He asked me once again and then Besought me o'er and o'er, Nor yet despaired, although my "No" Was firmer than before,

And still he pleaded urgently, With mien of one who wins.

I sighed and answered "Yes,"—and bought His book of safety plus.

—Eunice Ward, in Puck.

When **Breathitt's Best Shot** Failed.

By SNOWDEN KING.

"Come out and tell a fellow good-by, won't you Ken?

"Daw Simpleton drew his horse up before the door of a small mountain cabin, one of the many nestling among the foot-hills of the Curberlands. There was the glint of brown, blue and pink—Kentucky Garrettson brown

head, blue dress, and pink apron, and she stood in the door-way. "Howdy, Daw. Come in." The man glanced down at his right hand lying on his knee, and shook his

"What's up? Have you and daddy been scrapping?'

been scrapping?"

She came out and leaned on the gate, evidently undisturbed.
"I am going away, Ken, and I want a good long look at you before I go."
"You are really and truly going? I never thought you would. Why, Daw, you love the dear old mountains as much as I do I don't see how you can leave them—I couldn't, I wouldn't can leave them-I couldn't. I wouldn't

even try, for I know the home-sickness to see them again would kil me." Daw Simpleton's whole attitude changed in a moment. His upright figure drooped, and the lips under the black mustache, that were usually close set and resolute, trembled. His eyes gazed wistfullly over the wild,

rugged scenery for a moment then came quickly back to the girl's face. "Yes, Ken, they are much to me, but you are dearer than everything else in the world, except the desire to hit back when I have been hurt. I would do anything to injure the man who dared to make you love him, even if the doing spoiled your whole

Oh, Daw, that is why you are going away. You don't want to hurt Doctor Hearst because you know it would break my heart. Why don't you hate me?"

"Ken, don't you know that a mountaineer's hate and love are always too deep to be put aside? My love has made me do many things," he continued in a musing tone. "When your made me do many taings, he continued in a musing tone. "When your father sent you away to school I took an oath that when you came back you would not find the untaught lout you would not find the untaught lout you left. I quit chewing tobacco, drinking mountain dew, and buying loud neck ties in order to get money to buy books. I quit fighting so as to have time to study them. I read every-thing I could lay my hands on. As fast as I learned how words should be used I dropped the mountain dialect— 'thar' was the word that clung longest You cannot know how hard this was, for you never had the mountain tongue Your mother taught you better. you came back you seemed to like me better than the other boys that went wild over you, although we had our little tiffs occasionally. Ken, do you remember the night your after thrash ed me because I would not go home with you from Caleb West's candy pulling after you had told me I couldn't That night was the first time asked you to marry me, and you told me you never could bear the idea of being called Kentucky Simpleton

with tears could also flash with quick resentment. "There isn't a man in the state who deserves that less than Doctor Hearst, and you know it. He came here and went practicing his profession when the mountain guns were hissing like rattlesnakes, and when the feuds are on their threats fail to keen him from caring for both sides alike. He doesn't back his bravery with whiskey and pistols, either, for every body in Breathitt county knows he never even carries a pocket knife. It's the man in him that goes quietly where others have to shoot their way

The good and the bad-the two elements that were forever waging war in Daw Simpleton's heart-suddenly

fought to a finish. "Ken, are you quite sure you are going to marry him? I may not be much of a fortune teller, but I predict that instead of marrying him you will

kill him before the sun goes down."

The girl laughed a low, happy laugh "Why not say the mountains will be leveled into valleys in the same length of time, while you are about it? One is quite as likely to happen as the

"Well, it all depends on how much of the mountain spirit you've got. It has been Ben Garrettson's boast for years that his daughter is the best shot in the country, and that she stood as ready as a son to defend him-to man who injured her father

She nodded her head. When my mother died, daddy quit the teuds, destroyed his stills, and has

tried to live right ever since. He is old now, and not able to defend him. KEYSTONE STATE CULLINGS self, but his daughter is both able and man who raises his hand against him must answer to her

"No one, looking into the earnest young face, could have doubted the genuine grit that backed her assertion.

