I kept telling them they never tasted anything like it in their whole lives. because they wanted to hear everything about everything. My sister will be wild to come to this lake before long, even if Mrs. Cliff does not care to try it. A Palpable Hit to try it. And when you are ready to come to them and bring Maka. they want to know who that other colored man is, and how Maka happened to find him. I truly believe their curios-ity goes ahead of their thirst." And CEYLON TEA

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when he had stopped at Lima, he had heard that there was talk of the Government sending out a police or min-The substance of the tale was this: tary expedition against these outlaws, A mile further up the bay than Maka but he had never known of anything had gone there was a little stream that ran down the ravine. About a quarter of the sort being done. Everything from that time that had been told Capt. Horn about the of a mile up this stream there was a pot where, it appeared from the account, there must be a little level Rackbirds showed that they surpassed in cruelty and utter vileness any other bandits, or even savages, of surrounded by rocks, and in these lived whom he had ever heard. Among other ground suitable for habitations. Here a dozen of the most dreadful men in news, he had been told that the former the whole world. This Maka assured leader of the band, which was supposthe captain, his eyes wet with tears ed to be composed of men of many as he spoke. It must truly be so, be-nationalities, was a French-Canadian, cause the other African had told him who had been murdered by his comthings which proved it.

the other side of the ravine, there was a cave, a very small one, and so high up in the face of the rock that it could to kill an old man, because, as the only be reached by a ladder. In this trembling greybeard looked up at him, the face of the rock that it could be head regulated by the factor. lived five black men, members of the company of slaves who had gone from Guiana to the Isthmus, and who had been brought down there about a year two wicked men, who levely country. They had, however, fard, whose fiendishness was of a suf-been made actual slaves in this barren ficiently high order to satisfy the most been made actual slaves in this barren ficiently high order to satisfy the most and doleful place, and had since work-exacting of his fellows. These and ed for the cruel men who had beguiled other bits of news about the Rackbirds them into a captivity worse than the band been told by one of the band who had been origin-

elly destined.
Eight of them had come down from the Isthmus, but at various times since three of them had been killed by ac-cident or shot while trying to run away. The hardships of these poor fellows was very great, and Maka's were kept in the cave all the time except when they were wanted for some
matter, that their rendezvous must be the proceedings. sort of work, when a ladder was put up by the side of the rock and such as were required were called to come down. Without a ladder no one could get in or out of the cave. One man, who had tried to slip down at night, within a comparatively short distance

fell and broke his neck.
The Africans were employed in cooking and other rough domestic or menial services, and sometimes all of to suppose that some of them would them were taken down to the shore soon be in pursuit of the negro who of the bay, where they saw small ves- had run away. sels, and they were employed in carry- Suddenly another dreadful thought sels, and they were employed in carrying goods from one of these to another, and were also obliged to carry
provisions and heavy kegs up the ravine to the houses of the wicked men.
The one whom he had brought with
him, Maka said, had that day escaped The one whom he had brought with ed?" he asked.
him, Maka said, had that day escaped Maka shook his head, and said that from his captors. One of the Rack- he had already asked his companion birds, whom in some way the negro that question, but Mok had said that had offended, had sworn to kill him before night, and feeling sure that this those wicked men killed everybody fore night, and reeling sure that the threat would be carried out, the poor they could kill.

The captain shut his teeth tightly together what the consequences. He gether. "That was it," he said; "I gether. "That was it," he said; "I matter what the consequences. He gether.

had chosen the way by the ocean in could not see how it could be jaguars, order that he might jump in and although I could think of nothing else. But these blood-thirsty human beasts! likely to be overtaken, but apparently I see it now." He moved toward the is escape had not yet been discovered. passage. "If that dirty wretch had not Maka was going on to tell something run away," he thought, "we might more about the wicked men, when the have stayed undiscovered until a vescaptain interrupted him. "Can this field of yours speak English?" he asked.

Seed. "Control of the track his foot-steps upon the sand—they are bound to do that."

"Only one, two words," replied Maka.
"Ask him if he knows the name of that band of men."

"Yes," said Maka, presently, "he now, but he no can speak it."
"Are they called the Rackbirds?" asked Capt. Horn.

The shivering negro had been listening attentively, and now half rose and nodded his head violently, and then three radiant faces, and to hear them began to speak rapidly in African.
"Yes," said Make, 'he says that is
name they are called."

At this moment Ralph appeared upon the scene, and the second African, whose name was something like Mok, sprang to his feet as if he were about for his life; but as there was no place to fly to except into the water or the arms of Ralph, he stood still, trembling. A few feet to the left the shelf ended in a precipitous rock, and on the right, as has been said, it grad- to last for days and days. But we ually descended into the water, the space on which the party stood not bethe question he was about to ask, and said in an undertone to Maka:

"Not a word to the boy; I will tell."

