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force the second time under your

very eyes. The darkness which made

this possible was due to the fact that

while you were looking for the switch,

and I was apparently aiding, was hold-

ing my hand over it all the time to

keep you from turning on the light.

"All the rest of it you know," she

concluded wearily. "You compelled

me to leave the Venezuelan legation

by your esplonage, but in the crowded

hotel to which I moved I had little dif-

ficulty avoiding your Mr. Hastings,

your Mr. Blair and your Mr. Johnson,

so I came and went freely without

your knowledge. The escape of the

prince from prison you arranged, so

you understand all of that, as well as

the meeting and attempted signing of

the compact, and the rapid recovery

of Senor Alvarez. And, after all, it

was my fault that our plans failed, be-

cause if I had not been-been un-

easy as to your condition and had not

made the mistake of going to the de-

serted little house where you were a

prisoner, the plans would have suc-

"I'm beginning to understand," said

Mr. Grimm gravely, and a wistful, ten-

der look crept into his eyes. "If it

had not been for that act of-consid-

"We would have succeeded in spite

of you," explained Isabel. "We were

afraid of you, Mr. Grimm. It was a

compliment to you that we considered

it necessary to account for your

whereabouts at the time of the sign-

"And if you had succeeded," re-

marked Mr. Grimm, "the whole civi-

lized world would have come to war."

of it that way," she replied frankly.

she went on after a moment. "The

Latin compact has been definitely

given up; the plan has been dismissed,

thanks to you; the peace of the world

"Just a word of assurance now,"

eration and kindness to me-"

ing of the compact."

ceeded, the compact been signed."

You remember that?"

Mr. Grimm nodded.

Count di Rosini, the Italian ambassador, is at dinner with diplomats when a messenger summons him to the embassy, where a beautiful young woman asks for a ticket to the embassy ball. The ticket is made out in the name of Miss Isabel Thorne. Chief Campbell of the secret service, and Mr. Grimm, his head detocitive, are warned that a plot is brewing in Washington, and Grimm goes to the state ball for information. His attention is called to Miss Isabel Thorne, who with her companion, disappears. A shot is heard and Senor Alvarez of the Mexican legation, is found wounded. Grimm is assured Miss Thorne did it, he visits her, demanding knowledge of the affair, and arrests Pietro Petrozinni. Miss Thorne visits an old bomb-maker, and they discuss a wonderful experiment. Fifty thousand dollars is stolen from the office of Senor Rodriguez, the minister from Venezuela, and while detectives are investigating the robbery Miss Thorne appears as a guest of the legation. Grimm accuses her of the theft; the money is restored, but a new mystery occurs in the disappearance of Monsteur Boissecur the French ambassador. Elusive Miss Thorne reappears, bearing a letter which states that the ambassador has been kidnaped and demanding ransom. The ambassador returns and again strangely disappears. Later he is rescued from an old house in the suburbs. It is discovered that Pietro Petrozinni shot Senor Alvarez and that he is Prince d'Abruzzi. Grimm figures in a mysterious jail delivery. He orders both Miss Thorne and d'Abruzzi to leave the country, they are conveyed to New York and placed on a steamer but return. Grimm's coffee is drugged and upon regalising consciousness he finds a sympathetic note from Isabel Thorne. The conspirators against the zovernment. and upon regaining consciousness he finds a sympathetic note from Isabel Thorne. The conspirators against the government are located and their scheming is overheard. Grimm orders d'Abruzzi to destroy the unsigned compact. Isabel crupels him to obey and is termed a traif-ress by the conspirators. The detective informs high government officers of the scheme. Prince d'Abruzzi leaves the country and the plot is abandoned.

CHAPTER XXVI.

In Which They Both Win.

Mr. Grimm dropped into a chair with his teeth clenched, and his face like chalk. For a moment or more he sat there turning it all over in his mind. Truly the triumph had been robbed of its splendor when the blow fell here-here upon a woman he loved.

