WIDOW PLIMPTON'S ANSWER.

She Had Waited a Long Time For the Question.

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of the side porch making flower wrenths—heaps of yellow eyed dalsies, dark green ivy and box, an armful of purple lilles, a mass of syringa and box, syringa and ivy, purple lillis



'IT'S ALL RIGHT NOW, THEN, AIN'T IT?"
HE ASKED.

with cheeks like pink roses and golden brown eyes. "Good morning, Gilbert," she said gravely.

Butler disagreeably

"Of course. It is Memorial day."
"You go there every Sunday, too,"
said Gilbert quickly.

Anna Plimpton crimsoned indignant-

"Why shouldn't I?" she asked

enough that George Plimpton should have got killed down there in Cuba fighting those Spaniards and then to be brought home and buried with mili-

Will you go with me?" she United Sta

deriy all winter, and now—they were rewarding her care.

Deliberately he drew out his knife and cut the lilies from the plants. As he turned away with his arms full of the long stemmed beauties the door opened and Aunt Heppy's horrified eves fastened upon him.

precious triumvirate were found dead together.

His Choice.

Bustin Scems—How'd yer like to be one of dese here furrin rulers, Sel? Seldum Shaves—Not me, Bus. I'd a lot deed together.

"Gilbert Baker, are you crazy?" she

"Gilbert Baker, are you crazy?" sue shrieked.

"I guess I am," said Gilbert dryly as he reached into his pocket and drew forth a five dollar bill. "I've got to have these, Aunt Heppy. You take this money—the sewing society's seen the lilies anyway—you won't miss tem."

He was gone, and Aunt Heppy sank into a chair and looked dazedly from the five dollar bill over to the denuded

plants in the window.

"For the land's sake! The boy's crazy!" she ejaculated at last, tucking the mency away in her pocket.

Just as the red sun dipped behind

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Gilbert Butler whistled softly as he strode along the road that bright May morning. When the white gate of the Plimpton farm gleamed in the distance he paused for a brief instant, and the whistle died away into silence. "She loves me. I know she does. It's nothing but sheer contrariness to keep me dangling along. I swear I'l settle this matter today or"— Gilbert paused and swallowed hard. Then his big brown clinched fist fell to his side and he resumed his walk.

The Widow Plimpton sat on the step of the side porch making flower

blooms and a few very early roses which the hot month had forced into flower.

"Good morning," said Gilbert Butler

Gilbert selemnly laid his cross on the

from the stone wall.

Widow Plimpton raised a sweet face to his, a face framed in dusky hair,

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When he straightened up his startled eyes looked straight into the soft brown ones of Anna Plimpton.

"I—I didn't know you were here. I thought everybody was gone," he said awkwardly, fingerin, "'t hat.

"I came back to look at it again," she said softly. "What a beautiful cross! Did you make it, Gilbert?"

He nodded curtly. "I took your advice, Anna, and thought things over, and I guess the reason you won't give me an answer is because I'm such a low down, jealous minded fool. I

me an answer is because I'm such a low down, jealous minded fool. J didn't feel quite so mean after that, and I wanted to show him"— He gestured toward the grave.

Anna came and stood beside him. "I have been sorry you felt that way about him," she said in a queer little voice, "but that is not the reason why I have never answered your question Gilbart".

asked me any question that I could answer. Gilbert." she half sobbed. "You have beaten around and around the bush and"— She hid her face against his rough coat sieeves.

"I hope he don't mind," said Gilbert after a little while.

"I'm sure he doesn't," replied Anna sweetly as they passed out of the little

e said gravely.

"Going to the cemetery, I see," said realize that he had not asked the proper question.

In Pursuit of Elsie Sigel's Murderer.

The Chinese government has taken an unprecedented step in its efforts to assist the American authorities to ape got killed down there in Cuba ting those Spaniards and then to brought home and buried with mili-honors, and just because you're tary honors, and just because you're his widder".

"Because I am his widow I shall continue to express my love and respect for his memory by visiting his grave as often as I please, You must be very small minded, Gilbert Butler, to grudge a few flowers to a dead solder."

The Pekin government has also for.

dier."

Gilbert reddened to his ears, and his blue eyes flushed ominously. "I don't grudge the flowers, Anna," he said with slow deliberation, "but it seems to me if you could spare a little kindness to some folks that are alive, meaning myself, it would make more real happiness. George, he's been dead nine years, and I been coming to see you for five of 'em."

