By JAMES BRUCE.

**** "But that was downright dishonest." sald Dan.

"It was businesslike," corrected Phillips. "Mason should not have an- a concession. Alvadora is pleasantly aounced his plans. He bragged about impressed by your appreciation of his them and if Bray jumped in and got shead of him it simply shows Bray's superior business ability."

"That is why you prefer Bray as a Mabel to marry a business manager, hand action"as it were."

"That is rather a blunt way of putting it," said Phillips uneasily. "It would be better to say that Bray's business qualifications are a point strongly in his favor." 'While my lack of them is to my

discredit?" "You do not have the knack of seizing your opportunities," said Phillips. "Now, take my case. I know that the Smelter and Exploration company pur-



"MY FRIEN'," PLEADED THE PRESIDENT,
"LET US NOT ARGUE."

poses getting concessions in Borona. I and get the railroad franchise through Camar. Camar the coast, and the company in have to pay me well mation, but it would never occur to you to profit by what you learn."

as he rose. "Meanwhile I am to understand that your consent to my marriage with Mabel is refused?"

the consciousness of an unpleasant episode cleverly closed. It was not until the next morning that his eyes were opened. Mabel had run away. "I have gone with Dan," she wrote. want a husband, not a valuable addi-

tion to the firm of Phillips & Kent."

Phillips shrugged his shoulders and went his way. Deep in his heart her desertion hurt, but with several big operations pending he could not afford went on and Dan and Mabel did not when the honeymoon was over they would come back. He was almost tempted to delay his trip to Camar.

who spoke Spanish well enough to be trusted with the negotiations, and so the Mabel, his luxuriously appointed development of my love, you tell me still there was the counteracting anyacht, slipped down the bay and in that my declaration is so sudden. Do noyance of Harold Buckley and the due course of time anchored in the landlocked harbor of Porveda.

It took him two days to gain an audience with the president of the tiny republic, for there had just been a revolution, and matters were slow in straightening out. Alvadora, the new president, spoke English haltingly, but English he would speak, and Phillips. tactful, but impatient, chafed inwardly at the delay. He spoke Spanish fluently, and in ten minutes he could have approached the subject had the president held to his native tongue, but this was precisely what the president

"I spik the English. Is it not so?" he spik-he who would be presidente. It to chickle, is it not?"

"Another language makes another man," quoted Phillips from an advertising card he had seen in the street cars. "I compliment your excellency." "My thanks," said Alvadora. "You

are my friend. Is it not so?" "But about this concession." pressed Phillips. "Of course a railroad would not pay very much, but we are looking

into the future, when the road shall have made Camar great." "Ah, yes, the rallway," said Alvadora dreamlly. "For him you shall see my household, according to the Philadel-

business manager." "Your prime minister?" suggested Phillips correctingly.

"Is it that I spik the English so bad?" "Is it that I spik the English so bad?" demanded the president reproachfully. "No," replied the judge, "I never did,

"But a business manager is not an

official of state, but of commerce," persisted Phillips. "My frien'," pleaded the president,

"let us not argue. See my business tain, in this heavy sea?" exclaimed an manager in the morning. Look; I shall enthusiastic marine reporter. send him to you. Yes?"

"Yes, sir," said the gruff captain; "a great deal better, sir, than the pas-

tage of such a proposition Alvadora waved him off. Business matters were for the business manager. He was the president. It was not well that he should interfere.

Phillips went away thoroughly disgusted, and his bad temper held the next morning as he waited at the hotel for the advent of this mysterious official, nor did his wrath cool when a card was brought to him and he read, "Daniel Carter Curtis, Business Man-

ager, Republic of Camar." 'I have been instructed by the president that you wished to see me in the matter of some concession," said Dan as he entered resplendent in white flannel. "I presume that it has to do money. with the project that we discussed in "I kn your office not long ago."

