THE QUEST OF THE SIX=MINUTE EGG banke, to whom he proposed and by whom he was rejected. Two years

Searching for Rainbow Treasure.

"Six minutes."

"Six minutes!"

"The same." in many languages

"But," he protested, "it will hard be marmalade. We have that." -the egg."

trailed off into inarticulate woe.

"I know it will. I know it. If those man desire? eggs are relatives of yours and you dinary eggs, comparative strangers to rapid oval with another finger. your family circle, I want them hard. and that goes two ways-hard boiled shall be done." and hard want-do you get that?"

a space and looked at me with reflection at the end, as if he were play-

"I ordered hard-boiled eggs," I answered, with much firmness.

"Hard-boiled eggs, yes?" This time the "yes" had scorn, contempt, pity, pathos and contumely in it.

ure. It sounded weak, and it was. I felt ashamed of it "Six minutes? ne continued, patron-(zingly.

a fairly good growl effect.

"But they will be hard, yes" usually, except in Europe, where the

voice, sweetened to honey

that there could be but one answer.

same melodramatic effort as the nim-

Their language may vary, their man-

Time Makes Change.

thoughts and delightful rhapsodies.

member our own.

nobling, rapturous.

composition.

What? Eh? My heavens!

"Who's 'ittle lam' is oo?"

In Europe It's As Vain As of smile a father bestows on his little boy who is trying to take off his shoes the hope "of reforming and fixing me." without unlacing them. softly to himself, "hard-boiled eggs. kettle of fish. One can imagine that They is no such thing. You mean an words passed occasionally from the

omelet with truffles." "Certainly," I replied, "I mean an omelet with truffles, or the latest hipless effect, or, mayhap, with the pip; and, it is quite likely, I mean pickled The waiter was pop-eyed by this pigs' feet or a George Washington pie. time. He waved his hands feebly in But, as a matter of fact, I mean eggs the air, wabbled his head, and moaned that have been boiled six minutes." "No, no," he whispered. "Try some

"I was perfectly calm. Long weeks them, rather-hard; you know-hard." chastened me. I arose and directed: "It-will-hard-be," and his voice "The manager, bring the manager! Please!"

"All right, let it come hard-or The waiter had spread the news. two eggs-or three-and I want them extraordinary eggs, most extraordinhard. Now, get under motion. Scat!" ary eggs, hard, he said-as if the outing sideways towards the kitchen. "It Could it be the inside? Impossible!

"Two plain, hard-boiled eggs don't want to boil them hard, I'll take commerce. Two-count 'em-two," semething else; but if they are just or- holding up two fingers and making a "Certainly; certainly, gentlemans. It

He didn't. He stood by the door for little sausages and an anaemic omelet. ven" was a devoted husband to his proachful eyes. Presently the head has a license to eat hard-boiled eggs, during most of these years, was a "You ordered eggs, yes?" except in the United States. You can helpless invalid. All through this he inquired, with a finely modulated in- get them in England, if you take a period there was dire poverty and you, but does. In Paris you might as well ask for a small slice of the Eiffel Tower, broiled and garnished with one of Napoleon's battle flags. And outside of Paris, anywhere on Le Grand Circular Kilometrique (Cook's you and tenderness. "I tried to do some vocal gymnastics know, and spelled Thomas, Cooky), you whom he came in contact, and who with my "yes," but it was a flat fail- get an omelet. Custom over there has were sympathetic and, tender with

This time I got a litle bass into it, respecting waiter will order them boil- was engaged to be married, are beauti-"Ordinarily," I explained, with chilly that demands them, any more than he age love letter are happily lacking. But sarcasm, "in consonance with the im- can comprehend a baked potato. Ever Poe was unusual, even in his heart mutable laws of nature, hard-boiled try to get a baked potato in France or affairs. His genius was eccentric eve eggs are hard. Of course, I can fore- Germany or Austria or Switzerland? to such a point as that, see, from this conversation, that my That is a project of high emprise, hard-boiled eggs will be soft, but worthy of the endeavors of any man. Wherefore, coincident with the Le

sole expression of the egg seems to Grand Circular Kilometrique began the with a sort of tiresome romantic, sen-

ity class, whilst others wished to re-form the wayward young genius. Among the reformers was Anna Millater he proposed again and was accepted. Byron wrote to a friend that she married him from vanity and with The lady, however, declared that By-"Hard-boiled eggs," he repeated ron married her from revenge. Pretty fireside chairs at the Byron domicile.

