As she read, Miss Dennison's face

vict prison across the marshes. It

oncluded with a thoughtful warning

to lonely and unprotected travelers as

to the gentleman's unprepossessing ap-

Miss Dennison reread the bill with

mist was rising on the marshes. The

autumn dusk was suddenly closing in.

The charms of meditation in the lonely

landscape seemed suddenly to have

lost their savor. Miss Demison looked up and down the road. Her dispised

etrothed had vanished into the mist.

The light of the station glimmered

vaguely far on the horizon. On the

other side, three miles of deserted road

lay between her and her notel. In the

months she had enjoyed despotism; was she now to eat humble pie and cry

moving figure. For the first momen

she assured herself it was but a fan-

into a human figure—a shuffing, clumsy

furtive figure, creeping with bent head

along the wall which separated the

barren pastures. Miss Dennison stood.

ped short. Had it seen her? Sudden-

strike the open road beside her.

sudden shriek, she was beating a re-

treat toward the station as fast as

fear and the kindly wind could carry

Somewhere behind her a hoarse voice

shouted; somewhere behind her heavy

ootsteps bastened. With blind eyes,

now the downward hill was gained

her pedestal and running after him!

Miss Dennison's betrothed though

policeman approached them sheepishly.

didn't seem to hear, miss. You dropped

it just by the boarding. I was coming

across the marsh and I seen the wind

Miss Dennison smiled whitely; Miss

take it, and I caught it as it flew

breathless, in his arms.

faintly.

up to you.'

over, was an Englishman.

across the railings yonder."

Dennison's betrothed thanked

policeman more substantially.

wind moaned and

out for protection? With Napoleo

direction of the hotel.

The

arrested

earance and playful disposition.

Once there was a long-headed Father | rand was waiting for a Chance to elope who had taken the Junior into the Town and there zipped across the Hori-Downtown Office and was trying to zon of his Fresh, Young Life a Hurrah eradicate the Greek and Latin from his Soubrette, who wore Holes in the Stage

The Junior was a Lovely Chap, whose Number. Clothes came to about twice his Sal- From the Moment when he looked up ary. He resembled the smooth-faced at her and saw that she had taken Hero of a Richard Harding Davis \$1 50 notice of his Presence on Earth, he Book. By keeping his hair neatly gum- passed into a Sweet Trance, from which med down and wearing the right snape he did not fully Awake until the Troupe of Collar, likewise vamping a few ten- left Town, when he found himself der Chords on the Piano and holding up watching the Red Light disappear his end in a light-weight Conversation had played his Violets on the Wrong the Front Row of that Select Division Number. of the Human Race known as the Land- The Busy Lover always goes from one

Order any time that he saw fit. still a Farmer at Heart. And when her talk Copy, worth about 3 Cents they threw him into the long-tailed Re- a Word.

stenciled all over himself. Luminaries and wean him away from the name of the New One. his Pie and rub him with Silk Underwear for years, but you cannot iron learned the Horrible Truth. "Home is the Lines of Rugged Character from not a Lecture Bureau, I don't blame

pingdale did not hit off to any large Nearly every Woman knows more than up in the Society Column 365 days in in chip in now and then, if only to give have figured a 2 per cent Discount un-less he had taken a Day off. They did of the Dining-Room Table feeling about

begin to act more or less Dippy and cut have to hunt for a long time, but with one Horse hitched in front of will agree to Marry you is in your class the other one. Then the head of the and you can gamble on that.' Works would have to call him in and put some Cracked Ice on him and get Thing, the Sophisticated Soubrette, and

him cooled down. him fluttering, was a 90-pounder about six weeks from the Nursery. The cold-Flappingdale. "Let's wait until we spot blooded Guy'nor begged him not to rob one who has Something coming to her the Cradle and wanted to know some- and then we will put up a good Joke thing about her Knowledge of House-keping, which is invariably a Stiff Jolt for Love's Young Dream. While Bert-

"I've told you you're not to go back

"You can go in the morning. I don't

the sun's shining and It's bright and

"I shan't get in till afternoon, then,

"Then you'll have to turn right

around the second we get up to my

hotel and walk all these five dreary

bitter night, without your dinner!

"I'll get something at the station."

sources of the station inadequate.

howling of the hateful wind!"

and that means another whole day

"But I must, dear. Really!"

my clients."

tonight."

plaintive.

cheerful."

ridiculous?"

the week-end.'

never loved me!"

make me miss it!

sick of it all!"

engaged to me?"

