Woman vs. Woman.

The hotel porter discreetly looked the other way; he was enjoying the little scene greatly; the Mt. Seymour Hotel provided many of them. The girl was young and pretty; the hand which toyed with the letter before her was studded with valuable rings, among them a narrow one of gold. It was evident that she was a wife. There was no husband to greet her, though the car with her luggage from the mail boat was standing at the door. Alphonse had had the pleasure of handing her the letter; it had been given to him by a handsome, dark-eyed man only a few hours before.

'Monsieur le Capitaine he say, 'Give to de lady direct she come.' Hein, I do give."

The girl arose, her blue eyes dim with tears; the susceptible Alphonso was overwhelmed.

"Marie," she said to her maid, "Capt. Molyneux has been ordered up to Pretoria; he only left today. Please see to the boxes."

She crossed the hall toward the elevator and disappeared.

Many oyes had watched the little drama; the lounging chairs in the hall were all occupied; officers on sick leave, men convalescent and men ou their way up to the front or back to old England. Women, too, some grass widows, a few real widows, many more with no special concern in the war at all. But it was the war which had drawn them to Cape Town-the war, or, rather, the soldiers who were fighting. Where else but to the Mt. Sevmour Hotel should they go? Rank and fashion, joy and misery, virtue and vice rubbed shoulders in that fashionable and exorbitant hostelry.

"Ab, a pretty woman," drawled young Dennis of the -th Lancers. "Who is she?" queried his companion.

John Beresford rose languidly from his chair and satisfied his curiosity at the porter's office.

"It's Bob Molyneux's wife," he said to his friend. "Fancy. One of my oldest pals. I was so sick at having missed him this morning. He left just before I got here. Ah! there is Mrs. de la Fane; she's a pretty woman, if you like. I was introduced to her this morning by old Vigors."

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volver fell from his hand.

Muriel waited no longer. With a

little cry she flung open the door and

threw herself upon the man. The re-

can't know what you are doing."

"Oh! stop, stop!" she cried, "You

John Beresford stared at her as

though she were a ghost. He stood

motionless, his arms hanging limply by

his side, his wild eyes searching her

"Can't I help you?' whispered Mu-

riel, gently, all the sympathy of her

nature going out toward him. "Please

"Help! I am beyond help!" echoed

the man, struggling with the words.

"Leave me, for pity's sake, Mrs. Moly-

neux." There is only one way out of

"How do you know my name?"

"Molyneux was an old pal of mine,"

A sudden inspiration flashed across

"John Beresford. For pity's sake

Muriel's brain. "What is your name?"

answered the other. "He would not

asked Muriel, in surprise.

you-are the dispatches-

speak to me now."

she asked.

leave me.

He sprang to his feet and offered his chair to a tall, graceful woman who had entered the hall as he spoke.

She accepted it with a smile, and in a moment the little group attracted all eyes. Mrs. de la Fane was one of the leading spirits of the hotel; the acknowledged beauty, whose wonderful eyes drew every man into her toils. Her husband was rolling in money: the was reported to be a Johannesburg millionaire; but the reports were rather vague. It was sufficient for her admirers that he spent his money like water, gave the best dinners a man could wish to sit down to, and did not soowl when other men smiled at his

"What brings you down to Cape Town, Capt. Beresford?" asked Mrs. de la Fane. "Major Vigors tells me your regiment is in the thick of it just now." She raised her great vioset eyes to the young man's face as she spoke.

The implication underlying the word stung him. He flushed, and tapped a side pocket in his cost.

have got a little hag here" he said with meaning-which containswell, a few papers of importance."

he knows there is nothing for him to do but shoot himself. • • He's ruined • • • silly creature." She gave a little gasp and sat down. | Taken unawares, and anxious to hide the trace of her recent tears, Muriel stammered hastily, "Tomorrow? No; sembled in the private dining room. the day after," and the next moment Mrs. Molyneux and Mrs. de la Fand she was alone again. Bewildered, she were the only ladies present, but some turned the note over in her hand. half-dozen men made up the party There was no address upon it. She With the dessert, John Beresford looked rose hurriedly and hastened to the around at his guests, and placed a door of the summer house. A man's leather case on the table. figure, evidently that of a gentleman, "I've had the queerest adventure since I've been in the hotel," he said was disappearing out of the garden gate on to the high road. It was too laughing. It's too rich to keep to mylate to recall him. self; it might amuse you."

> In the dim light it was difficult to trace the writing, but a second glance left no room for doubt. "The Societies Office, Stellenbosch.

She opened his note mechanically.

