

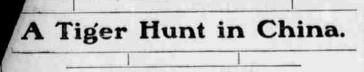
And have ye seen the fing of chanceg-camp The men that inck will choose. The tyros here who win the gold. The pundits there who lose? And have ye seen the anchest shame Of women lost to hope. That may not even walk to bell. But weakly toward it grope? ing light desert meet.

and lesser rocks ene, and golden rich rd and lean. of water there a rill, c, of vicious red, the hill.

aud or canvas—like fortune's throw— on the ups and downs l fever row. Ired men are there, hundred mules, ozen gambling halls, hundred fools.

And have ye counted half the sum Of pity and applause The gods record who traffic not With buny, human laws? And wot ye nught of tragedy And comedy—the twala, So fair and dark, and dark and fair, That march beside the train? Yet when you see that mining-camp, (You cannot miss the trail; If's blazed with empty bottles and With signs of Gerce travail). Regard the homes—the garden spots— That on the desert press Where men of strength, with woman's aid. Subdue the wilderness! Philic Yeard! Wichels in Harner's Weck-

-Philip Verrill Mighels, in Harper's Week-



By F. Hayley Bell.

Tiger shooing is, I believe, generally | menced by prodding gingerly at the exregarded as verious work, and not a treme edges of the jungle-melted picnic to be lightly entered on; but away, and P. and I concluded that, from the moment P. came round to my since beating was impossible, we must compound to say that four of the watch over balt again.

ungle, some four miles from the set- tree long before sunset, with a goat tlement, to the morning of the last for bait. Hardly had the moon risen disastrous beat the gods appeared to than out stalked, at about 100 yards' do their best to make fun of the whole range, an enormous tiger, who strolled expedition, and to rob us of that feel- nonthalantly across the glade and dis ing of dignity due to those engaged in appeared into the opposite cover. Again big-game shooting.

this. knowingly of shikars, machans, and all -whether of pure fright or because paraphernalia of a big shoot; he mused she was possibly in extremis when purpensively in the heat of the day, when chased-was dead! he should have been asleep, over Bad-

minton on Big-Game Shooting and as to whether tigers took carrion or guidebooks with blood-curdling pictures not, we again trudged sadly home. Perthat made me nervous. Between sonally, I incline to the opinion that whiles in a desultory manner he ran we did not talk and laugh enough, also the camp mess, or sat in state receiv- that a cigar would have much improved ing deputations of villagers, bringing the latest reports of the movements of third attempt was made from a mathe enemy.

There was no doubt about the tigers, it must be understood. The recollection of journey's of several days' length to the reported habitat of some large bush, and built the platform up man-eater, only to find at each village that it was so many "li" further on, was still fresh in my recollection, and quaintances, who had never even seen it seemed too good to be true that a a tiger running wild, rode out from whole family had taken up quarters the settlement and asked if it was a so near to the settlement; but in the soft paddy and sweet potato fields bordering the cover, one could hardly walk ten yards without crossing their spoor. Had we the proper arms, it may be that our hunt had ended differently. P. had a Martini Henry of the old .451 bore and a Mauser pistol, and I a .44 Winchester repeating carbine.

We camped in the old, tumble-down building, half temple, half rest-house, through its rope and escaped, the most that is common to most Chinese villages. P. insisted on cooking the din. neither my companion nor I were ner; also there was trouble about the awake at the time. bait, so that it was half-past nine and pitch dark when we sailled forth to should cause even temporary estrangethe tree we had chosen for our watch. ment between two fast friends. Even We had decided on a pig for bait, as if it was my watch, there were plenty he was likely to make the most noise. more dogs to be had; besides, the dog The grateful villagers, whom we had had been sleeping comfortably when I come out to rid of the blood thirsty last remembered. However, P. gathanimals that were devouring their cat- ered up his text-books and his punkah ties have arranged themselves so as tle, required some three times its coolie-whom he now called a shikari value before they would part with it. -and pegged out a claim at the other Too late we discovered the deceitful- end of the jungle; while I decided, ness of that pig. In the temple it had since our quarry would not follow the

brutes had been located in the Yikma This time we were ensconced in our we pulled furiously at the bait. Not a

Perhaps I should not include P. in sound followed, and, after some hours' P. was different. He spoke wait, we descended, to find poor nanny

After a long whispered conversation our chances. Be that as it may, our chan. P. and I built it next morning.

and an interested audience of some fifty old women and children sat round and commented. We hollowed out a inside; on the top we put a cunning roof of plaited leaves. Derisive actake possession of what is left .- London Field. QUAINT AND CURIOUS. race meeting or a Punch and Judy show? But we were satisfied; at least it was better than roosting in trees with all manner of nocturnal in-

sects, and we made it very comfortable with a mattress and cushions. Here we watched over Piggy II, for three nights without result. On the fourth we tried to tempt the tiger with a dog. which, however, apparently gnawed serious part of the incident being that

