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Brother Cyprian had seated himself On a stone bench placed against the wall of the "parloir," and he now assumed an attitude of intent atten-tion. There was that in his manner, his look and his voice which made his brother understand that the subject of his own past was forever closed. It was rather with thoughtful curi-osity than with affectionate interest that Cyprian watched his brother while the Chevalier de Valmost paced up and down the narrow parlor, speak ing with vehemence self om exhibiting Whoever brought you that story from the outer world told you the truth Do not look at me with such con-demnation in your face." "The is rot condemnation; it is compassion." "Ah, yee! you may well compas-tion at he westory, olfending your plous ears with hopes and sorrows which you cannot inderstand. I ham going to one to tell you what I am going to one to tell you what I am going to

"Ah, yes! you may well compas-sionate me. I don't come have, brother, to tell you a love story, of fending your pious ears with hopes and sorrows which you cannot inderstand. I have come to tell yoù what I an going to do, so that if you never hear of me more, if I perkh in the effort I am about to make, you may know that I have perished in coing my knightly dnt."

An enterprise on behalf of the Queen of Scots !" said Brother Cyprian quickly.

Yes, an enterprise for her-for her les, an enterprise for her-for her whom fate and fortune have deserted; for her who languishes in an English Prison-a palace, they say, but a prison to her most hateful and intol-eable."

But she forsook friends when she "But she lorsook Iriends when she had them, and her fatal face sent many a man to his ruin. Louis, I have cone with all these gauds of women's follies and couleries; but how did she treat you in the old times when you came up to the court, a mere boy, and wore her colors and her chains? I heard something of this even then, and-

How did she treat m??" said Louis de Valmont, excitedly; "how but as a queen treats her servants, as a woman made more royal by her beauty and her grace, than by the de two crowns she wore and the third she has the right to wear! What was I to her more than all the others who lived in the light of her who lived in the light of her Was it her fault that she was fatal? Who has suffered as she has, because to see her was to find it easy to die for her, and to be near her better than any other lot on carth? Von comments of the lot earth? You remember her, Fran-s? You remember the little queen, and how she would not suffer her page to be slighted by any one, not even her haughty uncle himself? We were all very young then, not much more than childen-she a girl much more than children she a girl bride, a girl queen. What are we all now? You only know how it has all now? You only know how it has been with you since that bright and glorious time; but I-I have sickened of life, of the dragging, lingering days which, when they brought any news of her, the sad "white queen," who went away to the north land, to the savage peo-ple who tortured, and betrayed, and ple who tortured, and betrayed, and slandered her, brought bad, wretch-ed news. It was hard enough to her first marriage, and the misery that came of it.

"And the crime, they say," inter-posed Brother Cyprian, emphati-

"But they lie! They lie, like the traitors and the cowards they are crime! You cannot have fogrotten her; and yet you must, or you could not mention her name and orime in the same breath. Do not make me sorry that I have come to you my horther, that I are come to you, my brother-that I am resolv ed to trust you But not it in ed to trust you. But no ; it is only your device to turn me from a dan-

ger." "I have not forgotten the Queen

Brother Cyprian had seated himself has sent word for you'to do some

are under the spell, my brother, and I cannot exorcise you. Let no harsh words, no upbraidings pass between you and me. Tell me simply how it is now with the Queen of Scots; what are her commands to you, and wherein I, a poor monk of St. Dominic, and under obedience in this remote place, far from either of the kingdoms which banished her, and from that wherein she has been and from that wherein she has been so evil-entreated, can serve her caus

or yours. It is with the knowledge and consent, if not by the com-mand of the Queen of Scots, that you are here, Louis, I am sure of that?"

There was a tremulous tone in the well-skilled voice of the monk, as he spoke, and his hand once more concealed the too-expressive mouth.

