NEW SHORT STORIES

A Labored Explanation.

"Do you call that an explanation?" said Senator Aldrich. He referred to a brother senator's reply to a charge that he had contradicted himself in consecutive tariff speeches, "Do you call that an explanation? Why, it is as labored as the Duluth paimist's.

"A Duluth palmist," Senator Aldrich resumed, "said as he studied the palm of a young Duluth shipping clerk:

'Useless to pretend that you have a long life before you. The life line, you



"HOW CAN THAT HAPPEN?"

perceive, ends right here. No, young man, you are bound to die at the age of forty.

"He babbled on five or ten minutes more. Then, forgetting what he had said first, he declared:

'And this small line here shows that you will marry at the age of thirty-seven and will have fourteen chil-

"'Fourteen children!' gasped the shipping clerk. 'How the deuce can that happen when I'm to die at forty?" "The palmist, turning very red, stammered:

"'Why-er-you see-the fact is'-"Then his face cleared all of a sudden, and he said glibly:

"'You'll marry a widow with twelve little ones."

Art and England.

Booth Tarkington, in his brilliant fashlon, was talking about the poet Swinburne.

"They buried Irving in the abbey." "They let Swinburne be burhe said. ied without any official recognition whatever. Yet Swinburne was to Irving as a diamond is to a pebble. Actors like Irving crop up every year or two, but there was never a singer like Swinburne. Neither Coleridge nor Shelley nor Shakespeare could match that music.

The English didn't appreciate him. Only in France is art, appreciated. The English idea of art is well portrayed in a story Mrs. Henniker Heaton sometimes tells

"Mrs. Henniker Heaton, a connection of the poet's, was showing to some ladies miniatures of Swinburne's titled relatives.

"One of these ladies as she studied a ministure of Lord Ashburton turn ed to her daughter and said:

'My dear, I had no idea Swinburne was so well connected. Remind me the next time we're at Mudie's to buy his works."

Mr. Fuller's Hollow Victory. "I understand that you called on the

plaintiff, Mr. Barnes. Is that so? questioned Lawyer Fuller, now chief "Yes," answered the witness.

"What did he say?" next demanded Fuller. The attorney for the defense jumped

to his feet and objected that the conversation could not be admitted in evidence. A half hour's argument followed, and the judges retired to their private room to consider the point. An hour later the judges filed into

the courtroom and announced that Mr. Fuller might put his question. "Well, what did the plaintiff say, Mr. Barnes?"

"He weren't at home, sir," came the answer without a tremor.-Success.

Thing of the Past.

Leonora O'Reilly, the vice president of the Women's Trades Union league. was praising this organization's work

in New York. "And it has a great future before it," she said. "I have no doubt that a century hence the members of the league will regard the woman of today as we now regard the farmer's wife of the early forties.

"A Maine deacon of the early forties was talking to the minister. He sniffled and whined:

'Oh, yes; Job suffered some, I ain't denyin' that, parson. But Job never knowed what it was to have his team run off and kill his wife right in the midst of the harvest season, with hired girls wantin' \$2 and \$2.50 a week.'"

Over Difficulties.

W. D. Boyce, the Chicago publisher, was discussing some of the difficulties of his contemplated ballooning expedition in South Africa.

"Oh, we'll get over them," said Mr. Boyce, smiling. "We must, eh-in a balloon? Where there's a will there's a way, you know. We'll show the indomitable spirit of little Willie of Commonwealth avenue.

"'No. Willie,' said his French nurse, 'no more wateaux tonight. Don't you know you can't sleep on a full stom-

ach? "'Well,' said the indomitable Willie, 'I can sleep on my back, can't I?'

Kind Pa. "No, Tommy, you can't go swimming today. You will have to help me clean out the basement this morning."

Tommy-Boo-hoo! And then this evening the kids will laugh at me for not being able to go.

