MONTMORENCY ORANE.

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"But suppose—I should prefer—er-going into business?" he ventured, ten-tatively. "That would never do, Montmoren ey!" Mrs. Crane said, decisively. "You haven't brains enough for anything in the world but to be a gentleman! You are all Crane, my dear boy; and there never was such a fool about money matters as your poor dear father." Late that same afternoon, as Mont-morency drove in his neat turnout down the street, he was still revolving in his mind all that his mother had said dur-ing that fateful interview; and he could not help acknowledging a certain jus-ties on here a study that he forgot to look up at Jennie's window until after he had passed by. Then, glancing back over his shoulder and catching sight of her pretty, smiling face, he groaned in the anguish of his spirit. But by evening, when he gave a

The angular balance in ground in the angular of a party of his initiates at the club, in honor of the occasion, he had himself in hand so well that he was able to respond to their toasts with even a feeble show of wit, and to dodge their most searching questions relative to his "property" and his future plans. "You see, boys, I really haven't decided anything yet," he said at last, with a fine assumption of candor, "except that I shall spend my summer in Saratoga."

Saratoga." Without his mother's assistance, Montmoreney would never have been able to make his choice among all the rich and pretty girls he met at the springs. But Mrs. Crane was too wise to let her son run the risk of a refusal, and soon spirited young woman from the west. "There's your opportunity, Mont-moreney," she said. "Pork-packers, with normous wealth! The old peo-ple are good-hearted, but common. They have come east on purpose to marry their only child to a gendleman, and they don't care what it costs them. You can't afford to be too particular, and the girl has style and spirit. Be-sides, a wife always rises to the rank of her husband. Montmoreney, your path lies clear before you. Just do as I tell you, and as soon as you get things mind."

settled I shall go home with an easy mind." Notwithstanding that Montmorency had come of age, he apparently had no will apart from his mother's; and, hav-ing followed her instructions to the let-ter; it was not long before hefound him-self the accepted suitor of the handsome Edna Barlow, of Chicago. But, in spite of his enviable position as prospective son-in-law to one of the richest men in the west, Montmorency was low-spirited and miserable, and his avoidance of his former associates gave color to the story, that was generally circulated, that "Monty had been cught by a couple of old schemers for their handsome daughter." For all Montmorency function have a star-site and the set of the story, that associates as in her presence since the day she had pas-sitely allowed him to slip the brilliant solitaire, still unpaid for, upon the slim third finger of her small left hand. One afternoon, however, it chances, that the two were sitting alone togeth-er, side by slde, and Montmorency was emboldened to let his arm slip down from the back of the sofa upon which it had been resting, and, encircling h-slender waist, he bent forward to press a lower. The first attempt at gallantry was

a lover-like salute upon the tempting cheek. The first attempt at gallantry was first by a sudden and stinging repulse. With the vigorous box which fell upon his ear it seemed, for moment, that the room had turned upside down. Then, as things righted themselves and his scattered wits returned, Montmorency saw his fiancee erect before him with angry eyes and flaming face. "Don't dare to touch me! Do you hear?" she cried. "Oh, I hate you! I hate you! What shall i do?" "You hate me," Montmorency echoce, in a slow, puzzled way, "and yet you're

in a slow, puzzled way, "and yet you're going to marry mel Why, what does it all mean?" "I cannot help it," she said, half defi-antly, half in desperation. "They will have it sol But, until then-until then, at least-you shall not touch mel I will h not permit it!" "You hate me," Montmorency echoce, in a slow, puzzled way, "and yet yok il mean?" "I cannot help it," she said, half defi-antly, half in desperation. "They will have it sol But, until them-until them-at least-you shall not touch me I will not permit it?" A great light broke in upon Montmo-rency's slow intelligence, and with it all shadow of resentment died away. "Yoor sgrill I'm sorry," he said, simply. 'Yo nee, let's talk it over reasonably, isn't there something we can do?" After this breezy little episode, to which, fortunately, there had been no

vitnesses, tranquillity was restored. Nay, more, a certain cordial under-standing seemed to exist between the engaged couple, which the fond parents of the bride-elect regarded with evident delight. A Man and a Cat, Both Deaf, Who Work for Uncle Sam.

standing seemed to exist between the engaged couple, which the fond parents of the bride-elect regarded with evident delight. Instead of avoiding Montmorency, a she had done at first, Edna now actual-y betrayed impatience if he failed to come at the accustomed hour. Myste-rious letters frequently passed between them; and the girl no longer invented impossible excuses to avoid the tete-a-tete drives with her betrothed in his jaunty turnout. One beautiful, bright Septembe. morning, however, Montmorency, ap-pearing rather earlier than usual, re-ceived the intelligence that a sudden indisposition would prevent his fair fiances from accompanying him upon his drive. After expressing much re-gret and promising to return in the hope of seeing her later in the day, Montmorency drove away alone. Once out of sight of the hotel, he whipped up his horse and fairly than ever, they spun away, until he drew up at last before a quiet country church, where a good-looking young stranger from the vest was awaiting them with hardly repressed impatience. The maringe service was begun, and the question: "Who givent his woman to be married to this man?" Montmorency stepped forward, and, with an elegant air of importance and statisfield, he trade the hand of his beoutful betrothed into that of the there for a service was begun, and the need the marked to this man?" Montmorency stepped forward, and, with an elegant air of importance and statisfield.