But let us pass over that in silence. It is interesting to note that genius has many love affairs. This does not necessarily signify that a saintly spinster or a very proper old bachelor must be excluded from the list o geniuses. People who are gifted with great art, great minds or great achievements seem to have most "Sure. That's the way I want it-or of dickering with European waiters had amazingly flirtatious ways with them. In the midst of wars, in the most exciting chapters of a novel, in the midst of the composition of a sonnet or a nocturne, genius can comfortably setthem. Look here, my dear sir, I want Here was a person who desired some the back with fevered brow and trembling fingers and put together a love letter that will make the world smile "It-will-hard-be," he wept, mov- side of an egg was not hard enough! And it can write the same love letter at yearly intervals to different ladies The Manager-What does the gentle- without observing that the system is

Oh, Cupid, you're a wise one.

Poe's Love. However, all the love affairs genius have not been flighty. The story of Poe's loves is interesting. For They brought me a pair of chubby eleven years the author of "The Ra-You see, it is this way: No person child-wife, the beautiful Virginia, who, chair and beat the idea into the re- heavy debts, but Poe was a faithful duced nobleman who hates to serve attendant to his suffering wife. The editor of "Love Letters of Famous Poets and Novelists" says: "Poe was of a peculiar and sensitive nature, and his isolation every craved sympathy decreed that eggs shall be eaten soft- him, he repaid by a reverent and at boiled-when they are boiled at all-once sentimentally eloquent devotion warmed into a consistency that makes which might be called the apotheosis it advisable to take them down with a of platonism." His letters to Mrs. sponge or with a straw; and no self- Sarah Helen Whitman, to whom he ed hard for you, because he cannot fully poetic and of high sentiment. comprehend the barbarous appetite The commonplace terms of the aver-

> William Congreve was a gay flirt. When he lived England was saturated

lover was far-famed, but his great Awful Stuff That's Written

doves sat in a railroad car, a bit un- yourself whispering whispers into

ings of love's joy and agony. married the first one, Adele Foucher. forward and encourage them. On the is decreed by its intellectual weakness But the sentimental letters he wrote war between Germany and ourselves; opinion of Europe or of Liberal Rusin after life to other ladies had the on the other, they, or their countrymen, sia. It is here, indeed, that we touch same ringing tones of ardent affection are parties to innumerable acts of the new source of strength for democand mad passion as those that he peaceful co-operation wherein Eng- racy and civilization. In the end pubpenned in early manhood. It would seem that the older men grow, the seem that the older men grow, the certainly pleasant. It may be a recom-pense for the dashing spirits that age cial reform, municipal government, and change. But, on the other hand, it is

must dampen. The Flirtatious Goethe.

The list of his affinities is very long woman meant to him it is extremely difficult to say.

Goethe did not always choose from high classes. At the age of 15 he ardently loved Gretchen, the daughter of branches, even those which mitigate as our Foreign Secretary predicates of to study law he fell victim to the wiles which superficially point to an aggra- tions helped the Finnish patriots, and, will get out of the notion and those him quite properly by her other flira village pastor, was the third object stimulants to force are disappearing. fiendish and intractable element re ness are permitted to write letters. It wars and much wailing will rend the of his love, and about her the poet Science, for example, is killing the sides in society. But this is a conclusional society. wrote reams and bushels of verses. "The Sorrows of Young Werther," and campaigns mean in the main endless

> Soon after this still another lady appeared-Charlotte von Stein, a lady of Hiram Maxim stated that in his opinlove testimony as that? To the strong the Weimar court, wife of the master ion the "advent of the flying machine verdict that the masculine sex is not of the horse. Their correspondence would have a strong tendency to do continued for many years, and their

> > Even others followed-Bettina Brentano, who flattered Goethe, and Ma-

how things are different with the and waved the carving-knife within an spectful of lovers." There are Merimee's letters to the "Unknown," Heine's to "The Fly," and Balzac's de-Backing up to the love letters again, lightful effusions. Also "more yet than



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be the omelet, hard-boiled eggs are search for a hard-boiled egg, leading timental wave, with a deep current reasonably hard-indurated, you un- variously through many countries, and of immorality. Congreve found everyfinishing, ingloriously, in Switzerland, thing flourishing for him, and he fell derstand, not to say granitic." He stood and smiled at me, a kind- So far as Europe is concerned, there into mad, wild affairs with ladies of [From the London Nation.] If is the fate of this generation to eralism as it besets every other conly, encouraging smile, with a dash of is no such thing.—From an article in all classes—ladies of the court, wives pleasant condescension in it, the sort Everybody's Magazine. of wealthy shopkeepers, actresses and be met at every point with the con- temporary form of intellectual activity. even their maids. His success as a