Widow Plimpton rose to her feet and daintily shook the broken leaves and stems from her white gown. Then she slipped four wreaths over her arm and descended the steps."

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Gilbert. Will you go with me?" she asked gently.

"I can't," he said almost roughly.

"You're not treating me fairly, Anna. If I were dead up there in the grave-yard you'd come and put flowers on my mound, but just hecause I'm alive you grudge me one bit of happiness. You have never given me an answer to that question I asked you."

Anna Plimpton bit her red lip reflectively. "If you will go home and think the matter over quietly perhaps you may discover why your question may not have been answered."

She went out of the gate and disappeared up the white path that led to the cemetry on the hill.

Gilbert stared after her with fascinated eyes until she disappeared among the clustering cedars; then he took her advice and went home.

All that day he wrestled with the problem. What reason could there he for Anna's withholding that long delayed and coveted "Yes?" Was he not industrious, of good habits, possessed of comfortable means and not ill looking? And there wasn't another livin man whom Anna had favored with her smiles, and yet—

"By thunder" he exclaimed at last.
"It must be because I'm seed and covered to the cement of the grave and they said the far with various devices and employed as a business medium by money changers. They are yield and eup in packs of fifty-two, one for each week of the year. A good many people play cards for pleasure, in which case their opponents are said to be buying experience. In mest card games the rule is that the cards may be cut, but not otherwise marked. This rule is not strictly observed in games the rule is that the cards may be cut, but not otherwise marked. This rule is not strictly observed in games the rule is that the cards may be cut, but not otherwise marked. This rule is not strictly observed in games the rule is that the cards may be cut, but not otherwise marked. This rule is not strictly observed in games the rule is that the cards may be cut, but not otherwise marked. This rule is not strictly observed in games in which only the card in the with the problem whe

of comfortable means and not fill looking? And there wasn't another livin man whom Anna had favored with her smiles, and yet—
"By thunder!" he exclaimed at last. "It must be because I'm so all fired mean spirited as to be jealous of dead man. She's seen it right along and despised me for it."

He sat there an hour and thought deeply. At last he went into the house and opened the door of the sitting second. and opened the door of the sitting room.

The square bow window luxuriating in the waning sunlight were Aunt share between them. They did so. But share between them. They did so. But the murdered man was a closer cally plants they were, and each one bore two snowy blossoms, twenty-four in all. Aunt Heppy had nursed them tenderly all winter, and now—they were rewarding her care.

Deliberately he drew out his knife.

Freaks, Fads and Foibles

ticed on the Paris boulevards is the bloomer gown which Mile. Suzanne Bergere of the Opera has sought to introduce. when it made its first appearance in



MILLE BERGERE IN BLOOMER GOWN. the French capital a year or so ago

In connection with the educational work done among the children of the schools by the American Museum of Natural History, New York, there is a class in which young people are instructed regarding habits of animals. Among other things the youth who attend the class are taught that the universal fear of snakes is not wholly wall founded and that certain varies. the bush and"— She hid her face against his rough coat sleeves.

"Why—why, it's all right now, then ain't it?" he asked hazardly as his arm encircled her waist,



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Imagination plays a great part in such matters and accounts for many



"PAT REILY.

of nature is the face in the rock found en a ranch near Oakland and known as "Pat Relly." From the ground to the top of the head is 150 feet. Re-cently a pipe made of wood and of con-siderable size was stuck in "Pat's" mouth, and the appearance of the pic-ture was thus made complete.

No One to Run It.

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The agent had dwelt eloquently and at some length upon the superior merits of the heater he was trying to introduce into the homes of Saymouth, but the woman at the door had looked thoughtfully into the distance, away from his compelling eyes, as she listened.

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NATIONAL IN ITS SCOPE.

American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology Formed In Chicago Many Changes In Methods of Dealing With Social Offenders Mapped Out-Crime Journal Proposed.

The entire subject of American criminal jurisprudence and the treatment of criminals is to come under the close study of experts in the next year in a way never before attempted in the United States as a result of the national conference on criminal law and criminology which recently

ended its sessions in Chicago.

With the unanimously expressed opinion that there are defects almost too numerous to catalogue in the criminal law and in the handling of criminals in the United States today the experts who were gathered at the conference decided to investigate through subcommittees the topics

through subcommittees the topics which were under discussion for two days.

