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"Ah! such people-such Americanos! It is no wonder that Cuba is to be free!"—Em Quad.

Simply Happened So.

"And now," said the man as he folded his paper and turned to the passenger on his left, "if you're through with my watch I'll take it back."

"Certainly-of course," replied the other, as he extended it. "And my card case, cigar case and handker-

"Here they are. Sorry to have troubled you, but—"
"No excuses—I understand. It simp

ly happened so." "Simply happened so. Good day." Em Quad.

The Wife Possessed all the Pos-

sibilities of a Great Financial Diplomat said Mrs. Inursoy, "you

were saying yesterday that you were in financial trouble, I believe." "Yes," Mr. Thursby replied, "and I'm terribly worried. I didn't sleep a wink last night." "I think I heard you say something,

oo, about a note held by Mr. Hewitt, "That's what is causing the trouble

If I could get him to extend the time on it for about 90 days, everything would come out all right. I could then realize on some securities I hold and get on my feet, but if he insists on payment now I shall have to sacrifice my valuable holdings, and this will practically ruin me, "Have you asked him for an exten-

sion of the time?" "No. That wouldn't do any good. He never favored anybody in his life. If he knew how I am fixed, he would be all the more anxious to press me

for an immediate settlement.' "Well, don't you worry, dear. His wife, you know, is several years older than I. We met at a party this afternoon, and I spoke to a lot of women there of the days when she and I went to the same school. She turned pale when I mentioned the fact, fearing, of course, that I was going to tell how long ago it was, and that she was several grades above me because she was older, but I put down my pride and pretended that as I remembered her she was a little thing in pinafores just learning her primer lessens when I graduated. You go to Lewitt's house now, and when she is present ask him to extend the time on that note."-Chicago Times-Heraid.

NOTES OF NOTABLES.

Abdul Hamid, Sultan of Turkey is a skillful and indefatigible chess player. Congressman Norton, of Ohio, abandoned medicine twenty years ago for

Gen. Weyler's political opponents are making it hot for him in Spain. The Spanish newspapers take delight in misquoting him on important subjects, and the minister of war, Gen. Polavieja, employs detectives to watch him constantly.

Dr. Richard Kandt, the German traveler whose recent journey to the sources of the Nile has attracted so much atter on, is to be paid an annual salary of 7,000 marks by the Germain foreign office to enable him to continue his explorations.

William Simpson, who made a great reputation as a war artist and correspondent in the Crimea, has just died at the age of seventy-six years. Simpson's dispatches and sketches from the Crimea were always submitted to the Queen before publication.

The citizens of Spokane, Wash., are raising funds for the erection of a monument to John Robert Monaghan who was killed in Samoa during the attack upon the British and Amerian marines by the followers of Mataafa. Monaghan was well liked in Spokane, where he lived, and \$2,000 has already been subscribed toward

the monument. Ex-Governor Hogg, of Texas says regarding the stories about his children's names: "The truth of the matter is that my girl's name is Ima Hogg. She was named by her mother. Her mother was reading a book some. where in which one of the characters which interested her exceptionally was named Ima. About that time the little girl came along, and she was named Ima. We never noticed the play of the name until it was called to our attention. The boys all have rational names. They are Tom, Mike



A CROSS-EXAMINATION.

"I've got a headache this morning," "I've got a headache this morning, said Kinks.

"You want to take a Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablet," said Jinks.

"What's dyspepsia got to do with it?" asked Kinks.

"I don't know." said Jinks.

"That's funny," said Kinks,

"Oh, I don't know," said Jinks.

"You recommend Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets for a headache, don't you?"

Tablets for a headache, don't you? asked Kinks.
"Certainly I do," said Jinks. "And you tell me you don't know what dyspepsia has to do with it?"

said Kinks. "Well?" asked Jinks.
"What kind of a lobster are you"?

isked Jinks.
"I'm all right," said Jinks. "Well, how do you know Dodd's hyspepsia Tablets will cure a eadache, anyway?" demanded Kinks. "Simplest thing in the world," said

"How,?" repeated Kinks. "I've cured myself with 'em, many time," said Jinks.

a time, said Jinks.

"How did you come to try them in the first place!" asked Kinks.

"Seeing them advertised in the papers," said Jinks.

"And do the advertisements says. Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets are good for headache?" asked Kinks. 'Yes," said Jinks.

"And do you believe everything you see advertised in the papers"? demanded Kinks.
"No," said Jinks. "Then what made you believe Dodd s

Dyspepsia Tablets are good for head-"The most conclusive argument possible, said Jinks. "I've tried 'em "Guess I'll try 'em myself,"

Women are queer creatures. One may laugh at you if you are rich and smile on you if you are poor.

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All men believe in dreams - while

THE GIRL AND THE PIMPLE. Newspapers contained last year the account of a girl who committed suicide, because ane had a pimple on her face. Merrill's System Tonic from its blood purifying and blood strengthening qualities cures not only Pimples but blotches of all kinds, also Scrofula, Eczema and Salt Rheum. Three weeks' treatment 50c. Sold at Central

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The Effect a Few Shells had on the Boers.

One hell Lit Among Some Horses and Blew Them to Atoms-The Enemy Fled.