But Everybody Does It, From Slush, simply mush! B'r'r'r'r'r. You tear it into bits and grind it deep the Peasant to the Prince. into the waste basket, and as you trail away to array yourself grandly in

ove Madness in Letters

easy because of the rice kernels that your own ear. What is that? It had sifted down under their collars, sounded like a simple word-extremebut otherwise oblivious to human sorly simple—the little word 'idiot." row. The train darted and roared into So much for midnight messages and a tunnel. There was a strange yet three-in-the-morning epistles of love.

familiar sound-oh, extremely famil- So much and no more. There's a new book just published iar, quite fresh in fact. A masculine with the soft, sweet title "Love Letters of Famous Poets and Novelists" (John McBride Company, New York). It shows what poets can do The whole car awaited the reply, though every one hazarded the guess letters from the gentlemanly wooers give bright hints to ladies who are in love. They hint to them to be "Bowf of us," said she, in liquid ecsuspicious of the whole masculine sex. When it comes to lovemaking and For does not Victor Hugo declare love love-letter writing men are men and for eternity to half a dozen ladies, women are women, and that's about all whilst Byron finishes up a heart afthe distinction you'll find. The bank fair with Lady Caroline Lamb with president is quite as maudlin as the this rude counsel: "I offer you this adboy just out of college. The \$7 hall- vice; correct your vanity, which is room boy dears and darlings, sighs ridiculous, exert your absurd caprices

and whines, roars and rants with the on others and leave me in peace." ble and graceful leader of the cotillon. lady, particularly one who has given an innkeeper. When he went to Leipsic the horrors of-war. Many tendencies, the German Empire. Moral consideraners may differ and the scenery may of her sweetest words and gentlest not be the same, but the lovemaking caresses. Every woman should read follows the usual recipe for cooking up this book. Those who aren't married wine dealer who teased and tormented by the badly-tangled conformation and the badly-tangled conformation wine dealer who teased and tormented by the badly-tangled conformation are the badly-tangled conformation wine dealer who teased and tormented by the badly-tangled conformation are the badly-tangled conformation and the badly-tangled conformation are the badly-tangled conformation and the badly-tangled conformation are the badly-tangled conformation and the badly-tangled conformation are the badly-tangled conformation are the badly-tangled conformation and the badly-tangled conformation are the badly-tangled conformation and the badly-tangled conformation are the badly-tangled conformation and the badly-tangled conformation are the badly-tangled conformation are the badly-tangled conformation and the badly-tangled conformation are the follows the usual recipe for cooking up this book. Those who aren't married wine dealer, who teased and tormented will get out of the notion and those who are married will turn detectives. It tations. Frederica Brion, daughter of and consciences of manking. Other of the race. They assume that some Domestic scrimmages will develop into and women suffering from love mad-

is still more horrifying to realize that air. sometimes during tragic breach of Let us consider Bulwer Lytton. Bepromise suits, divorce upsets and af- fore marriage he wrete to Rosina finity entanglements love letters catch Wheeler and called her his "dearest after her Lily Schonemann, whom it marchings and fatigues, with huge fire and blaze into public print. We and darlingest and angelist poodle," is said Goethe actually entertained armies pining away in mud ditches, all remember the "Baby Jo" corresigning himself, "Oo own, own Pup-serious thoughts of marrying. While and suffering heavier losses from discount was all remember the "Baby Jo" corresponding to the serious thoughts of marrying. While and suffering heavier losses from discount was all remember the "Baby Jo" corresponding to the serious thoughts of marrying. While and suffering heavier losses from discount was all remember the "Baby Jo" corresponding to the serious thoughts of marrying. spondence. We all remember all sorts py." But one day after the halter was still under the influence of Lily, our death. Moreover, calculations that deof correspondence. Worst and most put on at the altar and things went German trifler started in motion a pend on mechanical instruments like terrifying of all, do some of us re- a bit wrong he threatened her with a rapturous correspondence with the carving-knife and did deliberately bite Countess Augusta. Being on thin ice, I'll skate to shore her on the cheek. To what conclusion can a woman come after reading such Time makes a great change in love only dangerous and bloodthirsty, but The love letter you wrote at three unreliable and more or less mentally love affair for twelve, or until the time lish firm in Paris wrote declaring that in the morning! Remember? Oh, what unsettled. How appalling that thousame when Goethe took to his home the "time was coming when big bata beautiful letter. What marvellous and millions of women have dared a very plump and practical creature tleships would be obsolete." War, in the morning! Remember? Oh, what unsettled. How appalling that thoussentences, what soulful throbs of marry them, yes, sometimes twice and by the name of Christina Vulpius, who therefore, is threatened, even while rhetoric, what magnificent thrilling sometimes more. Surely women are

