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soul live in a beautiful body? He looked at her; her most fair and lovely face was all stained with

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"Hush !" he cried again. "Do not say such words; many a man has taken the life of the woman he loved for less than that." She shrunk back from him with a pale, "scared face; he smiled one of the saddest, bitterest smiles she had ever seen on a human face.

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"Have no fear, Violet; I spoke without reflection. You can not think I meant to threaten you --you, every hair of whose head is dearer to me than my own life. Love would not routent wery Vielt 20 content you, Violet?

content you, Violet?" "No. I may as well tell you the truth. I was ignorant of many; things when I promised to marry; you. I did not know what riches meant -what luxury or magnificence was-what luxury or pleasure com prised.

And you know now ?" he said when

"Yes, I know now, and I can not thes, I know now, and I can not do without them. I would rather have had love with them; as I can not have both, I choose them. You can not call it a great sin, Felix, to change n.y mind when I did not know what we mind waa? what my mind was." "Violet," he said, gravely, "do you

know what even the ow what even the world says of woman who deliberately jilts her No," she replied.

"It says some hard things. It asys that the woman who could be false to her plighted lover would be false to her husband and to heaven; it says that such a woman brands herself 'liar' before the whole world -that she loses the claim to rank

--that she loses the claim to rank with women of honor. That is what the world is. Do you know what a Ligher Power than the world says?" "No," she answered him, again. "That lying lips are an abomina-tion. Whose lips of a woman who breaks her plighted word and oath of bidelity--who hures a wan por to fidelity-who lures a man on to love her with sweet words and sweet smiles—who promises to love him forever, and then turns round and says she loves wealth better ? Where will you get this coveted wealth,

Violet, even if you persist in refus-ing to keep your word to n.e?" But she did not answer him; there were limits to what she dare do, and she dared not tell him that she was

Violet, even if you persist in refus-ing to keep your word to ne?"
But she did not answer him; there were limits to what she dare do, and she dared not tell him that she was going to marry Sir Owen.
"You love me, yet you willfully break your promise to marry me, you send me away of your own free will, not because I have not money. 'Nay, I am but telling you the truth — the solemn, unvarnished truth. If you do give me up and marry even a title, never dream that you will have the respect or the estee mol your fellow-reatures; you would be always spoken of as the woman who jited her true lover to marry a wealthier man."
But, in the pride of her youth and her beauty, in the pride of the function say so to him.
"Listen again, Violet," he con-tinued, in the same grave, dispassion-sionate voice. "You seem to think it a mere matter of changing your mind. Look at it now from my point of view — forget yourself for one minute and think of me.
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strange, mournful sound. Violet was the first to speak. She raised her lovely face, all wet with

your memory in the years to come. You give me up because I have not money enough ?" "Yes," she replied ; but the word came slowly and with great reluctears tears. "You do not understand, Felix," she said, quietly. "I do love you-that makes my cowardice all the greater. I love you, but I can never

"I shall not regret you, Violet; you are not worth regret!" he said. But she cried out: "Do not be so hard, Felix; I-I am weaker than a woman."

greater. I love you, but I can never marry you, because you cannot give me that which my soul loves best." "But what if I do give it to you, Violet—what then?" he asked. "You cannot; you must work hard all your life, even for the moderate means that you will have. Do not talk any more about it. Felix, my re-solution is fixed, as are the stars in heaven; nothing can alter it, nothing can change it. We have made a mistake." weaker than a woman." "Your are indeed," he said, grave-ly. "Some women's weakness is half divine; yours is -well, I will give it no name; I know none that des-cribes anything one half so false." "You are very hard, Felix." He laughed aloud, and pleasure-lov-ing Violet Haye wished never to hear such another laugh

And for the first time during that interview it dawned across him that it was no girlish caprice he had to contend with, no idle whim, but the settled resolve of a woman in whose heart love took a secondary place. Looking at her exquisite face, he asked himself, what if all this time he had been mistaken—if he had given this beautiful woman credit for a

ing Violet Haye wished never to hear such another laugh. "I have no place here now, Violet. I will say farewell. My dear love, my lost love, farewell! Lay your isweet cruel hands in mine once lagain—let me look into your sweet false face once more. Farewell, lit-tle white hands —you will car-ess me and stab me no more. Farewell, sweet eyes — you will look no more into mine. Farewell, golden head—you will nev-er lie on my breast again — never again. Farewell 'Beauty such as womar never wore, heart more false, love most cruel-farewell !' His voice died away in a low wall, soul and a tender heart, she had neither? Such things ad been; men had made even great-What if she were worldly and selfish, false and pleasure-loving, even to the core