"I am here by her command, but I have had no word or writing from I have had no word or writing from her, or message by word of mouth, only a token, a certain and faith-ful messenger, one which cannot be interrogated, and therefore cannot betray; one which cannot be feign-ed, and is therefore implicitly to be (trusted. It was signified some time ago, when the fatal news reached me that the Queen had put herself into the power of her enemy, the English tyrant Elizabeth, that I should hold myself in readingss to brown orbs of the monk, in which time and habit had deadened the light must be favored of God and blessed by the Church—that it must prosper. Tell me that, brother, and that I shall have your blessing also on my enterprise. A ship will be in readi-ness to take her on board, when we can get her to the coast. I am not afraid of doirg that. You remember the Queen Dauphiness in the hunt-ing field, Francois, long before I had ever seen her. You remember how she rode ever foremost, ever most fearlessly. The fame of her horse-marship is almost as widespread in France as the fame of her beauty; and she has had sore need of all her skill and strength, and endurance since then. Heard you ever tell her of her ride to Carbery?" English should h should hold myself in readingss to go to England and aid her escape from her hateful durance, some I was to leave France on the collected all the money which I could amass without exciting suspicion-and, bringing this money with me, to place in safe hiding until she should be rescued, and have need of it. Thus I have been realizing all the wealth at my disposal - the greater part of it once yours, my brother-for some time and the same time suce then. Heard you ever tell her of her ride to Carbery?" "We have heard, among other things, that the Queen outrode her fursuers in some of the worst of her troubles, and escaped the imprison-ment at the hands of her subjects, which she courted afterwards at the hands of her kinswoman and enemy, But the Queen of Scots had ever dam-gerous advigers near, and a ready prother-for some time, and turning it into jewels, as the most portable form for an emergency. I have gain-ed a reputation for eccentricity at court; ther eis not a Venice mer-chant, not a Florentine, not a Pole -we are great friends of the Poles now-who does not hnow what is now-who does not know what in now-who does not know what in the he is sure of a purchaser for his glittering wares. There is not a gallant at the court, except it be Monseigneur d'Anjou himself, whose dress is so begennel as mine. serous advisers near, and a ready

whose dress is so begenned as mine. There is one jewel, however, in my possession, which no other eyes have ever seen, since it has been mine, though it was famous enough once-it is emposed to be lost now, as its fellow has long been lost in reality." "That jewel is the Queen's token."

ear for their counsel." and a ready "You are hard and coid in speech concerning her. Surely her great sor-rows might claim more sympathy, and somewhat softon your keen ap-preclation of her faults, if faults you believe her to have." "I do not only believe, I know her to have terrible faults," said Bro-ther Cyprian; "but I am not think-ing of them now, nor much of her sorrows, but of you, and this task you have undertaken for a fatal cause. Ay, Louis, a fatal cause--Mary Stuart is fatal to all who love and serve her. There is no truth in "It is. When that reached me I knew what I was to do. When that reached me I knew she needed me, that her position had become intolerable, that her unnatural kinswoman was holding her in durance, and hope was fading from her undaunted, and serve her. There is no truth in her. There is no stability in her. When she was a girl, almost a child, she ever wor by a more than the she was fading from queenly soul: that f

you not see that only the utter fallure of her schemes within a narrowar range can have driven her to the for-lorn hope of your assistance?" "It may be so, it is most like, for your cold wisdom sees clearer and far-ther than my impetuous faith. But so be it. I shall have one hour in my life she shall know that I have come over land and sea at her call, ready for any attempt, however desperate, to join the few-for I am not alone in this-who are still faithful to her in her fallen fortunes; the hour in which she shall thank me by one look from her peerless eyes." Brother Cyprian made no reply. He leaned his arms on the black oak A ray of the summer sunlight shout through the painted window, with its small, dull panes of glass, striking sharply the edge of the thick, deeply-cut stone wall, touching the shaven gimmering on the burnished sword-hilt and hong spurs of the stranger, "Look how ifte sum comes out," sail Louis de Valmout. "I am a believer in omeas, and here is a good one May the stand beside the tokea, and I have welcomed them ail Listen, Francois. This is our-my plan. There are negotiations for the marriage of this English Queen with Woncel reards in the fallence to her tokea, and it have welcomed them ail Listen, Francois. This is our-my plan. There are negotiations for the marriage of this English Queen with woncel reards, to be carefully concealed, so that now shall know of its exist-terwards, to be carefully concealed, so that none shall know of its exist-terwards, to be carefully concealed, so that none shall know of its exist-terwards, to be carefully concealed, so that none shall know of its exist-terwards, to be carefully concealed, so that none shall know of its exist-terwards, to be canefully concealed, so that none shall know of its exist-terwards, to be carefully concealed, so that none shall know of its exist-terwards, to be canefully concealed, so that none shall know of its exist-terwards, to be canefully concealed, so that none shall know of its exist-terwards, to be cane Brother Cyprian shook his head sadly. "I do not [put faith in that," he said. "I do eot believe the Queen of Scots would relish any liberty that was not restoration. You may free her, but not for flight alone, not for the peaceful hiding of the head which has worn two crowns. She will go from her prison to her throne, or to her grave." "Then I will stand beside the one, or die beside the other. The determination of our plan in all its détails is not in my nands; but you must help me in so much of it as this. The treasure I have amassed is not to be expended for her escape -that is otherwise provided for. This treasure is to form her resource af-terwards, to be carefully concealed, so that none shall know of its exist-ence save the Queen and myself. When the name if I will come for her, if I am alive; if I will come for her, if I am alive; if rot, you....." Listen, Francois. This is our-my plan. There are negotiations for the marriage of this English Queen with Monseigneur d'Anjou; but they will am alive; if [rot, you...." Brother Cyprian started, and ex-claimed, "I!"