Pa-Oh. I'll tell you how to arrange that. This afternoon you can run the lawn mower, and when the sun strikes your neck it will peel and turn flery red and the boys will think you have been swimming.-St. Louis Republic.

> Blame It on the Lazy Bug. When the storm flag is unfurled An' you're blamin' of the world

An' there ain't a drop to trickle from the jug Just pull yourself together In the tribulation weather

An' blame it on the lazy bug When you're tired o' the funnin', The risin' an' the runnin', An' the dregs are mighty bitter in the

Just rest from all the sighin' On a couch o' Illies lyin', An' blame it on the lazy bug -Atlanta Constitution.

He Had It. "Have you anything in the way of a carpet beater?" inquired the depart-

ment store patron. "We have," replied the floorwalker. "Take the elevator to the seventeenth floor and you'll find some rugs at \$20.08 that beat any carpet you ever saw."-Chicago News.

> Ground and Lofty. A pretty girl In fluffs and lace;

A hammock in A shady place, A bumblebee In search of sweets?

maiden do-Ing wondrous feats. -Chicago Record-Herald

Womanlike. Madge-You must have managed to console the poor girl, for she stopped

Marjorie-That wasn't the reason. She stopped when she found that she hadn't another handkerchief .- Puck.

And All Hope Died. He buttoned and buttoned and buttoned

Used language and wished he were dead.
"Why, love, don't you know how to get out of it? You can get me a maid." she said.

—New York Telegram.

Under the Arc Light's Glow. Hilda-But what is the difference between a roof garden and any other

garden? Harry-Well, on a roof garden the

daisles bloom at night,-Chicago News.

Conscientiousness. There was a young lady named Jooley, Who wished to do everything duly. When rejecting a man She said, "Really, how can

I write and sign 'I am yours truly?" -Baltimore American. The Roomy Story.

"There's always room at the top," he my!" his wife exclaimed. "Have you got that rattling of the

brain again?"-Atlanta Constitution.

Her Husband's Suggestion. Three bathing suits she bought her, And she thought he was a dunce

When he blushed as he besought her To wear them all at once.
-Lippincott's Magazine. Not Yet, but Soon.

"How did Sprawleigh get such a tumble?" "He crawled under his airship to do some repairing and lost hold with his club.)

teeth."-Boston Herald. The Hammock Girl. I see her take a studied pose. She makes a charming poem

She wears a pair of pretty hose And rather likes to show 'em.

-Judge. Sweet Things. Pearl-Freddy really thinks he is the candy kid.

Ruby-Gracious! Is that the reason the girls are always giving him taffy? -Houston Post. The Surf Bathing Season.

Some girls are thin as they can be. And some are stockily secure. I never stroll beside the sea And therefore cannot say for sure.
-St. Paul Ploneer Press.

In Its Shadow. Ella-I think I have everybody beat en a mile with my hat. Stella-You certainly put everybody

Fanciful Creations.

you meet in the shade .- New York

What strange impressions oft one gleans Of children with odd ways and looks. Their clothes designed from magazines. Their names picked out of story books! -Washington Star.

Not Available. Hank Stubbs-We don't git the hay crops we us'ter git. Bige Miller-No. I s'pose it's becuz they've all b'en et up.-Boston Herald.

> A Summer Incident. She mopped her brow, But nothing more. It was her ma Who mopped the floor.
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> —Detroit Free Press.

Evolution. Captain-Got your sea legs yet? Passenger-Yes, but I've lost my etomach.-Lippincott's Magazine.

Turnips and Mon. It is a truth beyond our ken And yet a truth that all may read: it is with turnips as with men— If let alone they'll go to seed. -Chicago News.

Exact. Mack-When were you married. Dyer-Just about six check books go.-Puck.

