By FRANK H. SWEET

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Buller's survey, had not been absent from duty in three years. He had not wanted to. But with that bit of ribb just ticked from the instrument before his eyes he underwent a sudden change. He would accept the vacation so tardily offered and make the most of it. His books said that a change was good for a man's soul, and he would come back refreshed in mind and body. He loved the sand views of station No. 12, for they signified home, but the changeless monotony of the four sides had grown a little oppressive since the Keifer released a hand which he had

Before ticking back an acceptance to the home office he let his finger fall horizon. upon the instrument for a moment, touching the hand of his new friend.

"Hello, Kaufman," he called, "are you in for a vacation too?" "A week," came back the prompt an-

swer, "commencing on the 23d." "The 23d! Why, mine ends on that date, and it's two weeks. But I under-



"T-TELL KAUP I'M OUT HERE TO SEE HIM," ANSWERED KEIFER DAZEDLY.

stand. I've been here three years and you only three months, and, now it's a dull time, they're going to let you control this section while I'm away, and then I'm to do the same for you. Too bad, though, for I thought we might go off together. Odd, isn't it? I feel that you're the best friend I've got in the world-about the only one, for that matter, for we've wired no end of personal gossip and ambition and our tastes run about the same way. And yet I've never seen you and don't know whether you're short or tall, lean or fat, a heathen or a Y. M. C. A., or of its delicacy of flavor. The natives whether your mustache is still to of the Titicaca basin, in Peru, who insprout or your white hair is dropping habit a district 12,000 feet above the from old age. Queer world, isn't it, Kauf? But say! I believe I'll run down and spend my vacation with you. There's no other place I can think of, ing them to remove the soluble matter. and we can see how each other looks After this they are dried and become and talk and smoke and"-

There was a quick, protesting click. "Don't you do it, Keifer—what is your name anyway, the whole of it? | any length of time and are extremely your name anyway, the whole of it? | news The olean another vegetable of blunt. But about the vacation. You way. mustn't visit me now-mustn't. Why, I-I haven't the ac it's impossible.

"I won't do it," he chuckled. "Kauf's

ed or fat or one eyed or somethingand don't want me to know. I'm going to visit him on the next train, and I'm not going to give him a chance for any more excuses. Ashamed! Great Scott! Don't we like the same books brosent. When Falstaff speaks of "a and music and everything else? What bribed buck" he means not one that do I care how the old chap looks? He had been corrupted, but one that had ought to know no regard rises above such petty considerations, and I believe he thinks just as much of me. His personal confidences prove it. I'll just drop in on him so suddenly and affectionately that he can't help taking me in his arms." So when the through freight slowed

at the water tank Keifer swung himself into the caboose with a generous | sand years. The Lapp lady is not conoutfit of tobacco and books and a brand cerned about the latest toque from new pack of cards ordered up by the Paris nor is a e subject to that soul freight conductor. And this same harrowing experience, the bargain friendly conductor, when they reached | counter crush. However, she may telegraph station 13, obligingly slowed the train so Kelfer could drop into the original bloomer girl, for the nether white, yielding sand, the familiar, un- garment worn by her today is of the varying landscape of his own station. "Accommodations!" he chuckled as cestors of a thousand years ago.

he strode eagerly toward the open doorway of the little building. "It's er is usually of coarse woolen goods got two rooms, like my own, and that's and has something the cut of a shirt sonable man, but perhaps Kauf was Lapps it is for the most part undyed. used to a big house at home. Hello! Among the other Lapps usually blue, Window curtains, and flowers at the end of the house and-Lord!"

For a young woman, pretty and neatly dressed, and with lips and eyes that were meant for smiling, but which just now were sober with inquiry and con-sternation, had suddenly appeared in the doorway. Keifer had not seen a girl in over three years and such a girl

as this one appeared to him, never. His mouth opened and shut, without

"Well?" the girl inquired at last.
"Is—is Kauf—in? How's Kauf well? T-tell Kauf I'm out here to see

him," answered Kelfer dazedly. "I'm Kauf-Adelia Kaufman," said the girl. Then the utter blankness in the face before her seemed to restore the girl's equanimity, for she smiled.