"Because I'm a fool."

the road in haughty silence.

swept across the marsh and hummed

pockets of his overcoat. His cap, pulled

ly protected his face from the on-

night.

Rude Parent Who Turned Down Three Different Varieties. eyed gentlema to return to his every evening doing a refined Coor

ed Gentry, because they get Landed so Extreme to another, so the next Crack out of the Box what does Bertie do Bertrand Flappingdale was the Name but get himself all worked up to a Temof this particular Confection. In Our perature of 104 over the kind that is Set he was known as Bertie and among known as Terribly Bright. The one Employes at the Shop he was he was determined to marry, unless known as a Bluff. Bert's Pathway in somebody got out an Injunction, sat Life was so nicely Lubricated and ev- around in an off-color kind of a sad, eryone was so Awfully Nice to him that Mother Hubbard make-up and handed after a while he felt reasonably Cer- out Brilliant Conversation that was tain that the Earth and the Fullness good enough to be taken down in Shortthereof had been dished up especially hand and put right into a Book. She for his Benefit and he could cancel the threw her Searchlight on the helples Bertrand and dazzled him to a Fare-Flappingdale, Senior, had never smok- ye-well. She got him into a Turkis ed Egyptian Cigarettes, and attended Corner and told him of the Yearnings Junior Proms during his Incubator Per- of her Soul and all about her Empty od. He had been too busy trying to Life and bow she had groped for an make the Meal Tickets last from one Affinity and although he muffed a good Saturday Night to another. The only many of her Points and was clear of th Time he got real Lungy was when he Ground Most of the Time, he realized told how he used to work for Six a that he was in the Presence of one who Week and Plant \$100 a year in the could take him by the hand and show Building and Loan Association. It him a lot of Things that he had never had been many Years since they took been wise to as yet. So he wanted to is boiled Dinners away from him and marry her and sit around all Day with made him eat Artichokes, but he was his Head on her Shoulder and have

galia, with the misfit Tie, he had Yap stenciled all over himself. Father noticed that he was off his stenciled all over himself. You may take one of these self-made so he called him in and wanted to know

"Cut it out," said he when

his Front Piece nor separate him from any man for marrying a Woman who the Homely Doctrines that were called has got the Intellectual Bulge on him. to his Attention by means of a Hick- In these Days of Thursday Afternoon ory Gad some forty years earlier in the Clubs and Reading Circles it's a Chear Grade of Wife who hasn't got the he-Consequently after the elder Flap- end of the Outfit beaten to a Pulp. Extent with Bertie's Friends, most of her Husband, but it helps some if he whom had their Names already set has enough Gray Matter to enable him the Year, but not one of them could her the right cues. But thirty years not care for Business, but Business the size of a Roach. I have known never seemed to Languish much on several specimens of the Victim who marries the Woman who is going to One of the Hard Jobs that Fate had lead him on and on. She leads him or mapped out for Flappingdale, Senior, and on, until he begins to Blow, and was to prevent his blue-eyed Offspring then she usually goes on and on with from being abducted and snaked away something wearing a White Necktie to the Altar. The Trouble was that and an Alpaca Coat. If I were You, I Bertie wanted to be Abducted. About would marry someone of about my own every Change of the Moon he would Mental Caliber. Of course, you may out the Office altogether and go Girl you locate her, you can tell her that Hunting in his cream colored Chariot she is the Right Kind. Anyone who

"I have tried the Innocent Young the Cultured Club Girl, and you kick The first one to lay him out and have on all of them," said Bertie.
"They are all Nice Girls," said Mr

policeman continued to the with contentment in his tread. station "Now, darling," said Miss Dennison's betrothed. "Oh, don't be angry!" said a suddenly abject despot. "I'll never be horrid again. I'll always do exactly what you tell me. Only darling, darling, darling, don't leave me to go home

along that dreadful, dreadful road "My poor, frightened little girl! What a brute I've been!" "You have rather," confessed Miss Dennison. Along the lonely road two lovers

loitered. The wind swept merrily above them and around them, all unheeded. from the rough blast, her head was hidden penitently against a sheltering And, as they walked along Miss Dennison's betrothed concluded a kind and decisive conversation in which Miss Dennison played an astonishingly

contrite and secondary part. "And you understand, dear, there are to be no more of these ridiculous quarrels?' "No. darling, I'll do whatever you

"The man must always be the head. I've been foolish to give in to you so weakly. It's been as much my fault as yours.

