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#### An Automobile Widow.

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"Really, Elizabeth," protested Judge Ferris, "I think so much of you both I can't mix up in your trouble!"

"That's why I came to you," argued Mrs. Bradbury. "You see, when one is married one has one's favorite clergyman, so when one is unmarried why not one's pet lawyer? It seems kinder."

"Kinder? Going to make it a function with caterers and flumadiddles?" demanded the judge.

"At least you will inform Ned of my decision," ignoring the flippancy. "Why, Bess, surely you've no grounds for a divorce. You can't wheedle your freedom out of a court because Ned perhaps forgot to give you violets on your birthday or"-

"I have a reason," icily. "Oh, ho!" exclaimed the judge. "May ask her name?"

"It's an automobile!" explained Elizabeth. "I'm what is called an 'automo-

bile widow.' "A new one to me," commented the judge musingly.
"We've quarreled ever since he

bought that big circus chariot of his. I wanted horses instead—I'm originally from Kentucky, you know, and I vowed I'd never step foot in that car, and I haven't! He spends all his time n it, he says I'm unreasonable, and"-Elizabeth broke down.

"Proceed," prompted the judge.
"The last two days he hasn't even gone through the formality of asking me to accompany him, though of course I wouldn't have gone! Yesterday he whizzed by with that blond Johnson girl and today with Mrs. Wheeler. However, I'm not jealous of a mere oman. It's the car!"

"Ned probably wanted to show you if you wouldn't motor with him-others would," suggested the listener. "Shows how demoralizing the craze s," stormed Elizabeth. "Recall the



"OH, HO!" EXCLAIMED THE JUDGE.
I ASK HER NAME?"

fuss there was when women first took en to motoring the reformers ought"-"You aspire to start a reform by making an example of Ned? Have you a photo all ready for the news-

papers?"
"I'm not seeking notoriety," she snapped. "I simply want a nice quiet di-vorce. I may as well be a grass widow as an automobile widow.

"Come, Bess, you can't be serious. Go home, but stop en route and buy some ripping motor togs. Get red silk to show you are enthusiastic and

"I'm not here to consult you about toilets," she cut in. "I came to apply for a divorce. What's more-fancy red "No one dare call it anything but

Titian in my presence! But, seriously, you will go home and make peace with Ned?" "If you wish to communicate with

Florist me further, I shall be at Clara Lincoln's. Good afternoon." She swept mean business."

"Bess will purchase motor togs yet!" smiled the judge. "But I must give expert advice to Ned—surely one's 'pet lawyer' can be 'kinder!'"

Mrs. Bradbury went directly to an

attorney who knew neither herself nor her husband. She decided it poor policy to do business with friends. Young Lawyer Elkins, she found, had no

scruples.

"Has the defendant any property we could attach?" asked the splinter of the bar pompously.

"I wouldn't take a penny from him!" protested Elizabeth.

"We could worry him a lot!" tempted

the legal adviser "Could I attach his automobile?"

cried Elizabeth eagerly.
"I shall get out the writ at once!" he said decisively.
"I suppose it is a elever way for an

automobile widow to avenge herself," sighed Elizabeth. Then briskly, "You will find the car at the Westminster Elizabeth went to Clara Lincoln's rejoicing at her coup d'etat. Clara, being of the Miss Hobbs type, con-

gratulated her on her admirable spirit. Clara was propping up the "admirable

not there? A sheriff and two detective searching? My goodness, every one in town will hear about it! Necessary? Oh, very well!"

another call came. 'Yes. Located the car at the Appleby Coach company? Bring it away at once— On the third floor? Well, bring it down the way it went up! Man re-fuses to operate the elevator? Can't you force him to? Then get a trained elevator man, and I'll pay for his time. They refuse to allow the elevator to erated-ridiculous! Equipped with a writ to seize property, but balked because there's no law to force them to help you get it! Lawyer Elkins, are you there? Take it out a window; the wall must be full of windows. Win-dows too small? Take the machine apart, Gracious! Five hundred dollars to put it together again? You suggest aving it there with a sheriff to guard it? Very well!"

