Glanced off a broken mirror
On to an old arm-chair,
Lit up a pale-faced sufferer,
Wearily tossing there.

Brought with it hope and gladness, Soothing the restless boy, Lulled him to sleep with bright visions, Whispered of health and joy.

Then when its task was over, Softly floated away, Back to its home in the sunshine, Its mission fulfilled that day,

Oh! to be like that sunbeam, Shedding forth light and love. Then when our labor is ended, pass to the light above.

as he made his tally.

"Nineteen-twen-

tieth bale was not there!

touched nothing. Down pitched Har-

rigan head foremost into a cavity just

large enough to admit his body. He

caught unavailingly with his fingers

the hydraulic press done its work that

he could grasp no slack in his frantic

clutchings, and his course was not ar

rested till he struck the hard wooden

floor. The sudden shock doubled up

his finger tips and drove back his

hands. His head came down upon the

made him for the moment half-in-

shipment one bale considerably broader

than the others. It was placed at one

the other end. The space between the

two was of necessity left vacant, as it

was not broad enough to admit an-

other bale. This formed the cavity

Harrigan was unlucky enough to fall.

Irishman remained inactive, recover-

pulled on so tightly that It had not

The second finger, too, on his right

weight of his body resting upon the

raise himself on the palms of his

The change of position had a very

unexpected result. All the contents

of his pockets poured down upon the

floor under his nose in a jangling cas-

cade. He could hear the copper and

silver coins and his jack-knife clinking

slipped from its place, and hung dang-

The situation had a ludicrous as well

hing, however, was to restore his

heels and his head to their normal

Harrigan did not anticipate any spe-

cial difficulty in doing this. But when

he strove to bend his body over, so

that he might stand upright, he found

that the cavity was too confined to

permit it. His shoulders almost

touched the bales on each side, while

the one over which he had just crept

projected so far forward that the open

pace was barely eighteen inches from

front to back. It was, if anything, a

little larger at the bottom than at the

top, and this increased the difficulty

He tried to push first one bale and

then the other a little farther away, to

gain more room, but all to no avail.

His efforts finally convinced him that

his only way of escape was to lift him-

self upward and backward, until he

The checker lifted himself at arms'

tried to stick the tips of his toes into

the space between the two bales be-

hind him; but he could not reach back

He ran his fingers up and down the

He seemed to be growing all pulse.

Insignificant as the leverage was, it

of his undertaking.

the cotton.

far enough.

ing in his very face.

pain in his temples.

hands.

positions.

For perhaps thirty seconds the young

beneath it.

sensible.

IN A COTTON-CAR

By ALBERT W. TOLMAN.

HE long freight-shed was | edges, and counting in an undertone NOSS filled with goods of every description. Through the open doors on one side you looked into the dark interfors of a line of empty tars; through similar doors on the other side you saw a row of loaded iggers and express wagons. Foreman Carruth, whose duty it was to bring

order out of all this confusion, seemed

to be everywhere at once, directing.

exhorting, reproving, his eyes, ears

and tongue all busy at the same time. "Here, Jim, put those steel rods in the corner of that B. & A. car! They're going up to Caribou. Come on with those tierces of lard, boys! If you don't move faster, they'll melt before you get 'em out of the shed. Hustle, everybody! These cars'll be pulled out at eleven.'

Down the steps from the office at the upper end of the shed came a biling clerk, with a small brown note book in his hand. This he passed to the foreman, who immediately raised his voice in a shout to a black-haired young Irishman, who was taking account of the incoming freight two doors away.

"Here's a job of blind checking for you, Dan! Go down to track five with this cotton book, and count the bales In those eleven cars for the Leadbetter Mills. Get back as soon as you can. I'll take your place at the door while you're gone.

Daniel Harrigan received the book from the hand of his superior, walked rapidly down the shed, and stepped Into the freight yard. It was quarter past eight on a foggy April morning. one of those drizzly spring days when everything is damp and sticky. A thick mist hung over the yard. Invisible shifting engines puffed here and there, with much clanging of bells and shrill of whistling.

With senses on the alert, the freight handler crossed the tracks, carefully avoiding the frogs and switches. His destination was the extreme end of the large yard, a full quarter mile from the shed. Presently the square end of the first car that was to be tallled appeared through the fog. Harrigan con sulted his book to make sure that he had the correct number, went up to the door, and broke the little seal of lead and wire.