His voice died away in a low wall, His voice died away in a low wall, and the next moment he was gone, and she stood there weeping for that which she could never recall. "How cruel fate is," she said. "I love Felix. Why could Felix not have Sir Owen's fortune? I almost wisk that I had never seen Sir Owen. I did not think that I should care about Felix so much."

toars. Was such a contradiction possible as that she should wilfully give him up, yet weep because she had lost him—that she should separate herself from him, refuse to marry him, yet weep because he was lost to her? He did not turn, as some It was something new to the spol-ed, potted beauty to feel pain-to weep without being comforted. She was unjust enough to think that Fel-ix should have stayed to comfort her -should not have left her so wretched. nen would have done, and ask him-self. "Who shall understand a wo-man?" He tried patiently to un-"Violet, you puzzle me," he said.

"Violet, you puzzle me, he said. "Let me understand; you love me, lover, so tender, so true and so brave, you say?" She sobbed out that she could not be nothing to her for all time. She

It a mere matter of changing your He put her from him with a bitter in a botter in the best part of the worse for so doing. Market and think of me. "You have slain the best part of the worse for so doing. True, she remembered Mrs. Bar-I have loved you all my life me, you have slain my love, my hope, don, who had been engaged for three and before the great Judge I shall or four years to a young officer in brow dearling, you will never and before the great Judge I shall

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Department of Agriculture,

love me is a crime, and that in my place you have the wealth you have chosen. Think of the long days when you will miss me. Ah. Violet, mind, lest in breaking my heart you break your own ! I warn you that you can-not live without love. Heed my warn-not live without love. Heed my warn-ing before it is too late." She made no answer. He continued: "I can see further into the future than you. Violet, and with clearer eyes. I prophesy to you that the time will come when you will repent of what you are doing now, and be will-ing to give your whole soul to undo it. Will you heed my warning?" Her heart went out to him in love and pity; but there was the ploture before her of Garswood-the thought of the diamonds-of herself as Lady "I cannot," she said. He stood quite still for a few mo-ments. "You forsake me, then, for a fick lover - you give up my love for gold? Say in plain words Department of Agriculture, Commissioner's Dranch, At the dairy conventions recently held, Mr. J. A. Ruddick, Chief of the Dairy Division, Ottawa, made a strong appeal for better cheese boxes. Boxes are, said he, necessary to protect the cheese from injury in transportation, to facilitate their handling, and to permit their being filles several tiers deep in a ware-house without being crushed out of shape. Without the boxes the cheese could not be delivered in Great Brit-aln in a presentable condition. could not be delivered in Great Erit-ain in a presentable condition. Now, if it desirable to have cheese in boxes at all, it is surely import, and that the box should be strong enough to reach its destination in a sound condition. A great many shipments of cheese are landed on the other side with twenty-five per cont, of the haves braken. Indeed

helther is heard that there was neither mercy nor kindness nor 'love in the world. He could not see the kindly took in Kate's ten-' der eyes; he would not kiss the children's faces; when the Sabbath hells object the world the sabbath children's faces; when the Sabbath bells chimed he went miles away. Fate had been cruel to him; he would harden himself; he would be proud and stern cold and unb,end-ing; he would give back what he had received. So, hour by hour and day by day he hardened his heart, hardened his nature, and only heaven knew. what he suf-fered. Within a week after his farewell to Violet the handsome face had cent. of the boxes broken. Indeed some reports from the inspectors show a larger percentage. This show a larger percentage. This simply means that one quarter of the money paid for the boxes has been spent to no purpose. And that is not all, for the broken boxes in a shipment, while detracting from the actual value of the cheese which they once contained, make the whole lot less attractive to the

Within a week after his farewell to Violet the handsome face had grown so haggard that it was hardly recognizable; the kindly eyes had a wild, weird expression, as though he were always suffering mortal pain; the ring had gone from his voice, from his laugh; he was an altered man. How he worked! He said to himself that work was the only thing which would keep him from going mad. think that the noise was made by purchaser What are the reasons for this satisfactory state of affairs? In the first place we have increased the weight of our cheese, and at the same time reduced the strength of the box by using thinner veneer and an inferior quality of elm. It is evident also that there are many box makers who have never properly learned their trade, as a large propro-half portion of the boxes are only 1.

put together. The increasing cost and scarcity of elm, and the demands of cheese manufacturers for a cheap box, have Induced the veneer cutters to reduce the thickness of the veneer, until much of that now, offered for sale is entirely too flimsy for the purpose. It should sever be cut less than full five to the lack. A great deal of it is eit of the lack. Good Blood Flakes the Lungs Strong The time to cure consumption is not after the lungs are hopelessly involved and the doctor has given is six, or some even seven, to the inch.