"Oh," cried Ralph, "you do not let the cast ask and which is the cast ask and said in an undertone to Maka:

"Not a word to the boy; I will tell."

"Oh," cried Ralph, "you do not let the cast ask and a wreck?"

"Oh," cried Ralph, "you do not know what a lively couple there is out there. I found that my sister and Mrs. Cliff had made up their minds that they would perish in about two days, and Mrs. Cliff had been making her will with a lead-pencil, and now they are down before. They would not let me come to get them some water, though

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plied him with harrassing questions about home rule, local veto, the eight-hour principle, the publication of ins) saying he went down to the lake to decent reports of divorces and breach fill a pail he had brought with him.

The captain told Ralph to hurry back

to the ladies, and that he would be

there in a few minutes. Capt. Horn knew a great deal about the Rack-

birds. They were a band of despera-

does, many of them outlaws and criminals. They had all come down from

the Isthmus, to which they had been attracted by the great canal works, and after committing various outrages and crimes they had managed to get away without being shot or hung. Capt. Horn had frequently heard of them.

them in the past year or two, and it was generally supposed that they had some sort of rendezyous or refuge on

this coast, but there had been no effort made to seek them out. He had frequently heard of crimes committed by

them at points along the coast, which showed that they had in their possession some sort of vessel. At one time,

panions, because while robbing a plan-

tation in the interior-they had fre-

he had reminded him of his father.

Some of the leading demons of the band determined that they could not

have such a fool as this for their lead-

er, and he was killed while asleep. Now the band was headed by a Span-

the wreck, Capt. Horn never gave

far south of this point.

But now, standing on that shelf of

rock, with his eyes fixed on the water

CHAPTER VI.

"Now," said Mrs. Cliff, "I see no

reason why we should not live here in peace and comfort until Mr. Rynders

have been thinking, captain, that if

semebody—and I am sure Ralph would be very good at it—could catch some

fish, it would help out very much. We

are getting a little short of meat, but as for the other things we have enough

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funeral of a distant relative. The day happened to be one of pouring rain, and as our friend trudged slowly along

the muddy road he remarked ruefully to a companion: "I'm thinkin', freen,

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chooses to come back for us. And

Rackbird.

Lord Salisbury meets Parliament without a forsboding of danger or disaster on all foreign questions. He has behind him a united country, there is a large surplus in the Treasury, and public opinion sanctions in advance an increased outlay in support of a foreign policy of defiance. The "Unionist" majority in the House of Com-mons is so great that any measure of domestic policy can easily be enacted. The Opposition is weak in numbers and debaters. Momentous as are the issues of diplomacy and the Imperial policy, the political risks of conducting the Government during the coming session are not serious. The public attention is so completely absorbed by foreign questions that the domes-tic programme of the Government excites little interest. There will be an agricultural bill of some kind; some palliative measure for Ireland; some project for relieving voluntary schools without disturbing the dual system of national education, and possibly some scheme of government reform for London. No large measure will be proposed. The important measures of the session will be bills for increasing the efficiency of the fleet and providing means for imperial defenses. These

will be popular. THE SPEECH.

The Queen's speech will probably announce that the Venezulan question has reached a stage where an adjustment is possible. There are strong reasons for believing that Lord Salisbury has received assurances from Washington that the Monroe doctrine does not apply to the claim for indemnity for the Yuruan affront to the British flag. Secretary Olney, in his elaborate argument, seemed to exclude that incident from diplomatic discus-sion, and the State Department was already committed by the precedent of the Corinto affair. It is generally believed that Lord Salisbury is press-ing the claim for indemnity, and that the State Department is advising President Crespo to settle that branch the case, with the understanding that der of the captain, fearing that his the boundary dispute shall be sub-mitted to arbitration. That progress own talents for baseness did not reach the average necessary for a has been made in directing the adjustment of the questions at issue by the direct action of England and Vene-When he had made his landing from zuela now seems certain, and it is also thought to the existence of this band of scoundrels. In fact, he had sup-posed, when he had thought of the evident that the American commission

A correspondent contends that Mr. Chamberlain has never appeared to better advantage than in his diplomatic statement of the Transvaal case, of this spot in which he and his com-panions had taken refuge; and he knew, too, that there was every reason on which a strong line is taken throughout, yet everything is done to conciliate President Kruger and promote leniency in the trials at Pre-. Mr. Chamberlain has shown lelf a match for Kruger, Rhodes, the German Emperor, and everybody on the strength of it.