'To Mrs. de la F.: "Have you procured the dispatch

special service to deliver some dis patches to Gen. G----, who arrives here this evening. Like an ass, I made case carried by the officer, J. B., yet? If so, the bearer of this is to be trusted; give it to him. If you have not no secret of my errand. I shall be wiser another time. Well, two days yet secured it, tell him when to see "J. X. de W." ago the case with the dispatches disyou again. Muriel drew her breath sharply. She appeared. You can imagine what felt like. After wild searchings for 24 sat motionless, her brain busy. She hours there was only one thing to be realized at once that she had been mistaken for somebody in the pay of the Boers; a plot was hatching, and abe

Muriel in the summer house, and her adventure with J. X. de W.'s messen-At that moment she heard footsteps hurrying down the pathway. She ger. "I wrote a note," he continued, "and thrust the note in the bosom of her inclosed it with the original letter, dress. Suppose the messenger had addressing it to a certain lady, whose discovered his mistake, and was rename does not matter, asking her to turning? Her heart beat wildly, With meet J. X. de W.s messenger last sudden resolve Muriel had made up night. In disguise I myself represented her mind. The summer house had an the messenger and received my disinner room, to which a small doorway patch back into my own hands." gave admittance. Opening the door she The men laughed loud and long. plunged into the darkness. Holding "The sequel, too, may be interesther breath, she peered through the ing," said John Beresford, coolly, "A half-onen door, not daring to close it couple of detectives are at this minute for fear of making a noise. A man collaring J. X. de W.'s man.' entered the summer house. A quick "What about the lady?" he sigh of relief escaped Muriel's lips. It

asked. was not the messenger. She glanced "Well, I fancy you'll hear that she at the man's face; then started back and her husband have been presented in horror. She recognized him as a with tickets to Europe by the next man she had frequently seen in the boat. hotel; but his eyes were now blood-

A little choking cry came from Mrs. shot, his expression wild, his manner de Fane's lips. She had fainted .- The Onlooker. John Beresford (for it was he) drew a revolver from his coat and raised

QUAINT AND CURIOUS.

A costly marble monument stands in a fashionable cemetery at Seattle, Wash., sacred to the memory of a faithful horse. The animal's owner was himself buried beside the horse recently.

ford to dide with him that evening. She handed the note to Mr. de la Fane

"What nerve the man has. Surely,

Mr. de la Fane laughed harshly.

So that evening a cheerful party as

"Fire away," said some one. Mrs. de la Fane turned very white,

"You know, of course," Beresford

continued, "that I was sent down on

He then described his meeting with

but Muriel, watching her every move-

ment, felt no pity.

and remarked, callously:

The other day James Pelter, who bald eagle, whose spread of wings was seven feet. Mr. Pelter had lost several lambs and thought it remarkable that the thief left no tracks nor other sign of his visits to the farm, but when the eagle tried to carry off a dog which followed him, he concluded that the bird was the robber.

During the recent session of the British parliament no fewer than 6448 ommons. This number has only once been exceeded in recent years-namely. in the session of 1892-4, when the number of questions asked was 6534. But the house sat on 226 days during that session, while there were only 118 sittings during the late session.

There are three nut cracking plants "Your initials are J. B., then? Have in St. Louis, Mo., giving employment to considerable numbers of people. "How do you know about that?" The nut crackers are oriven by electri-

FEEDING WILD ANIMALS

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Thirty Thousand Dollars Spent for the Food of the Living Curiosities Main-tained by New York City - Snakes Are Most Fastidious Creatures in Captivity. The feeding of wild animals in captivity, so that they will thrive and grow contented in their confinement, has become a pretty accurate science in modern times, and the keepers of wild animals in zoological parks, menageries and circuses, have attained such success in this direction that it is rarely an animal dies because of improper feeding. Twenty-five years ago this was not the case. The mor-tality among menagerie animals was considerable, and the losses were so great that a systematic inquiry was made in regard to the feeding of wild animals in captivity. Partly as the result of that inquiry, and partly because of the accumulating experience in handling the animals, present methods of feeding have practically eliminated all danger to the animals from the food they may get.

The feeding of wild animals, birds, and fish in any large park or menagany evil effe erie is consequently of scientific interest and value. Something less than form a cons \$30,000 worth of food is needed annually for the animals, birds and fish in the public parks, menageries and aquariums in the limits of Greater New American. York. A close analysis of the food purchased by this considerable sum shows that the largest amount of the money is spent for meat, fish and fowl. There are altogether some 40 to 50 different kinds of food used, and all of it is as good as the market affords. The common idea that scraps and Might not t waste food can be fed to wild animals ures be des is hardly consistent with modern mesense as "h nagerie experience. Such food would in a short time cause sickness and disease among the animals in captivity. Hence all the food is carefully selected, and is of the very best. In feedgrained, of e ing the animals fish the greatest danger comes from ptomaine poison. Several fine otters and seals have been lost through feeding them with fish that had become tainted. The seals, sea lions, otters and pelicans are great of M. M. L. consumers of fish, and they are fed every morning with medium sized herring, packed fresh in ice and delivered daily at the Zoological park. When it is impossible to secure good herring, other fish are procdred and cut up, if too large to suit the fastidious creatures who live on a fish diet. These fish eating animals and birds are very susceptible to poor food, and any vio lent change in the quantity or quality lives near Winchester, Va., killed a of it almost instantly causes sickness. Probably more sea lions have been lost to zoological gardens in the past through insufficient knowledge concerning their food than any other class of valuable specimens. The slightest taint of the fish produces symptoms which usually terminate in sickness and death. The snakes are also very suscepti-