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(Copyright, 1909, by Rev. T. S. Linscott, D.D.) Paul's Third Missionary Journey-Ephesus, Lesson Acts xviii:23 to x1x:22

Golden Text-The name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. Acts xix:17. Verse 23-Is a systematic "follow

up system," as essential in Christian work as it is to successful business? Are any so strong that we cannot derive "strengthening" from the prayers and the experience of others, and are any so weak that we may not "strengthen" others?

Verses 24-26-What is the minimum of knowledge necessary in order that one may be a true child of God?

What are the minimum qualities es sential to become a preacher of the gospel? What good qualities for a preacher

What did "the baptism of John" include, and what did it lack of full orbed Christianity? What percentage of present day

did this man Apollos possess?

preachers will exceed Apollos (1) in their zeal and ability, (2) in their Christian knowledge, I. e., personal experience, of Christ's gospel? If Apollos had been conceited or

anything less than a man of God. would he have submitted to teaching from a layman and his wife? Verse 27-Should laymen use the

pen more frequently to help preachers, whom they know who are going to other towns?

Verse 28-Why is it that God has conditioned, all human progress and betterment, including a knowledge of the gospel, upon the zeal, ability and goodness of those who already enjoy its benefits? Chap. xix:1-7-Were these twelve

persons whom Paul found at Ephesus, actually the reconciled children of God at this time? What proportion, of present day

Christians, have practically the same experience as these twelve disciples had, when Paul met them? Is the Holy Spirit, as spoken of in

this lesson, generally received at or subsequent to conversion? If it is now the privilege of every Christian to receive the Holy Spirit, and to walk in Him thereafter, how

may He be received? Holy Spirit? (See I Cor. 12:4-11; 29, putty, is in high favor.

plied in receiving the Holy Spirit, who view the clear bright tones of other than the constant realization other summers with positive distaste. that God dwells in us, to keep us Fortunately summer fabrics, linens, holy, to guide us in all things, and shantungs and tussores lend themto give us necessary power and wis- selves admirably to the new colorings, dom to carry out God's purposes concerning us?

the pulpit now, as Paul did then, to green nor brown, but a little of all "dispute," or argue, and bring convinc- these blended together. ing proofs, compelling men's reasons, by powerful evidence, of the truths of Christianity, and not be content with simple declamation as is now so common? (This question must be answered in writing by members of the

Verses 9-12-Apart from the miracalous power that Paul had, what was tone, which is seen at its best in a the secret of his success?

blaspheme the name of God, and dare made for the present princess style of the power of God; are they possessed dress. with the devil?

Verses 18-22-Does conversion always imply restitution, and the forsaking of every evil way? Lesson for August 22, 1909-Paul's

Third Missionary Journey-The Riot in Ephesus. Acts xix:23-xx:1.

Texas Gives Up Mars For Melons. We don't care much to signal Mars, But we've about a million cars

Of melons, we give you a tip. All ready now to pick and ship; Cucumbers till you just can't rest, And onlons-say, we've got the best And biggest ever raised, I guess! Just ask Bermuda. She'll confess We've got no time to signal Mars. We're loading truck on to our cars. -Houston Post.

Going Some.

"My uncle used to smoke his pipe and blow smoke rings that would float across the room and ring the door knob."

"My uncle," said the other liat dreamily, "used to blow some that would ring the doorbell."-Puck.

The Ways of Fate. Fate hit me very hard one day.
I cried: "What is my fault?
What have I done? What causes, pray,
This unprovoked assault?"

She paused, then said: "Darned if I know! I really can't explain!" And just before she turned to go She whacked me once again.

La Touche Hancock in New Touche Hancock in New York

Financial Aviation.

"So you played those tips on the market?" "Yes. I took a flier in Wall street, but something went wrong with my steering gear."-New Orleans Times-

An Admonition. O Mars, when we exchange remarks some

-Houston Post.

day, As wise men say that we are sure to do, Pray heed this early warning. Do not "Hello, there! Is it hot enough for

WOMAN AND FASHION CHOICE MISCELLANY ROLL of

For the Ocean Dip.