"How the devil did you get here?" demanded Phillips blankly. "Dicky Etern had his yacht at Palm Beach. He brought us over," explain-ed Dan. "You seemed irritated that to 2000 years to reach them.

had not jumped Mason's scheme, so came down here to get in on this railroad matter."

"And brought Mabel with you?" "Mrs. Curtis hopes that you will do us the honor of dining with us this

"I'll be hanged if I do!" stormed Phillips. "This caps the climax. You steal my daughter and my ideas and then calmly invite me to dine with you as though nothing had happened." "Then do not let us air our private

English and has instructed me to be as liberal as is consistent with safe-guarding the interests of the republic." "I could have got the concession for son-in-law?" queried Dan. "You want stormed Phillips, "but your under-

> "Hold on!" said Dan. "You told me that was good business. To quote her home street. Jean hastened her your own words, Mason had no bust- steps as she spoke, with a little laugh ness to announce his plans. Neither of impatience. had you. I came down here and found that Bonato, the then executive, did with disappointment in his frank blue not see my scheme, so I helped the eyes, then speculation and at last revolutionists along and got the job amusement. "Could you care that from Alvadora. I get one-third on all much for any one?" he asked coolly. foreign concessions. I think I'll make

a good thing out of it." a good thing out of it.

"You overthrew the president?"
gasped Phillips. "It was your work?"

plementary quality in others." "They had been talking of it before I as a smart trap with a man and wocame along. I just helped 'em to put man in it rounded the corner. The it through. You see, Bonato was in woman-a stoutish blond with a moun-

"And you induced Mabel to elope was driving. with you?"

for his business qualifications alone," explained Dan. "That interview conpast, for she knew that Maurice was as the trap rolled must stay with the disabled machine.

But Mr. Buttley said that some one must stay with the disabled machine. It came hastily to Jean that he sugrinced her that you would not accede to my request, so we were married strange intentness in his gaze. and started down here for our honeyoped your suggestion."

tonight, and, Dan, I take back all I said about your capacity for business. You make out a concession on what you think is a fair basis, and I'll sign. I'm getting old, my boy, and I have had shock enough for one day."

Hint For Book Lenders.

A book borrower's album is the device which a woman who has a fine library has employed in order that she may keep track of her books and that her friends may not be delinquent in returning them. She delighted in lending her books, but was far from pleased in punching her friends up for their return. Now when a friend asks the loan of a book she acquiesces readily enough, but requests the borrower to write in the album his or her name and the date on which the book is borfor what will cost me practically noth- rowed. On returning it the borrower ing. That is business. You might en- is asked to comment on the book and large your fund of geographical infor- initial it. This album always is kept in a conspicuous place in the drawing room, where visitors are likely to pick "There's hope yet," said Dan lightly it up and glance it through, learning who is not prompt in returning books. The result is that this woman now has her books returned promptly, as the "Withheld," corrected Phillips. He borrowers know they will be convicted never gave a definite answer when he in the album if they are delinquent. help it. "Perhaps in the fu- They take kindly to the plan, the lendture"- Dan nodded. Perhaps in the er does not have to prod them for the future his uncle might make him his return of the books, and she has an album which is valuable to her as con-John Phillips turned to his desk, with taining the comments of her friends on the treasures in her library.-New York Press.

Her Fatal Objection.

"This is so sudden!" As he heard the girl speak these words the astonished young man rose Jean Boyce's home. "It will be an

to his feet in bewilderment. "Sudden!" he repeated. "Did I hear aright? More than two years ago, I Madge Racer has no right to buy"believe it was, since I first met you. "Maurice Ankeney, I'll never speak to waste time. He shut his ears to the For several months after that I only to you again." As Jean faced him with talk of his associates, but as the days saw you occasionally; then gradually, this emphatic announcement her blushwent on and Dan and Mabel did not appear to ask parental forgiveness his anxiety grew. He had supposed that calling basis; it took six months more "All right. I might as well die one" anxiety grew. He had supposed that calling basis; it took six months more to be a regular visitor; six months way as another," and he was gone.

more to call you by your Christian In the days that followed Jean Boyce name, and it is only during the last had a new experience. Maurice An-But there was no one else in the firm few months that I have ventured, with ho spoke Spanish well enough to be many misgivings, even to hold your before, and she had missed him, a conhand. And now, after all this gradual dition she had not thought possible.

you call this suiden?" "I do, indeed," she replied calmly "But for what reason?"

