothing." "No," said the landlady icily. "I'm positive you haven't."

"For a man who doesn't work," said the housekeeper, "you have a pretty good appetite." "Yes, ma'am," replied Hungry Higgins; "dat's why I don't work. If I did, dey wouldn' be no satisfyin' me."

Smith-I suppose you are one of those who claim the world owes you a living. Laziman-Yes; and the trouble is collections are bad. It's as much as I can do to scrape together a bare existence.

Two bulls were once in love with the same heifer. In the midst of their dispute a man was seen ap-proaching. "Aha!" exclaimed the heifer, who played no favorites. "Here is a way out of the difficulty You may toss up for me." Thus is feminine wit always equal to an emergency.

"I was getting measured for a suit of clothes this mawning," said young Mr. Sissy to his pretty cousin; "and just for a joke, y' know, I awsked Snipen if it weally took nine tailors to make a man. He said it would take more than nine tailors to make a man of some people. I thought it was quite clevah."

"You are the sunshine of my life!" he exclaimed. She smiled encourag-ingly. "You reign in my heart alone!" "I could he continued. She frowned. not wed a man who mixed his metaphors like a weather prognosticator," she said, haughtily. He realized at she said, haughtily. He realized at once that his case was hopeless, and, putting on his mackintosh, he stag-gered out into the moonlight.

NO MORE BIG CITIES.

Improved Rapid Transit Will Be the Municipal Solvent. In an effort to picture the future of

great cities as afflicted by the devel-opment of rapid transit, Mr. H. G Wells contributes to the London Fort-nightly Review a fascinating article on the England of 200 A. D. It is the second of a series of serious scientific anticipations, the first of which placed the speed of railway journeys for the near future at 100 mile or more an hour, and of omnibuses, cabs, etc. at 30 miles or more.

Mr. Wells believes that the influence of this rapid transit will be not to condense population, but to spread it out all over the land. Huge towns and cities will all but disappear, and the inhabitants will betake themseves to the country again. Hitherto the great cities have been confined, he points out, within a radius of about eight miles from the centre; horse

IBARRETA'S FATE.

Relics of Explorer and His Comrades

Found in the Grand Chaco. was reported early in September, 1899, that Senor Enrique Ibarreta and his men had mysteriously disappeared while exploring the Pilcomayo River, in north Argentina, one of the longest of the second-class streams of South America. There was little doubt that they have been massacred by the In-dians, who for 170 years past have defeated the attempts made by a con-siderable number of explorers to ex-plore this stream. A little later the bare fact was published that there was no longer any doubt of the massacre of the party, but no details of the tragedy had been obtained. Then a report reached Buenos Ayres that Ibarreta and a part of his expedition were probably still alive. This report led to the sending of an expedition under the command of Senor Uriarte to rescue the explorers if they could be found. The relief expedition has re-cently returned to Buenos Ayres with evidence that leaves no doubt that the entire party was killed by the hostile Indians of the northern part of Ar-gentina. In the depths of the Chaco forests, near a place called Esteros de Patino, Uriarte found the camp of Ibarreta. Strewn all around were the camp utensils and equipment, most of it rendered useless by the weapons of the Indians, who had destroyed practically everything which they could not utilize. Even the voluminous notes which Ibarreta had made upon the work he was doing from day to day were torn to pieces and scattered to the winds. A considerable number of these fragments were recovered and they supplied undoubted proof of having been written by the ill-fated ex-plorer. Many photographic negatives he had made were also found. Not a trace, however, of any of the party could be discovered. It is believed the entire party was surprised and over-whelmed by a superior force of Indians and that after the whites were killed their bodies were dragged away and concealed in order, if possible, to destroy any direct evidence of their having met a violent death. It is natural that these Indians should deavor to conceal evidences of their crime that might bring it home to them, for on one or two occasions they have been made to suffer severely for murdering white men .- New York Sun

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The foundation is a fitted lining that closes at the centre front, and upon which the waist proper is arranged. The back of the waist is plain across the shoulders, and has the fulness drawn down at the waist line. The fronts show no fulness at the upper portion, but are arranged in gathers at the waist line and blouse slightly at the centre. The right side laps well over the left and is held in place by invisible fastenings of small hooks and loops. The sleeves are in bishop

A serious rival to silken gauze. Liberty silk and chiffon, sheer tissues in great favor, is the new silken fabric

der and soft as mull, but has a justrous sheen, with glistening surface. This proves immensely becoming to the majority of women. It smartens up a toilet which would otherwise be a dull black. The new silk is used as chemisette, and also for undersleeve when such are worn. Slender young girls wear folded belts of the same glistening material. It is as cool as sea foam in appearance.

A Stunning Dust Cloak.

Batiste seems an odd material for a dust cloak, but it is correct for a wrap in warm weather and on smart occasions. Each of these delicate garments has a collar of colored silk or prune satin. Pomegranate pink, turquoise blue, orange, copper red are some of the tints chosen. Whie silk mohair is the material of a smart dust cloak intended to be worn on a coaching expe-dition. It has a smart collar of mossygreen silk, with a very heavy rib, and has turned-up cuffs of the same,

The Battlements of a Bolero.