"There's no shame in the confession of one who is fairly beaten," Isabel went on softly, after a little. "There are many things that you don't understand. I came to Washington with an authority from my sovereign higher even than that vested in the ambassador; I came as I did and compelled Count di Rosini to obtain an invitation to the state ball for me in order that I might meet a representative of Russia there that night and receive an answer as to whether or not they would join in the compact. I received that answer; its substance is of no consequence now.

"And you remember where I first met you? It was while you were investigating the shooting of Senor Alvarez in the German embassy. That shooting, as you know, was done by Prince d'Abruzzi, so almost from the beginning my plans went wrong because of the assumption of authority by the prince. The paper he took from Senor Alvarez after the shooting was supposed to bear vitally upon Mexico's attitude toward our plan. but, as it developed, it was about another matter entirely.

"Yes, I know," said Mr. Grimm. "The event of that night which you did not learn was that Germany agreed to join the compact upon conditions. Mr. Rankin, who was attached to the German embassy in an savisory capacity, delivered the answer to me, and I pretended to faint in order that I might reasonably avoid you."

"I surmised that much," remarked Mr. Grimm.

"The telegraphing I did with my fan was as much to distract your attention as anything else, and at the same time to identify myself to Mr. Rankin, whom I had never met. You knew him, of course; I didn't."

When next I met you it was in the Venezuelan legation; you were investigating the theft of the fifty thousand dollars in gold from the safe. I thrust myself into that case, because I was afraid of you; and mercilessly destroyed a woman's name in your eyes to further my plans, made you believe that Senorita Rodriguez stole that fifty thousand dollars, and I returned it to you, presumably, while we stood in her room that night. Only fully worked out; and she did bring me the combination of the safe from to intention of keeping the money. It and a friend of my queen." that packet again, and there was bowed her head. never a suspicion that it had been opened."

"Only a suspicion," Mr. Grimm corrected.

"Then came the abduction of Monsieur Bolssegur, the French ambassain the other because I was afraid of tails which I carefully supplied. As a seechingly to his face. "Please go." matter of fact, Monsieur Boissegur them; and it was not advisable to from Paris. Understand, please, that dropped beside him. all these things were made possible by the aid and co-operation of dozens, scores, of agents who were under my

and even if there were he would no more sell them than you would have accepted a fortune at the hands of Prince d'Abruzzi to remain silent. The compact has falled; you did that. The agents have scattered-gone to other duties. That is enough."

There are no plans for it in existence,

"No," said Mr. Grimm. There was strange fear tearing at his heart,-'No one knows the inventor more intimately that I." "No," he said again. 'I won from my government a promise to be made good upon a condition -I must fulfill that condition."

"Won't you go if you know you will be killed," and suddenly her face turned scarlet, "and that your life is dear to me?" "No."

Isabel dropped upon her knees be-

fore him. "This inventor-this man whom you insist on seeing-is half insane with disappointment and anger," she rushed on desperately. "Remember that a vast fortune, honor, fame were at his finger tips when you-you placed them beyond his reach by the destruction of the compact. He has sworn to kill you.

"I can't go!" "If I tell you that of the two human beings in this world whom I love

this man is one?" A shuffling step sounded in the hall-

way just outside. Mr. Grimm stepped back from the kneeling figure, and turned to face the door with his revolver ready.

"Great God!" It was a scream of agony. "He is my brother! Don't you see?"

She came to her feet and went staggering across to the door. The key may be worked by throwing the ball clicked in the lock. "Your brother!"

"He wouldn't listen to me-you wouldn't listen to me, and now-and now! God have mercy!"

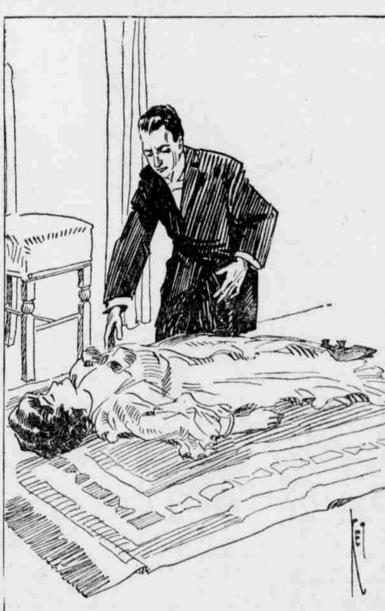
There was a sharp rattling, a clamor at the door, and Isabel turned to feasts. The rice is to be eaten with Mr. Grimm mutely, with arms out chop sticks, which are to be retained horns. stretched. The revolver barrel clicked as souvenirs, each pair being tled under his hand, then, after a moment, with red ribbon, he replaced the weapon in his pocket.