The young lady replied, with some degree of hauteur: "Simply this: I hardly imagined you

A Thirsty Cat.

your present salary."-Pearson's.

the milk joke has been worked to men. It makes one expert at estimat-Seath, but I've found a new variation ing character." of it," said a south side man recently. cried. "Bonato not one word could he as a nurse for my children, and one of what I heard:

"'An' de cat, she got thirsty, an' got | quenched her elation. thirstier an' mo' thirsty, an' finally she went to a pan ob milk sittin' in de pantry to get a drink ob watah.' "I told the story to our milkman this morning, and he didn't laugh at all."- he's welcome.

Absentminded. The judge was at dinner in the new

phia Ledger, when the young housekeeper asked:
"Did you ever try any of my biscuits,

"Non. It is you who do not under but I dare say they deserve it."

trip, with a lot of landlubbers on board. "Isn't she behaving beautifully, cap-

meanwhile let me show you the advan-sengers are."—Chicago Tribune.

Preparing For It.

"Hello, Stinjay!" cried Knox. "Looking for anybody?" "Why, yes," replied Stinjay, "Wise-man was to meet me here at 6 o'clock to go home to dinner with me, and it's

"Oh, he'll be along! I just saw him finishing a porterhouse steak in that restaurant down the street."-Philadelphia Press.

Countering a Touch. "Don't you think you're wasting your time talking the value of economy to Blank? He hasn't any "I know, but I have."-Detroit Free

Press. There are stars so distant that a flying machine moving at the rate of 500

A Self Annihilated Suitor.

By Jeannette Walden.

"A man must be willing not only to efface himself, but to blot himself out quarrel," suggested Dan. "You want of existence if necessary, for my sake." Jean Boyce made this statement without premeditation, driven to it by sheer ennui. It was the third time that she had been called upon to give into her wrist. her reason for not acquiescing in a song if you had not interfered," Maurice Ankeney's belief that they ney happened to look over his shoulder. time she wanted it to be final.

They had just turned the corner into

Maurice Ankeney looked at her first ed wrist. "Oh, no"-her tone was matter-offact-"I couldn't! It isn't in me."

"Oh, I see. You demand it as a com-"It was easy," said Dan modestly. He continued his scrutiny of her face tam of lavender plumes on her head-

The warm color that came to Jean's front.' "She did not want to marry a man cheeks as she returned the man's recwatching her, and she felt the new,

As for Ankeney, his expression sudmoon. We rather thought you would be glad to see how well I had develand stern determination. "I'll do it!" he exclaimed. And for this apparently "I guess I am," said Phillips weakly, eccentric remark he was rewarded by "You can tell her that I shall be over an electrifying look of inquiry from "Do what?"

"Efface-I mean extinguish-myself by getting him for you." The dark eyes became inscrutable.

"If you want Harold Buckley, you shall have him," he continued precipitately as they mounted the steps of



ANOTHER AUTOMOBILE CAME TOOTING UP

easy matter. He is only dazzled by her millions. It's you he really cares for.

heiress. It is true, she never realized that she cared for Buckley until she found that he was out of her reach. But Jean's self analysis could go no deeper than this, and her state of mind became chaotic once more, when one

would dare to speak to me like this for afternoon Harold Buckley called. another two years at least, considering Jean's resentment was not wholly dispelled by Buckley's keenly correct valuation of the heiress. "She was fishing for a husband," he said, "and "Perhaps you think the old water in it's a good thing just to know such wo-