"You're Keif, I suppose—er—Mr. Kel-fer, I mean," she said. "Didn't I wire "I wouldn't take it," miserably. "I-I thought 'twas some foolish excuse of

heard the instrument calling and recognized your touch, but I wouldn't listen. After the first time I kept my back turned and dodged out soon's the train came in sight." He looked to-ward the track, as if to see if the freight were still waiting for him, but all that was visible of it was a dark line trailing into the white horizon

"Train's gone," he said tentatively, "and it's fifty miles to the nearest house, and there aren't any more trains either way until tomorrow. Now, if I'd brought some food I might walk the do it yourself. fity rolles or start off one way or the Knox-How about an operation upon

other to meet a train, but it's been eight hours since I had breakfast, and fifty miles. You see," deprecatingly, "I felt so sure that Kauf—I beg your pardon, Miss Kauf-Kaufman. I mean -I-I-it don't seem possible there isn't any real Kauf after all the talking-

"You've camped outdoors a good many times, I suppose, Mr. Keifer. All

western men have." "Of course," inquiringly. Then, with an odd note of eagerness coming into his voice, "You mean I may camp right here by the track until a train comes. It won't be presumptuous after-after

"I only control the station, Mr. Keifer, and you have a right to camp anywhere you please out of doors. But what I wish to say is that I'll be glad to have you take supper with me and all your meals until the train comes. At home I was considered a very fair

The next day the down freight was slacken speed in answer to his signal caught suddenly on the first appearance of the train into the sand's level

"I'll go and fix up my station some," he said, his voice tremulous with the awed wonder in it, "and maybe have another room put on. The company will stand that much, I think. Then I'll run back and transplant the flowers and take your things, and the day before my vacation expires I'll wire for a parson to meet us here. You'd better send in your resignation at once,

"And announce my promotion, Keif," her triumplant toilet. she finished softly.

"There can be no real society where New Englandest part of New England, and I was frantic at the sharp corners us." of the talk. If I were a bit pale they said, 'Are you sick?' like savages. If coldly, "I have them all down in my I looked in the least fetching I caught diary." them watching me by stealth and turning criminally away if I detected it. back any delightful memories? All To mention my praises in moments of mine are charming." becoming hats or new coiffures would was a point of honor not to appear to Ing relatives of wicked persons. John's notice a new gown. Heavens! I had three minds to come back to town and wear my rose chiffon in a Broadway car for the sheer joy of being openly admired. There is only one thing nore ill bred than staring at a pretty woman - that is not noticing her. There is only one thing better than beg admired, and that is being told so. Don't tell me that a man who loves a woman cannot compliment her. If he couldn't society would dissolve. And it would be the man's fault."-Zona Gale in Woman's Home Companion.

Freezing Food Before Eating. In nearly all parts of the arctic reposes of preservation, but also to increase, as the natives believe, its nutritive properties. Their fish and seal flesh are frozen and eaten in thin slices cut off by ax or knife. Seal flesh half decomposed and then frozen is one of the Eskimos' greatest delicacies. Walrus liver, too, when frozen is held to possess great sustaining power, and it is considered that cooking deprives it sea, prepare their potatoes by soaking them in water, then freezing them, an article of food. They will then keep any length of time and are extremely Keifer is so — so unceremonious and the district, is prepared in the same

The Word "Bribery."

is a word with a curious history. In the old Geneva Bible it is There was a call from the home of said of the scribes and pharisees that fice, and with a hurried explanation to they "make clean the outer side of the Kaufman he dashed in an acceptance of the proffered leave of absence, took and answered the call, made a few version has "extortion," and there is final arrangements, then bent over to no doubt that by "bribery" the Geneva continue the conversation, hesitated Bible meant robbery. "Bribery" probably meant originally a morsel, likely ashamed of his looks—baldhead- French, signifying a piece of bread ken off piece, but it occurs first in old given to a beggar; hence the Italian er. "Bribe" developed in two direct present. When Falstaff speaks of "a

been stolen.