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QUEER PARTNERS.

with an elegant ar of importance and satisfaction, he placed the hand of his beautiful betrothed into that of the other fellow.
The brief ceremony was ended, and when they were again in the vestibule, the smiling bride turned to Montmorency with outstretched hands.
"You are more than a gentleman, you're a perfect angell" she cried.
"We never could have done it without you; and-and-and-you may kiss me now, if you like!
"It's awfully hard on the dear old people," she continued, regretfully, after the short pause caused by Montmorency's now permitted salute. "But they can't help forgiving their only child by and by, for, after all, their greatest desire was for my happiness. Only they wanted to see it accomplished in their own way, and they couldn't believe that I'd never be happy with any one but John, the dearest follow in all the world," smilling up at the radiant bridgeroom, "though I must say, Montmorency's observation that train time was fast approaching. So, having seated them in the dog-cart side by side, Montmorency's parag up in the groom's place behind, and they drove away gayly to the near-est railroad station.
At the very last minute Edna slipped something into Montmorency's hand. "I'm so sorty, I almost forgot it, "she said, "but here it is, and I'm sure you'll wan't the action the fork the discovery of Edna's runawy marriage



itor's mind, other obliging clerks will cease a great truck and run it thunder-ing past the cat, all but over her funny tail. She does not stir. Then they will run the truck close in front of her will run the truck close in front of her and she will jump aside to avoid all possible danger. A few weeks ago Dummy gave birth to three kittens. Fersenheim adopted them at once, and when they get old enough they will undoubtedly share the tidbits dispensed at luncheon time.

THE MALAYAN TAPIR.

The storm which broke with the dis-covery of Edna's runaway marriage with her old western lover was an un-pleasant one to weather, even although her parents never dreamed of the part Montmorency had played in their daughter's elopement. Ilis position now, at best, was an awkward one, and he was glad to make his exit from the scene at Saratoga as speedily as possi-ble.

The secone at Saratogra as speedily as possible. But at home he found it even worss, for there he had to face his mother's bitter disappointment, and her constant lamentations and reproaches made his life miserable. So one fine morning, having actually succeeded in persuading pretty Jennie into following Edna's example, he bold-ly presented his blushing bride to his astounded mother. This, then, was the ending of her ambituous dreams! That Montmoreney should have risen in such open rebellion, after submitting himself to her authority so long, was a cruel and erushing blow to the elder Mrs. Grane. She gave no voice to her anguish now, for this grief was too deep for tears; but she packed up her most cherished belongings and without delay went over to Italy, where she had been told that she could not only live comfortably on her annuity, but with even a semblance of luxury, determined to end her days a voluntary exile from the country where her ungrate full son hard signed folly.



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WOMEN IN CHINA AND JAPAN. They Are Being Benefited by Changing Conditions.

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BAPTISMAL WATERMELONS. Singular Competition Among Ministers of the Gospel.

A singular Competition Anong Ministery of the Gospel. Shrewdness is sometimes very effi-cient as a lever to open the religious conscience. The Apache Indians con-fined at Mount Vernon barracks, Ala bana, remnants of the famous Geroni-mo band, have of late been the objects of great solicitude on the part of the ministers of the vicinity, and quite a rivary has, according to the New York Recorder, developed between the va-rious denominations in the conversion of the braves, squaws and children. Recently a hot pace was set by a fa-ther of the Roman Catholis church, who took charge of a class and by his good offices converted some forty In-dinas, to each of whom he gave a cer-tificate of baptism and an order for a watermelon, which latter paper was honored by the trader. A few days after this a Methodist clergyman, hearing of the father's good luck, ap-peared on the scene and made known to the Indians the object of his visit. When he capend his services he was and thered by seeing nearly all the In-dians in the canny at the meeting, and among them all of the converts to catholicism. He converted he whole criticate of baptism. These the Indians presented to the traders, and their dis-gat when being toil that they did not call for watermelons was terrible, and yet baptism. These the Indians presented to the traders, and their dis-gat when being toil that they did not call for watermelons was terrible, and yet baptised the watermelons must be distributed in advance. THE AMERICAN PLAN.

distributed in advance. THE AMERICAN PLAN. The Admirable Polley of Letting Other, Reople's Business Alone. In many ways the United States has educated, the world in polities, and I, for one, do not hesitate to say that its scheme of government is the best that has ever been established by a nation, says London Truth. But in nothing do we owe more to the Ameri-cans than for their having afforded us the great object lesson of a state pur-suing the even current of its way with-out that meddling in the affairs of other states which has been the bane of European powers. Here we have a country, rich, powerful, industrial and commercial, yet never troubling itself with what happens outside its from-tiers, or annexing foreign lands on the plea of philanthropy, or on the ground that in some centuries its area will be to small for its population, or in order to other states to rist goods. And what is the result? No one dreams of attacking the United States or of pick-ing a quarrel with it. The lesson to be learnt is that a state should rest satisfied with promoting the well-being of theirs. Can anyone conceive the United States annexing jungles in the genter of Africa in the wild expecta-tion that the inhabitants of the jungles will be citized and then cover the bankcheess with American cotton goods and cook their food in American pots and pans? The Moral Effect.