plan. There are negotiations for the marriage of this English Queen with Monseigneur d'Anjou; but they will come to nothing. It is a scheme of Madame Catherine's; the Duke will have none of it. When it is settled, and the envoys have talked their fill about it, he will find a pretext, and the negotiation will come to an end. Then there will by no more conciliation of England—then the inquiries already made by La Motte will be followed up; and, if Marie were but safely out of the hands of her focts, her interests would be esponsed by France. It is natural that they should be, for she has bequeathed all her rights and claims to the house of Valois." The young man spoke as ardently, ds entreatingly as though he were pleading the Queen's cause, the cause on which he had set his life, before one with power to judge it. Hope, en-"Yes, you-for you will undertake the trust, I know-you will receive the token from the Queen, by which you will know that she needs the jewels, and the gld, and that its bearer is a trusty servant of her Gr. You will never field the secret, You will never tell the secret, or relinquish the treasure, on any other guarantee. Francois, I have come over the seas to ask this of you, the first recognition of our bro-therhood for many years, perchance the last the last.'

the last.' Brother Cyprian sighed. He had no hope in this enterprise, and his heart was heavy with presentiment. "1 will accept the trust," he said, "but not alone; that our rule would not suffer most data ou which he had set his life, before one with power to judge it. Hope, en-thusiasm, courage lighted up his hand-some face, which resembled that of his brother's in form, but not in col-oring or expression. The younger man's hair and heard, trimmed after the fashion of the time, were of a golden-brown hue, and his large rest-less eyes were much lighter than the brown orbs of the monk, in which not suffer me to do. I must have the Prior's permission to receive the trea-sure, and he must be aware of its disposition. You have nothing to fear from him; he is a good man, and full of sympathy for all who are oppressed and suffering, though he may not know much of the great affairs of nations. You may have noted ot suffer me to do. I must have the affairs of nations. You may have noted his kindly manner and gentle voice,

his kindly manner and gentle voice, while he spoke with you." "I did. There can be no risk in putting trust in him, I think; but what if he will not permit you to guard the treasure here? There is no other resource." "Do not fear, I shall have no dif-dicuty. And now, where is this trea-sure?" sure

"Not yet disembarked. I did not know how I might speed in coming hither, Nay, more, I did not know whether you, my brother, were still alive, or whether they would bring me to a grave side and tell me you were resting beneath. I must return to the harbor and bring hither the mail which contains the jeweis and the gold to morrow. I will not linger now, 'tis a long ride and a rough one, and it will be dark before I reach the shore. The Prior toid me I should and it will be dark before I reach the shore. The Prior toid me I should find refreshment for my horse and my guide and myself here; they have been fed, doubtless, and I will but break bread and drink a cup of wine before I zo." "So be it. While you are taking

refreshment I will see the Prior this and disclose your errand, in so far as I am bound to tell it. But, first, what is the Queen's token (To be Continued.)

WHY HE NEVER CARRIED PISTOL

Salutary Lesson a Baltimore Man Learned From a Practical Joker.

There is a prominent Baltimorean There is a prominent Raltimorean who now attends church regularly, but who still delights to tell of some of his escapades in early life. "I was a member of a prominent club when I was a young mau," he relates, "and in one of our bouts one night I uninten-tionally insulted a fellow member. At least, I was told the following morn-ing, when my senses had returned, that I Wai insulted the man and thet has I fracing when my senses had returned, that I fracing its that in the man, and that he would probably challenge me to fight a duel. Sure enough, a challenge came through the ordinary channels and I was advised by my friends to ac-cept or to submit to more duel at cept or to submit to perpetual dis-grave. I accepted and selected pistols. The dueling ground was a spacious yard in the rear of the club-house. There we assembled with our seconds and surgeons.