The interior was filled with cotton bales, each weighing about five hundred pounds. They were covered with buriap, and encircled by steel bands put on under hydraulic pressure, typical specimens of the thousand sent yearly from Southern plantations to New England mills.

As the staple was quoted at twelve cents a pound, and as from forty to sixty bales were loaded into each car. Its contents had an average value of three thousand dollars. A mistake In the tally, resulting in the addition or omission of a single bale would make a difference of perhaps \$60 The teams from the Leadbetter Mills

on the outskirts of the city would begin to empty the cars that afternoon, and it was customary for the railroad to take careful account of all goods before delivery. Then, in case a shipnent ran short, the company would be able to show that the blame must be placed elsewhere,

The task of counting the cotton was a responsible one, and Foreman Carruth had put his best man on the

Harrigan climbed to the top of the bales. They were from five to five and a half feet long, something under yard wide, and twenty-two to twenty-six inches thick. They were set on end, three abreast; and as the distance from floor to roof was approximately seven feet and a half, an empty space of two feet was left

above their tops. Forward crawled the tallyman on his hands and knees, taking note of each separate bale with his fingers, and registering it mentally at the same

By the system of 'blind checking" rough burlap, seeking some loose place, ander which he worked, only the car but finding none. So long as he could numbers were set down in the note push with his hands against the floor book handed to him, and he was given ne inkling as to how many bales he was expected to find. When the reagainst, as the bales afforded no handsult of his labors was reported at the hold. His strength was of little seroffice, the clerks there compared it vice, for it could be exerted only through a few inches of space. with the way-bills. .

The first car contained fifty-four Harrigan dropped to the ground, entered the number in his ook and closed the door. He then broke the seal of the next car. In a few minutes he had finished his work a this car also, and charged fortyight against it. Five cars more were examined without special incident.

With a strong jerk Harrigan broke the seal of the eighth car, shoved the floor open just enough to allow his body to pass, and was soon scrambling in the darkness over the burlapped ends. iAs the roof was lower than those of the other cars, there was barely eighteen inches of open space, and his

On through the gloom crept the

backward. His knees were almost on the top of the bale; another effort, and And to a far-off country, Washed by refreshing streams, Guided his slumbering spirit Into the land of dreams. he would be safely out of his predicament. But as he pushed with all his might on the sharp top of the steel band his fingers slipped off. Down he fell, and again his hands rested on the floor of the car.

Harrigan at last realized that his life was actually in peril. If he could not get out now, when his strength was practically unimpaired, what chance would be have later! With numb fingers, swelled by the inrushing blood, he fumbled once more up and down the cotton. He found the band on which he had raised himself before, and strove to repeat his at-

tempt; but he fell heavily back, this time striking on his head. A train rumbled by, shaking the round and making the car tremble under him. He heard two brakemen calling out to each other, and tried to attract their atenttion; but his voice

was smothered in that narrow cavity. A heavy, painful drowsiness was "Sixteen-seventeen-eighteen-" His creeping over the freight handler, a head bumped against a cross-beam of strange, dull apathy that frightened the roof, and he stooped low to pass him. His strength was gradually ebbing away. The part of his body below, or rather, as now situated, above his The last number was never finished. waist, was losing its feeling. The but died away in a muffled cry of surblood surged through his brain so prise and consternation; for the twenstrongly that it threatened to deprive him of consciousness. Insensibility The two hands that he thrust for was coming on, and insensibility meant ward, expecting to strike burlap,

death. Harrigan's toes were almost on the top of the bale over which he had crept. He had only to raise himself a little more than two feet to have his at the coarse bagging, but so well had bootsoles touch the ceiling behind the beam he had crawled under. By pressing the backs of his heels hard against this beam he could get sufficient leverage to help himself out. The distance was triffing, but there seemed absolutely nothing he could grasp to lift imself with.

planks with a stunning crack that Again he felt blindly along the bale n front of him, and thrust his fingers nto the spaces between it and the ad-When the car was being loaded at jacent bales on each side. When cot-Memphis, there had been found in the on leaves the compress, the burlap on the edges that have been lowest in the press is tight to the point of burstend of the seventh row from the door, ing, while that about the upper edges and a bale of ordinary size was put at is much looser. Fortunately for Harrigan, the two corners turned toward him, as the bale stood on end, were those round which the covering was lose. This apparently trivial circum-

into which, two weeks later, Daniel stance saved his life. The corners gave him something to grip. Numbed and swollen though his fingers were, he found that by pressng from the effects of the blow upon ing them hard against his palms he could gather in a very respectable handful of the bagging. This gave him the top of his skull. His cap had been fallen off when he plunged downward; purchase enough to lift his weight.