Just a hint of the many noveltles for the maiden who loves a dip in the sea is given in this illustration. Most attractive of all perhaps are the dainty mite. Italian laborers who never read slippers of silk and satin in stripes or up on explosives and have no supersticheckerboard plaids in black and white tions about them are seldom injured or colors to match the bathing suit. through any faulty handling of their They are very nearly as pretty as own. If your dynamite freezes, thaw evening slippers, yet they are of wash- It out. If you drop an armful of it on able silk or satin, as the case may be. the ground, all you have to do is to and have substantial soles of rubber.

Black and white plaid or striped silk is a favorite also for the roomy bathing suit bags. These are well shaped nowadays and have strong handles that may easily be grasped and are lined with oiled silk so that they are neither unsightly nor damp and sodden when carried on trains or boats.

Two useful accessories for the girl who wishes to earry with her all the little toilet articles are the folding



NOVELTIES IN BATHING SUIT ACCESSORIES. of cretonne. The former is fitted with

for soap, washcloth, etc. clasped with a large rectangular change. buckle of solid silver which will not

The Color Trend.

Putty colored cloth is a notable feature of the new gowns. The pale cin-Was the gift of tongues and prophe- namen and coffee shades have been sying then, or is it now, a necessary given the go by, and a curious neutral accompaniment of the baptism of the tone, which can only be likened to

Art tones are once again commend-Is there anything necessarily im- ing themselves to the well dressed. In linen one of the very latest shades suggests the moss and lichen of the Verse 8-Why ought, or ought not, Woodlands. It is neither gray nor

Dead rose shades are, of course, no dwell by the sea of Galilee, whose new thing, and the wistaria and grape fathers were once miraculously fed C. M. Betz alone, who will also conseen before though tints have been not perhaps in such numbers. The fishes, are now being fed miraculously blues are not quite a success. They are either too cold or too clear or too inclined to hyncinth and like tones.

There is a new gray which is being used with success. It is a curious faced cloth with a suede-like surface, Verses 13-17-Why do some to-day a cloth, by the way, which is being

Your Fall Frock.

For your fall frock taffeta is the last word. Its advent is prophesied for the fu-

ture. By the time the snow flies it will doubtless have arrived. The new taffetas are soft finished, of

course. They are chiffon taffetas, soft and pliable, but have the dull finish as of old. There is nothing satiny about them. The reign of satin finished fabries is

over, and there is to be no more shim-We aren't going to dazzle the eyes

next winter. We're just going to be soft and dull toned and velvety. Velvet, by the way, is to be worn (if only one didn't have to speak of

these things in July, but a piece of fashion gossip is not to be suppressed). One of the large stores, in fact, has placed a large order for velvets and cordurovs. There is a real secret-corduroy. It's to be a new kind of chiffon corduroy, slik finished like velvet and

will not show wear as did the old fash-

ioned variety, and it is to be very

popular. Besides this, of course, it is

to come in all the new colors. The Inconvenient Kimono.

Never a woman that did not love the loose comfort of the Japanese kimono, with its shapeless lines and loose sleeves, yet never a woman that has not found this same kimono the most inconvenient of all possible wrappers when it comes to making beds, washing dishes, dusting and sweeping generally. The sleeves catch in everything, the figure looks hideous if an apron is tied about the waist, and the woman looks slatternly even if she be

the exact opposite. Both the short kimono and the long, then, should be discarded as without the necessary qualifications of the "housework," not house, gown. After work is all done, when a woman is fortunate enough to have a spare hour for absolute rest, the kimono is invaluable.

Didn't Lose His Head.