"Please open the door," he requested quietly.

"He'll kill you!" she screamed. Exhausted, helpless, she leaned against a chair with her face in her hands. Mr. Grimm went to her sud-"I never permitted myself to think denly, tore the hands from her face, and met the tear-stained eyes.

"I love you," he said. "I want you to know that!" "And I love you-that's why it matters so.

Leaving her there, Mr. Grimm is unbroken. And who am I? I know strode straight to the door and threw you have wondered; I know your it open. He saw only the outline of agents have scoured the world to find a thin little man of indeterminate age,



In a Stride He Was Beside Her.

out. I am the daughter of a former | then came a blinding flash under his | culty, It was not her room-it was mine! I Italian ambassador to the Court of St. eyes, and he leaped forward. There stole the fifty thousand dollars! All James, My mother was an English was a short, sharp struggle, and both the details, even to her trip to see woman. I was born and received my went down. The revolver! He must Mr. Griswold in Baltimore in company early education in England, hence my get that! He reached for it with the with Mr. Cadwallader, had been care- perfect knowledge of that tongue. In one idea of disarming this madman Rome I am, or have been, alas, the The muzzle was thrust toward him, Countess Rosa d'Orsetti; now I am an he threw up his arm to protect his Mr. Griswold on the strength of a exile with a price on my head. That head, and then came a second flash. forged letter. But she didn't know it. is all, except for several years I was Instantly he felt the figure in his There was no theft, of course. I had a trusted agent of my government, arms grow limp; and after a moment

attention from the thing I did do- graciously. Mr. Grimm seized the break a lock inside the safe to get a slender white fingers and stood with sealed packet that contained Vene- eyes fixed upon her. Slowly a flush zuela's answer to our plan. I sealed crept into her pallid cheeks, and she In a stride he was beside her, and

"Wonderful woman!" he said softly. "I shall ask a favor of you now," she went on gently. "Let all this that you have learned take the place of whatever you expected to learn, and go. Believe me, there can only be one dor. I plunged into that case as I did result if you meet-if you meet the inventor of the wireless cap upon you and had to know just how much which so much was staked, and so you knew. It was explained to you much lost." She shuddered a little, an attempt at extortion with de- then raised the blue-gray eyes be-

Go! The word straightened Mr. opposed our plans, even endangered Grimm in his tracks and he allowed her hands to fall limply. Suddenly have him recalled or even permit his face grew hard. In the ecstasy of him to resign at the moment. So we adoration he had momentarily forgotabducted him, intending to hold him ten his purpose here. His eyes lost until direct orders could reach him their ardor; his nerveless hands

"No," he said.

"You must-you must," she urged gently. "I know what it means to orders; every person who appeared in you. You feel it your duty to unravel that abduction was working at my direction. The ambassador's unexpect- can't; no man can. No one knows ed escape disarranged our plans; but the inventor more intimately than I. he was taken out of the embassy by and even I couldn't get it from him.

he rose. The face of the man on the was necessary to take it to distract | She rose and extended both hands floor was pearly gray; and a thin, scarlet thread flowed from his temple.

He turned toward Isabel. She lay near the chair, a little crumpled heap. lifted her head to his knee. The bluegray eyes opened into his once, then they closed. She had fainted. The first bullet had pierced her arm; it was only a flesh wound. He lifted her gently and placed her on a couch, after which he disappeared into another room. In a little while there came the cheerful ting-a-ling of a telephone

"Is this the county constable's office?" he inquired. "Well, there's been a little shooting accident at the Murdock Williams' place, five mfles out from Alexandria on the old Baltimore Road. Please send some of your men over to take charge. Two hours from now call up Mr. Grimm at Secret Service headquarters in Washington and he will explain. Good-by."