"He doesn't like Hearst?" "No; that is my one sorrow. I have often seen Harry's face go white at jeering things daddy sometimes s to him, but he has promised me says he will never quarrel with my father Daw Simpleton's supreme hour had come.

Your idol can break his promise the same as other men, for he Ben Garrettson dead not more than twenty minutes ago."

A sharp pain made its way through the depths of the man's degradation as he saw the small brown hands grasp snowy whiteness steal over the pretty face.

Charlie Garrettson, a delicate blue eyed boy who had crept into the em-brace of his sister's arm, looked up into her face with quick apprehension He petted the hand on the gate for a moment with his own wee ones, than ent back to the house with a hop, skip and a jump that spells boy the world over

Kentucky's voice was quite steady then she aded: "Where and what when she aded:

It was characteristic of the man that she no more doubted his word than she would have doubted the evidence of her own eyes. His faults were many, but it had always been said of Daw Simpleton that nothing would induce him to lie.

'At Contier's saw-mill-he called Hearst a coward.'

"Good by Daw, You must go now got a man to kili, and my father to bury-quite enough work for one small woman in one day, is it not?' All the soft gentleness seemed to have fallen from her Her sten was firm and her head thrown proudly erect as she walked back to the house.

Charlie watched her with anxious yes as she picked up a pistol lying on the table and examined it.

Why, Charlie, my pistol is not leaded. I didn't think you ever failed to keep it in frim.

'Must I load it now, sis?" There was a note of agony in the boy's voice "No, my Winchester will do as well,

maybe better-it's sure. Charlie took as tender care of his sister's gun as many people do of their children. Doctor Hearst often took him for a hunt, but could not persuade him to shoot at the game.

"I just can't," Charlie once said, "I love the feel of the gun—to squint my eye down the barrel, and hear the noise makes, but I just can't kill any-

The next time Doctor Hearst came put a box of cartridges in the lads hands and sair: "They only make a noise, Charlie."

Gontier's saw-mill was only a mile from the Garrettson cabin, and Kentucky was not long in reaching The mill was quiet and a number men were standing near a stretcher on which Ben Garrettson was lying. Doctor Hearst knelt beside him, put ting the last touch to some bandages. The men started when they saw Kentucky, and one of them ejaculated, "Fine thing fur him he lit out fore she got here!" But the girl neither saw nor heard them. She saw nothing but the helpless object on the ground, and the man who rose to

"I am so sorry, Kentucky," and Doc tor Hearst's voice was deep with tenderness, "I was just coming to you. He will—"

"Not another word. Stand still if you please. You haven't a chance. it's a life for a life."

Doctor Hearst had never heard the voice of the woman he loved sound like that. The Winchester that was took another oath that night—I told like that. The Winchester that was myself and God that I would one day never known to miss its mark covered

that unafraid look on his face that only a very few men can face death with. The figure on the stretche raised a grizzled head and chuckled

"Didn't I allers say she'd do it by gum, she has. But yer had the wrong target this time, little gal. Daw Simpleton has bin goin round payin his debts 'fore he left the country, and touching his wounded breast, one of them, but I aint dead yit by a long sight, and Hearst says I'll pull him after this. Just think, Kentuck what yer might hev' done of it hadn't bin fur Charlie's blanks."—Farm and

Ad Infinitum.

D. B. Rundle of Rock Port, Atchisor county, tells of the success his broth er had several years ago fishing in th Missouri river near their father He set a trot line one nigh baited with minnows. On examinin the line next morning, they found the catch included a 140-pound catfish which had swallowed the hook. Whe the hook was pulled from its mouth i brought with it a white perch weigh ing five or six pounds, which had pr viously swallowed the hook, and, removing the hook from the perch was found a chub weighing one o two pounds that had swallowed th minnow.-Kansas City Star.

Turbine propellers are steadily grow ing in favor, both in the British navy and the merchant marine.

GRAFTERS WILL BE TRIED

Special Dauphin County Grand Jury Will Be Requested by State.