CHILDREN'S BUILDING. A World's Fair Structure of Ex-

traordinary Intorest.

scription of Its Most Attractive and Utilitarian Features — Where the Babies Are Cared For—A Col-lection of Piedges.

No one who is interested in children can fail to find much interest in the Children's building at the fair, and we doubt not that some who do not in-clude themselves in that category will give more than a passing glance. The building is prettily decorated on the outside and is built with an open court in the center, extending to the second story.

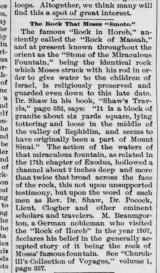
tory. In this court are various applia or gymnastic exercises, which boys and girls enjoy alike. Here at certain nours of the day, a class in physical exercise is led by a teacher. As one



CHILDREN'S BUILDING AT THE WORLD'S COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION.

watches the children go through the movements of arms, legs, feet and heads, one longs to join them and can-not but feel that their muscles will be

movements of arms, legs, feet and heads, one longs to join them and can-not but feel that their muscless will be developed and more graceful actions will be the result of such work. On the second floor are several rooms, devoted to aloyd, amodel kindergrarten, kitchen garden, the teaching of deaf and dumb children to speak, etc. In each of these, practical demonstrations are given at different hours of the day. Where many of the visitors linger the longest is the roof of the building, which is the children's playground. Here, protected from the sun by an awning and from all danger of fulling to the ground by wire netting six feet high around the edge, a group of mery boys and girls were playing. Some were sliding down a parlor toboggan, laughing heartily as one and another slipped, coming together in a heap. Others were sitting in little chairs amusing themselves in other ways or talking with the visitors, for whom benches were provided. Each child child wore attached to its clothing a brass tag with a number. This serves to identify the child by its mother, who is enjoying the fair in comfort, feeling that her child is being cared for in comfort, with no fears that its health will be endangered by heat or fatigne. On the lower floor are the rooms where the babies are cared for. Dainty crasles and rugs for those who are old enough to sit alone, with rattles and other suitable playthings, are provided in abundance, to be viewed, however, through glass doors. Very wisely, visitors are not allowed in these rooms of children's work, drawings, etc. One work of a little girl thriteon years. Many cases arranged around the walls are filled with toys and children's books. In the upper halls are also specimens of children's work, drawings, etc. One work of a little girl thriteon years. On the count he red, blue and green temperance pledge cards which have been signed by children throughout the country are fostooned in graeeful loops. Altogether, we think many will find this a spot of great interest. The famous "Rock in



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THE MALAYAN TAPIR. One of the Queer Creatures Now on Exhibition in London. An addition of special interest has just been made to the collection of ani-mais in the Zoological society's gar-den, Regent's park, London, England, in the form of a nearly adult specimen of the Malayan or Asiatic tapir. It is only at very long intervals that specf-mens of this interesting animal have been obtained—the first being in 1840, the second in 1850, one in 1883 and the present example which arrived last week. The home of the tapir is in Central and South America—where there are three well-known species, viz., Baird's tapir, the hairy-eared tapir and the common or Brazilian tapir. Of the latter there are alwaysliving speci-



THE MALAYAN TAPIR. mens in the gardens, where they have ored with tolerable frequency. The Malayan tapir has only been known to European naturalists since 1816. The specimen from which our illustration has been taken is a male, and has been deposited by Hon. Walter Rothschild, F. Z. S., and may be seen in the large house set apart for the exhibition of zebras and wild asses. It is perfectly tame and docile. Montmorency's first care, after his fall from grace, had been to dispose of his jaunty turnout and to resign from the Howling Exclusives' club; and by so doing he had dropped out of sight, nay, had sunk fathoms beneath the no-tice of his old set of acquaintances and chuma.

All this Mrs. Crane the elder had foreseen, but worse was yet to come; and when she learned that her fallen idol had actually accepted the situation of elerk in a fashionable dry goods shop, which was the only position which offered itself to his limited capa-bilities when Montmorency set out to fight the battle of life for Jennie's sup-port and his own, she felt that, though the ocean rolled between them, she could never hold up her head again. But when, a year later, Montmorency wrote of his unexpected good fortune, and how a fine and lucrative position in All this Mrs. Crane the elder had