A FRENCH WOMAN WHO DID THIS WITHOUT KNOWING IT.

Bonaparte's Match Making Friend Meets with a Sore Disappointment—The Young Corsican Needed Money, but Not a

At the commencement of his career the great Napoleon fell in with an ardent revolutionist. M. Paul Francois Barras, who took a great lifting to the young Corsican, and conceived the highest opinion of his abilities and of the powers which, events proved, he possessed in so remarkable a degree. But in the opinion of Barras, Napoleon's want of means was a most serious obstacle to his chance of achieving fame, and he proposes to remedy this by selecting for him a rich wife. Now, whether it was that he did not number among his acquaintances many women with the requisite dot, or whether he thought that his portege's fiery youth would be better for the restraining influence which a wife of some experience in the ways of the world would no doubt be able to exert, Barras chose for this position a woman who, though still undeniably handsome, was no longer weing. At the commencement of his career

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or the purpose of introducing the plat to each other, he decided a givin a supper, to which they be both invited. He so arranged ters that they were placed together as table, and hoped that this precaut, added to the injunctions which he given to Napoleon to behave for in his life with some show of civilica a lady, would have the happiest re-

between the two during the remainder of the subsection of the subs

More than that I cannot do

"The very kind of proposal that any woman would expect from a blunt soldier," replied Barras. "Say that, and I desire no more. You are to be envied; for, besides her wealth, mademoiselle is

very handsome still." THE FORESTALLED PROPOSAL.

Napoleon turned away with a gesture of impatience; but half an hour later Barras noticed, to his joy, that the two were alone together in a recess. Presently Napoleon got up and went away, and the lady beckened to Barras with her fan. "Take away that dreadful little man." she said with a shudder: "he has man," she said with a shudder; "he has bored me to death, and I only prevented him from proposing by sending him for a glass of lemonade."
"But why prevent him?" said Barras.
"He will be a great man yet."
"Give myself and my money to such a

little horror, such an ill-mannered boor as that!" replied mademoiselle. "Never! I would sooner take the first beggar man

so often been depicted, with his arms folded and his chin sunk upon them. "Well, are you to be married?" he said,

"Well, are you to be married?" he said, hastening towards his protege.
"That old actress," said Napoleon, "that female Crossus refused me before I had opened my mouth to ask her hand. I was on the point of speaking, as I told you I should speak, when she began to inform me that her wealth was the cause of her constantly receiving offers from adventurers who cared nothing for herself; that she thanked Providence she had so far turers who cared nothing for nerself; that she thanked Providence she had so far seen through some fellows, and that she was resolved to keep her independence. I was glad I had not spoken, for it gave me the opportunity of saying: 'Mademoiselle, pray persevere in that praise-worthy intention; it is one which I amount no one will age try to persuadayout. sure no one will ever try to persuade you to alter.' Let her keep her millions to bat the hook for some one else; I have done with her."

done with her."
And in spite of Barras' endeavors the affair ended there.
In after years Mlle, Montansier was fond of boasting that, had she chosen, she might have been empress of France and wife of the most famous man of the age. Gould she have been gifted with the faculty of foresight, no doubt she would have regarded more leniently the young man whom M. Barras wished her to marry.—

Chambers' Journal Chambers' Journal.

At the Gas Office Window

"Anything new this year for the peo-ple in the way of gas meters?" asked a subdued looking citizen at one of the windows of the gas office on Dearborn

and Lake streets.

The man on the inside, whose long attention to duty at that post has made him look haughty, tried to thaw out in

tention to duty at that post has made him look haughty, tried to thaw out in front of the inquiry.

"You may say," he replied, as if he were conferring a favor, "that our gas meters will run this year as usual—which is to say, all right. And let me say another thing. There has been a good deal of complaint in the year gone, at this very window, and to this very person now speaking, sir, that we have rendered bills to people for gas who were out of town and who had not lighted a burner in six weeks. They have come to us and exclaimed with air of triumph, sir, that they had us at last. A sort of ah-ha business, you know, like the villain in the first act of the play."

Then the man at the window paused, took a fresh grip on his breath and resumed:

"You may say to these deluded people that a certain amount of gas is forced through the meter, any way, and if it isn't burned it will leak, and the register marks it up just as if it were burned. So you see that the gas company is not a robber after all. Tell that to the people."

against the cabin wall to comply with her invitation, and, after a hearty pullid the bothic, he turned to find himself look-ing into the muzzle of his own rifle, which Mrs. Davies had picked up while her own side her wished was drinking, cocked it, and stood with it leveled at his head. When he asked her what she meant, she informed him that he had stolen her husband's return, when she delivered to him her prisoner.