And a few minutes later Mr. Grimm walked along the road toward an automobile a hundred yards away, bearing Miss Thorne in his arms. The chauffeur cranked the machine and climbed to his seat.

"Washington!" directed Mr. Grimm. "Never mind the speed laws."

THE END.

For the Hostess

The Yarn Charm to Find Partners. | a dozen red apples, and in four of One of the oldest stunts for Hallo- them conceal a ring, a thimbie, a butwe'en was to find one's future mate ton and a coin. Just press the artiby the aid of a ball of yarn. A cles carefully into the fruit and the maiden was to take a ball of yarn and mutilation is not discernible in the toss it through an open window and water. The boy or girl getting the then hold the end in her hand and ring will be married or engaged withwalk away if she was to carry with in the year. The thimble means no in the year the ball would be picked such luck; the one getting it must up by the man inside, who began to remain single or unattached for anwind up the yarn and thus draw her other twelve months. The coin means back to him. A young matron should wealth and the button means one use this method of finding partners must win lame or fortune by one's for her Hallowe'en supper, which is own exertions. to be served at 8:30. Knowing the preference of her guests, she will have

the right man for each maid conceal-

ed in the garage. One at a time the

girls will be given a ball of warn,

there being one ball for each girl, and

which is to be lighted only with

"jacks" in the trees. When the man

winds up his maiden, who is instruct-

are not practical, the same scheme

Recipe for Chop Suev.

One five-pound chicken.

One can of mushrooms.

Salt thickening.

Enough for ten people.

cense burning inside.

Two pounds of bean sprouts.

One ounce of Chinese sauce, known

Cook the chicken and beef together

the bones, add the mushrooms, onlons

sliced in very thin slices, the celery

sliced in thin pieces, and do not cook

and the thickening, and last the sol.

To obtain the bean sprouts soak

then keep them damp and in a very

warm place. The sprouts come very

shire sauce. Serve the chop sucy in

without handles. For the table cen-

terplece have a witch's kettle with in-

New and Old Tricks.

ples," said a young devotee of the de-

partment who was asking me for new

"We are tired of bobbing for ap-

One pound of celery.

I give the recipe for chop sucy

down stairs.

as sol.

Who remembers the old trick of trying to get a coin out of a pan of flour with the teeth, the hands being tied behind the back? This is a laughable sight. Sometimes a wedding ring is concealed in the flour, and the one she is to go alone through the yard, getting it will be married within the year. Of course, the coin denotes wealth.

Party Given in Barn.

ed not to drop her end no matter what happens, they will go out a rear I must tell you briefly of one party door of the garage and into the house to be given in a barn, where the decoby a side entrance. Then the next rations will be branches of autumn leaves, which remain brilliant in the man is slipped into the hiding place and another girl started to meet her country far longer than in town. fate. There are to be ten couples, so There are to be grinning "Jacks" set this will add much to the fun and on posts along the driveway, and inmystery. If the detalls as given here side the barn all the lanterns are to have electric lights to avoid possibility of fire. Cucumbers, squash and over a transom or over a bannister many other vegetables are to be made into lanterns and candle holders. The hostess is to dress as an old witch. and all the girls are to have witches' hats, surmounted by black cats prewhich is fine to serve at Hallowe'en sented to them. The boys will wear hats of scarlet and adorned with

A Chinese feast is to be served at a table where black and scarlet dragons will run rampant. The part of A pound and a half of tender beef. the barn reserved for the party is to be gay with Chinese lanterns, fans, screens and parasols.

Hallowe'en Cakes.

Often a few novel recipes have to creep into the department, so now for these very unusual and seasonable till they are very tender, take out all rules. First for "Jack o'lantern" cakes: From a plain loaf cake baked in a sheet cut pumpkin-shaped cakes about two and a half inches wide and very long; then add the bean sprouts | two inches thick and ice with frosting colored yellow, with the yolk of eggs or with saffron. While the icing is still moist, insert two small red canbeans in water till they absorb it all, dies for the eyes and nose and a row of them for the teeth.