'Yes, dear, it has." "But you have been very inconsiderate.' "A woman is always more in love than a man. "A man has duties which he must "Yes, darling, and it's very wonder-

ful and beautiful of him to neglect them for a woman's sake. A silly, cowardly, selfish, unattractive girl.' Miss Dennison's betrothed refuted such an appreciation of her character with warmth. "Please!" said Miss Dennison, "the hotel people will see us.'

The brilliant facade of the hotel shone out suddenly behind the hill. Miss Dennison and her betrothed walked decorously up the drive, where her anxious people welcomed them from the piazza. Miss Dennison conducted her betrothed in triumph in the Late that evening Miss Dennison and

er betrothed concluded another conversation of a similar nature. "And you'll be down at half-past in the morning to give me my breakfast?

'Yes, sweetheart." 'And you'!l take me to the station? "Yes, darling." "And always do exactly as I tell

vou? 'Yes. my own.' Miss Dennison hesitated. Then she ascended the stairs pensively, while

her betrothed stood at the bottom and watched adoringly. At the turn of the baluster she paused, candle in hand. The light shone on her sweet and saintlike profile. "But all the same," said Miss Den-"you must admit that you did not catch that train."-The Sketch.

TRIAL PROVES ITS EXCELLENCE The best testimonial one can have of the virtue of Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil in the treatment of bodily pains, coughs colds and affections of the respiratory colds and affections of the respiratory organs, is a trial of it. If not found the sovereign remedy it is reputed to be, then it may be rejected as useless and all that has been said in its praise denounced

The Kind You Have Always Bought CASTORIA. Bears the Chat H. Fletchire A new hotel in New York City has

welcomed a change in literature with LONDON IS BOTHERED BY PLAGUE OF RATS

pression; her cheeks paled gradually. The little notice bore a crown, and was couched in terse and simple language; it was an earnest invitation to a one-Poison Makes It Worse. ing friends and guardians at the con-

When rats take to eating babies in

humanity to pay some attention to interest no longer histrionic. The sea the rat question. London is infested with the pestsalways has been, and seems to be more so now than usual. Cats are helpless. Dogs merely scare the rats into the next house. Poison creates a worse nuisance by causing the

rats to die and putrify in hidden corners. Nobody knows how many rats direction of the station lay nearer sate- there are in London, and there are ment than did the old constitutions. ty-but humiliation; for well did Miss no local figures on which to base any Dennison know that her strength lay sort of an estimate. In Sydney, n her invulnerability. Let her once when the bubonic plague broke out a lay down her scepter and her reign of tyranny was over forever. For six ed sixpence a head for rats, dead or received 100,000. As it is certain that only a fraction was secured, resolution Miss Dennison turned in the and as the population of Sydney is She took five steps; then far away on the distant marshland, she saw a something less than 500,000, it is reasonable to assume that there man beings in Sydney. tasy of her imagination. Then the If the parallel holds good—and shadow came nearer and resolved itself

London is an older city than Sydney-the rat population of London should be five or six millions. Those will take a great deal of exterminat-

whistled around the boarding, but she heard it not. Her eyes were fixed on Sydney discovered that the rat has the strange figure advancing from the a rooted aversion to being exterminmist. Presently it hesitated and stopated. Poisoned bates were laid down at the worst spots. The rats disaply, with a cat-like swiftness, the figure peared, but no dead bodies were left the shelter of the wall, and still found, and the next day another diswith downcast head, struck out into trict, a mile away, was so pestered the open field. With curious, swift by an invasion of strange rats that strides, it was covering the intervening ground; in a few minutes it would the residents were afraid they would be driven out of the locality. Miss Dennison cast one wild glance Great lengths of sewers were blockalong the road in vain. Then, with a

ed up and fumigated, and when the water was sent streaming through afterward the authorities looked to see it come out thick with the bodies of the slain. They were disappointed. Some carcasses came, but they were very few. The rat has an uncanny knack of

Miss Dennison fled on. Now the lights of the station twinkled in the distance; smelling danger, and escaping from which led there. Now-oh, hapture! - it. In India the whole colony of a tall, broad-shouldered and despised rats will migrate from a village betrothed turned and stood amazed in when plague breaks out, and go to the roaway, to see Minerva fallen from healthier area. They drop same their sick by the way, and so the "Save me!" said Miss Dennison, and plague spreads. flung herself, penitent, submissive, At Liverpool the port authorities

"Darling! here's some one coming have been trying for years to keep past! Wait a second tell he's passed out the rats which come by foreign ernment to New Zealand in 1852, spoke ships. The ship is moored some dis-Miss Dennison opened her eyes climb over that obstacle; and, to Two embarrassed young people stood make things doubly sure, the rope is still while a still more embarrassed "I called to the young lady, but you

Little the rats care for that. As the cargo is discharged and the ship rises in the water, the hawsers become twisted and out come the rats. their feet through the tar, and using every twist of the rope to help ing now to maintain of their them to get over the disc.