Raising his hands very gradually hence it slightly broke the force of his fall. With returning consciousness, and hardly daring to breathe, inch by however, he began to feel a shooting inch he worked himself up and back in agony, clutching the coarse edges with desperate caution. To slip back now would be fatal. Little by little he hand had been severely sprained, and the nail split down to the quick, so pushed his toes back over the bale bethat it was bleeding freely. The full hind him. He lifted one of his heels, and it touched the beam. In a moment crown of his head strained the neck it was pressed behind the firm wood. muscles severely, and he struggled to A little more, and he would be safe!

Shifting his grasp with almost imerceptible movements, he raised his ody slowly and painfully. Red lights danced before his eyes; the roaring of the ocean was in his ears. Up, up, up! If he could only keep his senses a few seconds more! His body was now well over the tops of the bales behind him, but he did not dare to let go yet.

together on the planks. His watch One handful more, one hurried, vioent thrust that sent him back from the edge of the dangerous cavity, and, safe at last, he fainted dead away on as an unpleasant side. How should the top of the cotton.-Youth's Comhe ever pick up all that loose change panion. from the floor? Evidently the first

How to Lift a Car Window.

One of the cars that was run down own on a Sixth avenue elevated train Wednesday morning had apparently just escaped from the painters' brushes. Consequently all of the win-dows stuck, and the passengers who had dodged the heat of the subway were not so sure that they had gained

Women and men tried in valu to lift one or two of the windows, but failed, The guards did not seem to care much what happened. At One Hundred and Fourth street a tall man with a sharp eye got into the car.

He, too, had a jug at a window. It stuck, but that didn't stop him. He took out his handkerchief, rolled it up until it looked like a rope, and then coped it around one of the window catches. One tug, and the window went up as if it had never meant to

could regain a position on the top of "Learned that on the road out West," he said. "If you use your handkerength on the palms of his hands, and chief as a tackle the window has to come open or the catch come right out of the frame. You can put every muscle in your back into the job."

Half of the passengers tried the plan with unvarying success. - New York

City vs. Country Eyes. he could raise his body; but once at In one of his delightful books Dr. arms' length, he had nothing to press Jessopp remarks that whereas country people look up, Londoners look lown. It is largely this habit that has limited their observing powers; but London has itself to blame. I take it By this time it had dawned upon that one can observe well only by the Harrigan that he was in a very serious power of taking large views, and in dilemma. The blood had flowed into London this is impossible, even if one his head and arms in such abundance would, partly from the circumscribing that it had become positively painful. effects of bricks and mortar, partly from the dim light of a London dis-Once more he explored the surface tance, and partly from the need of of the bales with his fingers, but found avoiding collisions. One's eyes unconit absolutely unyleiding. Those who sciously acquire a habit of restricted know cotton only as a soft, fluffy subvision; our observation specializes, stance can have no conception of the like that of the little girl in Mrs. Meyhardness it assumes under the comnell's book who beguiled the tedium of press. No, there was no chance to her walks by collecting shopkeepers get hold of the burlap; but in one named Jones. Perhaps that is the kind place, where there was a slight holof observation for which we in London low, he was able to press his finger are best suited .- London Outlook. tips down on the edge of a steel band.

The Chicago public library uses a enabled him to raise his body. Cau- twenty horse power gasoline wagon to freight handler, fingering the rough tiously he worked his way up and deliver books.

The Gunpowder Wizard of Japan.

essary.