RASCALS FIND A REFUGE. Honduras Offers Inducements

to Foreign Defaulters.

HOUSANDS PROSPERING THERE. The census of last year taken in the

The census of last year taken in the different states which go to make up the Republic of Honduras shows a for-eign population of 31,400 in the coun-try. This is divided as follows: Eng-lish and Americans, 8,000; Germans and Austrians, 4,500; French, 3,700; Itaiians, 3,500; Mexicans, 3,500; Span-ish, 3,200; Portuguese, 2,000; all other nationalities, 3,000. Of this number it is fairly estimated that couched a sone is fairly estimated that one-half can

is fairly estimated that one-half came here to engage in legrimate business pursuits, while the remainder are ioreed exiles from their native lands-lawbreakers who are safe here from any possibility of extradition. Here are men from the great American cities, who, by their enterprise and brain force, backed by a goodly am-ount of money which they brought with them, are growing wealthy. The gold mines of Honduras, which under the most favorable circumstances are gold mines of Honduras, which under the most favorable circumstances are but haif developed and not half work-ed, turned out over \$8,000,000 in yelow metal.

It is in the vast rubber forests, howver, that the greatest wealth is ac-uired. There are recorded with is acquired. There are recorded at the cap-tal by the treasurer something like 100 national concessions to Americans 100 national concessions to Americans. Each one of these concessions ranges from 5,000 to 20,000 acres, and each acre will average 1,000 rubber-produc-ing trees. The average grown tree in one season is cabable of being milked to the extent of forty hounds of pure rubber. It will be readily seen, there-fore there is an encoming profit in fore, there is an enormous profit in this business. The cost of producing, melting, carting to the coast and ex-porting to the New Orleans and New York market will not exceed 25 cents per round.

per pound. Concessions are Costly.

This sum also represents the pro-portionate cost of the concession, This sum also represents the pro-portionate cost of the concession, which in all cases runs for twenty years. The cost of a concession de-pends altogether on the condition of the national finances. If the treasury is depleted—which is the case most of the time—then a concession can be had for approximately \$50 per acre and a yearly tax of \$6 per acre. No concessions are granted for less than 500 acres, and this allotment is made by the surveyor general. If a man has discovered a particularly fine lat of iscovered a particularly fine lot of trees which have not been taken up he may file his claim to them, but, if ranted, it will be at an exorbitant figure. Not one of the South or 'Central

Not one of the South or 'Central American States possesses so many varied and constant resources as Honduras. Were it not for its back-ward state of clvilization there would be a bright outlook for investors from all over the world. The following are the industries reported for taxation for the year 1899, and it is fair to assume they are largely in excess of these figures: Gold. \$817.223 stock and \$4,802,453; lead, \$817,223; stock and agriculture, \$41,900,000; rubber and lumber, \$16,811,271; fruit, \$2,450,-000; total, \$94,780,947. In a country like this, where flow-ers have no fragrance, and women wear no, pattients or withing a series.

wear no petiticoats, everything goes by contraries. Civil rights are vapor-ous and life decidedly uncertain. As to the men, their eyes plainly read, "I am dying, Egypt, dying." They make me feel like the ruthless hunter I amea bunter of mere sensetions and

Women of the Republic.

I am-a hunter of mere sensations and mere literary material, whom the quest of sport has swept to this coun-try to be in at the death.

With the women it is different. While the men are very much dormant, he women are correspondingly alive

the married women, or senoras, par ticularly so. I find the educated Hon duranian girl physically attractive psychically sympathetic and alto-gether enthralling.

in their secluded homes so far as known. There are no women's rights known. There are no women's temperance known. There are no women's temperance societies, no mothers' meetings. There is not even a woman's card club in the whole country. The wike knows nothing of the family finances; she is hot consulted in serious busi-ness affairs. If I were asked, "What do they do with the'r time?" ness affairs. If I were asked, "What do they do with their time?" if should say their days are quite as full of activity, both mental and phy-sical, as those of their sisters in the United States. Honduras women do not crave the freedom and publicity of life that are enjoyed in the Un-ited States. They are very charitable

of ile that are enjoyed in the Un-ited States. They are very charitable and are kindness itself to the poor people of their neighborhood, send-ing portions of bread and meat daily to those who are in destitute circumstances.