Modder River, Dec. 10, 7.35 p.m.-A 4.7-inch gun from the cruiser Doris, drawn by 32 oxen, started at midnight last night, and proceeded three miles northward. A squadron of the Ninth Lancers and a battery of horse artillery joined the naval force at 3.20

o'clock this morning. The naval contingent consisted of four companies of marines and 50 sail-ors, under command of Capt. John E. Bearcroft, of the cruiser Philomel. They began firing at the enemy from a ridge facing Spytfontein. They fired 14 charges of lyddite, at ranges varying from 6,700 to 7,200.

One shell fell on a Boer tent, which

immediately disappeared. Everything in the immediate vicinity was wrecked. Another of the missiles dropped among a bunch of fifteen horses, which were blown to atoms. It is not known whether there were any Boers near

the animals.

It is believed that the enemy did no see the gun which did the damage, it having been painted the color of the khaki uniforms worn by the men, and smokeless powder being used. There was scarcely a flash when the

gun was discharged. The bluejackets have chalked the name "Joey Chamberlain" near the muzzle of this gun. The first lyddite shell burst over a

high point in the range of hills. The area of destruction was enormous. The whole ground appeared to be churned into red dust. The Boers hurriedly left an emplacement which they were pre-paring for a 40-pounder. The em-placement was apparently destroyed.

KLONDIKE RUINED

British Mining Expert Contrasts it With the Transvasl

He Says the Laws are Bad and Worse Administered - A Great Opportunity Missed.

Quebec, December 12.-That the mining laws of the Klondike are much nferior to those of the Transvaal and that they are still worse administered is a much stronger indictment than any that has been made against the Canadian government by its most bitter political opponents, but it is nevertheless the carm conclusion of a British and South African min-ing expert of no small note, who has just returned here from the Yukon,

and who positively declares that the infamous maladministration of affairs is killing the country.

Albert H. Halder, a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and a special correspondent of the Reuter Telcial correspondent of the Reuter egraph Company, Limited, filled many years the position of inspector of claims and public works in the Transvaal. Foreseeing trouble there ast winter, and not wishing to forced to take up arms against the British, he left South Africa and reached Dawson City last May, remaining in the Yukon till September.

He describes it as one of the riches gold mining countries he has ever seen, and repirts instances of positive prospects of \$10 to \$12 to the square foot of pay streak in many different places. Mr. Halder says that ferent places. Mr. Halder says that he knows of nothing nearly so rich as that in the Transvaal, and declares that if these properties were in Africa they would have millions of people on them by this time. He insists that the administration, of the Yukon is killing it, and that he cannot and will not recommend English people to go

There are already a number of Eng lishmen from the Transvaal in the Yukon, and, according to Mr. Halder they openly say that the Administra they openly say that the administra-tion up there is not to be compered with that of Pretoria for efficiency. The laws respecting the liquor traffic are simply abominable. They are absolutely controlled by a certain clique, without the consent of which it is doubtful! if even the administra-tors are do south to improve matter. tors can do much to improve matter But the laws respecting claims are even more of a desciment to the coun-

The system upon which the titles are granted is bid, and there are no definite boundaries to the claims, the indefinite boundary being upon a "rim-rock" basis, so that when a man buys a claim he buys a lake suit. No-body understands the system, and Mr. Halder says that never before in his life has he heard so much false swearing and blackmailing as the Yu-

kon system generates.
"Talk about the Transvaal," he says "In the Transvaal the laws are good but badly administered; in the Klondike they are bad and worse administered. Meanwhile the war in Africa is going on and when it is over the capital will go back there and Canada will have lost the grandest opportunity of diverting it that may ever offer."

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"SALTING"

This Curious Custom is Still Extant in Pary of the World.

"Salting" newly born infants, a practice that dates far back to Biblical times still obtains in many parts of the Old World. The Armenians in the Russian government of Eriwan cover the whole surface of the babe's body with fine salt, especial care being taken with the interstices between fingers and all depressions, such as the arm-pit and the bend of the knee, so that no point shall remain unsalted. The unhappy infant is left in the

salt for three hours or longer, and is then bathed in warm water. The Armenians of some districts having abandoned the practice are called "unsainted," and are despised

by the others. The modern Greeks also sprinkle their babes with salt. If an enlightened mother protests, the midwife is ready with the objection: "But if it tisn't salted it will be puny and will

never amount to anything." If this salting process is carried to excess the poor babes don't stand it at all. The sgin becomes as red as fire, the irritation is intolerable and the child dies in convulsions. there is a mountain tribe in Asia Minor that mercilessly salts its new-born babes for twenty-four hours, which shows that the limits of human endurance are wide in some cases. This ancient custom is still in vogue in many parts of Germany, but the rites are merely symbolical. In one district a little salt is rubbed behind the child's ears, in others a pinch of salt is put on the tongue or a little paper of salt is inserted under the garments.

gives understanding, the people say, and wards off evil spirits. The action of salt in keeping meat sound, no doubt, is the reason that this strengthening and sustaining power was ascribed to it. The usage came common in Eastern countries and it was not entirely confined to them The prophet Ezekiel, referring to the degeneracy of Jerusalem, says: er wast thou washed in water to supple thee; thou wast not salted at all nor swaddled at all." To many Oriental tribes this means a grave omission of parental duty.



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