Inch. Another fault in the veneer is that the log is often not boiled suffi-clently to soften the wood; conse-quently the veneer knite shatters it while cutting, and gives it a tend-ency to split easily. Another result of insufficient boiling or steaming is that the salts of the wood are not extracted; consequently boxes made from such stock mould very readily. "When I began buying boxes for thelgool curing rooms," said Mr. Rad-dick, "I insisted on getting heavy, selected veneers. The box-makers tried to persuade me to accept the thin veneer, some dialming that it would stand more rough usage than the thicker material. I have had to give two cents above the regular price for such boxes, but it paid to do so, for the reports on shipments from the curing rooms showed only one and two per cent. broken. Of course, these shipments were all carefully loaded into the cars, and you up. Consumption preys upon Another fault in the veneer is that weakness. Strength is the only measure of Safety. Do not let the blood become thin and watery. That is an open invitation to disease to an open invitation to disease to take possession of your system. Dr. Williams' Fink Pills are the best Williams' Fink Pills are the best tonic and strength builder known to medical science. The record of this medicine proves conclusively that taken when the symptoms of con-sumption develop, it builds up, strengthens and invigorates the patient to a point where the disease disappears. Here is a bit of positive proof. Miss Blanche Durand, St. Edmond, Que., says: "While out teating in September, 1901, I got my feet wet and took cold. I treat-cd the cold in the usual way, but the cough seemed to cling to me. As several months passed by and I was not getting better, I went to a doctor in January, 1902, and he medicine proves conclusively that taken when the symptoms of cona doctor in January, 1902, and he told me that my lungs were alfected april I whas in consumption. Returning home, a iriend in whom I had much confidence, strongly urged me to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pils, I becourse, these stipments were all carefully loaded into the cars, and not left standing four or five tiers high, to be thrown down and smashed by the first shunt. Handreds of boxes are broken in that way I belove big child or a little baby-suffers from any of the minor ailments take Dr. Williams' Pink Fl 1z. I be-gan taking the pills and soon found they were helping me. The cough grew less severe: my appetite im-proved and my strength began to return. I continued taking the pills for about two months, when I found my health fully restored, and I have not zince experienced any weakness. I am sure Dr. Wil-liams' Pink Pills saved my il e." Such cases as these prove the power of Dr. Williams' Pink Pils. are broken in that way. I believe which come to children, or is nervthere is almost enough wasted in trimming boxes, either in the cheese what come to contact, or is not-ous or fidgety and doesn't sleep well, give it Baby's Own Tablets. This medicine is the quickest and surest cure, and the safest, because it is ab-solutely harmless. It will help the factory or at the warehouse, to make up this difference of two cents. Boxes fore now worth at least one cent per inch in depth, and that part which is cut away is absolute wasta."

wasta." I boxes are not thoroughly dry If boxes are not thoroughly dry when put on the cheese, the growth of mould is started. This is particu-larly the case in cold weather, when the boxes dry clowla

power of Dr. Williams' Pink Pils. They make new, rich, red blood, and in this way cure all diseases due to bad blood and weak nerves. You can get these pills from any medi-cine dealer or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50, by writ-ing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

the boxes dry slowly. In aiming to have the cheese fit the boxes without trimming, it is well to remember that a box, which mea-sures twelve iches deep when newly made, will shrink to eleven and a half inches as it dry out. The same box will screen could be needed to

cheese. In fitting dry boxes to the

**GREAT LAKE OF SIBERIA.** 

gulfed in Icy Waters.

box will expand again to nearly its original depth after it has been in a warehouse for a week or so, be-

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cure, and the salest, because it is ab-solutely harmless. It will help the feeble, new-born babe as surely as the well grown child. Mrs. F. D. Kirk, The Barony, N. B., says: "I have used Baby's Own Tablets with have used Baby's Own Tablets with most satisfactory results, and do not feel safe without them in the house. I find that one dose is usually suffi-cient to cure the small aiments of the stomach or howels." If you do not find the Tabl ts at your med dime dealers unit diment states D dealers write direct to the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont. and they will be sent post paid at 25 cents a box.