Trials of the capitol graft cases will begin in the Dauphin County Court by Sept. 1. The report of the probers will be in the hands of Gov. Stuart by Aug. 1. He and Attorney General Todd have been furnished with daily reports of the evidence taken in the investigation. The result taken in the investigation. The result will be prompt action on the report. It is generally understood, although not officially announced, that David T. Watson of Pittsburg, James Scartet of Danville, Assistant Deputy Attorney General J. E. B. Cunningham of Greensburg and Senator John E. Fox of Harrisburg will assist Attorney General Todd in the trial of the criminal and civil cases which are considered certain.

The cases will be tried by Judge Geo. Kunkel of Harrisburg. It is probable that his first official notice of the suits will come when the state asks for a special grand jury to hear the evidence upon which indictments will be asked. The purpose would be to expedite the trial of the cases. The regular grand jury called in Septem-

to expedite the trial of the cases. The regular grand jury called in September will have the Dauphin county business to dispose of, and it is thought that a special jury could give more careful consideration. If this plan is followed the jury will likely be summoned about the middle of August. The defense will fight for delay in the trials, but the state will insist upon speedy action.

SUE PENNSY FOR \$140,000

Prominent Men Injured in Mineral

Point Wreck Ask Big Damages. Three damage suits, aggregating \$140,000, have been filed in the United States Circuit Court, in Cambria county, against the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. by persons injured in the wreck of the Pennsylvania Special, the crack 18-hour train between Chicago and New York, at Mineral Peint Pennsylva

Chicago and New York, at Mineral Point, February 22.

The plaintiffs are John T. Clyde, postnaster at Joliet, Ill.; Everett J. Murphy, warden of the Joliet penitentiary, and Henry F. Pipenbrink, a business man of Jofiet. Mr. Clyde and Mr. Murphy each demand \$50,000, while Mr. Pipenbrink asks \$40,000.

Carnegie Donates 600 Acres.

By the terms of a letter received by the commissioners of Cambria county from Andrew Carnegie, the ounty comes into possession of a 0-acre tract of land located at Cres son and valued at \$350,000. The gift is made by Mr. Carnegie as site for the county home for the insane, and it relieves a situation that has been puzzling the commissioners for some

Machine Plant Is Sold.

The plant of the Robinson Machine Co. at Monongahela, was sold at re-ceiver's sale for \$52,000 to S. R. Wilson of Pittsburg. It is rumored that the buyer acted for the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal & Coke Co. The plant has been idle for some time, but it is said that it soon will be started in full. It will employ more

Coal Lands Assessed Higher.

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The county commissioners for the triennial assessment have valued the Connellsville vein of coal at \$750 an acre; Greensburg vein, \$500: Irwin, Pittsburg and Ligonier, each \$400, and Freeport from \$20 to \$40. Last year the average was \$200 and acre. This year it is over \$500, and has been increased from \$76,000,000 to \$125,000,000.

Prof. McClelland Dies.

Prof. Jas. B. McClelland, a mem-ber of the Grove City College faculty for 29 years, died at his home from tuberculosis. Prof. McClelland was tuberculosis. Prol. Meteralum and instructor in Greek. He was born in Mercer County in 1853, and was married in 1880. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church.

Heavy Engine to Be Built.

kill Ben Garrettson, and all that has saved him from that day to this is because he is your father. I believe I could have won you in time if that cowardly sneak of a Doctor hadn't—"
"Stop!" The eyes that could fill but the smoke cleared away than 1,000,000 pounds and will cost with the stars could also flash with covery constructed. It will weigh more than 1,000,000 pounds and will cost with the smoke cleared away than 1,000,000 pounds and will cost with the smoke cleared away than 1,000,000 pounds and will cost with the smoke cleared away than 1,000,000 pounds and will cost with the smoke cleared away than 1,000,000 pounds and will cost with the smoke cleared away than 1,000,000 pounds and will cost with the smoke cleared away than 1,000,000 pounds and will cost with the smoke cleared away than 1,000,000 pounds and will cost with the smoke cleared away than 1,000,000 pounds and will cost with the smoke cleared away than 1,000,000 pounds and will cost with the smoke cleared away than 1,000,000 pounds and will cost with the smoke cleared away the smoke cleared away the smoke cleared away than 1,000,000 pounds and will cost with the smoke cleared away the ever constructed. It will weigh more than 1,000,000 pounds and will cost \$125,000.