The boys were no less brave and manfall. To light the "liniums" was the first thing they learned, and, by the time they could lift a rifle they knew how to use it. Many instances and incidents could be given illustrating the heroism of the bordon with the violation, and after a hearty pulled which Mrs. Davies had picked up while he was drinking, cocked it, and stood with it leveled at his head. When he asked her what she meant, she cinked her what she meant to keep him there until his return, and able did. She return, when she delivered to him her prisoner.

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The Indian in Literature.

Cooper is said, by Bradner Matthews, to have been the first author who introduced the red man into literature. This has been disputed, and it is alleged that "Chateaubriand, who visited the new world in the year of Cooper's birth, certainly did not neglect the noble savage."

But here are some mistakes. Chateau-But here are some mistakes. 'Mademoiselle, are But here are some mistakes. Chateaubriand was in America in 1791, when Cooper was 2 years old. His "Atala," a tale of Indian life, appeared in 1801. Cooper's first novel appeared anonymously in 1819, and his "Last of the Mohicans" in 1826. But Thomas Campbell cans" in 1826. But Thomas Campbell had introduced the Indian to English literature in his "Gertrude of Wyoming," which appeared in 1809. But Alexander Pope's lines, beginning "Lo, the poor Indian," appeared about 1732, more than fifty years before Cooper was born; and it certainly refers to the red man of America, for the poet adds that his "humbler heaven" is a place Where slaves once more their native land behold. No fiends torment, no Christians thirst for gold. The "Christians" here mentioned were the Spanish invaders of America.—Low-

the Spanish invaders of America.-Low-

The Use of Letters. It may not be generally known to the reading public how much each individual letter of the alphabet is used. D, h, n, o, c and u are in third place as regards ordi-I would sooner take the first beggar man cut of the streets. What have I done that I should be given such a wretched evening? Don't let your"—

But at this moment she was checked by the arrival of Napoleon with the lemonade. Barras hurried away, still hoping for the best; but soon he saw at the other end of the room Bonaparte standing in the attitude in which he has

KENTUCKY'S PIONEERS.

THE EARLY MOTHERS WHO COULD PROTECT THEMSELVES.

and Children as Indian Fighters Mrs. Daviess' Strategic Movement for the Capture of a Lawless White Enemy of Her Husband-The Story of "Sharp Eye."

In the early settlement of Kentucky, the boys, and even the women and children, became as thorough soldiers as the men. This was the result of their surroundings. They were educated to it, and lived at a time when it was necessary to practice it daily. There were few women on the frontier but could load and this a rifle, and many of them could do it with as fatal accuracy as their fathers, husbands and brothers. A s, husbands and brothers fair illustration is found in the case of a Mrs. Daviess, whose husband was among the carly settlers of Lincoln county. She ot an Indian with as steady a nand as Daniel Boone himself. One day a white man came to her husband's cabin who had stolen some property from him, and who bore a bad character gen-erally.

Mrs. Daviess was alone with her chil-

Mrs. Davies was alone with her children when this desperado called, and, knowing her hasband was on the lookout for him, she resolved to capture him. Upon his entering the cabin she asked him if he would not "take a dram"—no pioneer's hone was ever found without its whisky bottle, which was kept as a remedy for snake bites, etc. She put the bottle on the table and told him to step up and help himself. He set his gun against the cabin wall to comply with her invitation, and, after a hearty pull at the bottle, he turned to find himself looking into the muzzle of his own rifle, which Mrs. Daviess had picked up while he was drinking, cocked it, and stood with it leveled at his head. When he asked her what she meant, she informed him that he had stolen her husband's property, and she meant to keep him

wife and children, the eldest a boy 12 years old, and, knowing Daviess had escaped, they soon left with their prisoners, hoping to escape beyond the Ohio. Daviess gathered a force, and pursued so rapidly as to overtake them before night. As usual, when about to be brought to bay, the savages essayed to bill their prisoners, buy were ten be brought to bay, the savages essayed to kill their prisoners, but were too closely pressed by the whites. A savage, however, succeeded in knocking down the boy and scalping him. The boy was not killed, only stunned by the blow, and almost as soon as the savage left him bounded to his feet, exclaiming titues that have held. ing: "Durn that Injun, he's got my

ing: "Durn that Injun, he's got my scalp."

The boy lived to grow up to manhood, but was ever after "bald headed"; the hair would grow no more on that part of the head which had been scalped. He never forgave the savages for rendering him prematurely bald headed, but swore eternal vengeance against them. In the summer of 1792, ten years after his experiences detailed above, a band of Indians raided the settlement, and stole a number of horses. Young Daviess joined a party in pursuit of them. When the savages found they would be overtaken they ambushed the whites, and in the skirmish that ensued young Daviess was killed. Thus the Indian fatality clung to him.—William Henry Perrin in Louisville Courier-Journal.

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