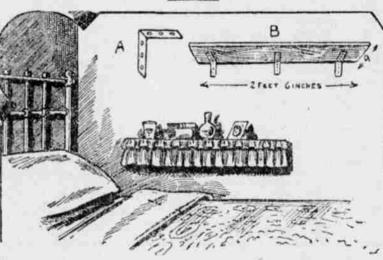
For the "clock faced" cakes, buy a quickly, so there is plenty of time to few vanilla wafers, coat with vanilla prepare them. Sol may be purchased frothing and let them dry. With meltat a large grocery or at a Chinese ed chocolate and a new small paint store; lacking these, use Worcester- brush you make the numerals of the clock, the hands in the center pointbowls with rice and the tea in cups lng to midnight, "the witching hour." Children adore these confections, which require only a little time and patience. I am sure every mother is more than willing to do this.

MADAME MERRI.

For children little coats of taffeta stunts for Oct. 31. But did you ever are in vogue. A pretty little model bob for them prepared in this way? of dark navy blue silk has collar and light zinc tub which may be cuffs of brighter blue, edged with sil brought from the laundry put at least ver buttons.

Coats for Children.

Invalid's Bed Shelf



Anything that tends to the comfort | be securely nailed to the wall. and ease of an invalid, who may for Diagram "B" shows the under side a long period be confined to bed, is of the shelf and indicates the postwell worth attention, and our sketch tion in which the three brackets should illustrates a capital suggestion that be fastened. For appearance sake, may be carried out without much diffi- a little flounce of some pretty cre-

corner of the room against the wall, may easily be arranged so that it and a shelf about nine inches wide by forms a tiny frill at the top with a two feet six inches long, fastened to flounce hanging down underneath. the wall in the position shown. This A shelf of this kind will prove the may be easily done, and a piece of greatest boon to an invalid, as on it board of the size mentioned should be may be kept we'll within reach all procured, and three strong metal those little things in the shape of brackets of the nature indicated by books, papers, watch, glass, etc., that diagram "A" in the sketch fastened are always so necessary for the inon underneath. Brackets of this kind valid to have handy, and who may can be obtained for very little at any thus obtain them with the least posfronmonger's, and the shelf can there sible exertion.

Green is the ruling favorite for even-

White serge has jumped into favor

There seems to be no end of black

Satins continue to hold a firm post-

Rows of tiny buttons are used on

The directoire coat may be a fea-

Mission handles are still in excellent

Each week sees long skirts coming

ing gowns.

with a bound.

ward drapery.

elvet sashes.

tion in fashion.

wraps and gowns.

ture of fall fashions.

in favor of boarders.

style for umbrellas.

tore she were into favor.

tonne can be tacked all round the The bed should be placed in the edge of the shelf, and the material

VARIETY IN FALL COLLARS Simple and Effective Designs Seen In Latest Offerings of Dame

Fashion. A large variety of collars is being shown for fall. While the newer mod-

els do not show the regulation sailor collar, many are made with the new Three piece suits of serge are in shaped sailor, which almost reaches to the waist line, but is considerably narrower than the old style. Large, round collars and pointed collars are Skirts show a decided tendency toalso much in evidence.

Hoods and hood effects are meeting with considerable success. Some of the coats have the collars made so as to have an adjustable hood which can be used to cover the head, when desired. When unbuttoned it forms a

satlor collar. Double collars, consisting of a deep cape collar coming over the shoulders There is again springing up a feeling and a small turndown collar, usually of another material, are also seen in the lines. While the majority of coats have the turndown collar, a few are made with the standing military col-



DRINK HABIT AMONG WOMEN

Americans Consume More Liquor Than Do Their English Sisters-Much of It is Done Openly.