LAPLANDER STYLES.

Last Thousand Years.

There is one corner in the world where the fashions of the people have remained the same for the last thousame design as that worn by her an-

The summer garment of the Laplandwith a high collar. Among the sea sometimes green or brown and even

black smock frocks have been seen. Round the waistbands, along the seam in the back and on the edges this smock is ornamented with strips of

ed and yellow cloth. Under this garat is a similar one, either plain or red, worn next to the body, for the

app never wears linen underclothing. The trousers are of white woolen goods, rather narrow and reaching to the ankles, where they are tied inside he shoes with long slender shoestrings. over these drawers are usually worn leggings of thin, tanned skins, reaching from the ankles to the knees.

but Mary shook her head.
"You can't!" she said.

Stockings the Lapp never wears. He fills the upper curving tip of his shoes with a sort of grass, which is gathered and pliable. The winter costume only differs from that worn in summer in hat every piece is made of reindeer

skin with the hair on. The dress of the women differs very slightly from that worn by the men. a man who wasn't used to visitors. I The smock is somewhat longer and is made without the big standing collar, instead of which a kerchief or cap is worn about the neck. To the woven and often silver ornamented girdle hang a knife, scissors, key, needle and thread. The head covering is not only different in the two sexes, but also looking cow. Mary's terror was not differs according to the locality.

> An Exception.
>
> Kwoter-It is always true that you want a thing well done you must vourself for appendicitia?

Mary, the Contrary

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"If it takes two to make a quarrel, we're the two," Mary Gale declared. "Because you make mountains of golf tees, dear," Carlyle explained in

"How fortunate you have discovered in time what a disagreeable person I am," flashed Mary. "But let me asdiary reads like the history of a South

American republic." Frequent microderstandings resulted four hours late, and when it began to in Mary declining to step into the frail craft of matrif thy and selecting instead an ocean Eur, remaining abroad

At a reception in Mary's honor upon Carlyle. her return there was no one she welcomed more graciously than Carlyle. Hers was disarming cordiality.

"It's good to see you again," Carlyle repeated between laughs, for Mary's experiences were breezy. "And it's good to see you," she echo-

ed. "A wise woman doesn't lose her made you flippant; also very wonderful and awe inspiring." He glanced at

'No; only extravagant," she correct-

The dear, little" "I'm not interested in the Paris few feathers of the imagination part

"They were firm facts," said Mary

"Your memory must be of the elimihave been a breach of etiquette, and it nating variety-like that of the surviv-



widow thinks of his nice eyes and for-

gets he ever brought them home blackened!" she retorted "Those were my happiest days," persisted Carlyle. "Can't we bring them back again?"

"To prove our decision of five years ago was a wise one?" sniffed Mary. "I'd be willing to try it," he dared

"Very well," assented Mary. "Like veterans around a stove, we'll refight the battles of the glorious past."

The plan was made to go from place to place in Carlyle's motor and visit

the scenes of old quarrels.
"Where first?" asked Carlyle as they were speeding down the avenue the "birba," vagrancy, and the old French | next morning in his car. "Have you bribeur," a beggar or greedy devour- your guidebook?" Mary promptly drew forth a red di-

> "Country club," she directed. "The quarrel?" he smiled when they were seated in comfortable chairs on ner's.

the piazza. Hillard," she blushed, "to punish you

for being late."

"Unreasonable of you to be angry be "You were always late," defended

"There's Bertie now," said Carlyle. "There are," admitted Mary, "wors

faults than being late." "I'm not so busy now, so you see our quarrels haven't stood the test of time," hinted Carlyle.

break an engagement," said Mary, flip- XXIII. or Benedict XII. ping the pages in her diary. "Our next one occurred beneath the tree near the fourth green." There was something businesslike in her manner as she led

the way across the links. "Like old times," commented Carlyle. living in the past," said Mary crisply.

d Mary. "We will now take up the subjects. uarrel that marks this spot." "Why, this is where I told you I oved you." declared Carlyle. "Let me see that book." He extended his hand,