Duel to the Death.

It was my fortune to witness a duel between a native Honduranian and a Spanish trader, who had recently a Spanish trader, who had recently come to this country. It was over a woman's love, and both men decided to fight to the death with swords. Attificing dawn they met, both mount-ed, and at once began circling round and round each other. Both were able swordsmen. As they thrust, par-ried and cut they made a fascinating sight. Now one would dash at his opponent, causing him to rein his horse to his haunches, to avoid the fierce assault; then he in turn would charge. The struggle lasted a long charge. The struggle lasted a long time and both were rapidly becoming exhausted. Suddenly the native dug

exhausted. Suddenly the native dug his spurs into his charger and drove the point of his weapon into the Span-iard's horse, causing the brute to low-er his head for a moment. In this moment he slashed fairly at his opponent's chest. Taken by sur-prise and thrown off his guard by the sudden movement of his horse, the Spanhard barely managed to raise his sword in defense. The hade received

sword in defense. The blade received the full force of the blow and parted like a reed. Before he could recover and wheel his horse the native desh-ed by, thrusting to the rear as he did so and wounding his antagonist be-tween the shoulder blades. The blood source out in a stream and it was

tween the shoulder blades. The blood spurted out in a stream and it was plain the duel was at an end. As the wounded Spaniard sank from his horse to the ground his fortunate antagonist walked over to where he lay and sympathetically placed his saddle under the Spaniard's head and strove to stay the flow of blood with his own shirt. The wounded man strove to stay the flow of blood with his own shirt. The wounded man raised himself, his face giving every evidence that a thousand confused fancles were crowding in his brain and throbbing in his heart. He mut-tered "Inez-Inez-a cabello, senor; a cabello," and died.—Santa Barbara Letter to Cincinnati Commercial Tri-hune.

FAMOUS RAT CATCHER.

Old Man Who Makes a Living by Exterminating the Rodents.

At the present time there is no royal rat catcher at the British court, says the Chicago News, though not so long ago this appointment was held under the sign manual, and in old pictures one may see the men who occupied this post, gorgeous in their green and gold costumes, decorated with the words, "Rat catcher to His Majesty." In the little Lincolnshire village of Friskney there is living Bolland Skip-worth, famous for pilor scienced

Friskney there is itying boliant care worth, famous for miles around as a rat catcher. He is 80 years old and rat catcher. He is 80 years old and has seven sons and seven daughters living. He is still keen after his quarry and is rever so happy as when adding an honest penny to his store by ridding some neighbor of the ro-dents that eat his corn, spoil his gar-der and do an infinite lot of damage. He is helped in his work by his ter-rier Broovh and his ferrets, the latter being kept in a bicturesome building He is helped in may work the latter rier Broovh and his ferrets, the latter being kept in a picturesque building near his own pretty thatched cottage. In the course of his long life he has caught many thousands of rats, but unfortunately has kept no record. If he had he undoubtedly would hold the championship. Rats are arch robbers, eating any and everything. One man found all the fresh-laid eggs were being stolen and went on a still-hunt. being stolen and went on a still-hunt. Removing a big bundle of sticks in the woodhouse, he came on a hundred eggs, most of them unbroken. There was once killed in England a

"I have not forgotten the Queen off Scots," said Brother Cyprian, and now his long thin hand hid the low-er part of his face; "but I have heard the history of her disastrous reign from unprejudiced persons. You cannot prove that rumor errs in de-claring her a guilty. woman, guilty beyond even the wick-edness which we have known in high places; and even if you could, what would it avail you man-a wife, still, remember -than in her early days, when she bound you a captive by a smize and even if you a captive by a smile and & word; and she is a prisoner in an energy's country, where the knowledge of your sworn service and devotion would be your ruin and may be a deadly and hepeless wrong to her. devotion | leadly and hopeless wrong to her. What would you do, Louis? Avail what would you do, Louis? Avail yourself of your favor at the French Court and carry diplomatic mes-sages to those bears and beggars of the nort? Do you not know that France is abborrent to them, the country of Mary of Guise, who for-feited their independence, and made the policy of the Scottish kingdom subscripted to be mersional intring. the policy of the Scottish kingdom subservient to the personal intrigu-ing ambition of Duke Henri and Car-dinal Francois? What weight do you **Carry**, my brother, to counterpoise all this? What is it you would do?" "Nothing of the sort you think." said Louis de Valmont, impatiently, "I have no acknowledged mission." said Louis de varmous, unission. "I have no acknowledged mission. "I have no acknowledged mission. I am not going to parley with the ac-cursed traitors who have betrayed their queen—that fair, young girl, so soft, so sweet, so bright, who was intrusted to them by those who putst have known—or what do the resources of power mean 2—how ut-terly unworthy they were of such a churrer of a month and amenta