Jean interpreted this last remark, "A "You know, I have a small negro girl man does not need to be bitten more as a nurse for my children, and one of her duties is to tell stories to the kids dering why she did not feel flattered just before bedtime. They always lis- by his confidence. Still she felt gratiten intently to what she says, and last fied by her triumph in bringing him night I decided to listen too. This is back. She did not understand until afterward why his next remark

"She has Maurice Ankeney on her hook now, or, rather, he took her by storm. I never saw a fellow maneuver so." He spoke contemptuously. "But

"How small of him," observed Jean. Then all at once she thought of Maurice's strange promise to her, and she wondered- No, it could not be. He only wanted a cloak for his mercenary

Jean did not feel altogether complimented by the ease with which Harold assumed his old relations. Still, when he asked her to take an automobile ride that same evening she accepted. Her pride in Harold Buckley's per-

sonal attractiveness was extended to his splendid machine as they went bounding over the road with a red October sunset in their faces. Another automobile came tooting up

behind them and passed them on the road. It was occupied by Madge Racer and Maurice Ankeney. The vague depression that had been haunting Jean became poignant. She

"Queer taste he has," she observed, with a curl of her lip. Then to hide her pique she conjured a spirit of dar-

"Oh, let's pass them! Do, do!" Harold Buckley, ready to please her or possibly for reasons of his own, entered into the sport and put on power

with great abandon. Jean was almost delirious with the excitement of swift motion. "How Jolly"— Then came a sudden joiting and a desperate adjusting of brakes. They had struck a rocky place in the road Before Harold could slow up Jean was almost shaken from her seat. The sun's rays, on a level with their eyes, that very few persons are familiar blinded them. There was a loud re-port, a scream from Maurice Anke inal properties. Every one ought to ney's auto, which they had grazed in know that the very best thing he can stopping, and they toppled over into a do is to eat apples just before retiring shallow ditch, with an extra tire hang- for the night.-Family Doctor. ing to one of their wheels.

Jean felt a sharp pain in her arm as she picked herself up; then the diver sion of what followed made her forget herself. The blond heiress followed up

her screams by an attack upon Harold, who had just extricated himself whole from the ditch. "Mr. Buckley, this is a great way to drive!" she cried in her high voice with its slightly foreign accent. "Why don't

you look at your road?" But she was instantly mollified by Harold's abject apologies and shook

hands with him quite sweetly. Maurice, who had got to work without loss of time, had almost finished putting on a new tire when Jean felt so faint that she had to sit down on the grass. The pain was coming back

It was just then that Maurice Ankewere made for each other, and this He burst out roughly to Harold, who was still busy with the heiress, "Don't you see the girl is hurt?" He got to her first, but in a second were all bending over her. She

assured them that it was only a sprain-Maurice gave Buckley his handkerchief, ordering him to bandage the injured arm tight, and flew back to work

again at the tire. Jean received a feverish impression through her pain that there was a parley and almost an altercation. Maurice seemed to be out of patience with everybody, and the heiress played him a close second. Jean couldn't see all the time, but she heard Madge Racer's voice grow shriller and shriller. "No; Mr. Buckley must take the back seat with Miss Boyce. I'll ride in

But Mr. Buckley said that some one must stay with the disabled machine. gested Maurice as the one to do this. At this Madge Racer insisted that they take Buckley's auto in tow. After what seemed hours to Jean she

felt herself lifted up in somebody's arms, and the next thing she knew the wind of rapid motion against her face brought everything clear to her. Maurice at her side looked back grimly over his shoulder and swore under his breath.

"All right?" he questioned, seeing her looking at him. "Guess I surprised them this time. She thought I was going to wait to take Buckley in tow, with you about to keel over there on the ground."

"But I didn't keel over." Her voice sounded far away.
"Oh, no, you didn't. You're game.

I'd like to see the heiress in the same There was so much of genuine admiration in his look and tone that Jean took new strength for a moment. She must have been weak, too, or she would not have said what she did next.