American women drink as much as, if not more than, English women, according to Dr. John D. Quackenbos, who has made a study of the question. Unlike Dr. Murray Leslie, a Loudon physician, who asserted that there is far more secret drinking among women than his generally known, Dr. Quackenhos says that in America women make no effort to conceal their drinking, but proclaim their overfondness for highballs, cocktalls and champague by indulging to excess in public cafes, restaurants and the big botels. Smoking, too, he says, is a vice coupled with the drink habit that is working havoe among women as well

"There is not so much secret drinking here as in England," Dr. Quackenbos said, "because women can be seen any night drinking what they fancy and without trying to keep any one from knowing what they are drinking. American women ha doing anything good or bad generally go to extremes, and my experience in New York shows

alcoholic drinks are served, and they give wine dinners themselves. They will play with fire and tempt Provi- of the sale has been lost, dence continually. There is one woman now who is a patient of mine who will take as many as ten glasses of fortunate thing about it is that the habit is developing among young girls, and debutantes at their luncheons and arettes and playing games of chance for money.

"The women of the middle classes tn America drink beer, but not to ex- are being inspected by experts. cess, as a rule. It is a custom to have beer with dinners, and if the stuff were pure the harm would be less than It be.

"But tobacco is doing just as much harm as alcohol, for the two go together. And I know that too much tobacco leads to too much alcohol, because the tobacco habit depresses the nerve centers and causes a demand in the system for an antidote. and the antidote for tobacco poison is whisky

"I can safely say that 75 per cent. of the drink trouble among men, and women, too, is due to tobacco. Where women are not so particular about concealing the fact that they drink they are careful to conceal the fact that they smoke.

"I know that many raise the question as to whether a woman hasn't as much right to smoke as a man. It doesn't turn on the question of moral right. The answer turns on the effect smoking has on the woman's character. It destroys womanifness."

Drunkenness Not Found Alone.

Drunkenness is never to be found alone, never unaccompanied by some horrid crime, if not by a wicked crowd of them. Go to the house of the drunkard, consider his family, look on his affairs, listen to the sound that proceeds from the house of drunkenness as you pass, survey the insecurity of the public ways and of the night streets. Go to the hospital, to the house of charity and the bed of wretchedness. Enter the courts of justice, the prison and the condemned cell. Look at the haggard features of the ironed criminal. Ask all these why they exist to distress you, and you will everywhere be answered by tales and recitals of drunkenness. And the miseries and the vices and the sorrow, and scenes of suffering that have harrowed up your soul were, almost without exception, either prepared by drinking or were undergope for procuring the means for satisfying this vice which sprang from it.-Archbishop Uliathrope.

German Social Life.

Writing on German social life in the English press recently, Sir Henry Johnston says: "I am told by so many thoughtful Germans that the abuse of alcohol still strangles the mental and physical efficiency of a large proportion of German men in the upper and lower classes, that I am compelled to believe in an evil which is only just lessening its hold over our own people, and which is being fiercely chased out of the United States. Yet I am pleased to state that I never encountered a drunken person in Germany throughout my recent tour, though I was aware from the newspapers and reviews that a growing indignation was making itself felt among the bourgeosie and professional classes against the senreless eighteenth-century traditions of German studenthood."

Temperance in Hawall.

The friends of temperance in Hawait are having a difficult time to prevent the slow but steady extinction of the native race by his imita-At the last meeting of the Anti-Saloon league in Honolulu the president made serious charges of apathy or hostility against the public officials of the Islands. Dr. Doremus Scudder, speaking at the same meeting, extoiled the tocal option idea; frankly recognized the social appeal of the saloon, which must be conserved in all rational attempts to rival it, and told of his surprise in finding saloons in the outlying sections of the Islands which could not exist were the Christian land owners and well-to-do proprietors hostile to the liquor drinking habit.

"Catch-My-Pal" Crusade. The "Catch-My-Pal" crusade in London has had considerable success. Over 1,500 people took the workers' pledge in the first few days.

