refined than a bull fight. A codfish four feet long has been caught on the New England coast. This does not, however, settle the mooted question whether codfish salt the ocean or the ocean salts the cod-fish. More than 40,000 of the soldiers

More than 40,000 of the soldiers whom Spain has sent to Cuba are now in the hospital, and of the 192,000 sent to the island during Weyler's leadership only 89,000 are fit for duty. These are mere fragments from the history of the gloomiest military trag-edv of the century. history of the century.

edy of the century. A novel mountain railway has been built in Gernany, the teack of which consists of a single T-shaped rail, on which a car runs which is drawn up the incline by a captive balloon. The tests of this railway on a small scale have been successful, and now a larger railroad is being built to run up the Hochstauffen, near Bad Reichenhall, Bavaria.

A company of workingmen in Eng-land lately listened to a speaker who called himself a fellow-workman. In his time, he said, he had experienced many privations. He had known whaj it was to be cold because he could not afford a fire. He had worn patched sloths and shoes. He had lived upon poor fare. When he was young he learned to plow as straight a furrow as any man in the parish, and no ope

poor fare. When he was young he learned to plowas straight a furrow as any man in the parish, and no one yould thrash better than he. The speaker was a man who in the table of precedency comes next after the princes of royal blood—the Archbishor of Canterbury. Greater New York has a population almost as great as that of the whole United States at the j time George Washington was first elected Presi-dent. It has a population equal to that of the combined population of the following twelve States: California, Delaware, Florida, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyo-ming, with the District of Columbia thrown in. Its population is nearly as hrown in. Its population is nearly as creat as that of swarming Holland, onegreatas that of swarning Holland, one-third greater than that of all Norway, twice as great as that of Cuba, equal to that of Chile, and greater than that of Switzerland, Greece, Denmark or Venezuela. It equals the combined population of half a dozen of the minor countries of Central and South Amogine

America. Among the strange contributions made by modern Syria to ecclesiasti-cal peace in other lands the following deserves mention, thinks the Inde-pendent: In a certain church in Scot-land the controversy over the use of formented or unfermented wine at the communion service, reached a point where it was necessary to provide two tables and two sets of elements in order that the church might partake at the that the church might partake at the same time. The sight and practice was a grief to all, and a scandal to people outside. A committee was ap-pointed to solve the difficult [problem. some one suggested that the church some one suggested that the church end to Syria and procure "the fcom-non wine of the country." This met with unanimous approval. And now or several years the undivided church solubrates cash server are three miles way from Zahleh, in Mt. Lebanon.

Uncle Sam, as a tenant, pays mill-ions each year in rentals. There hardly is a town in the United States that does not receive something from the Government for the rent of buildthe Government for the rent of build-ings. The Postoffice Department, of course, is the heaviest rent payer, and after that comes the Federal judiciary. Where the United States owns a post-office building, and that is only in a few large cities, the courts also oc-cupy a part of the structure; but in the majority of cases ounters have to be of cases quarters have to be or the accommodation of postoffices and courts. The customs ser-vice and the War Department also rent quarters, while in the West the Land Bureau of the Interior Depart ment is a tenant. At the national ment is a tenant. At the national capital, where it might be supposed the Government would have adequate quarters for its bureaus, something like \$200,000 a year is paid for rent. The point is often raised in Congress that the Government should build in Washington structures for the accom-modation of its servants, but with such a pressure for public buildings in the local towns of members of Gonin the local towns of members of Congress it has been impossible to get opriations.