Alas! that such a trival incident

under certain circumstances were meant for climbing. Before, however, I had got as high as I wished a branch broke, and I came down some fifteen feet on to the ground. There was, however, no sign of the tiger, and I returned to the open, where I found P. had arrived. Between us we bound up the mauled heater-who had actually been dropped by his carriers, and had crawled out alone-and sent him into the settlement. Guided by the beaters, who were now all up trees, and gave one the impression of sailors clinging to the masts of sunken ships, P. and I made another assault on the cover. The tiger was snarling and tearing up the grass within a few yards of the edge. It was impossible to aim at a vital spot, owing to the foliage, so we each gave him a bullet, and again the brute went down with a roar, evidently (by the subsequent gasping and "thundering") shot through the lungs, Here we left him to stiffer or die, while we

and I hurriedly selected one, for trees

poured buckets of water over each other and cooled down. Within an hour the panting sounds had ceased, and soon the treed beaters called out that the brute was dead, but not a man would accompany us even those few vards to find the carcass. It was now getting late, and, as it was imperative that we should secure our bag, and induce the frightened villagers to come

down from their trees before it grew dark, I started into the cover alone. As I crawled cautiously in a man called out something I could not catch, but which was a warning that there

were two tigers. An instant later the brushes to my front were shaken violently, and, with a terrifying roar, a smaller tiger, probably the female, sprang out at me, knocking me down backward. With the brute standing right over me, I doubled my self up, covering my body with my arms and legs, and after biting me several times below the knees, the animal sheered off, and I crawled back to the open. The tiger had won the second point and the rub-

ber, for this ended our amateur tiger hunt. For some days after bringing me back P, was laid up with sunstroke, while the villagers refused to go near the cover. For all I know, the mouldering skeletons of twenty-nine beaters may yet hang in the trees of the Yikma jungle. At least, somewhere hidden in the undergrowth lies a tiger, whose skin is destined never to grace the hearth of his enemies. Some day, when I have recovered from the effects of big-game shooting, I am going to

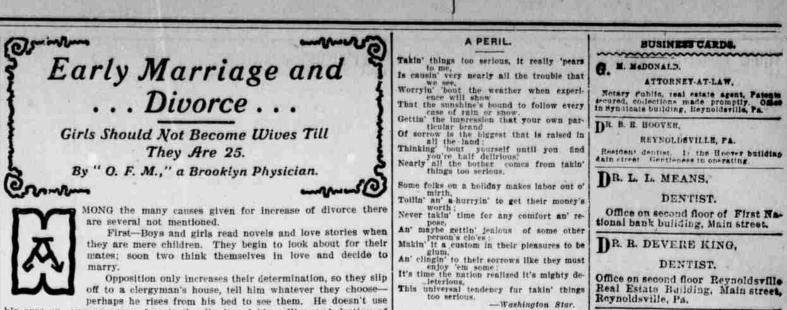
The ink plant of New Granada is a curiosity. The juice of it can be used as ink without any preparation. At first the writing is red, but after a few hours it changes to black.

Miss Mabel A. Ayer of San Francisco, Cal., has succeeded in training a number of butterflies. Sugar and water are the inducements, and the little winged pets go through several droll performances.

A tailor named Gabriel of Boston, England, has in his window a number of small tortoises, each bearing on its back one of the seven letters of his name. He gives a prize of £2 to any one who discovers that the turto spell the name correctly.

The builders are at work on a stone vinduct at Plauen, Saxony, over the

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Opposition only increases their determination, so they slip off to a clergyman's house, tell him whatever they chooseperhaps he rises from his bed to see them. He doesn't use

his eyes or common sense, forgets the dignity of his calling and destiny of these two children-she may be 16, he 20-and this unwise man ties the fatal knot.

It should be a penal offense for any one thus to seal the destinies of two such for all time. No woman or man should marry before 25. They are not mature enough before this for the serious and perplexing duties which follow marriage. The vast majority of people find many of these duties very irksome

If the especial marriage relations could be conducted on a pure, high and moral plane, the greatest cause of friction and disgust would be less. As long as these relations are conducted on a purely animal basis both are degraded. As long as the man thinks he owns this woman's soul and body, disregarding motherhood and its requirements, thinking only of himself and his supposed needs, so long will there be friction, dislike, even hatred of each other.

