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With three trusty blades and a heart of cheer, What boy but can climb at last The hill of success to its topmost

And smile o'er the journey past?

-Mary M. Anderson.

Lord Roberts not III as Has Been Reported.

The Situation Around Pretoria Annoy ing but not Dangerous.

Pretoria, July 17.-Reports that Roberts is seriously ill are absolutely. unfounded. The veteran field marshal is in the best of health and spirits, cheery, youthful and vigorous.

The Boers continue massing from 10 to 20 miles outside the Magaliesburg range, near Pretoria, Their laagers now extend from the Delagoa bay railnow extend from the Delagoa bay railway across the Warsburg line, westward. Commandant Grobeler, with the Zoutpansburg commando, Commandant Lemmer and others are among the leaders, while Gen. Botha himself is said to be encamped between Junkan, on the Elands River, and Hartebeeste spruit. The total Boer strength is probably 10,000 men, with many guns.

many guns. (
As has happened on previous occa-(As has happened on previous occasions, the period of inaction of the main British army has given the Boers confidence, so the Boer raids creep closer. The Boers indulge in night sniping and attempt to cut off detached bodies of troops. The situation is experience by without actual danis annoying, but without actual dan-ger, whatever the Boer plans may be and whether they are counting on in-

and whether they are countries side help or not.

Friday 'afternoon a reconnaissance was made in the direction of Wonderboom, toward Onderstepoort, with a section of the Elswick battery. The men came under a sharp fire from the Boers, whose patrols were then fired on. The Boers used cannon, the bursting shells coming close to the Elswick battery, but the long 12-pounder quick-firers did no damage.

The Elwick guas were then unlimbered and returned a fire of shrapnel, but apparently the Boers' cover was good. The shells checked the fusillade only partially.

only partially.

The force, having accomplished its

object, retired to camp, the British big six-inch gun in the fort dropping shells amid the Boers who ventured to

SECOND-SIGHT TRICK.

How the "Professor" and his Wife Answered Hidden-written Questions.

New Orleans Times-Democrat. "I once travelled for a season as manager of a man who did the Hidden Question' second sight trick," said a reformed showman of this city, "and the experience gave me an insight into a very peculiar phase of human nature, I refer to the readiness with which people will gull themselves when once they get started. The second sight business is very ingenious, and the smooth old fakir who run the show worked it to perfection.

"At the beginning of the performance the ushers would pass through the audience, distributing slips of paper, lead pencils, and small squares of stiff pasteboard to use as rests for writing. Then the professor, as we writing. Then the professor, as we called him, would advance to the footcalled him, would advance to the footlight, and request anybody who desired to write some question on the paper, signat, fold it up, and put it away
out of sight. While this was being
done he delivered a short lecture on
thought transference and so on, tefling a lot of amusing stories and getting the audience into a good humor.

"Meanwhile the ushers collected the
pencils and pasteboards, and cautioned the people in a whisper to keep the

pencils and pasteboards, and cautioned the people in a whisper to keep the question slips out of view, and not tell anybody what they had written. After that the orchestra played, a selection, and finally the professor stepped to the wings and reappeared with his wife, whom he seated in the middle of the stare, with her back to the of the stage, with her back to the house. She was supposed to pass into a trance, and with that the so-called

a trance, and with that the so-called 'communications' would begin?"
"Tell Dr. Johnson,' she would say, for instance, "that he will recover his lost watch on the 10th of next month.' Is Dr. Johnson in the audience?' the professor would ask, and, when the doctor responded, he would request him to read his written question. Will I recover my lost watch,' the inquiry would run, 'and, if so, when?" As the folded paper had been securely tucked folded paper had been securely tucked away in his vest pocket, the answer would seem most miraculous. Scores of others equally pat would follow

and before the entertainment was over the spectators were usually in a fever of excitement and mystification. the spectators were usually in a fever of excitement and mystification.