James P. Weaver of Canonsburg is James F. Weaver death of the wast grand jury action on a charge of embezzlement. Weaver is charged with the theft of \$363.65 from the Canonsburg Aerie of Eagles, of which he was formerly secretary. He waived preliminary hearetary. He waived presents. Weaver denied the charge.

The dead body of Angelo Creazzi. an Italian quarryman, has been found at the bottom of an abandoned ston quarry on the Beaver river, north o Beaver Falls. The head was in a crevice in the rocks. It is thought that in walking along the edge of the quarry he fell over.

A large herd of valuable milch cow A large nerd of valuable mileh cows on the J. J. Shanor dairy farm, north of Butler, were fed an arsenic compound by unknown persons, and four have died. Mr. Shanor is president and manager of the Butler Pure Milk Co., which controls the Butler milk supply. supply.

Waits 82 Years for Conversion.

"Grandfather" Clark Conner, 82 years old, and totally blind, was baptized by immersion in the Allecheny river at Catfish, Elder A. D. Wirtz officiating. The aged man was converted at a religious meeting at the home of his son.

An injunction has been granted restraining the Baltimore and Ohic Railroad Co. from interfering with the construction of the Moyersdale and Salisbury Street Railway Co.'s new line near Meyersdale



Successful experiments have been nade in Toulon to use gulls in place of carrier pigeons. They have this advantage—that, unlike pigeons, they are always ready to fly, even in the fiercest storm.

Many other substances possess sweetness, some to a much greater degree than cane sugar. Among these may be mentioned saccharine and dulcin. It is computed that saccharine is 500 times as sweet as sugar, and that one part of it will imsweetness to 70,000 times its veight of water.

The use of special steels for rivets was the subject of a communication to the Paris Academy of Sciences lately by M. G. Charpy. A systematic study of the thermal and me-chanical properties of various alloys of steel has led to the use of a chromo nickel steel for rivets, the strength of which is 2.5 times that of the metal usually employed for this purpose, and this without the need any special precautions in practical use.-Engineer.

Consul-General W. R. Halloway, of Halifax, says that the Canadian commercial agent at Manchester, England, reports an invention at that place for depriving soft coal of its most objectionable feature by ab-stracting the oils said to produce the smoke, and calling the resulting article "coalite," which is something like coke in appearance, and which can be furnished at one-third the present cost of coal. Five acres of land near Manchester have been purchased, and large works will be erected for its production.

M. Baylac, a French physiologist has just reported on an exhaustive study of oysters both from the ocean and inclosed seas, undertaken to determine whether there was any foun-dation for the idea that the bivalves were infected by the typhoid and oth-er poisonous germs and were the means of causing serious illness in people who eat them. He concluded that the typhoid microbe by no means infected the oyster. In the rare cases where the oyster absorbed the germ through pollution of the oyster beds it eliminated it again in a day or two when transferred to pure sea water or when removed from the water altogether.

FOR COAST DEFENSE.

Plans For New Fourteen-Inch Calibre Gun Now Completed.

The War Department has completed plans for a new type of four-teen-inch-calibre gun, which will be added to the existing coast defense system. Work on the new weapons will be commenced at the Watervliet Arsenal at an early date. It has not yet been determined, however, says Harper's Weekly, whether the guns will be of the ordinary built-up forged steel type or of the more modern wire-wound construction.

This new gun, while fully two inches larger in calibre than the reg-ulation coast defense gun of the first grade, will be smaller in every other measurement and of lighter weight. The intention is to construct a weapon with a range and striking force equal to the present standard twelve-inch gun, but which will greatly exceed the limited life of that gun.

The expensive twelve-inch gun now in use will not be displaced by the new fourteen-inch gun, but the new type will be supplied whenever there are additions to the defenses. It is insisted by the department that the first cost of the new gun will be considerably less than that of the twelveinch gun, while the addition to the life of the weapon will result in still further increased economy.