They jump on to the lighter, or they swim ashore and climb up the

stonework. shipowners will seldom give up the time necessary for the operation. When the City of Perth came home with three cases of plague aboard two hundred dead rats were found. though the danger to the community of a plague stricken rat is as great as, if not greater than, that of minion and of our hegemony, must

a plague stricken person." That is remain in our hands, would the opinion of Dr. Williams, a medi- evidence of an unendurable dominacal officer of the port of London. The difficulties of extermination over another. are obviously much greater ashore ciple of the development of the colthan on a ship. Put in a terrier or onial armies—the strengthening of the a rat catcher and the rats move national militias--at once adds to our next door. Architects have not yet strength, leaves us the hegemony in discovered how to build a house

cannot

"Nasty Man" Who Hatn't a Crown. "King Edward," writes a Rome orrespondent of a London paper, has come, and seen, and conquered; with one exception- the Princess Yolanda. She, the eldest daughter of King Victor Emmanuel, had imagined that the King of England was coming especially for her bene- is inconsistent with the first principle fit, so her di illusionment is easily of the English policy, the principle of imagined when not only did he prove to be old, but she was shut in the nursery and not allowed to come out without special permission. The Prinshe discovered her daughter hiding gest the propriety of calling belird a huge chair. 'Yolanda, why medicine something besides a the nursery. And the nasty man sickness at this time of year. hasn't got a crown after all!"

Won V.C. at Colonso. The London Chronicle says - The

secretary to the Duke of Connaught, I temity of Newfoundland. It has also there came suddenly a new development, a most unenviable notoriety.

V. C. at Colenso, where he was some of the most terrible tragedies in crisis indeed, and to weigh at least of the blood or the blood of among the wounded. His adventures marine annals have occurred on this three souls in the balance. Upon furon that desperate occasion rank rugged, dangerous foreshore. An official ther examination of Miss Barrett's such troubles may be classed anae on that desperate occasion rank among the most thrilling personal incidents of the war, and it was apparently only by a mirecle that he desperate occasion rank rugged, dangerous foreshore. An official there examination of Miss Barrett's may be classed anae mia, headache, neuralgia, erysipelas that it was absolutely necessary tha parently only by a miracle that he not inscribed thereon, they represent a came out of the affair alive. After venturing out and retrieving one of going vessels—steamers and sailers—inthe guns whose servers had all been volving a loss of about 2,000 lives and being stoical in practical things, perbeing stoical in practical things, permitted himself, to his great detriment,
with the full name "Dr. Williams
Pink Pills for Pale People," on the
mitted himself, to his great detriment,
which stranded and afterward escaped way back saw Lieut. Roberts fall, which stranded and afterward escaped a self-indulgence in moral things. He all medicine dealers, or sent by ma and he at once went and brought his are not included. Last year alone eight had grown to regard his pious and post paid, at 50 cents per box, or six wounded comrade in. When the gal- steam and two sailing vessels came to dying daughter as part of the furniture boxes for \$2 50, by writing wounded comrade in, when the gal-lant rescuer had time at last to 'take stock,' he found that he had stock,' he found that he had property loss of \$2,000,000 was involved. been shot through the leg, through the shoulder, and in the elbow, the Newfoundland coast folk to approwhile a fourth bullet had carried priate everything they secured, but this front, and with one accord, asked his lege of China is to be an American. away the toe of his boot. His horse lawlessness had to be sternly repressed. In the lawlessness had to be sternly repressed. Now the unwritten rule is that they get bullets back. "concaded about his "balk their hand" on 50 non contact. It was his crisis, and he results back. "concaded about his "balk their hand" on 50 non contact. bullets back, "concealed about his person." Col. Congreve's V.C. was undoubtedly one of the best carned during the campaign.

"half their hand," or 50 per cent, as salvage. In portable and valuable articles, such as silverware, there is still a strong temptation to keep the whole, but the punishment is severe. Champagne, liquors, cabin stores and the like have also a trick of disappearing, and such as the compagnet their hand," or 50 per cent, as fused.

He had, if we may judge from what we know of him, his own peculiar and somewhat detestable way of refusing. Once when his daughter had asked a perfectly simple favor in the matter of expediency—permission, that is, to keep her favorite brother with her during affording prompt relief from all summe to complaints.