charge of so gentle and gracious a ruler. A dove in the engle's nest in-deed! You remind me that Mary, his voice fell and his color rose, as he pronounced the word, is as far

m me as ever. Needless zeal,

brother. She could never be other to me than my sovereign mistress and queen, the ruler of my destiny, to dispose it at a word. She is a wife, not knowing her husband's fate, as ignorant of her own. Men who cannot understand her frank, fear-less nature say she is beastlow and

less nature, say she is heartless and faithless and wicked. Even if all they say were true, I do not care. My life is hers, let her do with it as the will "

A glance of keen intelligence shot

"Then she has summoned you ! She

from Brother Cyprian's dark-brown

eyes, and he took the concealing hand from before his mouth.

brother.

She could never be other an my sovered

was fading from her undaunted, queenly soul; that friends were few, and fearful, perhaps faithless—more than this, that she had need of me! Would she forgive me, if I could not quite keep down the joy that con-viction caused me, though it impled distress to her? If you were not a moak, and could judge of such things by any iadication within yourself, I would ask you to say that you be-lieve she would forgive me, if she knew that though the token could not reach me, but through her tronknew that though the token could not reach me, lut through her trou-ble and perplexity, the sight of it made my heart bound with a sudden sense of hore and freedom ?" "The Quren of Scots," said Brother Cyprian, dryly, "is lkely to be mer-ciful to any fault which proves her rower over a man's feelings and his will."

"Answered like a monk." said the "Answered like a monk," said the younger man. "But no matter, I have the token, and the first por-tion of my jurpose is accomplished. Can you not now guess my motive, beyond that of seeing and consisting you, for coming hither?" "No," said Brother Cyprian, "I do not see it. You must explain your fur-ther design and plan of action"

not see it. You must explain your fur-ther design and plan of action." "Willingly. The Queen of Scots is at a place called Tutbury, where she is judou-ly wat hel and treated with every device of a mean wo-man's time-serving spite, by the wife of the Earl of Shrews-bury, one of the creatures of the Eng-ish Queen. This Countess is jealous of her captive, and I am well advised that she is meanly entertained, even for a lady of estate, not to speak of her Grace being a Queen. The King and Madame Catherine are well ac-quainted with the truth, and remon-strance has been made to Elizabeth, who denies that any force or violence

her. There is no stability in her. When she was a girl, almost a child, she ever won by a ruse. She never valued loyalty or love: she lived but to be-tray. And so, I say, her cause is doomed, is fatal. Hu h! let me speak. I have little more to say, and I say it with conviction-not in useless warning-not to rouse your anger, but to still my own conscience when this, too, shall have failed, and you are sacrificed to the attempt, fore-dcomed from the first." "You will not ald m-you will not accept my trust? Are you so utterly dead, then, Francois?-is all feeling so completely turied under your monk's frock in this cold cloister?" "Not so, not so. I will aid you-I will accept your trust, and I will say no more in warning. Are you sanguine of success? When you shull have fred the prisoner by stratagem and brough her to he const, when you shal have embarked her in the ship and set sail, forced to trust some-thing to the fidelity of a hired crew, where is she to land? What ccurtry is to receive her, headlass of Eliza-beth's challenge for her restoration? Is she to return to Scotland and ad-venture the effect of a presence which had little influence in her youthful prime? Is she to risk a land-ing on the shores of France to dare the hatred of Madame Catherine and the supineness of King Charles?" "No, no; not either of these things is in her mind, or in mine, or in the mind of any of my colleagues. You leave Don Philip out of your cal-culations, brother - Don Philip, whose has some of the chivalrous in-sthets of a Spaniard, and who nates England, and the English, and ther Queen." " I had forgotten Don Philip." Queen. "had forgotten Don Philip," ho denies that any force or violence