 Now that so many brewers have been elevated the House of Lords, English wits are beginning to term that augns? body the "Beerage."
 Oh, birds that sing such thankful psalms, P Rebuking human freting, Teach us your secret of content, Your selence of forgetting.
 Oh, birds that sing such thankful psalms, P Rebuking human freting, Teach us your secret of content, Your to convert the most of sorrow-Teach us, like you, to lay them by fessional foot ball into Mexico have ended in failure. These ansophisti-cated foreigners will have nothing less refined than a bull fight.
 Oh, birds that sing such thankful psalms, P Rebuking human freting, Your secrets of extraction Teach us, like you, to lay them by And he is was who understands The selence of forgetting.
 Oh, birds that sing such thankful psalms, Your branches arched in noolest grace, Your branches arched in noolest grace, Your branches arched in molest grace, Your secrets of extraction The solence of forgetting.
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 Oh, palms, that boy before the gale Uber and sea and tyre;
 Oh, myrind forms of earth and air, Oh palms, that boy before the gale
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The happy art of yielding. Oh, brook, which laughs all night, all Wilh volce of sweet seduction. Teach us your art of laughing more At very new obstruction: For very life has edites deep. Sometimes in sunlight flashing: Yet there is wisdom in your way. Your laughing waves and wimples: Teach us your gospel built of smiles. The secret of your dirgdes.

non de la LINKS OF CIRCUMSTANCE. By EVELYN RAYMOND.

AM going to that and "Barbara!" "Barbara!" "I never did visit "endew,' and the grocer "Yon never will, hope." "Yon' e wasting yonrs. People needn't have 'vandews' unless they wish." "Mistake. These unfortunate neigh-bors are not indulging in this huvry from choice. Think of it. If all our household stuff had to be set out for the inquisitive to criticise and haggle over. It would about kill one." "If you go there. Bab, you'll do some foolish thing. We have no money to waste on second-hand furni-ture. Besides, this cottage is full now." "Oh, I'll not buy an article! I—

"Yes, miss. For night, or day use?"
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"Gh, Tll not buy an article! I—
think. But I'm curious to see how such affairs are conducted. Good
they, "Barbara left the room with decision,
and Mrs. Betts sighed as she roose
from the lunch table.
"Kathryn laughed. "Why protest,
mother? When my sister sets out to
make a fool of herself she generally
succeeds."
"Humph! She could not 'make a
fool of herself, child. I'd like to
know what would become of us but for
her energetic character."
"Ah, well." Kathryn pushed back,
lazily, managing to gether chair into
aftir be reading a novel. An hour later,
a tap on the window aroused her.
"For," defiantly.
"Yes," defiantly.
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"Yes," defaulty. "What in the world?" "Where's mother?" She was at the door, instantly, des-	member of society." "Tll send these right away." "Do so, please. Where is the feed store?"	
pite her lameness. "Why, Barbara, my daughte?" what are you doing with that crea- ture?" "Leading it. It isn't a creature. I's a steed." "Whose?" "Mine," "Yours! Have you—bought—a horse?" "It belongs to that race. The 'van- dew' folks called it 'the goat.'" "Ad you went to that auction to— buy—ahorse!"	As she left the first shop she "did" a little mental problem. "A woman bought a horse for eighteen dollars, a night blanket for two and a half and, a street blanket for seven; how much did she pay for the horse? Answer: Her new winter coat. Was the woman satisfied? She was." Then she crossed the street, runin- ating. "I haven't the least idea what a horse requires, except hay. But I won't be mean. H"n! I want to buy	
¹⁴ No. I went for fun. This repre- sents fun and sympathy combined in one beautiful form. Isn't it sweet?" "It's hideous Vou're iesting. It	some-er-horse provision." "Yes, madam." "Tll take-Tll take twenty-five pounds of hay and ten of oats."	

one beautiful form. Isn't it sweet?" "It's hideous. You're jesting. It can't-be yours." "It is, My'very own. I love it al-ready; the first living thing which ever belonged to me." "Well! Where will you get the money to pay for it?" "It's paid for; and the halter was thrown in. That cost nothing." "How could you pay for it?" "Easily." "The price?" "Eighteen dollars." "You bought a horse for eighteen dollars?" "Yos. If you've looked at her all you wish I'll put her in the stable." Mrs. Betts zank into a chair, gasp-ing. Kathryn arose and closed the door. "We should never have taken this