Elizabeth passed an unhappy night. What would Ned do? She speculated about the blond and Mrs. Wheeler and vorried about the sheriff sitting alone through the long night on the third floor of the Appleby repository with Ned's big cream colored motor car shining like a ghost out of the gloom. She feared she was punishing the sher iff more than Ned.

Next morning a strange lawyer called—Ned's lawyer! She shuddered. "Mrs. Bradbury," began Lawyer Snyder, "how much will you take for your

interest in the car?"
"It's not money I want," she explained loftly, "but the car." "This is certainly the motoring season," he agreed, "and the dealers can't deliver a car under six weeks. That's

why the other two ladies were so anxlous to secure this one." "What two ladies?" Elizabeth de-"Why, a few days ago Mr. Bradbury

advertised his car for sale, and he gave demonstrations to two lady prospects"-"The blond and Mrs. Wheeler!" gasped Elizabeth, light dawning. "He was selling to please me. What a mess I have made of everything!"

"Any message to send my client?" asked Snyder, rising.
"Wait, please," cried Elizabeth wild-

ly. "I'm going down to Mr. Bradbury's office myself. There's really nothing more you can do on the case.' Elizabeth was smiling on the lawyer

"May I take you down in my auto-

mobile?" he suggested.
"Oh, would you?" she asked gayly. "Automobiles go so delightfully quick! But pardon me a moment. Hello, cen-tral! Give me 5006 Blue. Is that Judge Ferris? O-o-h, Dicky. I thought you'd be relieved to know I've decided on the color for my motor outfit. Red may denote enthusiasm, but gray is much more serviceable, and, you know Ned has talked of some long trips. Besides, gray is so harmonious with Titian tresses. That's all. What? Ned there? How lovely! I'll be right

When the Spider Goes Courting. "The male spider is the bravest and most demonstrative of all lovers," says a naturalist. "He approaches the female, runs round her a few times in little circles and then begins a violent oriental dance. He twirls round and round. Drawing in his legs, he writhes and crawls, serpentlike, along the ground. Straightening his legs and erecting his body, he towers above the lady grandly. And the mischief of it is that the female spider is always stronger than the male and when his dance is done she either accepts him for her mate or else, falling upon him fiercely, she tears him to pieces. Imagine a human lover trying to please his mistress with the knowledge in his heart that, if he failed, he would be murdered. His efforts would be luke-warm and distrait, eh? Yet the humble spider, whom we are accustomed to despise, dances, death staring him in the face, with a gayety, a warmth and an abandon seldom to be met with north of Africa.'

Scotch Dialects.

The written language is so far from the spoken in Scotland that spelling reform is an academic question A story which illustrates the many dia-lects is told of an examination at Aberan English clergyman and a lowland Scotchman. The master of the scholars put many questions to them which were admirably answered. The boys brought the Israelites out of Egypt with a simple directness which Moses would have envied. Then the clergyman asked, "How did Pharaoh die" The boys sat dumb. The lowlander, to make it more plain, repeated the question, "Hoo did Phawraoh dee?" Again there was a dead silence. Next the master himself took the matter in hand—"Fat cam' to Phawraoh at his hinder end?" The boys answered as with one voice, "He was drooned!" To means in the Aberdeen dialect to die in one's bed. These careful scholars knew that Pharaoh had not

Queer Damage Calculation. That spirit of thrift popularly supposed to pervade New England is amusingly illustrated by the observation of a Connecticut farmer. good man had been seriously ill in midsummer, but by reason of his strong constitution he quickly rallied. On being asked in the autumn how he was feeling he replied in a cheerful

"Pretty fair, now, thanks. Anyway, it don't make much difference, seein that the farm's well fixed up. If I'd died in hayin' or harvestin' time, I calkilate it'd been \$50 damage to me."