"I 'had forgotten Don Philip," sald Brother Cyprian; "but when I remember him, it is only to see that you would be mad to attempt to land the Queen of Scots in Spain, trusting to Philip's generosity. She would but find herself in a worse and more hopeless prison, the ill-treated hostage at once of France and Eng-land." who denies that any force or violence have been used towards the Queen of Scots, and charges her-her helpless victim, immurel in an odious prison-with conspiring against her, with sending letters to the Scots lords, re-quiring them to take up arms, to make an inroad to her prison and set her free. Which things, had there been any among them worthy to be called noble, any fit to wear golden spurs, and carry their liege lady's colors, they would have done." "And does the Queen of Scots deny this?" land.

""Don Philip's young wife, Eliza-beth de Valois, Marie's sister-in-law, her friend, her companion in childhood, her bride-maiden, is but "And does the Queen of Scots deny this?" "Yes, she declares that she has not written any such letter, or represent of Elizabeth's behavior in any harsh light." "And yet she has sent you just such complaints, arranged with you a plan surely not undertaken alone and with-out concert-for her release. Louis, do you not see that this is ruin? Do

and surgeons. "Much to my surprise, the whole club turned out to witness the affair of honor, I objected to such publicity, but was assured by my friends that it was all right, and I was prevailed upon to face my opporent. I was thor-oughly mad, and I did not care whe-ther I killed my enemy or half a dozen ophorkers. Wa way be done of the dozen

ther I killed my enemy or half a dozen onlookers. We were placed ten paces apart, with our backs to each other. At the word 'fire' we wheeled and be-gan to pump lead at each other, ad-vancing toward each other at each shot. I emptied two or three "cham-bers of the revolver which had been civen me without recording me ar given me without wounding my ponent.

"I then threw it away with disgus and and pulled my own from my hip pocket. If you ever saw consternation it existed in that back yard for a few it existed in that back yard for a few minutes. My enemy turned heels and ran into the clubiouse. The spectators scrambled over each other to get out of range. Before I could fire at my re-treating foe my second grabbed me and succeeded in disarming ma. I was then told that the whole thing was a heax and that my enemy and myself had been shooting blank cartridges at each other. each other.

"I did not relish the joke, because I had endured all the torror which must come to any man who stands up to kill or be killed. That episode was a turning point in my life. I have never carried a pistol from that day to this."-Baltimore American.

At a Country Boarding House.

Guest-Can I have a sirloin steak? B. H. Keeper-I'm sorry we can't give you sirloin steak; we weren't expecting you.⁹ "Can I have a couple of hard boiled orge ?"

"No, there ain't no eggs." " "Weren't the hens expecting me

"No, or they'd have been laying for you."

Mr. William Pritham is the nominee of the South Perth Conservatives. Fifty invalided soldiers who return-ed on the steamer Dominion were welcomed at Quebec,

gether enthralling. It is easy to tell the married from the unmarried women whenever you meet them by the manner in which they wear flowers in their hair, the senoras putting them on the right side, and the senoritas on the left. There is no country on the face of the globe where men hold women in greater respect than in Honduras. Not only do they guard them with an earnest solicitude, but they accord the solution of outward them with an earnest solution of outward de-ference. They protect them from every care and bear every burden that man can carry for woman. The obtains of older the solution of the s chivalry of olden times survives among these people, and this is doubtless one reason why the wo-men are so contented with their

There are no married flirts in Honduras, no scandals caused by unfalth-ul wives, no ambitious women ploing

rat which holds the record for size. He was grev as a badger, weighed two and three-quarters pounds and mea-sured twenty inches from the tip of his nose to the tip of his tall.

The Long Distance Telephone.

Hello, Central !" Well ?"

PERFECTLY RAW WITH ITCHING ECZEMA

A Terribly Painful Case of Burning, Torturing Eczema, Which Was Thoroughly Cured by Using Dr. Chase's Ointment.

"Well?" "Connect me with Pekin, please, and let me have the Emperor's palace." "All right." "Have I the honor of speaking to "Have I the honor of speaking to the Chinese Emperor?" "Allee samee. Whatee wantee?" "There is a report alloat that you have been killed. Is it true?" "Allee wrongee. It isn't my funeral." --Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

Using Dr. Chase's Ointment.
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