HELP YOUR CHILD.

When your child-whether it is a

when Mr. Marconi has once for all Hindoo blindness already foretell arrival of the rainy season by listen-ing to the sound of the lonely wires which cross the vast expanses of his country. He found it out long ago, and the scientist laughed at him for his pains. ;

which we have enjoyed—or otherwise —and that is not very consoling. There is an opening for Dr. Laska, and there is a further opening for him if he can put the wires to use when Mr. Marcon has once for all proved that they are no longer necessary for the transmission of messages. And the rustic, instead of watching for colored sunsets, will then put his ear to telegraph poles. Curiously enough, the heathen in his

be unable to give us more than a rough idea in figures of the weather

prised to find that their own theory is about as ill founded. Dr. Laska, a, Polush meteorologist, declares that the noise is not given out by the wind at all, but that it is caused by

wind at all, but that it is caused by unseen terrestrial changes caused by meteorological influences. He hopes uns by a close study of the sounds to be

ous. When the air holes close in the lee, as is fr quently done, th re is an explosion that can be heard for miles. The surface of the lee be-comes a volcano and huge mountains of lee shoot upward, fall and disap-pear in the water, to rearpear at arother place, cra hing through the frozen surface. The closing of an air hole in the lee of Lrke Belkal macht wreck the Czar's lee relirond, sink his cars and rails and pos ibly his coldiers, and completely cut off communeation unt i ano her route across the lake could be laid out, to meet, perhaps, a similar fate. The directors of the road have contemplated building around the lower end of the lake, and possibly work has already been begun. But it will be two or three years before it is fir it end, and surely not in time to assist in the transporting of troops to meet the advance of the Japaness on the Yalu.

HUMMING OF THE WIRES.

Meteorolegical Changes Are Denoted

Everyone has noticed at times that

When the Music is Pronounced.

the telegraph lines strung along the streets and roadways are singularly

musical, emitting a humming sound

that can be distinctly heard at a con-

siderable distance. When telegraphy was in its infancy the yokel used to

messages bassing over the wires

Most educated people know, that this is a silly theory, but they will be sur-

by a close study of the sounds to be able to discover a means of foresee-ing what the weather is to be. Whatever theory he formulates in this direction, it is to be hoped that it will be more reliable than the met-eorological forecasts which have hittperto been given to the world. There is something humiliating in the fact that the English weather defles the scientist. The meteorological of-fice, with all its facilities, seems to be unable to give us more than a

are my life itself; my heart and love are my life itself; my heart and love and soul are centered in you; my hopes have grown round you: I have always thought of you as my wife-as the chosen companion of my life. Ab, my darling, if I stood here till the sun shone again, I could not tell you how I love you. I have never thought of life without you-never. I could as soon live without air, without food as without my hope without food, as without my hope of you-my love of you. My life will end when you leave me. Think of my claim. Violet. You promised me, and I have lived on your promise. What is to become of me if you change your mind?" your mind?

'You will forget me soon, Felix." she said, gently

"Yes, dear, when the sun ceases to inc, when the tide neither ebbs or flows, when flowers cease to oom and birds to sing, but not unhard, til then, Violet-not until then, my His voice took its old sweetsweet.' ness, his face its old light, as he hearer to her. "My darling," aid, "It was not your real self was speaking. Your parents persuaded you. They have told drew he said. you that I cannot give you a home suited to you; but I can, my darling -I can.. Only trust me. It is a strange dream, this-a dream that will soon They have persuaded you what you did. It was not Violet who spoke, from whose Violet, let us bury the past of weeks. Let us begin over you with renewed faith in me, I with my old love and old faith in you-faith and love which have pever varied, and never will. Will you listen to me, Violet ?" you list not!" "I can not!"

she cried, and he felt the shudder that passed over her frame-"I can not, Felix !" frame-"I can not, Felix !" "Have you ceased to love me, Vio-

he asked, quietly. I" she cried. "Oh, do forgive "No !" she cried.

"You still care for me?" he asked. It seemed some relief to her to cry

out that she did care for him-to

accuse you of my murder, Violet Haye-I shall ask for the hope, the love, the life you have taken. I shall point to you, and I shall ery out that you slew me, because you loved the gold I could not give you. Before Heaven, you have slain me!" miserly and disagreeable men liv-ing. Then, when she complained. ng. Then, when she complained, eople said it served her right; she

Felix's despair frigutened her; she ould not have broken a good man's drew nearer to him, and tried to soothe him, but he would not let her heart hands touch him.