"Do-do you really care for her money? Maurice gave her a sharp, quick look. "You must be out of your head," he muttered as he bent again over the

guide wheel. home, after the sprain had been cared for and the color was creeping back into her cheeks, he stood over her couch and asked humbly:

"Am I sufficiently blotted out?" "I think you are," she laughed. "But I'd like you to be sure." he in-

"I am sure," declared Jean, and the look that came into his blue eyes told her that he was satisfied.

Trespass Notices.

"Here is a curious notice which appears on a sign near Saddleworth church, known to fame as the burial place of the victim of the Bills o' Jack's murder," writes a Manchester correspondent. "It is a bold attempt to escape the conventionality that imposes itself on other property owners: The law comes down with a heavy penalty on any person found trespassing on this land."

It is only a verbal improvement on the time honored falsehood, "Trespassers will be prosecuted." We prefer the authoritative announcement that used to appear in the grounds at a certain learned judge's country place in the last century. It ran: "Trespassers cannot be prosecuted unless they pursue game or do willful damage. But reasonable force may and will be used to remove trespassers, and they are liable to an action at common law."

It is said that this notice, displayed at various points on the judge's fron tiers, so terrorized the countryside that for years there was not so much as a beef tin or an old newspaper caught on the wrong side of the fence. -London News.

AN EASY SOLUTION.

How the Section Boss Got the Tool House In the Right Spot.

About ten years before the Eastern railroad was leased by the Boston and Maine that portion of the old road between Swampscott and Salem was in charge of Section Foreman Timothy Moynahan.

His strongest point was in doing Grand Magazine. just as he was told and doing that with energy and accuracy. So when he was notified from Beverly by Roadmaster Stevens that the section lengths were to be changed and that he was to move his tool house from the westerly end of Salem yard to halfway between mileposts 15 and 16 he started out with the determination to move the house

halfway, no more, no less. To get this halfway point he stationed one of his men at milepost 15 and another at milepost 16, and at a signal they started to walk toward each other until they met, and to a point opposite their meeting place the shanty was moved. This method of getting the correct distance did not quite suit Moynahan, especially when remembered that one of the walkers was taller than the other and the other tripped several times on the way

He carried this in his mind for nearly a year, when he met the engineers measuring through for signals and asked them to tell him as they measured if his house was just halfway or

When the measurement was taken,

the house was found to be sixty feet nearer milepost 16 than 15, and Moynahan, on being told, remarked that he thought he could fix things just right. Later in the year the engineer met Moynahan in Salem and asked him if his tool house was now halfway between the mileposts.

"Did you have much trouble moving "No trouble at all. I just let it stay as it was and moved the milepost."-

"It is," he replied. "It's just half-

Boston Herald. The apple is such a common fruit

BOYISH DESIRE FOR WORK. THE HOUSE OF LORDS being promoted were about a thousand

Often a Sign of Arrested Development Instead of Strength.

Parents often think that their son is especially promising because he wants to get to work young, wants to leave ool and be earning. This is never & sign of strength, but always of weakwork instead of getting ready to work It indicates arrested development.

that a boy who desires to leave school at the sixth grade and is allowed to do so will ever amount to anything. It is not the fact that he does not have as much education as the other boys, but that he does not have their purpose to get ready for the doing of things. Teachers often greatly err in dealing with such boys and their parents by trying to show how important it is

There is not one probability in fifty

ally, and this is what should be treattreated as a disease. We make a lot of talk about defective sight and hearing, and we do well, we "get busy" in defective mental progressive development. There is a nearsightedness of parents and pupils that is criminal. It contributes to delinquency and, as I think, is within the status of and subject to court punish-

It sometimes shows itself in diverted attention, in dissipated interest and often in overathletic or fraternity zeal. The college theory is that the fraternity chaps are the elect, but life does not show that. The data are imperfect at present, but there is enough to make it wholly probable that when the figures are in it will be clearly shown that in the last fifteen years when fraextra political in clannishness much of the fraternity zeal indicates approaching arrested development. It is entirely clear already that this is characteristic of the high school fraternity, because it almost invariably means that a set of fellows dare not trust themselves to win honors in the open contest, but seek it as a favoritism by means of a little band of social highwaymen as many of these high school fraternities are.-Journal of Education.