"Little girl, don't you suppose I renember distinctly what happened tail dry goods store.—Brooklyn Life. here? Instead of reviving old quarrels let's start all over again beneath this dear old tree." Carlyle's voice was

swered. "There would be new quarrels. I ake mountains of golf tees!" "I'll agree to be compatible to all

ve Mary when she's contrary." "You think you do, but you don't," she quoted. Then, with a scream of terror, she jumped on the bench, for coming toward them was an amiable affected, for she made no distinctions

"Mary," said Carlyle, with a solemn air, "we are in peril. Here, that red book would divert the animal." Before Mary could protest, her diary was thrown as a hostage to the enemy. Carlyle followed her as she fled toward in the later morning.

"We might have been killed!" gasped

Mary, sinking into a chair. Carlyle concealed with difficulty his elation at the fate of the volume which kept injuries fresh in Mary's mind. Suppose Mary's diary were found?

"Mary," he said, "I'll go and find your book. Some one may read it." "No, no, no!" cried Mary excitedly.

You mustn't!" Unheeding, he moved off. Bobby, for my sake don't go!"

There was consternation in her face. "Why, little girl," he exclaimed joyfully, "there's no danger. The creature has gone by this time."

fiannels came up.
"Pardon me—but does this book velong to either of you? It's brand new sure you that since our engagement my and had no name in it-but I all early religions were not so fabu-

"Yes, it's mine, thank you," she inter-"A-new-diary?" queried Carlyle, as-"Yes. I burned the old one four years

"Then why did you pretend"— began "I wanted an excuse to visit our tree confessed boldly. "You may think

what you like of me." "I think you are adorable," declared Carlyle. "I'm glad I bought that diary," sigh-

est friend by marrying him?"

"Mary," he reproved, "Paris has to keep golf scores in. But," as an afterthought, "we'll let the old scores go!"

The Eagle In Scotland

The eagle has grown scarce in the ed. "Bobble, you should see the shops! British isles. An old record states that in the seasons 1831-34, inclusive, no fewer than 171 mature specimens of compliment is unknown. I once spent shops," he said severely. "I want to the eagle, together with fifty-three a summer in the country in the very tell you how foolish we were to let a young and eggs, were destroyed in a single county of Scotland-Sutherland -from which statement one can well magine the cruel havoc that has been wrought in the ranks of a once very

> common bird of prey. No one deales "Mary! Doesn't your diary bring that the eagle is destructive to game and lambs, but it seems a pity that so noble a bird should be so utterly wiped out of existence, for the eagle has many interesting associations with the past. In Scotland a century or two back three eagle's feathers were the badge of a chief, two of a chieftain and one of a gentleman, but more interesting still is the fact that the flesh of the was considered in the seventeenth century "a valuable medicine against the gout." The same authority also states that the bird was sometimes eaten by the hardy highlander as part of his ordinary diet.

All the elephants used in the Indian army as draft animals in the artillery or commissariat or as baggage animals in the transport department are very treated with the greatest consideration. They are rather expensive to keep, costing about £3 a day, including, of course, the wages of their mahout and grass cutter. They are fed principally on unhusked rice and grass. Of the former they get about 250 pounds and of the latter about 400 per the first day or two, about 750 pounds grown elephant, with a margin to alelephant is about 800 pounds, it will be seen that the amount he will eat per day will be as much as he can carportion for the smaller ones.-London

Going to the Theater In Venice, ike a fantastic overture to the play more than halfway to the stars. The music, it is said, has been going on tiny lantern in the prow sheds no for a century at least light, is indeed no more than a signal of approach, and you seem to be slidand there a lamp shines from a bridge or at the water gate of a house, but a fellow's teeth every chance he gets.' with no more than enough light to make the darkness seen. The gondola sways, swerves and is round a sharp | Minneapolis Tribune. corner, and the water rushes against the oar as it swings the keel straight for another plunge forward. You see in flashes.-Arthur Symons in Scrib-

The Papal Tiara. According to Brewer, the tiara of the cope is a composite emblem. The primary meaning is purity and chastity, cause I was late, Mary. In those days business kept me tied down." the foundation and lining of the crown being of the finest linen. The gold being of the finest linen. The gold band denotes supremacy. The first Mary. "I spent most of my time walt-ing for you." cap of dignity was adopted by Pope Damascus II. In 1048. The cap was surmounted with a high coronet in "But we won't quarrel about him any 1295 by Boniface VIII. The second coronet was added in 1335 by Benedict XII. to indicate the prerogatives of spiritual and temporal power combined in the papacy. The third coronet is indicative of the Trinity, but it is not inted Carlyle.