The conference also formed itself into a permanent organization. The name of the body is the American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology. It will hold meetings annually hereafter, which will be attended it is hoped, by jurists, lawyers, sectors, allenists, clergymen, criminology is the price of American. The entire subject of American ariminology is to be brought under the microscope of experts in the expectation that great benefits will result to the public at large. The most advanced nations of Europe, it was declared at the conference, are far in advance of the United States in the handling of criminal law, and it is the avowed intention of the new organization to place the United States on a par with the other first class powers of the world in matters relating to criminology. handling of criminals and in the administration of criminal law, and it is the avowed intention of the new organization to place the United States on a par with the other first class powers of the world in matters relat-

The three sections of the conference reported to the entire assemblage in the afternoon. Their reports covered in general terms the whole realm of criminal law and criminology, showing that in the opinion of those making up the reports there are scores of defects in these matters in the United States follow.

mendations submitted to it the conference selected the following subjects as those which are to be studied dur

The complex factors combining to en-courage and establish the persistent of-fender, particularly with reference to he-reditary taint and disability.

The influence attaching to the traffic in drugs and intoxicants as a widespread ex-citant to instability, in turn provocative of crime.

thmes such feelings need not be experienced if the right kind of education is given.

Imagination plays a great part in such matters and accounts for many really erroneous ideas.

California contains many wonders of nature, among them a remarkable example of the way in which purely natural operations sometimes cause results that seem like gigantic works designed and executed by some Titan of the far distant past. Such a freak

Appeals and reversals.

Expert testimony and the best method. The simplification and amendment of pleadings.

The subcommittees, in whose hands the work of considering these subjects has been left, will consider the questions in detail and will make comprehensive reports next year.

It is the plan of the institute officials at that time to formulae recommendations to congress as to changes in the federal laws which may be necessary to bring about desired improvements, while recommendations will also probably be made to the various state legislatures as to changes in the state laws. In the opinion of the experts on criminology who composed the conference, one of the most necessary this institute to establish a journal of criminology, after the fashion of European institute to establish a journal of criminology, after the fashion of European institutes of the same character, while the institute of the fashion of European institutes of the same character, while the institute of the fashion of European institutes of the same character, while the institute of last the plan of the institute to establish a journal of criminology, after the fashion of European institute to establish a journal of criminology, after the fashion of European institute of last the plan of the institute to establish a journal of criminology, after the fashion of European institutes of the same character, while the institute of last the plan of the institute to establish a journal of criminology, after the fashion of European institute to establish a journal of criminology, after the fashion of European institute to establish a journal of criminology, after the fashion of European institute to establish a journal of criminology, after the fashion of European institute to establish a journal of criminology, after the fashion of European institute to establish a journal of criminology, after the fashion of European institute to establish a journal of criminology, after the fashion of European institute to establish a journal of criminology, aft

tutes of the same character, while the institute also will gather statistics on American criminals and criminology It was stated during the conference that the United States is far behind the European nations in statistics of this character.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Where There's a Will-

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Helen's mother passed her the cake,
and when the little one went to reach
across the plate for the largest piece
her mamma said, "Always take the The Pacific Coast league made a baseball history the other day when a world's record was established at Freeman's park, in San Francisco, by the contest between the San Francisco and Oakland teams. For the first time in the annals of the national piece nearest to you, dear.' "Well, then, turn the plate around," was the answer.—Delineator. From his compelling eyes, as she listened.

A Weighty Question.

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"I took in \$2 just now," said the first promoter. "Good enough," declared twoman conclusively as she shut the door and locked it.—Youth's Companion.

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"I took in \$2 just now," said the first promoter. "Good enough," declared the second promoter. "Shall we issue additional stock to correspond with our increased capital or shall we have lock to make the analist of the national mask of the national distance in the analist of the national mask of the national mask of the national stock to the national mask of t

by the checking clerk in the pantry. The private dining rooms will sent from 400 to 1,500 people.

REAL PALACE OF THE SENSES.