Woman has been man's slave since time began. If she is not a good cook all her other virtues seem small." All over the country women are slaves today, first to husbands, then to their children and the home. No time even to think of other things

Women are the heroes of the world, as well as the mothers, and the sunshine. They pour their whole lives out for those they love, usually with scant appreciation. God bless all these women! I hail the day when these educated, strong, wise, self-reliant women will control and guide the coming generations. Where these grand, good girls are to find husbands they can respect is a problem, if the boys continue to smoke, drink, visit places they don't want their women friends to know about and spend their time in games and sports, not to mention the worst ones. Unless they begin to give up all these demoralizing pursuits and cultivate their best natures, there would be few I should be willing my daughter should marry. When that time comes, as it will, the community will demand a higher manhood. Then there will be happier homes and fewer divorces.

3 Sanctity of Home Life

HERE is a certain tendency to exalt the unessential in dealing with our public questions, and public men especially are apt to get their attention concentrated on questions that have no importance, but are wholly ephemeral compared with the questions that go straight to the root of things. Questions like the tariff and the currency are of literally no conquence whatsoever compared with the vital question of having the unit of our social life, the home, preserved,

It is impossible to overstate the importance of the cause you represent. If the average husband and wife fulfil their duties toward one another and toward their children as Christianity teaches them, then we may rest absolutely sure that the other problems will solve themselves, but if we have solved every other problem in the wisest possible way,

it shall profit us nothing if we have lost our own national soul, and we will have lost it if we do not have the question of relations of the family put upon the proper basis. While I do not know exactly what you wish me to do, I can say that so far as in me lies, everything will be done to co-operate with you toward the end that you have in view.

One of the most unpleasant and dangerous features of our family life is the diminishing hirth rate and the loosening of the marriage tie among the old native American families. It goes without saying that for the race as for the individual no material prosperity, no business growth, no artistic or scientific development will count if the race commits suicide. Therefore I count myself fortunate in having the chance to work with you in this matter of vital importance to the national welfare.

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-Washington Star.

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start his flow of language .-- D Free Press. "Why, yes," said Miss Pertie win to her intimate friend, "Harry I are going to have a secret wed Not a soul is going to know of it till after it's over. Hadn't you heard?"-Chicago Tribune.

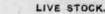
She-To think that he should treat me so! And he told me he loved me with his whole heart. He-That was all right; but you see since then he has been suffering from heart failure. -Boston Transcript.

Little Willie-Say, pa, what is the meaning of 'Noblesse oblige''? Pa-I don't know, my son, unless it has some connection with those foreign nobles who are obliged to marry for money .--Chicago Daily News.

"I can truthfully say," remarked a St. Petersburg official, "that nobody ever threw a bomb at me." "To what

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By President Theodore Roosevelt, and Divorce.)

(From an Address Before the Interchurch Conference on Marriage

gotiations, but when at last tied up on deceive him with a simple plan of my the field of action it was the most con- own. At sunset, then, with several tented pigs I have ever known, and natives, I proceeded to a tree some 100 frantic pulls at the string attached to yards from the one I intended to occuhis leg were utterly useless to stir him py. Here we tied up a lean, scraggy to a sense of what was expected of him. pony and made the most noisy and At length, bitten all over by mosquitoes, and covered with ants, tree frogs, tiger. Soon after dark settled down I and that delightful bettle known to the crep quietly out of the tree, stole back Chinese as the "water buffalo," I climbed down and charged out on the night's rest I had had for a week. At wretched animal, and by the light of three I was called, and went down to the rising moon chased him round and round his tether till his squeals and the shouts of laughter from my com- be that the result had nothing to do panion in the tree might have been ard for miles. Hardly has I regained the foot of the tree when P. gave a shout of warning and commenced firing rapidly over my head. An in- only excuse for not dropping him there stant later one short wail from piggy announced that his duty was done, and from the dense cover and passed with-I turned in time to see the tiger-a in 50 yards of my tree. At my first dark, formless mass-disappear into shot the brute bounded into the air the cover with six dollars' worth of and made a dash in my direction, appork belonging to us.

dent. P. had struck a match and was through the right shoulder. With a lighting his pipe in calm disregard of snarl like that of a dog, the animal dismy request that he would cover my appeared into the cover again, and I sortie. I was on the ground within a determined, in spite of our last flasco, few yards of the bait, while, I repeat, to try a beat again.

the noise of laughing and talking should have been, according to all our instruction books, sufficient to scare The animal's trail was easy to follow. every tiger out of the province. How, for the bushes were splashed with ever, fairly or not, the tiger had scored blood, but the undergrowth was so the first point, and there was nothing thick that in some places it was to do but to return to the temple.