"It takes more than two quarrels to Urban V., others John XXII., John

Guilelmus and the Devils. Guilelmus Parisiensis, the author of one of the most famous works on emonology, figures on what he terms "a basis of exact computation" to prove "I haven't arrived at an age to enjoy | that "the regions of the air, the caverns and dark places of the earth" are "The present is good enough," agreed inhabited by 44,435,536 devils. Where Carlyle, as they sat down on a rustic on earth this visionary writer obtained bench. "I'm glad you are willing to the material upon which to base such bury the past." the material upon which to base such an "exact computation" has been an "I meant nothing of the kind," storm- enigma to all of the later writers on demonology, witchcraft and kindred

A Notable Deficiency.

The Professor-Of course in many respects the ancients were far behind us in civilization. His Wife—Yes. Now, I never heard you say that anybody had discovered the ruins of an ancient re

mass celebrated in the early days of birth of Christ, its first solemnization having been ordered by Pope Teles phorus. This was in or before the year 138, for in that year Pope Telesour incompatibilities," he smiled. "I | phorus died. At first Christmas was what is known as a movable feast, just as Easter is now, and, owing to misunderstandings, was celebrated as late the censors in the Roman archives, Dec. 25 was agreed upon as the date of the Saviour's Nativity. Tradition fixed the hour of birth at about midnight, and this led to the celebration of a midnight mass in all the churches, a second at dawn and a third SPIRITUALISM

Its Manifestations as Viewed by the World of Science.

Spiritualism is the successor of the mediaeval occultism and of the older Then a disquieting thought struck him. | magic. Today science, without accepting its manifestations, studies them, and in these troubled waters almost all the facts upon which the new metaphysics is founded have been fished up. Like magnetism, it has drawn the attention of physicians to the phenomena of induced sleep and has given many of the data for the study of hypnosis and suggestion. The mediums who believe, like the ancient pythonesses, that they are possessed by for-At this instant a young man in white eign spirits, have served for the study of the change of personality and telepathy. And it has shown that the prodigies, diabolic and divine, recorded in ious as the critical fancied. At all events science admits that there is a force-call it psychic as Crookes does, neuric with Baretz, vital with Baradue or the odic force of Reichenbrach -a force which can be measured and described, which leaves its mark on the photographic plate, which emanates from every living being, which acts at a distance, which saves or destroys. without seeming too sentimental," she Plato knew it. Great wizards like Cardan made use of it. The charlatans like Cagliostro blundered upon it. The scientists have the last word .- Everybody's Magazine.

The people of Syria and Tiflis make their streams do things that Americans country to perform.

At Tiflis the natives have learned how to utilize the power of the current of the river Kur without building dams. What they have accomplished possibly might be done by an American farmer living on the banks of a rapidly moving stream and desiring a small, cheap power. The Caucasians build floats on the surface of the river. Into them are set water wheels. The whole affair is fastened to the bank in such a way that it will rise and fall with any change in the level of the surface of the river, so that the power is about constant all the time.

In Hama, the ancient "entering in of Hamath," the Syrians have accomplished a feat that makes one think of lifting oneself over a fence by tugging at one's bootstraps. They have harnessed the historic Orontes, or Nahr el Asi, as the Syrians call it, into the work of lifting itself many feet toward the zenith and trained it thus to water their fruitful gardens and orchards.