forces on the Transvaal border. He did it because he felt sure that the Johannesburg people would revolt, and Dr. Jameson's men might serve to protect refugees from Boer vio-lence, and be ready to carry out imperial instructions at the shortest no- ain and Germany, which was greatly tice in case the Boers did anything which Great Britain could fairly say opposed her interests. Mr. Rhodes African Republic. The effort has obstrenuously denied that he ordered Dr. Jameson's men to cross the frontier, and could only explain his preciated by Lord Salisbury. If the action by the urgency of the mes-sages addressed to him. Whatever Mr. Rhodes has done was for the ul-When the captain joined the two ladies and the boy, who were impatimate glory of Great Britain. Mr. tiently waiting for him on the plateau, he had made up his mind to tell them Chamberlain consented to take this view of it, and the only punishment or the bad news. Terrible as was the restriction which the Government will, for appearance's sake, impose upon the Chartered Company will be to put the armed forces of South Africa under talk about the water that had been disthe direct control of the Crown.

RHODES' DEFENSE. Rhodes personally maintains reticence regarding his recent conference with Mr. Chamberlain. His immediate friends, however, state that as a result of the conference the suspicion that Mr. Rhodes was responsible for Dr. Jameson's raid into the Transvaal has been removed. He merely authorized Dr. Jameson to concentrate a small force and to watch the threatwon't talk of that now; we want to hear where that other colored man ened rising in the Transvaal. He never intended this force to operate against the Boers. He was astounded when he heard that Dr. Jameson had cross-ed the frontier. This sums up the defense of Mr. Rhodes to the charge that he was personally cognizant that an attempt would be made by the forces of the British South Africa Company to overthrow the South If you would resist pneumonia, bronchitis, typhoid fever, and persistent coughs and colds. These ills attack the weak and run down system. They can find no foothold where the blood is kept pure, rich and full of vitality, the appetite good and digestion vigorous, with Hood's Sarsaparilla, the can true blood purifier. African Republic.

A CURIOUS SPECTACLE. Capt. Coventry and Capt. Gosling, both of whom have been in hospitals suffering from wounds sustained lat Krugersdorp, are to surrender themselves on their arrival in England to be tried with Jameson. Thus the curious spectacle will be presented of a son of the Earl of Coventry, a high official at the Court of St. James, being arraigned for an effense which is in effect modified treason. It is as-serted that Dr. Jameson and his confederates will be indicted under the Foreign Enlistment Act, the maximum punishment for his offense being two years' imprisonment. It is now apparent that in order to allow the collecting of evidence in South Africa the trial cannot take place before May, and it is shrewdly suspected that the effect, possibly intended, of this long delay will be to make it less likely than ever that anything more than a nominal punishment wiff be inflicted.

ant, sure and effectual. If your drug-gist has none in stock, get him to pro-oure it for you. THE IRISH LEADERSHIP. Intrigue has had less to do with the retirement of Justin McCarthy than the discernment of the fact that the A Dinner Pill.—Many persons suffer excruciating agony after partaking of a hearty dinner. The food partaken of is like a ball of lead upon the stomach, and instead of being a healthy nutriment it becomes a poison to the system. Dr. Parmelee's Vegetable Pills are wenderful correctives of such troubles. They correct acidity, open the secretions and convert the food partaken of into healthy nutriment. They are just unity of the Irish party may be restored by his retirement. Respected as he was by the men of all parties, he was not a leader to unite factions and re-establish Parnell's drastic discipline. It is doubtful whether his successor can accomplish such a mir-acle. The unanimous choice of Mr. Sexton as Mr. McCarthy's successor into healthy nutriment. They are just the medicine to take if troubled with is a show of acquiescence on the part of Mr. Healey, if nothing more, but the two men have been rivels and bit-ter enemies, and probably will be again. The feud between them existed long before Mr. Parnell's deposi-

Mr. Healy dislikes Mr. Sexton less than Mr. Dillon or Mr. O'Brien, it is because new resentments have caused fresher irritation than the old hatred. Neminally, peace has been made, and Mr. Healy has pledged his support to the new leader. Mr. Sexton has taken no part in the recent dissentions, and on that account is well fitted for the leadership. He is also the best speaker on the Irish side, and a man of pre-eminent ability, without having marked talent as an organizer.

A BRILIANT CAMPAIGN. Englishmen are proud of the brilliant exploit of their own arms in Nyassaland, where Lieut. Alston has waged successful war wii a native horde of 20,000 men, captured 50 villages, and closed the slave route to the Zambesi. This is a decisive reverse for the Arab slave traders. Mr. Rhodes' friends are quick to point out that but for him there would have been no protectorate in Nyassaland, and that this brilliant and useful campaign would have been impossible.