STATE CAPITAL

Outside Firms Withdraw

Four manufacturing firms which sent candy into the State under a guarantee that it complied with the laws were forced to withdraw their goods from sale, because chemists' reports to Dairy and Food Commissioner Foust demonstrated that the candy was adulterated. Over two hundred samples of candies were taken in various parts of the State this fall and the chemical tests showed five in all were not up to the standards required. In one case a Pennsylvania manufacturer was sued and fined, his wares being taken off the market immediately after, but in the other four instances, all of which occurred in Allegheny county, it was found that merchants were selling goods under a guarantee from the makers that it would be in accord with the State laws. The merchants were not arrested, but were required to ship all the candy back to the factory.

Wants Old Ticket Redeemed.

A supplemental complaint was filed with the State Railroad Commission here by W. H. Holt against the incres es of suburban rates of fare on the Philadelphia & Reading Railway outside of Philadelphia. He filed a complaint some time ago signed by it is very difficult to control the drink six hundred persons. The commission habit among them because of their un- has been asked by C. W. Rittenhouse, willingness to make any social sacri- of Scranton, to investigate refusal of the Pennsylvania Railroad to redeem "For instance, they keep going to so a ticket bought September 30, 1880, cial functions where punch and other at Tyrone. The railroad contends that punch marks show the ticket to have been used in part and that the record

Harrisburg Curbing Condemned.

Contractors for curbing and paving brandy at a sitting. And the most un- of Harrisburg city streets have been thrown into a panie by the strict inspection methods adopted by Highway Commissioner W. W. Caldwell. More dinners couple it with smoking eig- than two thousand feet of granite curbing on Seneca street have been condemned, some of it after being in place, and sections of asphalt paving

Dairy Inspection.

Dr. C. J. Marshall, State veterinarian, who has taken over the direction of the State's dairy inspection service, conducted until a few months ago by the State Department of Health, has received close to three hundred responses from veterinarians throughout the State who have expressed a willingness to co-operate with the inspection work and to make inspections in their districts for the State.

Disturbed By Church Rule.

Members of the United Brethren Church in this vicinity are considerably disturbed over the action of the conference at Reading directing that the camp meeting at Mt. Greina be discontinued unless the controversy between the clerical and lay members, ends. This action has been communicated to Harrisburg members of the church, by the conference officers, and meetings will be held in an effort to reach an agreement.

Harrisburg's Open Air School.

The city school authorities have established an open air school for children under the plan adopted in Philadelphia, those having a tendency to tuberculosis being cared for in this manner. The school has proved a great success and another probably will be opened.

Pennsylvania Charters.

The following charters have been issued: Smithton Water Company, Smithton, capital, \$30,000, and Saltsburg Electric Company, Saltsburg, Indiana County, \$5,000, Charters were also issued to six water companies to operate in townships of Washington and Allegheny Counties, with headquarters at McDonald, the capital of each to be \$5,000.

Pastors Petition Wilson.

The Harrisburg Ministerial Association passed resolutions requesting Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson not to preside at the brewers' national convention at Chicago. The resolutions will be forwarded to the Secre-

State Engages Alexander.

If arrangements made by Samuel B. Rambi, Superintendent of Public Grounds and Buildings, are ratifled by the State Board, John W. Alexander, of New York, will paint the mural decorations for the north corridor of the capitol.

One Vote Nominates Man.

R. H. Koch, Republican and Citizens' candidate for Judge of Schuvlkill county, was declared the Prohibition nominee as well, because on the official returns he received a single vote under that party caption.

Centipede Is Harmless.

The centipede or "thousand legger," as it is better known in many parts of the State, is just as harmless in these latitudes as a butterfly according to a bulletin which State Zoologist H. A. Surface has completed. The poison with which Keystone State centipedes tion of the vices of the white man. are credited with is not strong enough to harm anyone, but to enable them to overpower their enemies or prey. Dr. Surface says that the prejudice against the insects is unreasonable and that they destroy much vermin,

> Complains Of Frankford Fare. Rev. John B. Laird, of Philodelphia, has filed a complaint with the State Railroad Commission, complaining of the rate of fare on the Pennsylvania and Philadelphia & Reading from Broad Street Station to Frankford, and attacking the Reading service. The companies will be asked to make answers.

Capital Stock Doubled.

The Reading Hardware Company, of Reading, filed notice of an increase of its stock from \$750,000 to \$1,647,000.