ble to the kind of food given them, and they prove extremely fastidious creaquestions were asked in the house of tures when held in captivity It is impossible to supply some of the reptiles with the special food they like, and substitutes are not taken kindly to at first. Thus the big cobras in their native haunts live curetiy on other snakes-the small harmless varieties. Now it is manifestly impossible to secure sufficient small snakes to supply these voracious eaters at all seasons of the year. Nevertheless, the keepers of the Central Park menagerie and the Zoological park in the Bronx make great efforts to collect small snakes for the valuable cobras. These come from different points in considerable numbers, shipments often amounting as high as 150 at a time. Fed on these live snakes the cohras thrive in cantivity and appear satisfied with their lot; but it becomes necessary to appease their appetite with rats and mice when snakes are scarce. While new cobras will not touch these rodents when they are first placed before them, they can sometimes be enticed to swallow them when tied to the tail of a small snake or even when stuffed in the skin of a dead reptile. The other snakes are fed mostly on toads, mice and rabbits. Even English sparrows are purchased in considerable numbers for the reptiles. The average prices paid each year for these snake foods are 2 cents each for snar rows, 4 to 5 cents each for toads and frogs, and 2 to 3 cents each for live mice. At these quotations many boys make quite a little pocket money, and the Zoological park managers find the supply at times greater than the demand, so eager are the youngsters to feed the snakes. In the winter season, however, it sometimes becomes a ques-...on of considerable importance how to secure fresh food for the reptiles. At one time more than a dozen rattlesnakes had to be killed because of the keepers' inability to find plenty of live mice to keep them from starvation.

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side to this weird fancy. A charming French countess, of extraordinary beauty, whose shoulders elicited exclamations of admiration from Fiammarion, France's author-astronomer, rewarded the devotion of her admirent by leaving him, as a precious legacy. the skin from those same lovely shoulders, to do with as he pleased. Wishing to have it within his reach, he sent it to a tanner, who prepared it in the accepted manner. With the gallantry worthy of a Frenchman, the renowned astronomer caused a volume of an edition de luxe of his "Terre et Ciel" to be covered with the adorable epidermis of the sprightly counters. The edges of the leaves are of blood red, sprinkled with golden stars. On Surplus, the dedication page one may read: "Souvenir d'une Morte."

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"Oh!" laughed Mrs. de la Fane, "I see. You are one of Kitchener's messenger boys. Rather a satisfactory -berth, isn't it, Captain? No risk, no worry, no exertion."

John Beresford caught those violet eyes again full in his own. His heart beat faster. He did not care to appear as one of no importance in this woman's eyes. His mission demanded se crecy, yet for the moment his tongue ran away with him.

"You are wrong, surs. de la Fane." he smiled in reply. "The papers would be worth-well, a lot to Kruger or Bo thn.

A sudden gleam came into the woman's eyes. John Beresford saw it, but thought nothing of it. The silken toils were already about him.

"Come and lunch with me, Capt. Beresford, and you, too, Mr. Dennis," said Mrs. de la Fane.

. . . Two days passed away. Muriel Molyneux felt inexpressibly lonely. This ustling, frivolous atmosphere of hotel jarred on her. Tortured with anxiety her husband, she hated the laughthe music, above all, the society. kept aloof from it all. Her hus band was an intelligence officer; she knew that he was never sure from day to day where he would sleep the folwing night. To attempt to follow him to the front was impossible.

Now Muriel, for all her great love for her husband, was an enthusiastic little patriot. This dreary, useless idleness to which she was condemned taxed her nerves to the uttermost. The quiet of the gardens overlooking the appealed to her. After dinner on third evening after her arrival Muriel alipped out alone and paced the gravel paths in angry impatience with er fate. The gardens were empty. er white dress looked ghost-like in er fate.

In a little summer house at the furthest limits of the garden, bitter tears use into her eyes as she thought of er own incapacity, her own enforced leness. Buddenly a voice at her el-ow startled her. Some one thrust a ste into her hand, with the words: you give me your answer to-

d John Bere sford, with a gleam of hope in his eyes, "Not a soul but myself and the thief knows that it was stolen from me within the last 24 hours." . . .