THE PARADOX OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE an epicure.

Them to Themselves.

In the course of a lecture before the their beds, says The London Daily Royal Colonial Institute, the lecturer, Express, it is time for long-suffering Mr. Harold G. Parsons, thus referred to the status of the self-governing col-

Our departure from the old constitu-

tion of the empire "largely contributed," says Jenkyns, "to the revolt of the chum bought it from them for a bottle zine. thirteen American colonies, and after their complete separation a change of opinion began." Colonial constitutions for some time to come "reserved greater power to the home govern-We hardened our hearts, that is, after we had been obliged to let the people go, and concentrated our rigors on the few years ago, the authorities offer- few colonies left, most of them insular and unable to resist out fleet. Downalive, and within a few months they ing street took charge of the empire; and Downing street, under the in-fluence of the African Society, was an incredibly aggravating institution. Revolt followed revolt in Canada and the Cape, but the West Indies suffered helplessly. The only reason, in the must have been as many rats as hu- end, why we did not lose our second empire was that, with the advent of trade, we had determined to abandon it: and studied neglect gave as an indulgence some approach the measure of self-government which under the Stuarts had been recognized as a matter of constitutional right Some relaxation of the grip of Parliament was an inevitable result of the reform bills; of the counter-revolution since 1832. The sovereignty of the people meant the revival of the idea of self-government.

The true doctrine, moreover, was in a remarkable memorandum in 1850. In that year the proposal to federate been referred to a committee of the Privy Council for their advice, the committee reported that in the ancient possession of her majesty's predecessors before their revolt, and in the elder empire generally, there had prevailed a system of self-government by legislation of three estates, viz., the sovereign, a council and an elected assembly. Such self-government, the memorandum concluded, it was not within the power of the British Government to refuse to any settlement that had passed the stage of infancy. The sovereignty of the British nation over our settlements of freemen over sea was only for the purposes of guar-

dianship; only to be exercised during their non-age. And in accordance with this view. Mr. Gladstone himself, in tance from the quay, and round flat as an ideal to which we must as soon discs, thirty inches in diameter, are as possible return. "We have not yet fixed on the hawsers. A rat ought arrived," he said, "at the just and not to be able to either jump or to climb over that obstacle; and to the mother country developed in former times."

The colonies should not be asked to smeared with tar on both sides of share in our sea-power till they assume their share of the burden it has cost us. We have given them the land half of what we won by the debt-the crown lands, which should perhaps have been reserved as a common imperial heritage, the proceeds of the scuttling for the hawsers, dragging sale of which might have been used as an emigration fund. They are willrevenues the oversea armies which George III. tried to force them to pro-Any attempt to institute a systera of contribution to common defense at sea without previously elucidating Fumigation is the only sure way of the relations of the states in the emridding a ship of rats; but British pire must lead to disastrous disputes. Every premature and ill-considered attempt at union or centralization in the empire has ended in disruption; and parliamentary federation (it should be remembered)-the confusion of legisshe was fumigated with sulphur, and latures-was considered by all parties to the bargain in the eighteenth cen- all diseases. "The law gives us power to deal tury, and was finally dismissed as both with persons, but not with rats, al- impracticable and undesirable. As-

tion, the dominance of one free people On land, on the contrary, the prinforeign policy due to our sea power which a man can enter and a rat and is in harmony in the meantime, and pending further arrangements, with the principle of self-government. In any case, we can see that, alike in examining our past history and they did. Mrs. Orr says, probably elucidating present problems, it is with a great deal of truth, that of illelucidating present necessary to begin by envisaging our mecessary to begin by envisaging our imperial system as a congeries of kingdoms under the common crown.

health and its sensations he remained was the case of Bessie, younged daughter of Mr. Chas. Cobleigh, Eato The doctrine of the sovereignty of expert knowledge and personal experi-Parliament-the attempt to consider the empire as one realm-is

A Sustaining Diet. These are the enervating days, when, cess, however, decided not to endure as somebody has said, men drop by the any such injustice, but nurses were sunstroke as if the Day of Fire had i i'a it. However, one morang, dawned. They are fraught with danwhile half and mamma were very ger to people whose systems are poormuch occupied, she found the door ly sustained; and this leads us to say, open and sliefed out quite unseen.
But mamma's eyes were sharp, and Hood's Sarsaparilla is such as to sugdid you run away?" asked the purifier and tonic-say, a sustaining Que n, 'I d'dn't,' he replied. 'I diet. It makes it much easier to bear only wanted to see King Edward's the heat, assures refreshing sleep, and crown, and Miss Lickens kept me in will without any doubt avert much

self-government.-Montreal Herald.