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a the lessons hid ir feature, ch so perfects fty creature; and life is sweet, brightly shining ms and thus rebuke In each familiar f The mystery which Each low or lofty For God is good, an While suns are bri To glad the glooms Our follies of rep

Our follies of reputing. Lack night is followed by its day, Each storm by fairer weather, While all the works of nature sing Their peals of Joy together. The hears, oh, henri, their song of he constraints, oh, henri, their song of the for though the clouds be dark to-day, The sun shall shine to-morrow. Learn well from bird and tree and rill, The sins of dark resentment; Ind know the greatest gift of God Is faith and sweet contentment. -J. E. Jone

the ladies. "If I were allowed to offer sugges-tion, I should say 'first learn to har-ness.' The reasons why this broke are that it is on wrong, and it is worn out."

To that it is on wrong, and its word at." Barbara Betts was sensible. She loways followed good advice. She ought a new harmoss on the spot and othered a new planeton for the morrow, artering her second-hand outfit as hightly) partial payment. ght she wrote in her dairy: That

Ingut she wrote in her dairy. Item-One broce, Cost-One winter cont. " Blankets..." Two pairs shees. " Harness..." Two bonnets. " Proventer...." Travel, confect., Provender...." Travel, confect., sundries, Payment received: Something belonging exclusively (?) to mysel(; some labor; a little fun. Equation proves.

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Said Kathryn, some three months later: "Bab, I should think you might let me drive that beast once in a while. Here we've had a horse all this time, and I'vé not ridden once behind it. I suppose I've no right to complain, but —if I had a sister and a horse, I'd bring the two into some sort of agree-able connection or I'd set myself up for a model of selfishness." "H'm! Would you really ride be-hind the despised 'goat?" "Since she's been 'clipped' she seems to have regained her youth. She's almost coltish." "But would you?—do you mean it?"

"''''If I had a chance." "If I had a chance." "In the beginning I made a resolu-on that nobody, save myself, should er drive Flora." "Break it."

a.e. de beginning 1 made a resolu-tion that nobody, save myself, should ever drive Flora."
"Break it."
"I never break a vow. There is one other way out of the difficulty.
I'll take it o prove I'm not as selfish as yon think."
Kathryn smiled graciously and re-sumed her embroidery, but that after-noon she was invited to a drive.
"Leaving mother at home?"
"Taking mother at home?"
"Taking mother with us!"
"I don't understand."
"Hoek out of the window."
There stood Flora appearing very gay and youthful in a new russet har-ness, before a two sented bnekboard.
"My sake! the whole turnout is a symphony in browns! How swell!
And—whose?"
"Mine. Will you go?"
"Won't I?"
"Barbara, my daughter! Have yon mortgaged all your small fortune to this horse?" demanded Mrs. Betts, as Flora gayly skipruned over the ground with three admiring women behind her.
"Anut Mary's little legacy has gone "I haven't the least idea what a horse requires, except hay. But I won't be mean. H'm! I want to buy some-er-horse provision." "Yes, madam." "T'll take-T'll take twenty-five pounds of hay and ten of oats." "Eh? Beg pardon! I didn't quite understand."

her. "Aunt Mary's little legacy has gone into this rig!" Barbara repeated her statement

"Oh, then, you'll have nothing left to distinctly. "Yes; but we don't sell in that way Hay by the hundred weight. Feed by

"Only myself," "Only myself," "You'll be sold next. Or Flora, to pay for herself," "If she is I will be. Whoever takes one must the other." "It is clear infatuation and—ruin." "It is clear infatuation and—ruin." "It is pure affection." "Stuff." When that drive was over Miss Bar-Hay by the hundred weight. Feed by the bag or bushel." "Indeed?" The merchant looked honest. She resolved to trust him. "I have never owned a horse before. Please give mea little information. I shall appreciate it." So did the seller of oats, and Miss Betts left his establishment with the price of a gown to swell the sum in addition.

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