As for size, the water wheels which do this work are as to other water wheels what Niagara is to other waterfalls. As one stands by one of these great wooden frames revolving upon Its wooden axle and looks up at its perimeter forty feet above one thinks it large and is astonished when he turns his gaze up stream to see that relatively it is not a great wheel, for in the distance looms up one sixty feet in height. Even then he is not prepared diameter grunting around on its cum-

brous axle just outside the town. Life in Hama for some people is like the liking of others for olives, an diem. A very large female eats, after acquired taste, because of these very of green fodder in eighteen hours. about it, it is a musical city or one This is exceeded often by larger tusk-filled with nerve racking groans. Day ers, so that 800 pounds is about the and night without ceasing these massright amount to be placed before a full live, slow revolving structures utter speech. For those who have acquired a taste for their companionship the never ceasing tones are soothing, resembling the ocean roar or a slow fugue played on some cyclopean organ. The diary, and this will also be the right prothe deepest organ stop. Now they are one after another, now for a brief mo-Going to the theater in Venice is be forgotten, according to one traveler, You step into the gondola, which darts ed as a slow movement up the scale, at once across a space of half lighted followed with a heavy drop to the keywater and turns down a narrow canal note as: Do mi sol, do do do; do sol la, between walls which seem to reach do do do. This unceasing Sisyphean

of approach, and you seem to be sliding straight into the darkness. Here but he seems to take a flendish deligh in working those emery paper files or "That's due to his early training, He

> Grew on Him. Burton-Your garden is pretty small,

Barton-1t seemed so to me before 1 began to take care of it.—Somerville

(Mass.) Journal. Prevaricator,

The word prevarieator is from the Latin and originally meant a straddler with distorted or misshapen legs. In the Roman courts of law the expression was applied to one who in a suit was discovered to be in collusion with his opponent to compass some dishonesty. As falsehood was the necessary part of such a performance, the word by and by came to have the significance at present attached to it.

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When one hears of a buried city it is city can be buried so deep as to be ut-Herculaneum, Stabiae and Retina and while there is yet time. thirteen other cities of the plain on ite restorea, but Mount Vesuvius

August was a terribly hot day. nitheater at a wild beast fight when dled ponies and were under way. y saw a strange cloud rise from uvius. It seemed like a pine tree. e trunk rose up high into the heavis and then spread out in branches- | ed. There seemed no prospect of its ome white, some dull and spotteduntil, slowly detaching themselves half a day's march away it seemed from the parent trunk, they began to unnecessary to start in frantic haste in larken the sky. Pliny the elder, over the middle of the night in a pouring nt Misenum, was reading in his study rain. Ahmeda, however, made no an when his sister came in to tell him of swer to our protests. The other Arabs this strange cloud. He ordered a light seconded his efforts with all their engalley to be got ready, and as he was ergy. coming out with his tablets in his Morning broke wan and sickly. As hand ready to note down all he saw the light grew the rain slackened. The do not seem to have learned the secret | the mariners belonging to the galleys | big warm drops became less frequent of persuading the water courses of this at Retina came up to implore of him and at last ceased. The dull, opaque to go to their help.

> tune," he said, "favors the brave." Evof terrified people fleeing they knew clouds of sand. not whither. It is true that the destruction was not instantaneous, and the roar of the sand as it rushed along ed their lives, and even took away a shouting, impossible. I could just disgood deal of their treasure, but it is estimated that at least 200,000 persons their ungainly action giving them

> > The Toothbrush.

insure the buying of toothbrashes by what once would have been considered | its term of usefulness. Soft brushes should be chosen, which is possible when they are only expected to have a short term of use. Warm water always should be chosen for cleansing the teeth, and when smoking is indulged in a good antiseptic dentifrice which agrees with the mouth after some experimenting should be used

freely. The Chestnut Forests of Corsica. The chestnut forests of the island of Corsica have for ages been the crowning glory of its mountains and valleys, just as at least once in its history they were its salvation by offering to its army of defense a secure fastness and bloodstone is not wanting in this parin, unison, now repeating the theme, a means of sustenance against invadicular. The story is told of it that at ers. Now disafforestation is in active the time of the crucifixion some drops ment in a sublime harmony never to progress on every hand, and over wide of blood fell on a piece of dark green tracts the woods are disappearing, leav- jasper that lay at the foot of the cross. then once more together in a tremenleak wastes Strong protests are being made by many of the older inhab- parent of this beautiful jewel. The itants against this shortsighted devas- dark red spots and veins were tation, which besides destroying the posed to represent the blood of Christ, attractions of the island as a resort for and many wonderful properties were protection against rulnous landslides thought to preserve its wearer from tion of winter torrents.

