Lord Salisbury said in a public peech that the difficulties before Europe are as great as ever.

of which the plague has taken hold forms less than a tenth part of India."

The Association of the Bar of the City of New York has decided by an overwhelming vote to employ one of its members as a paid investigator of legal abuses.

The Toronto Globe says that 4235 square miles of timber limits in the Province of Ontario are owned by American firms. The exports for the

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"That passed over, and this may, too." Many sorrows have come and gone. Pain has tarried—and then, passed on. "That passed over, and this may, too."

This is the song I would sing to you. Now that trial has come once more. You've conquered pain in the days of "That passed over, and this may, too

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God who sendeth the summer dew.

# HELEN'S TWO LOVERS. By ANNA SHEILDS.



it was easy to see how George had loved her, how utterly self-sacrificing his silence had been. To spare her pain he had kept from her all knowledge of his own suffering.

But his pride yielded to Will's entraties to be allowed to befriend him. He was very weak, very ill, and he allowed Will to get him a pleasant room in a quiet boarding-house, to furnish him with necessary clothing, to engage a doctor, and to take a brother's place beside him.

And then true, unselfish love triumphed.

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"She will never marry me," Will thought, ruefully, as he folded a long, long letter, "but she shall not be cheated out of what little happiness life may still hold for her."

He wrote, too, to Mrs. Raymond, a letter that caused that respectable lady to grind her teeth, but which she obeyed, packing her trank and accompanying Helen in the journey westward.

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shades. The number of these dainty articles necessary to the summer girl's outfit has not yet been computed.

Women in Horticulture.

According to the census of 1890 there were 312 commercial greenhouses, or about one in fifteen, owned and managed by women. We have a personal acquaintance with several women who are ; successful retail florists. Other women to our knowledge are making a success of raising carnations and other flowers for the wholesale trade. These people soon learn that the business of raising and selling flowers is beset by much care and labor that does not come under the head of poetry. And yet nearly all women florists that we have met were led into the business because they first of all loved flowers. It adds to the delight and success of any occupation if one has a love therefor. There is no question that, as a rule, women have a greater fondness than men for flowers; why therefore should they not engage in growing and handling them for profit. The rougher work about flower raising, such as the care of greenhouse furnaces, the handling of soil and manure, and the like, can easily be done by men who work for moderate wages. If women are successful as florists they are equally so as raisers of vegetables and small fruits, especially strawberries; they direct the rougher work, help to prepare the produce for customers, and perhaps take in hand the selling, thus keeping closely to touch with the state of the market. Generally speaking, we think that the raising of strawberries near our best markets is further from being overdone than that of almost any other kind of, produce. The consumption is enormous, and fresh fruit brought quickly from the fields, without a large distance intervening, always will sell considerably higher than fruit long from vines that has been shipped distance intervening, always will sell considerably higher than fruit long from vines that has been shipped distance intervening.

Queen Victoria is kind to her poor



First Bicycle Highwaywoman.

A new episode has been added to the history of the bicycle. In France the other day two ladies were stopped on the road by a bicycle woman, who drew a revolver and forced them to surrender their valuables. This is the first authentic case on record of a bicycle highwaywoman.

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Miss Mary Isabella Potter, who was ordained as an Episcopal deaconess in New Haven last Sunday, is the first woman to take orders in the diocese of Connecticut.

The Greek Girl.

A blooming Greek girl is uncommon. The girls' faces that most strike one are the color of yellow wax, which blazing black eyes light up as might a devouring flame. There is something in most of the faces that betrays liability to fever. All feeling for beautiful drapery is extinct. The rich women dress in frightful imitations of French flinery; the poor in sordid patched raiment, too thick and clumsy to admit of graceful folds. On Sundays, however, there is a show of fancy needlework, that, with necklaces of coins, has a pretty effect. The Queen often wears a Greek costume.—New York Press.

An Administration Girl.

Although the present administration is distinguished for its many young people among the official families, but one of all the host of pretty girls has the right to stand in the receiving line with Mrs. McKinley when she welcomes the public, and this is Miss Flora Wilson, the only daughter of the Secretary of Agriculture. She is slender and graceful, and has exquisitely dainty coloring, with dark hair and blue eyes. Her five brothers and her father unite in an effort to make up to her for the loss of her mother, who died a few years ago. All of the Secretary's children have received their education at the Iowa Agricultural College, which he presided over as President.

Connecticut.

The recent death of Elizabeth, Duchess of Bedford, in England, makes the Duchess of Cleveland and Lady Jane Ellice the last survivors of Queen Victoria's bridesmaids.

