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et plates-the one, for instance,

says Bassett Digby in the Man- tide."

ed we should get some eyers," said the captain. "Our 

avy swell-!

Avocet Rock, down at the south-

aged to get away in the boats. officials at the Board of Trade the chart knew her no more.

Avocet's captain. Then the Teddingwas poring over an old atlas one to have another look. She nosed cades. The shallow-draught Malay ng in the captain's cabin. Pre- about for a while without finding any- proas can look after themselves and he strode in from the bridge, thing. She was relieved by , H.M.S. keep clear of breaking water, but "it we showed each other some of Sylvia, who nosed about for six fairly turns a skipper's hair white," weeks. Then she was recalled, and the steamship officers will tell you, which the United States was re- H.M.S. Stork prowled along that way. "when he has got to be guessing all nted merely by Lower Califor- The Stork found that lurking rock at the time about what lies a fathom or nd a strip of the southeast coast. a point 300 yards from where the two under the surface." is not a place-name clear Sylvia had recently anchored. It had s from San Francisco to Mon- only 15 feet of water over it at low is a volcanic coast, and one knows

the seas were drained off for a final, as a map may lay claim to be. menace where the tip of its steeple weeks and the findings were It is only approximate. The captains lies a few fathoms deep. Random who sail the seven seas report what rn charts would look as queer authorities. No rock is ever put on marine disaster puts it on the chart. hts as these old atlases. The high to a chart on mere hearsay in these I sometimes wonder that Kipling ds of the sea have been pretty ac- days. First a warship, or hydro- never included in "The Seven Seas" high roads. Look at Lamb keep in times of peace, a routine part perishing, have revealed the deadly for instance, that was found of a naval vessel's work, on foreign lurking fang and saved all of us who crossing. at thirty years ago, coming up out station, is the taking of large num- will pass that way until the trump a couple of hundred feet of water bers of soundings for the vertica- of deom from a similar fate. Pera cathedral epire, bang in the tion and improvement of marine haps h idle of the Canadian-liner lane in- charts. This applies to every navy It is the sacrifice of British ships and structure much more speedily than

weather its tip lay 33 feet below visited England she assiduously took Night. e surface, which gave a slight safe-margin, but in time of storm or nel, from off Alderney to Dover. Not so much care was taken in the phlegmatic fisherman named Pat old days, however, and "false alarms" imb, knew all about it, but as he used to get on to even the British dhis mate found it a good fishing Admiralty charts. The famous Ruund that they wanted to keep to rick Rock, 30 miles off Hobart, got on p to themselves, it was for many to the chart in 1822 and stayed there

rs before the astonished harbor au- more than half a century, until H.M. and destroyed it, the girl planist of a lates address him more respectfully, ritles at St. John's got wind of an S. Dart went in search of it—and travelling theatrical company, Miss for to them he is Lucien J. Demotte, screet remark overheard in a pub- found that it didn't exist. Nor did Ella Field, continued to play through 17-year-old president of the House of nouse, and promptly slammed the Minnie Carmichael Rock, 12 a fire panic in the Congregational Demotte, a \$2,000,000 art concern loend of the Red Sea, right in the Island, in Bass Strait. One after an whole stage was in flames as she Young Demotte is a dark-haired, other, five British warships tried to played, and terrified men. women, soft-spoken, aesthetic-looking son of find Constance Rock, not far away, and children struggled for life at the France, with more the air of a student it and went down. The crew which had been chartered since 1904. exits, but Miss Field played on as than of a successful man of affairs. Then Constance was expunged and calmly as if the fire had been merely Fate cut short his boyhood and shoul-

had correctly reported the ship's submerged derelict vessels, seen with half over and was caused by the Last summer, when life to this boy sition. H.M.S. Flying Fish was sent the white waters foaming over them overturn of one of the three oil lamps meant nothing more than pleasure re to verify it. She reported 104 —now a smother of bubby boil, now which served as footlights.—Mr. Harry days with a tutor in his ancestral oms of water at the spot, so an ominous black matt,—defy dis Cloughton, a farmer, attempted to home near Paris, his father, George mgs began to look black for the finction from a real reef when seen smother the flames by throwing his Joseph Demotte, founder of the New

from the heeled deck of a passing Cornerstone for chantman scudding under all but are poles before a gale. It was mainly "rocks" of this kind that used

to get on to the chart. There have been cases of a whole island getting on to the chart-and off again almost before the ink was dry. There was Grahame's Island, nstance. In July, 1831 ,a submarine volcano got busy under the In next to no time passing mariners were confronted by a brand-new island, a mile and a quarter round, the middle of which was a hill 170 feet above water level. It was mainly dust, sand, and lava, and there was no ginsaying but that it was an island. Seamen landed on it and prowled about and played concertinas and swigged rum. Indubitably it was a new island. Some dirty weather ensued. Then just as Grahame's Island got on to a new edition of the chart, it slithered gracefully down to

the bottom of the Mediterranean. And that was that. It is in the vicinities of volcanic coasts that uncharted rocks flourish and put forth green leaves, for there the seabed is in a state of flux. You have to walk your ship warily off Iceland and Sicily and through the waters of Japan, but when the day's work takes you in and out of the ports of Java you stick as carefully to the steamer lane as a tram to a city tram-route. The most disconcerting rocks in the world are those which which has been aptly described as a same spot. H.M.S. Griffon was sent out" for a couple of successive de-

