

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

Cabo Tormentoso the sailors called it first, And Stormy Cape all mariners shall find it evermore.

Her Handkerchief Flirtation.

By ERMINIE C. STRAY.

She never meant to do wrong. She was always modest, unassuming and ladylike. She never flirted in her life.

By this wild cape the mariners go to their spiceries, Weather-washed mariners with dreaming, dreaming eyes.

ly, as though nothing had ever passed between them, and it was so for weeks after. Mr. Stanley coming because he could not help it, and Miss Dean meeting him because she couldn't avoid it,

Anything to Amuse the Public. If Free Books, Why Not Free Tea and Coffee? By Agnes Repplier.

THE booksellers of London have been uttering some business-like heresies anent free libraries. Sober Englishmen, devoid of enthusiasm, are asking themselves and their neighbors whether the free library is an unqualified blessing,

Avoid Mannerisms. By Beatrice Fairfax.

N habits are more easily acquired than little peculiarities of manner and none that are more irritating to one's friends and acquaintances.

Russia's Plight. An Empire of Graft in High Places—Bursting of the Bubble of its Terrible Greatness. By John Foster Carr.

GRAT fear of Russia has hung over the world for more than a quarter of a century, but today, after a nine months' war with Japan, its dreaded power has become almost a laughing-stock.

A JAPANESE FABLE.

How a Retainer Imitated the Example of His Master. From "Japan of To-Day" by James A. B. Scherer (J. B. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia), we take this charming example of Japanese humor.

Quaint and Curious. Oklahoma now has the greatest broom-corn producing district in the country, and will produce more this year than Kansas and Illinois combined.

Aids to His Memory. A lawyer in a western city once went to another part of the country on business.

Very Similar. "The Jap is great at an ambushade," said the coolman, Mr. Slate.

How the Parson Got His Dinner. A clergyman who always spends a part of his summer preaching in small country churches near his home city was relating one of his experiences of last summer.