A Query Appropriate to the Independence Day Anniversary — History of the Origin and Development of an Famous Hotel In New York Being Interesting Custom. Transformed Into Most Luxurious

ers In Upper Dining Room-Superb Appointments For Women. sary of the nation's birth suggests inquiries about many customs connected with its celebration. One of the pictures that the mind frames in thinking of the events Is there a limit to extravagance in Manhattan? If there be such there is no indication of it in the \$2,500,000 dining room venture at Forty-second consideration. One of the pictures that the mind frames in thinking of the events of the ever glorious Fourth is that of Uncle Sam doing characteristic stunts by way of expressing his feelings of satisfaction on his natal day. Nobody needs to be told that Uncle Sam is a personification of the American people. But how did it happen the nation came to be typified in this character? One authority gives this definition of the phrase "Uncle Sam:" "The government of the people of the United States; a jocular extension of the initials U. S."

This idea is strikingly confirmed in the words of the old song, two lines of which read,

For Uncle Sam is rich enough To give us all a farm, the obvious implication being that the ery gourmet in the metropolis. Millionaires dreaming of the syba-ritic luxury of Babylonian days and of the wonder workings of Haroun al Raschid through the might of a stag-gering outlay of money are rapidly transforming the famous old Hotel ing place in the entire world, to open in September. The caravansary, which at one time harbored every class and type of Broadway life, from the

that there was originally a real Uncle Sam. "Fugitive Facts," by Robert Thorne, says: "The practice of calling the United States government Under the supervision of David Fairchild of the bureau of plant intro-



in jails and other institutions of persons of different ages and of varying degrees of delinquency.

The results and most advisable methods of adult probation.

The extension and regulation of the parole system, the indeterminate sentence and the modification and suspension of sentences.

Monetary and other indemnification of persons acquitted of criminal charges, the qualifications and training of members of boards of pardon and boards of pardon A joking workman, being asked what those letters were the abbreviations of, replied that he did not know unless they were for Elbert Anderson and 'Uncle Sam.' The joke was kept up and spread until it became common to refer to all packages marked 'U. S.' as belonging to 'Uncle Sam.' "

"Fugitive Facts" appears to be in error as to the war in question being the Revolutionary war. Evidently it was the war of 1812. There is residing at the present time in the borough of Brooklyn, New York city, a lady

The private dining rooms
from 400 to 1,500 people.

The palaces of Assyria have each eontributed their most striking features to this twentieth century dining place, made possible by the financial backing of the czars of the American financial for photographers who wished to obtain pictures representing this mytheal personage.

Mrs.—He said I reminded him of a Greek goddess. Mr.—Huh! Mrs.—What do I remind you of? Mr.—Of every darned thing I overlook that you ask me to do.—Cleveland Leader.

His Misfortune.
The Poet—Poets are born, not made.
The Glr!—I know. I wasn't blaming
you.—Boston Transcript.

There are certain flowers the perfume of which, it is said, is produced by microbes.

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fying Tests With Watermelon Seeds Sent by Former Minister H. G. Knowles--Meat Yellow and Red-Delicious In Flavor.

In its efforts to introduce into the bles and fruits of foreign countries th

To give us all a farm, the obvious implication being that the federal government owns—or at the time the song was composed did own—enough vacant land—"government land," as / t has been termed—to give every citir n homestead rights.

It was / lite natural that the initials "U. S.," standing for United States, should in time come to have a meaning such as they have been given. But it was necessary for the custom to be started in some way, and it is claimed that there was originally a real Uncle state department to the department of

duction of the agricultural department, who has achieved a wide reputation for the discovery and successful intro-duction in the United States of many valuable foreign fruits and vegetables the melon seed were distributed last year to a number of experimental sta

periments were most satisfactory and proved that the melons can be grown proved that the melons can be grown successfully in nearly every section of the United States. A report from Massachusetts states that the melons have a most delicious flavor and present the flattering "difficulty of inding any one person who will be satisfied with only one of the melons." The department, through Mr. Fairchild, is planning to grow a large quantity of department, through Mr. Fairchild, is planning to grow a large quantity of the melons this year, and, their merit being known to the managers of large hotels in Philadelphia and New York, the entire crop this year has been bought for those hostelries, the price agreed on being three times that of the prevailing price of the native melons.

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Minister Knowles has suggested to the agricultural department that the new melon be named Princess Marie, in honor of the beautiful crown princess of Roumania, whose guest he was when he found the melons. As it is not improbable that this dainty, delicious melon may soon become as

Capture of World's Biggest Tarpon. A recent telegram from the Califor-nia Tuna club at Los Augeles from Tarpon, Tex., says that L. G. Murphy while fishing at Tarpon landed the world's record tarpon, measuring six feet six inches in length. The catch

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