A Dreaded Ocean Graveyard.

in the poorest fisher's cottage you will of whisky looted from the captain come upon rare china, dainty napery, cabin. When the Grasbrook went as silverware of price, and wines to tempt in 1890 every man on shore provide

The salvors are reckless and unthink- which instruments of torture she h ing, and as they gather in hundreds large consignment, and to secure th British Possessions Saved By Leaving every man pre-empts what he can. In packages of much more costly the rush there is much destroyed. When were thrown overboard. When the Ori the Herder was lost in 1882 they burned from Baltimore for Copenhagen, str whalebone worth \$15,000 a ton to save the back of Cape Race and went leather costing 20 cents a pound. In the pieces she had a large consignment Emmeline wreck of 1900 they trampled bicycles on board, and they were auch crates of costly glassware to get at four ed in St. Johns and disposed of all cases of French prayerbooks valued at the island. The Abbeymore's lading 25 cents apiece. On one occasion two 1898 included some cases of splendid 1 salvors had got ashore a plano, and lish rifles for Canada, and these are n were adopting the Solomon-like expedient to be seen adorning every fisher's of sawing it in half, when a shrewder tage along the shore.-McClure's M

himself with a German concerting.

## THE BROWNING ELOPEMENT.

By kind permission from Messrs, Mac- appeal to the vibrating conscient masterly volume, "Robert Browning,"

lish Men of Letters series. Brought into correspondence by the curiosity each felt in the other's mind, and given Arabella Barrett, the sis they took flame at once, and were of the sick woman his opinion of lovers. The problem for Browning be- father's conduct with a degree of i came this: How to love and marry and frankness which must have Elizabeth Barrett in spite of her selfish and tyrannical father.

Browning's proposals were, of course as matters stood, of a character to dis-Privy Council, and was promulgated may and repel all those who surrounded Elizabeth Barrett. It was not only a matter of the fancies of her father. The whole of her family, and most for representative government having probably the majority of her medical time that she was unfit to be moved, to say nothing of being married, and that a life passed between a bed and a sofa, and avoiding too frequent and abrupt transitions even from one to the other, was the only life she could expect on this earth. Almost alone in holding another opinion, and in urging her to a more vigorous view of condition, stood Browning himself. "But you are better," he would say; 'you look so and speak so." Which of the two opinions was right is, of course, a complex medical matter into which a book like this has neither the right nor the need to enter. One knows, in the "Browning Letter

But this much may be stated as a mediate manifest an mediate manifest and stated as a mediate manifest and mediate mere question of fact. In the summer mediate marriage was the only so of 1846 Elizabeth Barrett was still livof 1846 Engageth Barrett was still in the provided her with nothing but an elegant deathbed, forbidden to should be a secret marriage. To forbidden to see proper day- man of his son light, forbidden to see a friend lest and casual disposition this nece the shock should destroy her sudden-ly. A year or two later, in Italy as Mrs. Browning, she was being dragged chivalry will rejoice that he accept up hill in a wine hamper, toiling up to the evil conditions. He had always the crests of the mountains at four had the courage to tell the truth: a o'clock in the morning, riding for five now it was demanded of him to have miles on a donkey to what she calls the greater courage to tell a lie, and an inaccessible volcanic ground not told it with perfect cheerfulness a far from the stars." It is perfectly in- lucidity. In thus disappearing su credible that anyone so ill as her fam-ily believed her to be should have was doing something and woman lived this life for twenty-four hours. there were undoubtedly a hundred things to be said, only it happens

toxication of a new tie and a new in- that the terest in life. But such exaltations thing of all was to be said for it can in their nature hardly last a month, and Mrs. Browning lived for fifteen years afterward in infinitely better health than she had ever known before. In the light of modern knowledge i is not very difficult or very presumptuous of us to guess that she had been in her father's house to some extent inoculated with hysteria, that strange affliction that some people speak of as if it meant the absence of disease, but which is in truth the most terrible of It must be remembered that in 1846 little or nothing was known of spine complaints, such as that from which Elizabeth Barrett suffered, less still of the nervous

tions they create, and least of all of hysterical phenomena. In our day she would have been ordered air and sunlight and activity, and all the things the mere idea of which chilled Barretts with terror. In our day, in short, it would have been recognized that she was in the clutch of a form of neurosis, which exhibits every fact of The Sad Condition of a Bright Little G a disease except its origin, that strange possession which makes the body it self a hypocrite.