The Michigan Legislature has enacted a law to allow all people who own assessed property to vote at school elections, thus admitting some of the women to a limited franchise.

Mme. Berliot Ibsen, daughter of Bjornson, and daughter-in-law of the dramatist, has just made her public debut as a vocalist of Christiania. She intends to adopt music as a profession.

Miss Mary M. Bartelme, of Chicago, who has been appointed public guardian by Governor Tanner, is the first woman to hold the position. Her duty is to look after the estates of friendless children.

Queen's University, at Kingston, Canada, has conferred the degree of doctor of laws on the Countess of Aberdeen. Lady Aberdeen is the first woman in the Dominion who has received this distinction.

\*In Denmark women who foresee a life of single blessedness can make provision whereby they can at the age of forty be put in the spinster class for good and receive a weekly stipend for their support.

Next to Queen Victoria, Queen Louisa of Denmark is the oldest Queen in Europe. Princess Louise of Hesse-Cassel was born in 1822 and was married at the age of twenty to Prince Christian iX.

The St. Paul Globe says: "A picturesque figure in the lobby of the Ryan Hotel recently was Miss Carrie Bacon, who is out in the wild West in the interest of a mammoth chewing gum establishment which has its headquarters in Ohio."

The custom of wearing the engagement ring on the fourth finger of the left hand is traced to an old pagan superstition which claimed that a vein connected this finger directly with the heart. It has also become a matter of convenience, as that is the finger least used. tural College, which he presided over as President.

Summer Faucies in Parasols.

There is no question of keeping off the sun by means of the parasols with which the summer girl is filling her trunks for the coming campaign. Her aim is simply to make her costume as flufly and highly colored as possible, and the parasol is decidedly an aid in accomplishing the general effect.

One of the most gorgeous of the season is the "sunburst" parasol, which is a mass of elaborate fluting. Then there is the parasol composed entirely of chiffon and ruffled from centre to edge. Only a shade less elaborate is the design of brocaded silk or satin, lined with a contrasting shade, and decorated with frills of chiffon, bunches of artificial flowers, or now and then a group of ostrichtips.

A particularly popular fancy is that the morning parasols shall match the shirt waist with which they are worn, as the summer girl still clings to the most comfortable morning costume which she has ever known. Thus the new parasols are made of Chambray, linen, muslin and mull, and are prettily lined with silk of becoming shades. The number of these dainty articles necessary to the summer girl's outfit has not yet been computed.

Women in Hortleulure.

Great interest is manifested in Ger-man medical circles with regard to an American lady student who, after hav-ing taken her degree at the University of Wisconsin, has been admitted to a post-graduate course under Professor Dr. Veisser at the University of Bres-lau, Silesia. Hers is the first case of a female student's admission to a Prussian state clinic.

Fashion Notes.

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Grenadine, both plain and fancy, takes high place among summer dress fabrics.

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The Parisian pompadour is the style of coiffure which necessitates a "rat" to give its proper height.

The mushroom bunches of ribbons wired to stand high above the hat crown are deemed essentially chic in summer millinery.

Canvas is still very popular and seems stoutly to resist the invasion of double-faced cashmere and mohair—two rivals of canvas now in the field.

Senora, the new bright shade of Spanish red, is slightly less vivid than cherry color, but more brilliant than either the geranium or Danish dyes.

Gray silks and poplins are trimmed the with corselet and collars of yellow satin; bolero of the gray lined with yellow, and full vest of white chiffon and yellow lace.

Silk blouses are made with tight sleeves, buttoning from wrist to the scant puff on the shoulders, and small gold, not brass, buttons are lavishly used for trimming.

So Gray embroidered tulle, orange velvet, Venetian lace, a cluster of Mermet roses, and a very unique buckle of French brilliants form a lovely model for an evening hat made by Virot.

Foulards and all soft silks will be twarn during the summer. They are printed in dainty designs and come in soft colors and in such a variety of patterns that they may serve for any purpose.

Crepe-de-Chine is to be very much wind, ribbed like poplin, which is very delicate and soft.

The turn-over stock collar of linen has been a favorite for tailor-made costumes and stilk shirt waists for some time, but it has now made its appearance in dainty embroidered lawn and is even carried out in velvet and lace.

The English tailor-made coat has no gathers at the top of the sleeves. It has a little fullness, which is arranged

Queen Victoria is kind to her poor relations.

The servant girls are organizing unions about the country.