ANCIENT ARMIES.

Italy a little before Hannibal's time was able to send into the field nearly 1,000,000 men.

The army of Terab, king of Ethiopia, consisted of 1,000,000 men and 300 chariots of war. Hannibal during his campaign in

Italy and Spain plundered 400 towns and destroyed 300,000 men. Sesostris, king of Egypt, led against his enemies 600,000 men, 24,000 cavalry and twenty-seven scythe armed

chariots in 1491 B. C. The city of Thebes had a hundred gates and could send out at each gate 10,000 fighting men and 200 chariotsin all, 1,000,000 men and 2,000 charlots. Hamilear went from Carthage and landed near Palermo. He had a fleet of 2,000 ips and 3,000 small vessels. and a land force of 300,000 men. At the battle in which he was defeated 150,000 were slain.

From the Bountiful East.

A small proportion of the flora is indigenous. The majority came from the east, like all the great ideas on which our culture is founded, and were developed and improved on this classic lords. They had no wish to see their soil. Italy received the lemon and the orange from the Semites, who in would have been the case had peers their turn had obtained them from become as plentiful as blackberries. India. The olive, the fig, the vine and the palm were grown by the Semites ish army for all officers' commissions before their cultivation penetrated to the west. The laurel and myr- stead of getting into the army by known in the British isles as cat's tall tle, indeed, are indigenous in Italy, but their use for ceremonial purposes came across the Mediterranean from the east. The home of the cypress is not in Italy, but in the Greek archipelago, northern Persia, Cilicia and Lebanon-

From Strasburger's "Riviera." How German Beats English. "We speakers of English," said a lecturer, "are handicapped by our language. We can never hope for such

sonorous titles as the German's have. "A young German matron once said: Ach, how glad I am that my dear Fritz has been appointed hauptkassenverwaltungsassistent'-assistant cash-'Now,' she went on, 'in my title of hauptkassenverwaltungsassistentin 1 boast of five letters more than that proud oberhofsteneramtsinspectorin'excise inspector's wife-'can claim.' "

Why the Market Wabbles. The financial balance is so extremely delicate that the slightest movement affects it and throws it out of gear. I once heard of an important "deal" being spoilt because a prominent financier had his big toe cut by a chiropodist so badly that he was obliged to keep his room.-Maurice Mortimer in

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Number of Years - Bolingbroke's Way With the Noble Lords.

their noble lordships have been para- army the house of lords was not dislyzed and have got very much the posed to give it a kind reception. worst of it in stormy arguments with the gentlemen of the house of com- that they had won a giornous victory.

But Mr. Gladstone found that Queen

The first occasion on which this happened was when the peers ventured to differ with the long parliament, which she pleased. He induced the queen to that they should know what they will was at the time engaged in a life and do this by means of a royal warrant. death struggle with Charles I. The interfere with a royal warrant than learn in the seventh and eighth grades, whereas that is the least part of it. It commons on this occasion wasted no is a case of arrested development usu-valuable time in talking, but promptly commons on this occasion wasted no abolished the lords altogether and Paul's by throwing their coronets at it. turned them, archbishops, dukes, belted earls and all the rest of the gorgeous coroneted crowd, into the street. The gilded chamber was vacant. For half a dozen years or so the country got on without any house of

> All the checks the house of lords first cake to his queer diet? The have received have not been of such a question is suggested by a specimen of drastic nature as this, of course.

> peers were unwilling to pass their pro- oblige any generous visitor with an posed bills, have resorted to the threat illustration of the quickest way to kill, to create enough new peers to swamp unshell and swallow a crustacean withthe house of lords. These new peers out artificial assistance of any kind. would, of course, have been pledged Doubtless the peculiarity originated in beforehand to vote for the ministry the shore frequenting habits of the creating them.