To the writer, who met him recently

in the habit of spending entire days

On one occasion he was nearly blind-

ed for life by a premature explosion

frequently his hands and fingers were

dreadfully burned; but nothing ever

eemed to turn him from his purpos

and at length, when the now famous

'shimose powder" was a perfect chem-

cal compound, he took it modestly to

his Government, with results now

"It is the most wonderful stuff

Japanese artillery Major to the writer,

"I have seen Shimose heap coals of

his force with an iron mallet, and ever

fire shot into it. But the most alarm

ing thing he could make it do under

these and other conditions was to burn

feebly like tar, and give off a sickly

moke. But only use the simple little

chemical fulminating device which its

inventor has provided for it and then,

indeed, you will see the force which

has annihilated the power of imperia

"Dr. Shimose once sprinkled some of

his powder in a circle on a flat iron

caused it to explode the mere powder

alone drove a hole right through th

of powder. This is one very peculiar

present at a confidential experimen

onducted by the Imperial Naval De

partment which interested me very

much. Great bulks of massive on

in a square of nine feet, forming a

"A shell was fired at this from a six

ticaly solid oak was not only battered

the timber was splintered and pulver-

ized-shattered into fragments and

this wonderful powder, which we, at

by any other great Power in the world

expend all the terrific force of its ex

plosion many feet beyond it. It seems

A Good Place For Miners.

get used to it," said a miner who spent

aining camps, at the Schlitz, "I don't

summer and he has \$750 in his pocket

at the summer's close. He can invest

\$200 in provisions and hibernate in

summer he has \$750 more. Allowing

weather in the winter prevents sleigh-

erates to about 40 and that is con-

sidered very mild weather. One doesn't

feel it as much as he would 29 below

here, as the air is dry. In February

the cold weather comes on again and

that time it moderates slowly until

summer comes, and in July it is 90

above. But the miner who works un-

derground never feels the heat, the

atmosphere in the mines being like

that of an icehouse. The life of a

placer mine is about seven years

There is a vast amount of undiscov-

ered mining country, which is doubt-

Mirage in Maryland.

en in Trappe Talbot County, about

seven o'clock in the evening by sever-

al of our citizens. As described to

me by Mrs. John R. Mullikin, who

saw it from her yard, it appeared

about half a mile distant in the lower

stratum of the atmosphere as a mini-

ature representation of the Choptank

River, the winding of the shores with

the water and the bushes, in perfect

representation. The mirage lasted

about thirty minutes. The day was a

very hot one, with the atmosphere

very damp. The river is about thre

more Sun.

miles distant in a direct line."-Balti-

Not an Epicure.

like the Russian language sounds."-

"No. It tastes, to me, a great deal

"Do you like caviare?"

"A remarkable optical illusion

Dr. James S. Chaplain says:

"Alaska is not a bad pince when you

o possess several distinct energies."

scattered like shavings. I have seen

my rate, consider superior to that used

inch naval gun, and the effect was

have ever come across," remarked a

known to all the world.

HILE the whole world is dissatisfied with her service powder, filled with amazement, and and began to make inquiries about the even consternation, at the American "moshlite," French "mellvictorious arms of Japan nite," and the "loplit" of Germany. alike on sea and land, few Dr. Shimose resolved one day to depeople give a thought to vote himself entirely to the production

the wonderful powder known as "shi- of a new powder which should be as mose," after its ingenious and expert perfect as it was humanly possible to chemist-inventor, which has wrought make it. He would, he said to himsuch terrific havoc among the hosts of | self, devote years to the work, if necimperial Russia.

As all the world knows, every nation has its own pet rifle for the army, and in Sasebo, the great naval arsenal of its peculiar theories about naval ord- Japan, the doctor declared modestly nance also. Germany swears by her that he had spent "a little over eleven Mauser, we have our Lee-Enfield, and rears" in producing the terrible exploso on. Similarly, every nation has its sive which now bears his name. He is own "high explosive," the British an exceedingly modest little man, this cordite, the French mellnite, etc. In war chemist of Japan; and not from all cases the various government chem- himself, but from high Government ofists pursue their investigations and ficials, was I able to learn that he was

experiments in absolute secrecy. As in all other departments of Ja- and nights in his laboratory, working pan's wonderful work, an all but im- year after year, upon his powder. penetrable veil of secrecy has been drawn over the investigations and even the personality of her chemist in ex- during one of his experiments. Very plosives, Dr. Glan Shimose. He was born in the very humblest circumstances in the province of Hiroshim: some forty seven years ago, when railways and regular steamers were pracfically unknown in the island empire. And yet as a youth Shimose determined to make his way to the capital, although it is over 480 miles from his native village in Hiroshima to Toklo.