Still, at all events, a volcanic coast that danger is lurking. The hidden No chart, of course, pretends to be "pinnacle rock" is a much worse they see and hear. So do the port needle in a bundle of hay. Only a

will give us that poem yet. the St. Lawrence River. The Lord in the world, and I was even told by Pritish seamen, in the main, that has the choir was erected. ly knows how many good ships it a commander on the China station peopled the charts of the world with have sent to the bottom. In that when the last Chinese cruiser hidden rocks. — Toronto Saturday

### Heroine at the Piano

miles from the east coast of Flinder's School of Felstead, in Essex. The cated in this city. a scene in a stage drama. The fire dered him with a man's responsibiliiry didn't believe that the cap-

were knocked over in the struggle. uary his ancestors had accumulated The oil burst into flames, and in a from the mediaeval castles of France. moment a stream of liquid fire ran "My father always talked to me of

these who had been sitting in the rear | collection." of the hall smashed the windows with The death of the elder Demotte

### Household Notes.

mel sauce instead of the usual lemon Toast is particularly attractive and

dainty when the bread is cut in Lettuce sandwiches are nice served

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vides that seats in the cathedral shall always be free, and although it is the

William T. Manning, the speakers at Parkes Cadman, pastor of Central Con-Straits of Magellan and the inshore gregational Church, Brooklyn, and and one of the Cathedral trustees.

Services in the cathedral are held

at times in foreign languages, as varmob of volcanoes in a coffee planta- and Spanish; occasionally in Armenton struck and went down at the tion. Here soundings rarely "stay ian, Japanese, Chinese, Swedish and Archimandrite celebrated the liturgy Slavs made the responses. On such occasions as the memorial service for President Harding throngs filled the

standing might be the end of an enormous loaf. It is faced over temporarsoundings do not locate it. It is a the circular end at the east, opposite

ately charted, but precious little graphic survey vessel, is sent to in- a grim song of the seamen who antine influence. A feature of its con-And ugly things are being vestigate. Unsuspected by those who have perished through their ships struction is the great granite pillars, every now and then even on ask what the Navy does to justify its hitting sunken pinnacle rocks, and, which weigh 130 tons apiece. The

sume building and to complete

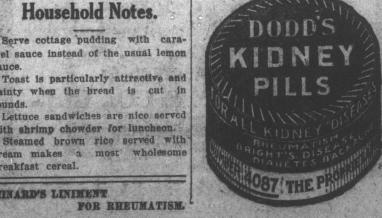
### Youth of Seventeen Takes the Helm of \$2,000,000 Business

NEW YORK, Dec. 25 (A. P.)-His boy chums call him plain "Luke," but wealthy art connoisseurs, bankers of Until flames enveloped her plano several national and business assoc-

coat over the burning lamp. Then York house of art. was accidentally the panie broke out. The exit doors shot and killed in a boar hunt in were near the stage, and the France. As is the French custom, the audience of more than 200 men. youth had been trained to tread his women, and children surged in a father's footsteps. He had been reargreat wave from the back of the hall, ed on art, in the old Demotte mansion endeavouring frantically to reach on the banks of the Seine, in the safety. The two remaining oil lamps midst of ancient furniture and stat-

from the stage to the floor of the art," says Lucien. "Then, too, I had schoolroom. A number of women be- access to his library on Gothic art. We came wedged in both doorways, and often went on tours of France toit was not till the men used force gether, visiting old churches and that the exists were cleared and the hunting through remote places for whole audience escaped to the church- sculptures, wood carvings and other yard adjoining the school. Some of antiques with which to build up our

bricks and jumped through them, Five ended the carefree existence of his women were injured, but they were son. A month ago Lucien came to able to go home after treatment by America. He was elected president the village doctor. The company lost of his father's corporation and given all their personal belongings and full authority to manage the business.



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fint age to the Crusades, has been re- about the sixth century. A cross section of history from the called by excavations conducted by . "Two other buildings were fou

Excavations were made, Dr. Fisher

reported, on a steep hill in Bear-Shean, where the inhabitants built their fortresses in various ages. "The top layer of ruins are those of a fortress begun by the Crusaders in the eleventh century," Dr. Fisher said. Site of Ancients "Just below are the ruins of an Aran "Just below are the ruins of an Afab PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23 (A. P.) ent circular Byzantine church of

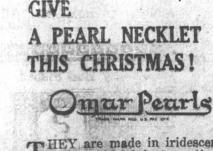
the University of Pennsylvania Muse- beneath the Byzantine church. Th

iful mosaic floors from which chief of the arm of Seti, who set his "I shall return to France each year of the enterprise, who returned re- the Byzantine builders took the mar- soldiers as masters over the Israelites, o build the structure above. Be- has been found. The concession on hus, the god of wine."

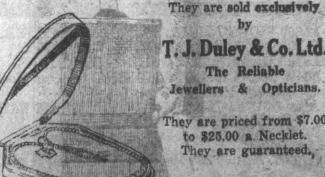
> d: by the Scythans who invaded Holy Land on their way to Egypt re 150 B. C. Below the huts a foot shaft was sunk, he added, layers of civilization dating back he flint period were encountered. n Egypt near the Valley of the ngs, where Howard Carter- is unering Tutenkhamun, Dr. Fisher

th the same church was a Roman which the University Museum expediple with magnificent masonry. It tion is working contains the tombs of apparently been dedicated to the nobles and the generals of the court of Tutenkhamun and others of Fisher said below the Roman dynasty, The tombs of 36 nobles have le were found huts built, he be- thus far been located, Dr. Fisher said. Anemic Cirls





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