English, what originality, charm, ex- brave mortals. A tiny, frail, feminine creature will quisiteness and beauty. You have poured out your heart and it has select one of the savage, growling riana von Willemer, who flirted with of their activities on another form. As waved over into a sea of gentle beasts and tame him to be a docile the poet when he was nearly 70 years household pet. Sometimes she finds a old. It seems that Goethe never out-What will "he" or "she" think when wild one, chases and captures him grew the habit of paying pretty com- ing and helpful personalities of all "he" or "she" reads it? It is easy to against his will. She will cuddle him pliments and swaying the impulses of classes-keep society together by the fancy. Immediate flight into your to her heart, love him, adore him, befeminine minds. It was part of his inevitable law of daily life—the law
arms, or, if that he impossible, a relieva him tell lies for him crawl up. arms, or, if that be impossible, a re- lieve him, tell lies for him, crawl un- life. turn message equally thrilling, en- der the bed for his buttons, stay up o' There are many other interesting nights and wait for him, delight him love affairs among the great poets and But what happens to that letter with gentle and ungentle words, and novelists, and these are all in the book during the four hours that intervene consider herself the happiest and luck- of letters. There is Sir Walter Scott, between its creation and time for you lest of humans. All in the face of the "one of the best of writers, one of the to arise and take your plunge? Some- fact that Bulwer bit Rosie in the cheek best of men and one of the most re-

eastern sun blazing into your room inch of her ladylike nose, and the commonplace atmosphere of a Marvellous! pleasant spring morning all about. You pull on your bathrobe and sit down it is worth while to consider Lord that." to read your masterplece of heroic Byron's wild career. He was surrounded by a worshiping pack of feminine adorers. Some were of the affin- DANDRUFF.

trast between its ideals and its practice, and between the various forms of its activities. In the week when the strength countries in material mediately after reading them. A wise Christian world celebrates the great world, and when to the superficial eye plan surely. And a cautious one also, example of unresisting surrender to it appears impossible to approach the But the letters he himself wrote violence and death, its statesmen are or Austrian destinies with other than veren't all consigned to the flames, endeavoring to fix it more firmly than material weapons and calculations. His notes to Mrs. Arabella Hunt are ever in the doctrine of meeting force Yet this account even of the diplopreserved, and they show the same with force, and base even their hopes tendency of the ordinary masculine of peace on the proper adjustment of cal force which settled South Africa,

The Contrast Between

writer of love letters-assurances of national armaments. And, on the other any more than it is the element which poses of livelihood and assistance, the use of physical force, just as the slower Victor Hugo's loves were many. He chief citizens of these armed states fall of the remains of autocratic rule one hand, they speak of an inevitable and its failure to satisfy the public

forms of violence, become more and do with its issue. All theories to the glamor, the elements of personal excite- sion which, in his private life, man Then came Charlotte, who inspired hand encounter are over; modern land

doubtful and insecure. We see, for example, that at the Mansion House away altogether with warfare between the civilized nations," while an Engfresh obstacles which spring from the clearer moral purpose of men, and from

against the fears and forebodings viduals-laborers, women, self-sacrificand preach the falsehood and folly of racial or national antagonism. It is indeed the constant war be

tween the ideals and the normal actions of men and their professional and political creeds which accounts for so ism of our time. We are unhappy be-cause we do things which we know are not right, and many of us rage which such action meets. Mankind re-sembles in its present state those spirits of Swedenborg who, being neither determinedly good nor fixedly MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES evil, hang between heaven and hell scorched on the one hand by that light

Ideals and Practice

faithfulness until death, guarantees of hand, so far from countering or abat- binds the colonies to the mother coundeepest affection and all the usual ing all those influences which tend to frightful collapse of the Russian revelences and delicious rantdelightful ravings and delicious rant- bring men together for common pur- olutionary movement was due to the more maudlin they become—which is each others' discoveries and ideas tor of incalculable vigor. It is not, even the means of lessening the area, not a mere conservative or stationary the occasions, and the ravages of war, element in modern society. It moves, The Flirtatious Goethe. and founding and extending the reign as the earth moves, not before the eyes, Goethe, Germany's most renowned of international law. So that, as the but in clear view of the intelligence of poet, was never free from the heart result of these forces, the world, in mankind. And its influence makes thrilling influence of the feminine sex. spite of its tariffs and frontiers, is against all those excesses of material more united than it ever was; ex- power of which Sir Edward Grey spoke indeed, and just exactly what each did; is more like a single state than at of last week. Badly as the Russian any other period of its history. While movement for freedom has gone, Eurtalks of battles and invents new and opean opinion has sensibly modified the terrifying machines of slaughter, it reaction. And in its turn it would b becomes more and more unwarlike, and hostile to any such movement for fosters the science of healing in all its "dominating" Europe by armed force

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