A modish bolero is extended downward in front in "battlement" tabs. It can then be cut up sharply under the arms, for the long front aspect is secured. The battlement tabs are not preferred to a rounded or ovoid finish.

Boys' Shirt Waist.

The strongly-made, well-fitted shirt waist that can be relied upon to with-Makes and linen; but when made ment that is always in demand. The stand the typical boy's wear is a gar-

offered for use as empiecements, yokes and chemisettes. It is almost as ten-

liams was a little apprehensive, for she was usually quite alone during the daytime. Her brother had gone on his trip to look up a mining camp, and her husband was busy branding calves and rolts at a roundup seven miles away. Nevertheless, Mabel was by no means ', timid woman. She broke all her husband's colts, and was never so happy as when conquering a mettle-some bronco. She was now subduing a particularly fine thoroughbred colt Taurus, which was kept in the stable instead of being allowed to follow the herd, much to his anger and Lisgust.

One morning, while she was engaged with household duties in the cabin, a loud, ringing blow sounded upon the door. Upon opening it, she was confronted by two rough looking one of whom covered her with a revolver.

We know you have \$2000 in gold in this house," he said. "Get it at once

"I give you my word of honor." said Mabel, speaking calmly, "that the only money in the house is about \$50 that I have on hand for household ex-penses. It is in the next room."

"Go get it, then, and be lively," said the man with the revolver. "As for the \$2000, I know it's here. We'll see about that afterward.'

Mabel went into the adjoining room. peized her husband's rifle that stood in a corner, slammed the door shut shot a thick wooden bolt into its hasp.

"I am armed." she called, "and will years.

The First and Second Men Had No Chance "Gentlemen," remarked a third man. "I don't like to compete in fish stories because I am not a fisherman, but I'll take the liberty of telling you that when I lived in Texas I had a friend who went out fishing one morning and when he returned he had a wagonload of fish and he claims that when he went out before day he went to what he thought was his favorite fishing place. He began operations, throwing out his line and pulling in fish as fast as he could move. When day fast as he could move. When day broke he had a wagonload and could find no creek at all. Upon investigation he discovered that he was half a mile from the creek and that he had been fishing in the fog."-Macon Tele-

Great Demand for Victorian Coine

graph.

There is a great demand in England for Victorian coins during the present year. In the dockyard cashier's offces at Woolwich Arsenal and else-where large quantities are being put in circulation, and it is believed that the men employed in government es-tablishments will make a profitable bargain by selling the coins received in payment for their services to the bidders.-New York Sun.

There have been but nine chief jus-tices in England during the last 140

width. The neck is finished with a band to which the turn-over collar is tre. To cut this waist for a woman of medium size four yards of material twenty-one inches wide, three and a attached by studs or buttons and buttwenty-one inches wide, three and a tonbles. The shoulder seams are cov-half yards twenty-seven inches wide, ered and stayed with appliqued bands two and a half yards thirty-two inches stitched on each edge, and stitched on at the waist is a belt, to which buttons wide, or two and one-eight yards forty-four inches wide, will be required. are sewn to support the trousers.

To cut this shirt waist for a boy of

Woman's Round Yoke Wrapper.

No woman likes to be without a simple, tasteful morning gown that can be slipped on with ease. The excellent May Manton model given amply fills the need and is essentially com fortable at the same time that it pre sents a dainty and attractive appear ance. The material from which the original is made is white lawn with figures of old blue, and the trimming stitched bands of plain blue on white; but the entire range of washable cot ton materials, as well as simple light weight wools, are appropriate.

The back is graceful and shapely and includes becoming fulness below the deep round yoke. The fronts are simply gathered and arranged the lining, or seamed to the yoke when this last is omitted. The sleeves are in bishop style and comfortable as well as fashionable.

To cut this wrapper for a woman of medium size, ten and a half yards of material thirty-two inches wide, or eight years of age three yards of material six and a half yards forty-four inches two and a half yards thirty-two inches wide, will be required. wide, will be required.

traction and bad train services have compelled it. Soon the radius will be 30 miles. "And is it too much." asks Mr. Wells, "not expect that the available area for even the common daily toilers

of the great city of the year 2000 will have a radius very much larger than that? Now, a circle with a radius of 30 miles gives an area of over 2800 square miles, which is almost a quarter that of Belgium."

The social equivalent of the season ticket holder, will, he suggests, have an available area with a radius of over 100 miles, or almost the size of Ire "Indeed, it is not too much to land. say that the London citizen of the year 2000 A. D. may have a choice of nearly all England and Wales south of Nottingham and east of Exeter as his suburb, and that the vast stretch of country from Washington to Al-bany will be all available to the active citizen of New York and Philadelphia before that date

Mr. Wells' picture is indeed delightful. He gives Englishmen a London city of a sort, a Lancashire-Yorkshire city, and a Scotch city, consisting chiefly of husiness premises, while the whole of Great Britain will be dotted over with houses very different from the modern "villa" each in its spacious garden. It will be much monotonous, Mr. Wells says. There will be more life and more character and each district will grow in its particular way. The postoffice will de liver nearly everything that every household wants.



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