Aeronautic Schools in Europe.

A livelier interest in aerial naviga ion, both for diversion and for miliary purposes, has been felt in Fra than in any other country. Many people there own balloons of the old fashioned type (mere drifting gas bags), with various modern improve ments, and a few possess self-propelled airships of one kind or anoth Owing to the increasing interest in this pursuit a school was started in Paris more than a year ago to give instruction in the construction and use of airships. From a consular report received in Washington a few weeks ago, it appears that a similar institution is to be opened in Chemnitz, Germany, next May. A course extending through a single year i contemplated. At first it will relate only to balloons, but it is to be ex-tended to aeroplanes also when enough useful models of the second

class have been supplied.

The successive divisions of instruc tion during the year's course are as follows: Calculation of volume of balrial, methods of rendering the mate rial impermeable, construction of nets, gases used for inflation, the general theory of balloon construction general theory of balloon construction and use, scientific instruments used in balloon ascensions, meteorological observations, ascents alone, ascents with passengers, methods of landing and the application of airships. The tuition for a year's course is 600 marks, or \$143.

The sca-level canal from Marseill to the Rhone River is to be completed seven years hence at an estimated cost of \$13,703,000.

REMARKABLE SAVAGES

From Cautamalism to Citizenship in Only Fifty Years.

The Maoris are in many respects the most remarkable savages with whom the white man has come in

Fifty years ago cannibalistic feasts, at which the flesh of their fallen enemies was served, were not uncommon. To-day several members of their race are members of the New Zealand Parliament and Maori wom en, as well as the white women o New Zealand, exercise the right to vote

When the English first occupied the islands, in the early part of the nineteenth century, it is estimated that there were about 100,000 Ma-oris in New Zealand. They were diwided into tribes, each having its own unwritten laws regarding land, culti-vation and other social matters.

The English found that they had a genius for war, showing unusual ability in building, fortifying and defending stockades, and they experienced considerable difficulty in subduing them.

The Maoris were also skilled in several arts. They tilled the soil with great care; as carvers and decorators they were unrivalled in the execution of rock paintings and in carving the ornamental figures of their dwellings, their boats and sacred enclosures.

But the Maoris were also noted

for their remarkable tattooing, which was designed to clothe as well as decorate the body. The Maori artist knew how to give endless variety to the curves of his drawings; the natumal furrows, the movements of the countenance, the play of muscles— everything was made to enhance the charm of the design; and a hale young man certainly presented a fine sight, draped only in this delicate network of blue lines on the ruddy

brown of his skin.
Whoever refused to undergo the protracted tortures of tattooing required at every important event of his life was regarded as a person by his own consent foredoomed to slavery. The men were actually depilated in order to increase the surface to be covered with ornamental tat-tooing, while for young women the operation was limited to the lips, whence the term blue lips applied to them by the English.

There are about 25,000 Maoris

left. They have retired to the northern provinces of New Zealand, where certain reservations have been set

apart as their exclusive property.
Schools have been established which the Maori children attend regularly. It is said that such of them as continue into the higher branches of learning are worthy rivals of white students. Some of the Maoris have become large landed proprietors; they are proud of their right to vote and especially of the fact that their women obtained this privilege at the same time that it was given to the white women of New Zealand, in 1893.—National Geographic Magazine.

4 Man of Many Moods.

To get a subscription from Stephen Girard, founder of Girard College in Philadelphia, was not an easy mat-ter. It required tact and the right introduction, and many failed while few succeeded. It is told, by the author of "The French Blood in America," that Samuel Coates, a genial Quaker, was one of the few men who knew how to approach the eccentric millionaire.

He was a manager of the Pennsylvania Hospital, and called on Girard for the purpose of raising money for the support of that institution
"Well, how much do you

Coates?" asked Girard, in his usual

brusque tones.