Mrs. de la Fane glided down the of the work. footpath leading toward the summer house. She was dressed in white. As she drew near she caught the sound of voices, and walked slowly past the doorway.

She gave a little dry cough when she recognized John Beresford and Muriel Molyneux.

She seemed annoyed to find the summer house occupied at that moment. She paced the footpath for a few moments and then returned to the hotel. She went to the pigeonhole where she generally found her letters and telegrams. It was empty. Soon after midnight she went to the pigeonhole again. There was a scaled packet waiting for her. With a sigh of relief she carried it hastily to her room and read:

"The Societies Office, Stellenbach. "To Mrs. de la F.:

"Have you procured the J. B. documents yet? If so, the bearer of this is to be trusted. Give them to him. If you have not yet secured them, tell him when to see you again.

"J. X. de W."

A second note in another handwriting was inclosed: "Madam-Not finding you this even-

ing at the appointed place, I am leaving this note for you at the hotel. shall be there tomorrow evening at 8.30 to receive your answer.

"J. X. deW.'s Messenger." Mre. de la Fane slept the sleep of the just that night.

On the following evening she kept the appointment. Sae was again dressed in white. Punctual to the moment she heard a man's footstep on the path outside, and a tall, bearded man stood in the doorway.

"Mrs. de la Fane, I presume?" He

spoke in a deep, gruff voice. She handed him a carefully sealed packet, saw him place it inside his breast pocket and walled till he dispeared. The next morning she re-

city, each nut being fed individually into the crusher. After the shells are cracked the nuts are winnowed by an air blast, and the meat is picked from the crushed sheils by hand, women and girls being employed for this part

A curious case came up the other day before the court in Caroline county, Md., when an ancient resident was charged with the larceny of nine eggs. Extra jurors had to be summoned, and it cost the county \$250 to try the case.

The accused was 73 years old. His counsel said he had known the defendant for 40 years, and it was incredible that he would steal eggs. He argued that anyhow the state had not shown that the eggs were sound and nine rotten eggs would have no value at all. The jury stald out 15 minutes and returned a verdict of not guilty.

A Hamburg schoolteacher recently undertook to find out what his pupils knew about common things. Out of 120 children between 10 and 16 years of age, 58 had never seen a flock of sheep, 70 had never seen a violet growing, 90 had never heard a nightingale, 89 had never seen the sun rise, and 33 had not seen it set, 49 had never seen a man plow. He asserts that while city children may know about theatres and concert exhibitions, muse ums and stores, hundreds of the simplest things in life are mere words to them that convey no coherent idea.

Scenting Danger. According to Nature, the French minister of war has asked the Paris Academy of Sciences to give an opin ion as to the possibility of danger arising from the establishment of wireless telegraphy stations in the neighborhood of magazines containing pow der or other explosives. It is suggested that the nature of the cases containing the explosive may be an important matter for consideration in connection with the subject.

The average woman feels that her life is wasted if she doesn't belong to a society for the suppression of some

The wild carnivorous animals of the fungle need a certain amount of meat each day, and if they had their tastes

always gratified they would accept nothing else; but stale bread is fed them in addition to the meat. The bears, monkeys and other beasts of the jungle learn to eat bread with evident relish, but the lions and tigers look forward eagerly to their fresh meat. and are not satisfied until it comes. About the usual feeding hour each day these creatures grow restless and pace anxiously up and down their cages, .he appearance of the keeper with their dinner is a signal for whines and growls, and when the fresh meat is thrown to them they snap and snarl surlily until they have disposed of it. Horse flesh has been found an excellent mest for these animals, and a

caused the works of Delille, the translator of the "Georgics," to be covered with the poet's own skin. Mr. Leroy was present when the body was embalmed, and bribed the undertaker to strip off a portion of the dead man's epidermis. In these lugabrious fragments his writings were preserved. This curiosity is to be found in the library of Valenciennes, France.

There are a few specimens of bindings of human skin in the United States. A bibliophile in Cincinnati owns a couple of volumes, one, Sterne's "Sentimental Journey," done up in the dusky skin of a negress; the other, "Tristram Shandy," covered with the skin of a Chinese woman.

Not only has the skin of human be ings been occasionally employed by the bookbinders, but that of almost every animal known to the naturalist The monkey, the crocodile, the ape the dog, the horse, the panther, the wolf, the elephant, the cat and the mole have all been subservient to the fantastic fancies of book lovers. For instance, a book on hunting, brought out in London, was bound in doe skin; a book on dogs in dog skin, etc., etc.

"Realism" in book binding may be carried too far. It gives one a curious sensation consciously to finger the tanned cuticle of a departed person the reader superstitious, he Were might fancy that the spirit of the defunct would rise up and haunt him for the desecration .-- Comtesse de Montaign, in the New York Post.

Xarque from Argentina.

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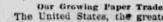
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