"But my story," thought iolVet Violet Haye, 'is quite different from that. I look more like one born to be Lady Cheneix than born to be "You are not worth a man's thought; you are not worth a man's love," he cried; "you, who have slain the truest of love! Do not touch me. It is such women as you who luro be Lady Cheneix than born to be be the wife of a poor struggling lawyer.

She was not very angry with pretmen on to death-who take a man's heart and crush it like a rose leaf. No, do not touch me, Violet," for she clung to him, "veeping, and crying out that he was too hard upon her-too ty Jennie, but she warned her that her interview with Mr. Lonsdale must be kept a secret. She believed that Felix had bribed the girl-not that the girl had told Felix.

"No, I am not hard," he said. "To It was just as well, she thought, that the interview had taken place; my mind there is but one kind of love, and the soul of it is truth. I do there must have been a scene some time or other. Now the matter was ort understand such love as yours. Oh, Violet, let me once more appeal to and warn you! Dear, you are all wrong all wrong and you will find all settled, and she could go to Lo on, violet, let me once more appeal to and warn you ! Dear, you are all wrong, all wrong, and you will find it out too late. Believe me, Heaven has so made woman that to her the chief good is love-to her love is re-ligion and life. Are you of a differ-ent nature that you can dispense with love" ? "It would be appeal and state and the source of the

"It would not have made me "liar?" Felix would be dreadfuily dis-happy," she answered, in a low treesd when he heard of hre mar-riage. She knew that he would feel

my Violet who spoke, from whose heart those worldly thoughts and worldly sayings came. They have persuaded you, and talked to you, until your thoughts and ideas are all confused. Violet, sweet, forget all they have advised, forget this it all for love and you shall not wretched interview. You can not us forget it, my darling. I forgive it all, for I know it has been tanght it oyou. Violet, let us bury the past wretched weeks. Let us begin over again—you with renewed faith in we, I with my old love and old faith we, I with my old love and old faith wrotched weeks. Let us begin over again—you with renewed faith in wretched weeks. Let us begin over again—you with renewed faith in wretched weeks. Let us begin over again—you with renewed faith in wretched weeks. Let us begin over again—you with renewed faith in wretched weeks. Let us begin over again—you with my old love and old faith wretched weeks. Let us begin over again—you with renewed faith in wretched weeks. Let us begin over again—you with renewed faith in wretched weeks. Let us begin over again—you with renewed faith in wretched weeks. Let us begin over again—you with renewed faith in wretched weeks. Let us begin over again—you with renewed faith in wretched weeks. Let us begin over again—you with renewed faith in wretched weeks. Let us begin over again—you with renewed faith in wretched weeks. Let us begin over again—you with renewed faith in wretched weeks. Let us begin over again—you with renewed faith in wretched weeks. Let us begin over again—you with renewed faith in wretched weeks. Let us begin over again—you with renewed faith in wretched weeks. Let us begin over again—you with renewed faith in wretched weeks. Let us begin over again—you with renewed faith in wretched weeks. Let us begin over again—you with renewed faith in wretched weeks. Let us begin over again—you with renewed faith in wretched weeks. Let us begin over again—you with renewed faith in wretched weeks. Let us begin over again—you with renewed faith in wretched weeks. Let us begin o

"You will not be young and beau-tiful always, Violet. The time must come when your hair will have lost its go det shien and your eyes their Fellx.

come when your hair will have lost theirs, for the bart does dreaming of its go do's sheen and your eyes their Fellx. light. What will wealth do for you CHAPTER XXIV. their If slekn sy comes to yo, will all the wealth of the whole world Fellx Longiale had tried his best; purchase you the tender words of a perfect what had the with his loving hand or the tender words of a perfect whether sources that had come loving hand or the tender words of a perfect the sources that had come loving hand or the tender words of a perfect hand the summer moon wis through long hours of pain thinking of me, lorging for me, wondering hy you could have been so mad as to eend me from you, crying out my name, unit you rememb r that

the army, and who had filted him -it was such an ugly word that -jilted him to marry a wealthy land-owner. Her husband afterward nsurance Companies Can Do N