That his plans were already fully dereloned in his mind will be seen from the fact that on reaching the Japanese capital he was able to pass a fairly stiff examination at once, and forthwith gained the first round in the battle of his life by entering the Imperial University-surely one of the most goahead academical institutions in the world, not even excepting Yale, Harvard and Columbia.

But his studies in the home village were necessarily limited for want of books; and now on arrival in the great, rambling, teeming city of Tokio we find Shimose compelled to beg and borrow text books from ex-students who took surface two inches thick, and when he pity on him, and he has been known to stay up whole nights copying some of these by hand in order that the books | iron, exactly the same size as the ring themselves might be faithfully returned to their owners in the shortest feature of the shimose powder. I was possible time.

It is no exaggeration to say that young Shimose quite commonly felt the pinch of actual starvation. Certain it is that he was ordinarily without the timber were piled up twenty feet high few coppers necessary for the barber or the bath man. It need hardly be kind of massive tower. said that the future hero of his country passed every examination with perfect precision; yet, strange to say, after truly amazing. The tower of pracgraduating with the highest honors, he could find no better employment than assistant in a humble printing office at wages which appear to us simply laughable-something under ten shillings a week!

But even in those days of obscurity Shimose's restless spirit was easting first strike through an object, and then about for openings for his ability. He was wondering what his destiny had mapped out for him, and had, moreover, a craze for "bettering himself" that London Daily Mail. would have done credit to a conscien tious city clerk. He became so skilfu in the printing office that it suddenly occurred to him he might get employment from the Government in this the last seven years in one of the big vay, and at length, after many demonstrations of his ability, he was given. know of any place where an ordinary on trial, a somewhat responsible posi- miner can do so well. Let him work a tion in the Government Printing Works

in Tokio. It was at this stage of his career that Shimose turned his thoughts to his cabin. At the end of the following invention, and naturally enough, he began operations in connection with his \$50 for boots and clothing, he reaches own employment. After many experiments he succeeded in producing the is no chance to spend money. The curious ink which is now used in Japan for banknotes and paper money gen- ing parties, and there are no roads, erally, and which renders forgery and anyway. Journeys into the country alteration practically impossible. The are generally made on foot. When I secret, like all Japanese secrets, was so left camp on October 10 the tempera well kept that the productions of the ture was zero. About Christmas it very ablest counterfelters were in gets down to 60 below. Then it modstantly detected.

It was while employed in the Government Printing Works that Shimose turned his attention to naval and military implements of all kinds, offensive and defensive. He was brought into the mercury falls to about 70 below. contact with naval and military offi- That is generally the limit, and after cers, both foreign and native, and began to discuss eagerly with them the components of the various high explosives used throughout the world.

He soon saw that most of the smokeless powders of the world-and, indeed. also the Japanese service powder in use at that time, and known as "men kayaku"-had very serious defects. The "men kayaku" had been adopted less as rich as any yet known and deby the Japanese Government as a kind veloped."-Milwaukee Free Press. of compromise, and it certainly possessed the best qualities and fewest defects of all the service powders of Great Britain, France, Germany and Russia. Unfortunately, when dry the slightest concussion was apt to set it off, and it was found absolutely necessary by the then war chemist of Japan to add at least twenty per cent. of moisture to it if it were to be consid-

ered at all safe. But like all high explosives, the stuff was extremely capricious and delicate, and the slightest excess of moisture caused it to become entirely non-explosive. It was also very delicate to keep, and in a year would dry up completely. In some respects the "men kayaku" resembled the American "geraltine," which is tremendous in power, but is apt to get frozen in very cold weather, and this fact has brought about very terrible tragedies in mines and elsewhere.

After a time Japan grew extremely Washington Star,

STEALING LAND FROM THE GOVERNMENT.

> A Law Known as the Forest-Reserve Act Plays an Important Part in These Cigantic Frauds.

A law that plays an important part in the land frauds is known as the farest reserve net, by which there may be set aside by Presidential proclamation public lands in the States and Territories to be preserved as forests. The usual method of creating a forest reserve from the school land of a State is to grant to the State other public land in lieu of that withdrawn. In the event that the State has already issued patents to private individuals for this land, or any part of it, the Government issues "scrip" to such holdersthat is, it allows them to take up other lands owned by the United States, in place of these State school lands withdrawn for the forest reserve. Here is where the land-grabbers found their ensiest way to defraud the Govern-

The "school" lands are frequently

worthless. In Oregon and California, for example, where the greater part of this particular method of land-grabbing was carried on, many of the lands were located in the mountainous regions of the States. On the other hand, the lands given in exchange by the Government are the choicest in the country. The Government lands received in exchange were worth from \$5 to \$25 an acre, sometimes more, State law provides that after an application for purchase of school lands has been legally filed the applicant may assign the land to whomsoever he pleases. In this way hundreds of thousands of acres of school lands were assigned to the men who had planned the wholesale raids on the public doire on a stack of it, bang it with all main.-Harper's Weekly.