Then, after a pause, he added:
"Come to think of it, that's too low a spirit" when Elizabeth's lawyer called her to the telephone.
"Hello! Yes, this is she. The car is provided by the spirit"—Philadelphia Ledger.

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QURE SICK HEADACHE.

Radical changes in clothing are seldom safe, at least so the old time grandmothers held. The putting off of winter underwear was likely to be a gradual and prolonged process. That this belief in deliberate adjustment was widespread and inclusive is shown in W. P. Frith's story of his life. was enguged in painting a portrait of Mrs. Birt, the wife of a prominent business man, who used to bring her little dog to share her sittings.

Mr. Birt was a great lover of dogs, but he entertained a strong aversion to dog collars, so I was surprised one day when Mrs. Birt brought her favorite dog. Ducky, to see a band around the

little animal's neck.
"I thought you objected to dog collars, Mrs. Birt." I said. "I see Ducky sports one today."

"Oh, no, that's not a dog collar," re-

Ton, no, that's not a dog collar," re-turned the lady. "It's only a piece of flannel. The poor dear has had a dreadful cold and a sore throat. She has worn flannel night and day." "Surely that is too narrow to do any

good. The strip is no wider than a "Oh, it was wider, of course. We

have gradually lessened it. She is leaving it off by degrees."

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Fasting Man's Failure.

Sacco has failed to complete a fifty, days fast at Olympia, in London, tend to five forty-sixth day he was induced to emerge from the cabinet in which he has been confined and to take nourishment. He looked haggard and worn, and his clothes hung loosely upon him.

The greeting between the father and his little son was most affecting. When he commenced Sacco weighed 202lb., and at the end of the fast 149 pounds. He smoked 1,400 cigarettes and drank 450 bottles of mineral water during the period of his incarceration. "I was unable to fast the fifty days," he said, "because of the cold, the heavy, smoky atmosphere, and the din and noise of the show."

His first meal consisted of biscuits, a veal cutlet, and some fancy pastry.

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#### SUNDAY REST IN ENGLAND.

Movement to Secure Larger Observance of the Sabbath.

Ance of the Sabbath.

England is moving in the direction of the better observance of Sunday, and it may be said, in fact, that a targe part of Europe is tending in this direction. The following mighty words are from that great organ of public opinion, The London Times: "It is the bare truth to say that the weekly rest is now accepted as an axiom of democracy. Again, whatever may be the grounds on which it is pressed for, universal consent urges that it should be Sunday. This seems natural enough when legislation or custom is guided by a predominantly religious influence, but it is significant that when the repos hebdomadaire was enacted in France last year, though the law was by no means based on Sabbatarian grounds, most of the employes insisted on simultaneous Sunday closing instead of the alternative methods provided by the measure. The reason, doubtless, is that Sunday's claim is unique and unapproachable, becaues it gives people, mot only special opportunities for religious worship, but also a chance of rest in common instead of rest in isolation. Hence, whether was look at the home, or a wider range of social intercourse, there is no other plan of rest that can compete with it. At the same time, since the ideal of every one rest, and at once is by no means easy to work out in practice, some people may have to be prepared to take their Sunday rest in rotation. It is really a new science, which we are only just beginning to learn. The French law, which is struggling with a valuable starting-point for experience. That it has taken considerable effect already is plain to any traveler who passes a Sunday in a French town. In this country, we have not vet resch. already is plain to any traveler who passes a Sunday in a French town. In this country we have not yet reached the stage of fresh legislation, though the old Act of 1677 with regard though the old Act of 1677 with regard to Sunday trading still survives. But the unremitting efforts which Lord Avebury has been foremost in making cannot long remain without effect, and the favorable report of a joint committee of both Houses of Parliament marks a further definite stage in our recognition of the problem. To call it a problem has become, indeed, misleading. It is no longer a problem, but a received opinion that work—above all, our modern work under high pressure—is impossible for man unless he is allowed at least one day in seven to rest his mind and body."