the village was summoned, and, after from the right of the line-of which much argument, some twenty men I was the center-and a howl from one were produced to beat the cover for us. of the men. Pushing through as fast as We started across the paddy like the I could I found an unfortunate beater chorus of a comic opera, with hoes, had literally stumbled on the tiger and pitchforks, executioners' swords, and got badly mauled, his heel and the sole halberds. One man preceded the party of the foot being half torn off. I directwith a huge gong, which he smote ed two men to carry him out, and was lustily, to the great delight of scores just about to follow when I saw of children, who were enjoying holiday through the foliage the yellow and black stripes of the tiger standing a reasons of our occupying the village schoolroom, and the rear was brought few yards off and perfectly motionless, up by half a dozen kerosene tins and evidently listening to the banging and village flautist. It was as impos- the howling of the beaters, who were tible to keep them quiet till we should closing round. I took a steady shot at reach the ground and take up positions what I imagined to have been his ribs, as it was to get them to stay there and the brute went down with a roar, when we had done so. Gradually and at which all the men near me fied. imperceptibly the beaters-who com. There were many trees around me,

otested so loudly as to drown all ne. rules as laid down in books, to try to River Syra, which contains the longest masonary arch in the world, its length being 295 feet 6 inches, measured horizontally from base to base. The Luxembourg bridge across the valley of Petruffe, which was completed a few months ago, has a span shameless preparations for snaring the of 277 feet. The next longest masonary arch is in the United States, near Washington, and is known as to the camy, and enjoyed the first the Cabin John bridge. Its length of span is 220 feet. my own tree. Now, I wai not guaran-Some ambitious silkworms of the tee this plan as infallible, and it may with what I still regard as rather an original idea; but about half an hour after the first streak of dawn, and in a light by which a .44 carbine is my stead and then, a magnificent tiger emerged

proaching to within twenty yards of It was against all rules and prece- the tree, where I gave him a second

Within an hour I had collected thirty men, and sent out coolies to find P. necessary to crawl on hands and knees. Early next morning the headman of In this position I suddenly heard a roar

neighborhood of Venice have woven by themselves a ribbon three yards long and three inches wide. When they reached the chrysalis stage, according to the Indianapolis News, inof weaving round cocoons on the twigs prepared for them they pre-

ferred to travel up and down the smooth upper side of a strip of wood nine feet long and three inches wide Back and forth they went, spinning their silken web, until at last they made a beautiful ribbon, transparent in its centre and golden yellow at the heavier edges. The scarf is amazingly strong for a fabric so delicately woven.

A difference of opinion seems to have arisen over the effect of firing a candle at a board. For a long time the ancient tradition has held its own that the soft tallow hurled at the mark by a musket would put a hole through an ordinary plank. Yet here comes a gun-bearer who declares that he has tried the experiment and finds the material of the candle wildly scattered upon the target. Of course, with present-day rifles and breechloaders it may not be possible to discharge a candle effectively from a military arm or from the latest style of sporting guns. But it would certainly be a pity to leave the question unsolved.

Dottie's Prayer.

"Please, God, make Mamle Ross a good girl. Please make her a awful good little girl. An' if it ain't too much trouble, please make her so good that I can take her new doll, an' she'll think it's noble an' self-sac'ficin' never to ask for it back again. Amen!'

Pour The Desert Transformed 6

By French Strother.

HIRTY-TWO years see there was but one house in the town of Fresno, in the contral desert of California. A hole was dug under it, forty feet deep, into which the inmates lowered lowered themselves by a bucket and a windlass, to escape the heat of the day. Around it, as far as the eye could see, stretched the glaring desert, unbroken by any cultivated spot of green.

Today this spot is the centre of a cheerful community of 8,660 homes in a land made fertile by irrigation. Ten thous-

and children attend its public schools. The industries there yield \$14,000,000 annually. The raisin crop of 1902 put into the farmers' bank accounts \$2,300,-000. All the raisins imported into the United States in 1902 amounted in value to only \$400,000. In 1902 the oil wells of Fresno County yielded 570,000 barrels of crude petroleum, worth \$200,000 before refining. Eighty-nine thousand head of cattle graze on its rich alfalfa.

When a few straggling fortune-hunters came to the county late in the sixties they were welcomed by this sign hung over Freeno's one building: "Bring your horses. Water, one bit; water and fest, three bits." Fresno was a "watering station" only. In 1872, however, Mr. M. J. Church convelved the idea of bringing water in ditches from King's River, twenty miles away, to irrigate the land. His proposal was laughed at as a dreamer's scheme. But persistence won; in 1876 he had water on land within three miles of the town of Fresno and the first year's crop proved the soil to be fertile. The area of watered ground was rapidly extended. Today there are 366,000 acres under irrigation

-World's Work.