A little knowledge is a dangerous thing to the man who handles dynapick it up. Some Italian laborers were digging a well. They got down about a dozen feet and struck rock. The foreman improvised a ladder, drilled a hole and inserted a half pound of dynamite. He lighted an ordinary fuse and scrambled up the ladder. Before he reached the surface his makeshift ladder broke and down he tumbled almost on top of the spluttering fuse. Many a better educated man would have realized his awful peril to the exclusion of every other thought. The Italian foreman whipped out his pocketknife and clipped off the burning fuse. When he appeared at the surface, grinning, he exhibited the cartridge with a bare inch of fuse sticking in it.-New York Press.

Upheld Her Opinion.

Judge Kelly of the district court of Ramsey county. Minn., recently celebrated his golden wedding anniversary and on the evening preceding he was tendered a banquet by the Ramsey County Bar association, which was also attended by the other members of the district bench, the justices of the supreme court, Governor Johnson and higher state officials. In responding to the toastmaster's felicitations he stated that only once in his married life had his wife questioned one of his decisions and that was his recent decision in the "club" case in which he held that social clubs might sell liquors to their members without a license. cases of imitation alligator skin and The judge related that on arriving home he found his wife reading the a hairbrush and toothbrush, mounted evening paper. She looked up and in ebony or black rubber, and the lat-said. "William, you are wrong about ter with rubber lined compartments that club case." "Now perhaps that may be so," said the judge. "Why do Last of all this group of novelties is you think so?" "Because!" said Mrs. a handsome washable belt with which | Kelly. "And," added the judge, "on a woman may keep her waistline trim reading the opinion of the supreme looking even while in the water. It is court reversing me I found they upof heavy erocheted material and is held Mrs. Kelly's reasoning."-Ex-

Magic of the Modern Flouring Mill. Today the river of wheat is deepest at Minneapolis. Its twenty-two great mills roll 120,000,000 bushels into flour as an ordinary year's work. While the swiftest mill in Athens in the age of Pericles produced no more than two barrels a day, there is one mill of incredible size in Minneapolls that fills 17,000 barrels in a twenty-four hour run-enough to give bread to New York state and California. What the Greeks did in a day the Minnesotans do in ten seconds. Five million barrels of this Minnenpolis flour, says Herbert N. Casson in the World Today are each year scattered among foreign nations, a fact which informs us that flour is now not a local product, but part of the real currency of nations. No doubt the people who upon seven loaves of bread and a few upon loaves of bread made from the flour of Minneapolis.

The London Cabby.

The old London hansom driver, who is being driven out of business by the taxleab, is a miracle of honesty and politeness and a wonderfully sure whip, He has need to be. He is pretty severely tested before he gets his license. He has to satisfy the police that he knows how to drive and, what is far harder, how to find his way about London. He must also furnish a full ac count of his life for the previous six years, a list of all the places at which he has lived and a testimonial and recommendation from two householders. All his statements are verified and a man who finally succeeds in obtaining his license may pride himself on a certificate that is really worth having. The best proof of its value is that there is never any difficulty in recovering an article that has been

lost in a hansom.

Sleighbells on Automobiles. A Chicago citizen who has evidently been scared frequently by the loud "honk" of the automobile horns as he scudded across streets has written to the Tribune to suggest "that automobiles be made to carry sleighbells the same as horses are required to wear in sleighing time." This, he thinks, would give continual warning to pe destrians." He adds, by way of clinching his plan and commending it to motorists: "Riding would be more enjoyable accompanied by a nice toned set of bells. There would no doubt be quite a strife among manufacturers to see who could turn out the finest toned machine as a selling point."

Sassafras From Grubworms.

There is a legendary story that sassafras sprouts spring from defunct grubworms, but the editor of this paper could never be made to believe it until Saturday last, when Lee Caskey brought to this office a partially petrified grubworm from which was a growth of some kind of vegetable matter. Indeed it was a sprout of some kind, but whether a sassafras or something else we are not prepared to say. The writer, however, has heard many men assert the fact that if you pull up or dig out a young sassafras sprout you will invariably find a grubworm at the root of it.-Hazel Green Herald.

HONOR

Attention is called to the STRENGTH

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