#### 60,000 MILE WALK.

King Receives Pedestrian Who Has

Achieved Adventurous Feat. Mark All, the champion pedestrian of the world, who started out on August 6, 1900, to walk 60,000 miles in seven years, meanwhile earning his living by the exercise of his trade of working engineer, has completed his appointed tack with nearly six months to spare.

His object was to prove that a workman is not, as is often alleged, used up at forty-five. Mark All was born in 1838, and was over sixty when he started on his tramp. He claims to have been in every town in Great Britain. Mark All, the champion pedestrian

He has traveled Switzerland, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Fortugal, and Spain. He has twice been through France. He speaks no language but English.

English.

He has had plenty of adventures. He has been five times lost in snow-drifts, he has been struck by lightning, stoned, stabbed, shot at, robbed, and stripped to the skin.

He recently had an interview with King Edward, who, he says, has never refused to receive him, and has always shown him the greatest kindness.

Indian Cannibalism.

Writing in Canada, a special contributor says: Father Arnaud, the Oblat missionary, who is still living, relates that he once met, at Sept Isles, a Nascapee woman who, before conversion to Christianity by Father Duroches, was not only a noted sorceress of her tribe, but an inveterate cannibal as well. Her first victim washer husband, who had died of hunger and starvation, and she continued to and starvation, and she continued to feast until she had devoured three of her children, two of whom had died of starvation, while the third was killed by its unnatural mother. She next raised her hand against a woman of her own tribe, who had herself fed on the dead body of one of her children, and became food in turn for the mis-TROUBLES

and became food in turn for the missionary comman was called, after her conversion and haptism. It was the hunters of the tribe, in fear and trembling and not her own remorseful conscience, that took Veronique to the missionary. They wanted the fear of the Great Spirit put into her, and the missionary commenced operations by the Great Spirit put into her, and the missionary commenced operations by having all her hair cut off and hung on a pole, at the entrance to the Indian cemetery, and kept her on her knees outside the church door during the whole continuance of a mission. Another missionary tells of the murder, during the same year, by another Indian woman, of two entire families, with the exception of one young man. Her victims included two men, two women, three boys and four girls, and she subsisted for some time on their flesh.

Fasting Man's Failure.

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#### PROSPERITY IN THE WEST.

Canada Is One of the Richest Coun-

tries in Natural Resources.

Writing in "Canada" recently Mr.
William Whyte, who has an intimate knowledge of the Dominion west of Winnipeg, says:—With respect to my views regarding this country at the present time, at the outset I might say that the present exceedingly prosperous conditions prevailing all over Western Canada are but the realiztion, in part, of the hopes of those who, like myself, came to the country when it was in its infancy, and who had unswerving faith in its resources and possibilities.

Never in the history of the country has Western Canada exhibited such signs of prosperity as it has this year—the crowning of several years of pronounced advancement. The crops have been excellent, the farmers in all communities have made money, resulting in a large increase in business generally. tries In Natural Resources.

hess generally.

Happy and Contented.

Above all, the population generally appear to be happy and contented, and this is the strongest evidence I could adduce as to the general prosperity and advancement of the country, because without prosperity the people would be neither happy nor contented.

The development dividend is twice.

The development displayed is truly

marvellous. The country is thickly settled, and there is not a town on either line that has not at least one or two business streets, well built up the busiling inhabitants indicating that the streets were there for other than ornamental purposes.

Without Foundation.

Without Foundation.

Many conflicting reports about Canada have been circulated in the Old Country, some of them rather to the discredit of this country, but they are absolutely without foundation. Such reports could only be originated by idle, shiftless persons not having the ability to adapt themselves to the conditions of a new country, and who, instead of taking things as they found them and endeavoring to make the existing conditions fit their requirements, took the mean course of endeavoring to prejudice the minds of their countrymen at home against Canada.

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One of the Richest. In natural resources, Canada, per-ticularly the western portion of it, is one of the richest countries in the world, and there is plenty of room and opportunities for hundreds of thou-sands of settlers who are willing to

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