Those who surrounded Miss Barrett knew nothing of this, and Browning knew nothing of it; and probably if he knew anything, knew less than health and its sensations he remained headaches and other bodily pain. Such authority, almost without anything Mr. Cobleigh says: "Up to the age the empire as one realm-is obsolete; authority, annost without anything is a survival of the ideas of 1688; and that can be formally called a right to 11, Bessie had always enjoyed the be his opinion, he was, and remained, of health and took great pleasure right. He at least saw, he indeed out-of-door play. Suddenly, however the situation.

alone saw, to the practical center of she seemed to lose her energy; her a not a fit thing for any human being, from school, but instead of regaini man interest, since it is an example began to suffer from pains in the sid of a thing that will from time to time which were almost past endurance. occur-interposition of the average this stage we decided to try Dr. Wi man to the confounding of experts. liams' Pink Pills. After a couple Experts are undoubtedly right nine weeks, the good effect of this medicing times out of ten, but the tenth time was decidedly apparent. Bessie b every mistake known to strategy and in medical yet win all his battles; and in medical matters a Robert Browning whose matters a Robert Browning whose views have not a technical leg to stand views have not on, and are entirely correct. standing alone in his view of the mat-

called the turning point and the dance, and the ailment that rende

Mr. G. K. Chosterton's Account. T. P. O'Connor, in his noted weekly marked that "she might keep him she liked, but that he had looked greater self-sacrifice." These we the weapons with which he ruled people. \* \* \* He with his territory. He with his terri By kind permission from Messrs. Mac-millan I give Mr. G. K. Chesterton's ex-very near to the end of his re tremely interesting account of the When Browning heard that the Itali elopment of Elizabeth Barrett Moulton journey as forbidden, he propo Barrett with Robert Browning, in his go on the journey together.

Many other persons had taken c which is the latest edition of the Engthe matter. Kenyon, the gentlest most universally complimentary perfectly amazing in a man of his most antiquated social delicacy. M Jameson, an old and generous frie of the family, had immediately ste ped in and offered to take Elizabeth Italy herself, thus removing all qu would appear to have stood to guns in the matter with splendid sistence and magnanimity. She cal day after day, seeking for a change nind, and delayed her own journey the continent more than once. length, when it became evident the extraction of Mr. Barrett's sent was hopeless, she reluctantly gan her own tour in Europe alone. went to Paris, and had not been th may days when she received a forr from Robert Browning

Elizabeth Barrett Browning, who

been married some days. Her ast shment is rather a picturesque thi to think about. The manner in which this se tional elopment—which was, of cour had been effected is narrated, as èv was doing something against whi most cogent and importat

To Mr. Chesterton's story I may ad one or two details of the flight. September 12, 1846, Miss Barrett Wimpole street with her maid. taking a cab drove to St. Pane Church, where they were quietly me She then returned to Wimpo street, but one week later she left the Browning met her at Vauxhall statio and next day they were in Paris.-T.

## COULD NOT SLEE

On Account of Headaches as Pains in the Side.

Until Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Came to Her Rescue.

Many young girls, seemingly in the best of health, suddenly grow listles and lose strength. The color leave their cheeks; they become thin, h little or no appetite, and suffer from Corner, Quebec. Speaking of h ence, without a shadow of medical daughter's illness and subsequent cur petite failed her; she grew thin an the situation.

He did not know anything about hysteria or neurosis, or the influence of surroundings, but he knew that the of surroundings, but he knew that the heart of surroundings are the surroundings about the surroundings are the surroundings. We thought that rest would be heartful to the surroundings are the surroundings about the surroundings are the surroundings. atmosphere of Mr. aBrrett's house was be beneficial to her, and so kept he not a fit thing for any human dupon alive, dying or dead. His stand upon her strength, she grew weaker an this matter has really a certain hutimes out of ten, but the tenth was decidedly apparent. Bessie be came, and we find in military matters an Oliver Cromwell who will make her eyes were brighter and she seeme an Oliver Cromwell wild will also her eyes were brighter and she seeme every mistake known to strategy and more like her former self. We con on, and are entirely correct.

But while Robert Browning was thus strength. I honestly believe had not been for Dr. Williams' Pink Pil ter; while Edward Barrett had, to all our daughter would not have recov world is Cape Race, the southeastern extremity of Newfoundland. It has also all the sanities and respectabilities,

The head instructor of the naval co

sembled that of a well-beaten, but desperately goaded dog. A fat and cheeky gust of wind sent

As three miles had still to be traversed before they reached the hotel where and Miss Dennison was of a chatty disposition, she welcomed this opportunity to break the silence.