"Just what thee pleases to give
Stephen," replied the Quaker. Girard wrote out a check for two thousand dollars, and handing it to Mr. Coates, was surprised to see that gentleman pocket it without looking

amount. at! You don't look to see "What! how much I give you?" cried Girard Beggars must not be choosers,

Stephen," replied the Quaker.
"Give me back my check and I
will change it," said Girard, after

"A bird in the hand is worth two

in the bush, thee knows, Stephen, mildly replied the Quaker. Without another word Girard sat down and wrote him out a second check for five thousand dollars.

His farm on the outskirts of Philadelphia was one of the best in the country, and while living in town he often drove out before breakfast to see that all was going well. He was very exacting with his hired hands and never trusted the management of his farm to any one else, but rar it himself, as he did all his affairs Arriving one morning a little earlie at not finding his man at work or a fence that he was building. wife, noticing Girard ling the house, hurri proaching woke her husband and sent him his duties by way of the back or. After visiting the house Girard returned to the fence, and see ing the man at his post, reprimanded him for being late.

"I'd been here, sir, but went back " said the workman for a spade, "No, you hadn't. I went and put my hand in your bed and found it

warm," replied Girard, and he dis-charged the man on the spot. The British Empire has an area of 12,000,000 square miles, a coast line of 42,000 miles and a popula-tion of 400,000,000.



Requiescat.

"You've a bullfrog in your 'sophagus,"
'Twas thus the doctor joked.
The jest's on him, for Fred. from fear
Turned up his toes and croaked.
—The Medical News.

Very Frequently.

"What makes grass widows?" "Wild oats."—Cleveland Leader.

Still in Danger.

"Is he out of danger?"
"No, the doctor still attends "No, the doctor still at him."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Admission Fifty Cents.

Dude-"Will you let me in on my ooks?'

Ticketseller-"And twenty cents."

-Judge.

Their Way. Fred—"Are you on speaking terms with Maud?" Bella—"No. We only kiss."—II-lustrated Bits.

Point of Resemblance. Stella-"Does her auto match her

Bella—"Yes, they are neither of them paid for."—New York Sun.

No Delay. "So they were married in haste. Repented at leisure, I suppose?" "Gracious no. They did that in & hurry, too."-Philadelphia Ledger.

Are We Downhearted? No.



The Man-"Is this a permanent en

gagement of ours? Maid-"Of course not! should like you to marry me some time! "-Pick-Mc-Up.

The Hand to Give.

"He asked for her hand in marriage. 'Well, why didn't she give him the one that is always in her father's pocket?"—Harper's Weekly.

Considerate.

Paterfamilias—"Wasn't the gas down very low?" Daughter-"Yes, father, we had

noticed that the eighty cent gas law wasn't upheld."—New York Sun.

Speaking Belligerently. "Have you heard rumous of Hortense's enagement to Clarence?"
"Oh, dear, that's not an engagement. That's only a skirmish."—

Chicago Journal.

Advice They Heed. "Yes, I'm going abroad at once. I gotta go."
"Oh, you mustn't let the doctors

scare you. "I got this from a lawyer."—
Washington Herald.

Suspicious. "She has postponed her marriage

date until late in January."
"Why?".
"She wants to make sure of a Christmas present from Cleveland Plain Dealer. from him."

Not a Minute to Spare.

Guest—"Waiter, what do you mean by this? You bring me the fish first and the soup after." Waiter (confidentially)—"To tell the truth, sir, the fish would not keep any longer."—Tales.

Our Conscience.

Little Wilhelmina-"My teacher ays our conscience is what tells us we do wrong. -"Well, I don't Little Sylvester—"Well, I don't care—just so is don't go and tell mamma."—Chicago Daily News.

Buying Everything. "Wealth won't buy everything," said the philosopher.
"That's what I tell mother and the

girls," answered Mr. Cumrox. "But it looks as if they were going to keet on trying as long as the check bool holds out."—Washington Star.

A Curious Fact.

"I have some very strong letters of introduction," said the caller.

"My friend," answered Senator Sorghum, "I don't rely too far or communications of that kind. A man communications of that kind. A man will give you a letter of introduction describing you as possessed of ever, noble quality in human nature, and in the next breath refuse to indors your note for twenty dollars." your note for twenty dollars.
Washington Star.