> day, the daring and unscrupulous Vis- ed, was an obvious inducement to recount Bolingbroke, was anxious to ter- new his acquaintance on every possiminate the desolating and ruinous war ble occasion. Originally probably a with France, which had been raging fruit eater, the raccoon is inquisitive on and off for twenty years.

> up the treaty of Utrecht. It was neces- vidual sees a small object he does not sary at that time that lords and com- understand, his actions fall under mons should agree to a treaty before three headings. He first puts the it would become valid. The commons article to close scrutiny, both with his assented to the treaty, but the lords eyes and that supercilious upturned declared that they would have none nose of his; then he takes it away and of it and that the war must go on, washes it-a very characteristic action whereupon Bolingbroke coolly but of this water loving animal-and finalfirmly informed them that, rather than | ly puts it to the grand test of eatablesee himself defied by them, he would ness or otherwise. If it appears uncreate a whole army of new peers to palatable, he gives it to his wife. In vote for the treaty.

> the windows of the house of lords and and, though he has never been able to threatened to make every trooper into add a squeeze of lemon or brown a noble lord if driven to it. He did bread and butter to the repast, has bemake twelve new peers, and then the come a confirmed lover of crustacea

bill bitterly.

in their hands. The franchise had been the shallows that first led the great so limited that only rich men, and gen- hawk astray. Some small Brazilian erally only the nominee of some great | monkeys, again, live almost exclusive nobleman, could get into parliament. | ly on birds' eggs, an Australian parrot The reform bill altered that. It gave has given up a proper vegetarian diet the smaller men a chance. The lords for an exclusive regimen of mutton, expressed their deliberate intention of and many other instances of the same wrecking the bill. Earl Grey retorted by extorting from

King William IV.-who didn't like re-

form bills, but dared not oppose the

wish of the nation for fear of a revolution-permission to call up to the house of lords as many new should be necessary to carry his bill. The mere threat was enough for the order made cheap and ridiculous, as It used to be the custom in the Brit-

of the new duties he was about to as-

sume, and had a commission bought

for him. After that, instead of being

promoted as a reward for his services,

he used to buy each promotion.

If he had no money his chances o to one. The result was that officers who had grown gray in the service and fought in many battles remained sub-ordinates all their lives, while the sons of wealthy families who had not seen The Long Parliament Put the Peers a quarter of their service jumped over Out of Business Altogether For a their heads by having their way purchased up for them to be colonels and

generals. There is an idea in the minds of very many persons that the British house of with this purchase system. The lords Mr. Gladstone decided to do away lords is supreme and can do pretty well did not wish it to be abolished. Conwhat it pleases. This, however, is a sequently, when Mr. Gladstone intromistake. On several notable occasions duced a bill to abolish purchase in the

> They threw out the bill and imagined that they had won a glorious victory. Victoria had the power to abolish purchase in the army by her own act if And the house of lords could no more they could knock the dome off St. -Pearson's London Weekly.

> > ANIMAL EPICURES.

iar Crustacean Taste.

What made the crab eating raccoon

this strange animal which has arrived Various ministries, finding that the at the menagerie and will be happy to species, and, being a delicate feeder, In 1711 the prime minister of the the succulence of the crab, once crackand dainty, both strong incentives to To effect this purpose he had drawn experiments in diet. When an indithis way it is easy to imagine how the The story goes that he had a regiment of the Life guards paraded under much fruit, made his first orab supper ever since. All creatures make experi The Liberal government of 1832, with ments of the sort and occasionally car Earl Grey as prime minister, used the ry them on until they become a fixed same threat. They wished to pass the first reform bill. The lords hated this modified in accordance. Nature, for instance, never intended the osprey to Until then they had been practically live on fish. It was the temptation of an oligarchy, with all the real power an old world trout in difficulties in

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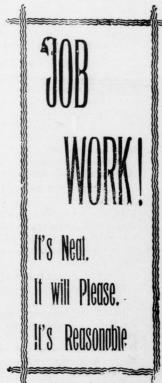
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