Ex-Empress Eugenie soon starts on a tour to Constantinople and the Black Sea country.

Baroness Burdett-Contts, who married at sixty-seven, is now eighty-four, and in good health.

Club women have been rejoicing

Paper belting for machinery is being made and used in Germany.

An Oshkosh (Wis.) firm is successfully making binding twine of marsh

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Liverpool has the largest fire engine in the world—equal to throwing 1800 gallons a minute and a stream 140 feet high.

The Athens check factory is to be operated by electricity. This is the first cotton factory in Georgia to use electricity as a motive power.

Natural gas is fast going. J. D. Weeks has just made a report on the supply and its decline for the National Labor Bureau in which it appears that the supply has fallen a half in seven years.

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years, Fair-haired people are becoming less numerous than formerly. The accient Jews were a fair-haired race; now they are, with few exceptions, dark. So it is in a lesser degree with the Irish, among whom 150 years ago a dark-haired person was almost unknown.

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The suggestion is advanced that perhaps the ultimate field of acetylene will be in the lighting of lighthouses and on board ships. Its compactness and the ease with which it can be stowed away in the form of carbide and ease of generation of the gas, together with great brillianey, and point to its adaptability for this purpose.

The "stopping" qualities of the Lee Metford rifle, now in use in the British army, has been the subject of much comment ever since the Chitral campaign. The bullet used was there found of very little use in stopping the rush of a determined body of fanatics. This will not be the case in future, it is stated, as a new bullet has been invented, the quality of which are said to be undoubted.

A recent discovery that practical men as well as scientists approve is the complete transformation of wood into gas. The product has a power four times greater than that made from bituminous coal. Its value lies in adaptability as a motive power, which can be applied to the production of ceramics, in glass manufacture, for Bessemer hearths, and like industries. Rich in carbonic oxide as it is, the gas is available for the manufacture of oxalic acid and other chemicals, and, it is said, at a very considerable saving in cost.

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How General Polk Was Killed.
George L. Kilmer, in a war article headed "Rest in Scattered Urns," published in your paper to-day, makes a statement which I feel ought to be corrected. In speaking of the Confederate General Polk (Bishop Polk) he states that he was killed near Atlanta by a shell aimed and fired by General Sherman. This is not true. I was standing by the gnn from which the shot was fired that killed General Polk, and know that General Sherman was not present. The battery, the name of which I do not recall, was in position on the left of our brigade, on a hill overlooking a valley, on the opposite side of which was another hill covered with trees. While talking to the sergeant in charge of one of the guns, an officer approached and directed the attention of the sergeant to a group of what appeared to be Confederate officers at the edge of the woods of the hill opposite, and ordered him to give them a shot. The sergeant sighted his gun and fired. The result was a great commotion and scattering. Somebody had been hit. Next morning we discovered it was General Polk. The shot struck him in the upper arm, plowing its way through the chest, and cutting him almost in two. This occurred on Pine Knob, not far from Kenesaw Mountain. On our advance the next day I visited the spot and saw the stump of a tree against which General Polk was leaning at the time he was shot. The tree was covered with his blood.—C. Laux, in the Los Angeles Times.

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Peculiar Horned Orange.

The Chinese are very fond of monstrons forms of fruits and flowers, and any departure from the normal form is usually cherished and highly valued. In their gardens they have numerous forms of monstrons oranges—some will produce fruit with points like fingers, and are known as the hand orange. Another form has a long horn projecting from the apex, and are known as the horn orange. Another variety, which botanists have known by the name of Citrus aurantum distorium, bears a fruit in the resemblance of a cluster of sea shells. To one ignorant of the laws of vegetable morphology, these spells of wandering from the normal type are very mysterious; but when it is understood that all parts of the orange, as well as other fruits, are made up of what would have been leaves or branches changed so as to constitute the various parts of the seed and vessels, and that a very little difference in the degree of life energy will change them into various different parts that come to make up the fruit, and the mystery in a great measure is solved. There are few branches of botany which give the lover of fruits and dowers so much pleasure as the study of morphology.—Mechan's Monthly.

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Timbuctoo.

Those who are familiar with the lines of Samuel Wilberfor...
Oh, would I were a cassowary on the plains of Timbuctoo
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Have regarded this famous city somewhat as a myth. But the French reached it about three years ago, and it is a remarkable instance of France out-stepping England in a race for territory. Under French influences the city is becoming a great centre of commerce. Unfortunately the climate is unhealthy, but vigorous steps are being taken by the French Government to improve its sanitary conditions.