He is be of missing his train. If he mind—or in other words, when I want him to stay here, he's very much mistaken the silence.

"If I were a man I should be per-fectly ashamed to let a girl insult and Miss Dennison began to reperuse the trample on me so! I don't know what

sort of a husband you think you'll from the wind. The man preserved a discreet silence.

"I always wished to marry a man I capable of exhaustion. Miss Dennison 1,800 servants.

AFTER ALL, SHE GOT HER WAY

By A. Constance Smedley. "But, darling, I must be at the office | could look up to. Why, you can't have tomorrow morning. I can't lese all any self-respect at all! "You've done your best to kill it

haven't you' It is policy for the owner of the dog to maintain a firm hold if it resents chastisement. Miss Dennison The speaker's voice verged on the titted up her chin and assumed an air of intense and injured indignation. "I have done my best to wake it up If there is an insult which has power mind you leaving me so much when to rouse you, it is my misfortune and not my fault I do not know it." Miss Dennison's happy and fortunate betrothed looked down on her with patience that was tightly strained. "Is there any object in quarreling at wasted. I must catch my train to- this particular moment? conversation rather an exertion.

and stride away forever, I can't leave miles back to the station. And on this you to go home alone, you see. "The road is too lonely." You can't travel hundreds of miles without anything to eat. Don't be Solitude is more companionable than you.

and though I assume the proper course

The more than happy object of Miss Miss Dennison conveyed by her ex-Dennison's affections hesitated, then decided not to answer. pression that she considered the re-A whirl of sand came hurtling to "You are not going tonight, dear?" them up from the ground. Miss Dennison stopped dead. A boarding stood "You are going to stay and eat a on one side of the road, behind the railings. Tattered bills and good dinner beside a brazing fire and have a real nice cosey evening. Just posters fluttered from it miserably. think how dull I'll be if you go and "Do come along, dear," said the man Miss Dennison pressed her hands into her muff and began an exhaustive leave me all alone to listen to the "I'd give anything to stay, my own study of the contents of the boarding

darling little girl; you know that as The man took a few steps forward well as I do. I'll be down again for he was of chivalrous disposition, but had been engaged six months to Miss "Then you don't love me, and you Dennison "It will be dark in a few minutes!" 'Oh, my darling, don't begin all this! Miss Dennison continued to peruse got to catch that train tonight, the bills, pensive interest in every line and nothing you can say or do will of her arrested pose.

The man stood a few steps off. "I'll never speak to you again if you you think you are going to make me "For heaven's sake, don't let's have sensate fashion you are mistaken."
"For heaven's getting perfectly "Sweet sleeve!" murmured Miss Den-"I like the cuff so!" "Then why don't you turn right

"I shall simply leave you here, you round and leave me? Why do you "But I can't see how it's put on walk on beside me? Why do you stay Oh, it's cut all in one with the sleeve! said Miss Dennison, with a sudden As Miss Dennison could not consistburst of illumination. "Now, I must ently contradict this assertion, she learn that!" confined herelf to a dignified toss of Miss Dennison redoubled the fixity

her head and continued to walk along of her gaze. "I know perfectly well you hear A row of telegraph poles stretched everything I'm saying. Are you com desolately before them, and the wind ing or aren't you?" "I believe it's arranged with a gusmournfully along the wires. Far set!" announced Miss Dennison The man opened his mouth, then away the sea becmed, and the sharp, white sand flew up from the road in suddenly turned on his heel and swung stinging showers, so that Miss Dennidown the road. He had cut the Gorsuddenly turned on his heel and swung

put her muff before her face as dian knot. Miss Dennison must make she battled onward. The man at her here deliberate way home alone. He side strode on with downcast head had gone back to the station and his and hands rammed deep into the city bound train. Miss Dennison found herself left low down over his frowning eyes, part-staring at the boarding in an attitude of mind that can only be described as

slaught of the gale. He was a strong, one of stunned amazement. Then the thick-set man and his expression redimples reappeared, and Miss Dennidimples reappeared, and Miss Dennison smiled into her muff with an air of happy power.
"The further he goes, the further the girl's boa ilying round her hat, he'll have to come back, so I wen't and the man caught it just in time. look round," said the astute and experienced Miss Dennison; "and the as untruthful, he'll be of missing his train. If he mind—or in other words, with a mind slower he is coming back the surer

> boarding; it sheltered her pleasantly "A hundred pounds reward!"

An unassuming little notice caught