THE CZAR'S CORONATION. The French Government is hurrying forward plans for representation at the Czar's coronation at Moscow in May, which will eclipse anything on record in such matters. It happens that the present French ambassador in Russia is by seniority of service the doyen of the diplomatic corps at St. Petersburg; so he is to enjoy the right of receiving the young Czar and Czarina in the name of his colleagues when they enter Moscow. He will do this on a scale of extraordinary magnificence, two of the larges noblemen's palaces, in Moscow, rented for the occasion, being all refitted in the costliest manner from France. mile and a quarter of the costliest carpeting that France can produce is merely one item in the bewildering equipment. The supper alone, when their Majesties attend the first ball under the French roof, is to cost \$70,000. Louis XV.'s state chariot is to be used for the ambassador on the occasion, with trappings for the horses and liveries for postilions and footmen of the same highly monarchial period. Orders are already placed in Morocco, Algiers, and the Riviera for the choicest fruits, vegetables, and flowers that the season will permit, all to be shipped to Moscow. DECADENCE OF THE FRANCO-

All this wild ostentation may not improbably prove in the nature of a funeral demonstration over the corpse of the Franco-Russian entente. Many signs point to the conclusion that the Russians are already tired of the thing. Fewer of their princes and millionaires are spending the winter in France than for years before, and France is hardly mentioned nowadays in the Russian papers. Meanwhile, Verestchagin's new collection of paintings, recently removed from Moscow to St. Petersburg, is attracting exceptional attention at the latter capital. Their principal feature is a dozen huge canvasses devoted to the Napoleonic invasion and retreat of 1812-13, and they lay almost malicious stress on the French brutality to the Russian peasants and prisoners, the French cowardice when bravely op-posed, and all the French sacrilege in desecrating the Russian churches and shrines. When it is remembered that the Russian official censorship is get much more direct hints presently Mr. Rhodes, it is claimed, admitted to Mr. Chamberlain that he sanctioned the mobilization of the Chartered Thurst Mr. ATIONS TO GER.

RUSSIAN ENTENTE,

BRITAIN'S RELATIONS TO GER-

GERMANY. A serious effort has been initiated by Italy, supported by Austria, to restore friendship betwen Great Brit-British view of these negotiations is accurate, Berlin has shown a readiness to respond to the desires of her allies, and would cease her hostile policy towards Great Buitain, but so far as Britain is concerned the die is cast. The entente with Russia has gone too far. Unless the German Govern-ment renounces its South African schemes, supports Great Britain in Egypt, and generally reverses its recent line of diplomatic enmity, no return of cordiality in the Anglo-German relations will be possible. English court influence, to which Lord Salisbury is specially amenable, may modify this strain. The Queen's decision regarding her review of the flying squadron shows how this influence will operate. She assents to merely watching the squadron from a window of the Osborne House, and declines to give the review the appearance of a state formality. The reason for this is known. The court circle is anxious to avoid everything that might be interpreted as a hostile demonstration against Emperor Wil-The Queen has not only no liam. enthusiasm about the squadron, but is displeased because of its formation. She holds that its formation is a needless stirring up of animosities.

MORE FRIENDLY.

Within the past week the officially inspired German press, which formerly had been pounding England as hard as violent language could do, has suddenly ceased its blasts against Great Britain. The debate in the Reichstag on Friday on the naval estimates gave Freiherr Marschal Von Bieberstein, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the members of the Reichstag who are in touch with the Government an opportunity to make de-clarations which were decidedly friendly to England, and the occasion was made the most of. Apart from the reassuring speech delivered by Freiherr Marschal Von Bieberstein, the most notable of the statements made in the Chamber was the declaration of Prince Von Arenberg (Centrist), the President of the Colonial Society of Germany, that at no time has there been any reason for the anti-German excitment, which has prevailed in England. This utterance was received with applause, in which members of all parties joined, with earnestness. The debate has made an astonishing change in the opinions expressed by the leading newspapers.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS. A memorial praying for admission of women to degrees at Cambridge University has received the signatures of 2,200 university members. Among those who have signed the memorial are Arthur J. Balfour, First Lord of the Treasury; Gerald Balfour, Chief Secretary for Ireland; Sir Welter Besant, the well known author, and other notable men. Prof. Marshall advocades the establishment of universities for women similar to

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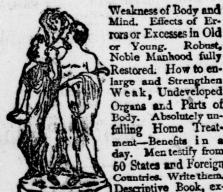
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