The Need for Navies

By Lieut. Carlyon Bellairs, of the British Navy.

HAT mere population and riches are no metch in war august much careful organization, we have seen in the case of Russin. It is only the knowledge that the sea-barrier is impenetrable which will effectually prevent the expanding Teu tonic, Siavonic, and Latin races of Europe from contemplat ing aggression on the American continent. If unable to do singly, nothing but sea-power will prevent them from trying to effect their purpose in combination. They have combined 000000000 in the past for the partition of Poland. By the Russian dec-

den, and Denmark combined to resist the right of search, and the same powers were acting together against Great Britain over this question in 1800. In 1807 Great Britain had to break Napoleon's compulsory alliance, framed by

the treaty of Tilsit, by seizing eighteen Danish and eight Portuguese battle ships, and by blockading the Russian battleships. Thus a fresh union of over 140 battle-ships was nipped in the bud; but such decisive action could not have been taken had not Great Britain been in the plenitude of her naval strength with 212 battleships. We learn that, within a period of twenty-seven years, there were three European alliances of three or more great powers agains' Great Britain, and all were broken up by the operation of sea-power.

do you attribute this fact?" asked the sardonic colleague; "popularity or unimportance?"-Washington Star. "Those two men talking together

over there are worth a good many millions between them." "Which is the richer's' "I don't know, positively-but watch the bishop, who's going to speak to them." "Why?" going to speak to them." 'See which one he shakes hands with

first."-Life Gunner-I think there should be an authorship class connected with every big college. I mean so students would be enabled to write fiction for money, Guyer-Fiction? Say, did you ever see the letters that students

write their parents when they need a cneck ?- Chicago Daily News. "I'm afraid we can't use this sketch

of your life in this campaign," said the boss to the young candidate. "I'm afraid the public won't believe you came from the country ?" "Why not?" Because you don't say you ever taught

school for a term and then came to the city to study law."-Omaha News. Business Manager-I'm sorry, young man, but I'm afraid you will not serve my purpose. Applicant-But, sir, I have nine diplomas and degrees.

Business Manager-Maybe; but in acquiring them you have evidently been too busy to learn anything useful. Good-morning -- Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

"But don't you see, Miss de Muir," argued young Professor McGoozle, "that you merely beg the question when you take that position?" "I am

sure, professor," protested the young woman, her eyes snapping, "I haven't changed my position a particle since I sat down here, and I haven't thought of begging you to ask me any question whatever!"-Chlcago Tribune.

Mrs. Nayberleigh-Why, what are you crying about? Mrs. Youngbride -Well, you know, John is away on a business trip- Mrs. Nayberleigh-Mrs. Youngbride-He writes Yes. that he gets out my picture and kkisses it every day. Mrs. Navberleigh-Well, that's surely nothing to cry about. Mrs. Youngbride-Yes, It Just to play a joke on him, I 181 took my picture out of his grip when he started, and put one of m-m-mother's in its place .-- Cleveland Leader.

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NEWSY GLEANINGS.

The Swiss-Spanish commercial treaty expires August 31, 1905,

A new fruit cannery is about to be established in Santa Clara, Cal., which will put up 3,000,000 cans a year.

This year the Jews will celebrate the 250th anniversary of their settlement n New York.

A fund will be started at . nce to buy the old home of Paul Revere, in North square, Boston, Mass.

Figures furnished by the Bureau of Statistics at Washington, D. C., show that our coffee bill last year was \$81,-000.000

More than 200,000 shade and other ornamental trees have been shinped into Denver. Col., since the first of the year for local use.

The wreck of the French battleship Sully on the Cochin China const the other day represented a money loss of \$5,600,000.

A fir tree has been cut in Oregon recently which made nine sawlogs aver-aging fourteen feet in length, scaling 21,483 feet board measure.

James O'Brien, a miner, laughed so heartily in the gallery of a theatre in San Bernardino, Cal., tha. he fell over the railing and broke his back.

It is expected that the expenses of German's colony in Southwest Africa will reach over \$70,000,000 before the present insurrection is out down.

General Frederick Junaton assumed command of the Department of Callfornia, succeeding General-Moore, who intends to make his home in the State. President Smith, of the Mormon Church, has just paid \$400,000 for a 66,000 acre cattle ranch in British Col-umbia. The land will b- colonized by Mormons.

Eighty thousand acres of land will be made suitable for farming purposes by the construction of a large irrigating system in Larimer and Weld Counfies, Colorado.

laration of February 26, 1780, Russia, France, Spain, Holland, Prussia, Swe