WISE WORDS.

Adversity is the first path to truth. -Byron.

No legacy is so rich as honesty,-Shakespeare. Admiration is the daughter of ig-

borance.-Franklin. The coveteous man loses what he does not get .- Seneca. Speak to others as you would like to

spoken to .- E. B. Pusey. Secret devotion is the very essence evidence and barometer of vital and

experimental religion .- Spurgeon. The first aim for your time and gen eration shall be to foster a simple and self-denying life. - Thomas Hughes.

If a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid?-Benjamin Franklin, What harm can happen to him who

knows that God does everything, and

who loves beforehand everything that God does?-Mme, Swetchine. Die to thyself every day, and then thou has sold all. Then all that thou

hast will be used by thee for the love of God and thy neighbor.-William He who walks through life with an even temper and a gentle patience patient with himself, patient with

others, patient with difficulties and crosses, has an everyday greatness be youd that which is won in battle or chanted in cathedrals.-Dr. Dewey.

The Lion and the Dancer.

Paris.-So great was the impression which a fascinating Spanish dancer made on a lion, while she was paying a visit to a music hall where it was performing, that the animal, after contemplating her for some time, got on its legs, moved off in her direction, and putting its paws through the bars of its cage took hold of her head and patted her face affectionately. Unfortunately, Samson had reckoned without his claws, which tore the tender skin of the pretty dancer, inflicting scars the traces of which will, in all probability, never disappear. This resuit of what would otherwise have been regarded as a good joke, not being likely to enhance the professional attractiveness of the graceful Spaniard she has taken legal action against the proprietor of the place of entertainment, putting in a claim for damages to the amount of \$1200. The case has just been brought before one of the Paris courts, but as the defendant is abroad on business, the hearing has been adjourned until November, when the judges may have a better opportunity for forming an exact opinion of the injury which the charms of the fair plaintiff have sustained at the paws of the susceptible Samson. -London Telegraph,

She Didn't Want Him.

A dusky damsel of Namqualand filted her swain. A wife out there has a certain financial value, and in a short time she received a letter from the youth's lawyer threatening an action for breach of promise. She replied in the following conclusive

Nebabeep, Feb. 22, 1905.-Mr. G. W. Mallet-Sir: To answer just in a few words you on Klaas Cloete words what he came to Mr. Mallet for, of me what I can answer on these words is that the love which I did have for Klans Cloete dld break of my heart from him that is the only reason I got to say against Klaas Cloete and to break the love is God in heaven and what God done I can't help, so I don't wants him for an man. I am, yous truly (sd.), Margareth Ackkers.

When the letter was read to Klaas he replied, philosophically: "Plenty more nice girls."-Cape Town Owl.

The earliest auction sale known was held at Oxford, England, February 28, 1686, for the disposal of a lot of books.

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fine rugs made from the hides of the

horses which were killed by the bomb

thrown at the young Spanish king

during his recent visit to France, FOOLING THE MOON MAN. As they sat out on the old lawn

she looked away to the summer "Wouldn't it be nice,' she ventur-

ed, "if the skies were "Of course not," replied the roman-

tie young man. "What chance would Cupld have if there were not clouds to hide the moon man's face occasionally?"

And the maiden blushed and said she did not care if the whole sky was overcast.-Chicago News.

Mama-Tommy, dear, you musn't he so naughty. When mamma tells you not to touch the jam, you should obey her. What would you do if your mamma should be taken away from you?

Tommy-Die? Mama-Yes, dear,

Tommy-I'd eat that jam, you bet!

SORROW OF IT. Edyth-Cordelia is the most pessimistic girl I ever knew.

Maymo-Pessimistic! Edy os. Why, ever since her engageh, she has been worrying for fear , may not be able to have her own say after her marriage."— Chicago News.

Houseboat life on the Thames is on