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A Sand Storm Experience In the

Desert of Sahara To flee from a sand storm in the very difficult to realize what it can midst of a drenching rain seems an ablook like-still more so to realize how a surd performance. The Arab, however experienced in the ways of Sahara terly lost and the place of it know it knows that when the rain stops the no more for sixteen centuries. Yet dunes are apt to begin their most ter this is what happened to Pompeii and rible "walking." He seeks shelter

Our worst experience of the desert in the ninth day before the calends of one of its mad fits, says the author of eeptember, in the first year of the "In the Desert," was on a morning of the Emperor Titus. Thus it when, luckily for us perhaps, we were when Pompeli was buried. When nearing the large oasis of Nefta, near t the sun shone into her streets the Tunisian frontier. The flapping of rge III. was king of England. Six- the tent and the drumming of raineen years before the burial of the drops upon it awoke us, and Ahmeda ty an earthquake had done so much in some excitement, hurried our depar chief that the ruin was not yet ture. He explained that so long as the rain lasted it would keep the sand ad been quiet ever since. The 24th quiet and that this was our opportunity. Accordingly, in a very short time Most of the people were in the am we had struck tent, loaded camels, sad-It seemed to us a somewhat purpos

less proceeding. The rain was and had been heavy. The ground was saturatdrying in a hurry As Nefta was only

sky was pasty white and the air hot By the time Piny got there with his and oppressive, but the wind still blew galleys the ashes were falling thicker as hard as or harder than ever.

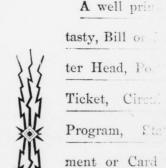
every instant. Then came broken and Hardly had the rain stopped when I blackened stones and pumice. Vast tasted between lips and teeth the fafragments were rolling down the miliar, gritty texture of sand. Hardly nountain, and the sea had suddenly had the light increased sufficiently to retreated. The pilot was for putting disclose to view the drifts when all back, but the undaunted old philoso- their edges and crests could be seen pher admiral would not go back. "For- crawling and flickering in the gale. Already there was the droning sound in erybody knows something about the the air which meant that the dunes rest and how the poor old gentleman, were walking. We saw at last the reabeing weakly and asthmatic, was suf- son for the hurry. The rain cannot hold focated by a sudden outburst of flames the sand for more than the instant it and sulphur fumes. In that awful is failing. As soon as it strikes the darkness, when the sudden rush of earth it sinks in. One moment you may flames was the only light which plerc- be streaming with water like a drowned the dense smoke, the fields were full ed rat, the next you are choking in

The air grew darker and darker, and great number of the inhabitants sav- the desert made speech, except by tinguish our tall camels in the gloom, were entombed in Pompeii, Hercula- something the look of ships pitching neum and the other cities of the plain. and tossing in a gale. Ahmeda led the way by some mys

terious instinct to us totally incompre Dentistry condemns the continued hensible. We followed as best we ise of one toothbrush as all wrong. might, breathing sand as we went, our The impossibility of cleansing so as heads bent to protect our faces. My to keep it free from micro s should recollection of the next two hours is no more definite than would be the recol the quantity and the discarding of lection of being rolled over and over each brush long before it has served by a huge breaker. A singing and roaring in the ears, almost total blindness, a sense of suffocation and the feeling that I was in the hands of elements more powerful than myself are the vague impressions that remain. When we at last got to Nefta we could not have been more saturated with sand had we been buried in it and dug up again. Hair, ears, clothes were full of it. Our cheeks were scarlet and sore with the ceaseless battering, and on them had formed hard crusts of sand, cemented by the water that had streamed from our eyes.

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