China is to-day the scene of the reatest land-grabbing raids that the borld has ever witnessed. At the present rate it will be only a little while until there is nothing left of the ancient empire except its great wall and a job lot of musty superstitions.

The State and Federal Fish Com missioners are now engaged in restocking the Delaware with shad, their purpose being to deposit at least 30,000,000 small fry this season. If kept up a few years this will mean the development of an important industry and the establishment of a reliable source of food supply.

The Postoffice Department of Canada does not pay expenses, but the deficit last year was only \$586,539, while in 1896 it was \$781,152. Durwhile in 1896 it was \$781,152. During the last year 123,830,000 letters and 26,140,000 postal cards passed through the mails. Of the letters 3,509,500 were registered. The number of newspapers and books mailed in the year was 22,015,000.

Canada looks carefully after its win-ter quail, the farmers feeding and pro-tecting them and the local protectors of the preserves making regular trips into the country to see how the inno-cent birds are faring. Without such attention to their needs the rigorous attention to their needs the rigorous climate would exterminate them; with it they have come through the present winter remarkably well, and in the coming shooting season the sportsmen of Our Lady of the Snows will rise up and call their protectors blessed.

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Cartain of the log-boom's crew, Tall Autoine—feeling spring-tiz Lets his love thoughts hurry bac To the river's northmost track, To a hut in sprucelands set, To the home of white Jannette:

## THE BORROWED HORSE.



"All right!" said she to Patrick,

"Och, it's all wrong, my lady," replied Patrick, keeping hold of the bridle. "Your carriage can take two

plied Patrica,
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"Yory well; but I came alone."
"You've got to take a passenger."
"What do you mean?"
"Oh, wirra!—your brother has been
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e bachelor. "And he said you were take the gintleman to the villa, to t the horse back again."
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"Ont William was always very eccentric." That is crisis, Mr. Campion appeared, "I mid yez." shouted the hostler of a hotel, in Brighton, by a dardessed to the hostler of a hotel, in Brighton, by a handsome, middle aged gentleman, as he alighted from horse, and tossed, the rein to the attendant.

"And now," said the widow, with a processed to the height of fashion, as he alighted from horse, and tossed, the rein to the attendant.

"And now," said the widow, with a processed man, who rides a handsome nag, is always sure of a warm weleome at a public house, all the world over. He soon found himself in a neat parlor, with fowers and vases on the mantlepiece, and the blinds (for it was a warm summer afternoon) carefully closed, while the open window permitted a free current of air to circulate through the apartment.

"The waiter remained standing near the Aony orders, sir?"

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"She is very handsome."

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"My friend, Captain Campion, acle," said the widow. "Excuse uncle," said the widow. "Excuse me, for a moment, sir."
"Very happy to see you, sir," said the old gentleman. "Walk in. Warm day."
"Very," said the captain.

# | His looks seemed to corroborate his statement, for he was as red as a peouv.

peony.

The captain and the old gentleman were soon chatting together familiarly, and the former felt himself completely at home. After an hour spent in this manner, his host excused himself, and the bachelor was left

done.

A dreamy reverie was interrupted by the sound of voices in the hall. The captain easily recognized the widow's, and a glance through the hall-open door showed him that her companion was a very handsome young zentleman.

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"There, dear Belle," said the young man, "don't scold me any more. I won't do so again, I promise you. Give me one kiss."

A hearty smack followed. It was a veritable, genuine kiss. The captain saw and heard it. A pang shot through his heart.

"The only woman I could ever love," he said to himself, "and she's engaged."

The widow tripped into the room. If she was pleasing in her carriagedress, she was perfectly bewitching in her drawing-room attire. Campion could now see the whole of that delicate fairy foot.

casually made by enjoying your company at dinner. I am sorry that you are otherwise engaged."

"Why, as to that," said the captain, pulling off his gloves, "your offer is too tempting, and I feel compelled to accept it."

So his horse was remanded to the stable, and he stopped to dinner.

After dinner, they had music, for Mrs. Leslie played and sang charmagly. Then he was persuaded to stay to tea, and in the evening the family rambled in the garden, and the captain secured a ten minutes' tete-attee with the widow, in a summerhouse overgrown with Madeira vines, and inhabited by a spider and six ear-

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Then I'll make other arrangements. By the by, I'll meet you at the villa."

From the drawing room the young man rushed to the stable.

"Pat," said he, "give me a hors, and a good one."

"Sorra the horse we've got in the stable, except this black, and that belongs to a gintleman who came here just afore ye. Och, but he's a good one, yer honor, two-forty to a cint."

"I'll borrow him," said Traverse, jumping on his back. "Tell Belle to drive the gentleman to the villa, and he shall have his horse."

"But'yer honor—" remonstrated the hostler, "But'yer honor—" remonstrated the hostler.

In vain. Traverse had set spurs to the horse, and was off like a thunderbolt.

"Oh, wirra, wirra!" said the hostler, "what'll become of me? I'm runned intirely!"

Shortly afterward Mrs. Leslie rang for her placeton, and at the sametime, Mr. Campion, the bachelor, ordered his horse. The pony came round to the front door, and the young widow "tepped lightly into the phaeton.

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The Philippines lie wholly within the tropics, reaching at the south to within four and a half degrees of the equator, writes Dean C. Worcester, of the University of Michigan in the New York Independent. Big and little, they

# A CUBAN CHARGE