Business Under the New Law. turned out to be one of the most

Following the example of Ger mary, the Japanese government within the last year issued regula tions for the foreign life insurance companies having agencies in Japan that threaten to drive all but the

largest concerns away. The emperor of Germany was so exacting in his demands that all the American com-

demands that all the American com-paries withdrew, after many months of fruitless negotiations. The Japanese government stopped short of the extreme point of the German contention, but the obliga-tion to deposit a guaranty fund of

tion to deposit a guaranty fund of 100,000 yens (\$50,000) before begin-ning operations and, in the case of life insurance companies, to deposit life insurance companies, to deposit a further sum equivalent to the anpary, for the benefit and protection of policyholders, has seemed onerous nough. The German emperor did not pro-

pose to have the fatherland drain pose to have the fatherland drain-ed of money to profit the companies depositing and investing it in Am-ica and enriching the New York money market, wherefore the mailed fist fell permanently upon those great Lake financial concerns and they left Ger-

many. The Japanese government observed grades are so supendous that the cost of a road over this route has been estimated to be over \$250,000 a mile Roids in the United States many things while its hands were tied by the old treaties, and has been slow to reach out for the fora mile. Roads in the lnite \$250,000 average about \$40,000 a mile under diff culties. The noure is 1 0 mles long. It is evident why the Rusian deleds upon his boats in summer, with make thre roand tip we k-and builds his railroad upon the ice in winder, when it freezes to a depth of twelve flet. eign insurance companies. It will let the alien concerns remain, but they they must virtually become Japan-ose companies and all the guaranty funds and investments are required to be put in Japanese bonds of speci-fied issues fied led issues. Having had a free hand all along

Having had a free hand all along and alarge and increasing business, the foreign insurance agents strain-ed every nerve since the government order was issued last jung to have the terms modified in some way. The officielly sometaics in the terms in the I i summer the storms st ike Lake Baikal out of a clear sky. The wind rushes down from the north like a it strikes the surrounding which nose out into the lak officials remaining obdurate, all the companies are preparing to close up their affairs there. Existing policies which nose out into the lake in rigg d, precipitor promotical s, the h tricane charges to a cyclone and the surface of the deep say is twilted into the most appailing shapes R ssan boarmen n ver at

will be continued and premiums on them co'lected and settlements made at decrease, expiration, etc., but otherwise the American life insurance

companies have no fur her business in Japan.-Kansas City Star. Blobbs-He's not much of a chauf-

feur. Slobbs-No; I was out with him the other day, and he actually slows up street crossings.

A TIDAL WAVE.

cheese. In itering ury boxes to the cheese, it is necessary, therefore, to quarter of an inch above the edge of the box. One would think it hard-ly necessary to call attention to the increasing of hereine the From a weather point of view, pa-tience to a very large extent has been other than rewarded. The alimportance of having the box of the proper diameter to fit the cheese saugly. No box will stand the handling that is not supported by the cheese on the inside. Yours very most unprecedented downpour expe truly, W. A. Clemons, publication clerk.

but January has come and gone with a deluge of rain; inducing the belief: Where the Russian Troops Were En--if the weather record of the month is to be regarded as any guide to that to be expected during the re-mainer of the year-that the dreary record of 1903 is likely to be beaten. The drowning of several hundred Russian soldiers in Lake B.ikal, in Siberia, has been chronicled in the despatches, but the report is de-clared erroneous. The lake is from Such inconveniences as these, how-ever, are scarcely worthy of record as compared with the experience of 20 to 60 miles wide and 500 to 600 miles long. It lies between 100 and 110 degrees east longitude and 50 and 56 degrees north latitude. Its area, equals that of Lake Erie and Lake O taric combined that by the those who reside on the southwest corner of England, where a consid-erable amount of damage was done by a huge tidal wave, which swept O.tario combined. Its d pth is round the Scilly Isles and broke with tremendous force on the mainland. Immense damage was done by the a mile in places. Lake Superior, the deepest of American lakes, is 1,030 There is a convict route around the lower portion of the lake, but lower portion of the lake, but the sea to the flower and potato gardens for which Scilly is famous. At Bude the lock-gates which protect the canal were swept away; at Ap-

pledore, 60 feet of the sea wall was destroyed and the town flooded; and the train service from Weymouth to Portland was temporarily suspended in consequence of the sea breaking over the Chesil Beach. On the west-ern portion of the Welsh Coast more or less destruction was wrought. whilst many places on the opposite side of the English Channel also came in for a full share of the sea's fierce invasion.

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