"Like most good stage tricks," continued the reformed showman, "this one was very simple. The secret lay in the squares of pasteboard, each of which contained a small sheet of carbon copying paper, such as is used in duplicating writing. The pencils which were passed around were always very hard, so those who used them were obliged to press down with considerable force, thereby making a duplicate impression on the hidden sheet. As soon as the ushers collected the pasteboards they rushed behind the scenes, and gave them to the professors wife. She opened them up in her dressing room, read the questions, and made isborthand memoranda on a little tablet, a city directory, which she always their husbands should provide these.

had convenient, giving her a clew to the identity of the writers. "While she was thus engaged, the professor was keeping the audience entertained with his lecture, and the entertained with his secture, and the object of the orchestral selection that followed was merely to give her a little additional time. When she appeared on the stage she had her tablet in her hand, and, being seated with her back to the audience she was able to drop it the audience she was able to drop it in her lap and consult it as often as she wished without danger of de-

"Having a memorandum of the questions before her there was no difficulty in constructing suitable replies, and that, briefly told, was the mechanism of the whole performance. But the most surprising part of it was But the most surprising part of it was the way people assisted involuntarily at their own deception. Hundreds of times I have heard folks talking over he matter next day, and add a few rills of their own manufacture. Often frills of their own manufacture. Often they declared they hadn't written on the slap at all, but had merely framed the question in their minds. Of course I knew that to be untrue, and I could hardly keep from smiling at the assertion, yet I am convinced that many who made it were in good faith. It was merely a case of self-delusion."

******* An Oversight.

He wouldn't pay an architect, It was a simple waste; He'd go ahead and just erect A house to suit his taste. He did, and now the neighbors fine A cause to stop and grin;

For, don't you know, it slipped hi To put a chimney in. -Chicago News.

Play Lessons for Children. Many enjoyable half hours may be spent by children in playing at "nouns and verbs," and a good deal of learning unconsciously impressed upon the

young mind. "A noun is the name of anything" is definition enough for a beginner. Then with her box of letters she makes a whole list of nouns which of course are names of the things she sees

around her. The mottoes and the names are printed carefully on checkered paper r cardboard. When the latter is used the words are afterward pricked with a coarse needle and reproduced in bright colored silks in kindergarten

From Behind the Counter. At a large reception recently given

at the home of a prominent dry goods merchant, the son of the house was carelessly drawing off his "white kids," when an amused smile of reminiscence crossed his lips. He began to carefully smooth out his gloves and pull out their tips, as he said to the next

person to him:
"Guess I'll take these to father's store and exchange them for another shade. They're a great sight cleaner than countless pairs that several wellknown society ladies have brought back to exchange, certifying with great emphasis that they never have been

"That so?" rejoined his friend. suppose you do see some curious fem-"Funny! They would be, if they weren't so tragically indicative of that get the best of you in small things. Why, one woman, brought back a pa'r of pearl kids all split up the back that must have been worn a score of times, at least, declaring that they had been split the first time she had put them on. 'Why didn't you return them then?' asked the clerk at the glove coun ter. 'Oh, answered my lady, sweetly, 'I knew they weren't any good to you, anyway, and I thought I might as well get a little wear out of them, first." "It is an old story, but, alas, a true one, of the women who order several of our handsomest rugs and portiers sent up on approval just before a reception, then ask us to call for them next morning, saying none of them ex-actly suit their furnishings. But about the most, and the best in another sense—was where an ultra fashionable lady had us send up a very fine table-cloth on approval, then came herself the next morning to ask that it be sent for, saying she was awfully stry for our trouble, but, really, it den't look so nice when she got it home as it did in the store. My worthy pater stood near enough to hear the madam's pretty story, and turning to her he said that he was very sorry, too, as he thought that it had looked very nice indeed on the dinner table the night before, only he felt that she ought to have napkins to match it. The dinner party was a large one, given by her daughter, so she had quite forgotten that he was one of the invited guests. The fate of that particular cloth was definitely settled, however, by its have ing a large and distinct wine stain on it, and the lady has not tried any such game on us again."

"What do you usually do in such cases?" asked the friend laughing. "Oh, nothing, generally, as the wom-en are rich and good customers—except to tell the story to some newspafellow once in a while."-Detroit Free Press.

A Fortune for a Single Flower. The purchasing power of money in the seventeenth century is shown by an article in the May Ladies', Home Journal, on the rulip craze in Holland, which reached its height about 1634. At a sale of bulbs, about that date, a single one of the Viceroy variety was purchased by delivering to the seller two hundred cushels of wheat, four hundred bushels of rye, four fat pigs, eight fat oxen, twelve fat sheep, two

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aged Haldimand County Farmer's Insane Deed-Found by the Son.

Cayuga, Ont, July 17.-The people of this community were startled Saturday when they heard of the horrible death of James Swick and his wife, an old couple about 70 years of age. The old man first killed his wife, and then put an end to his own existence. The scene of the tragedy is at a farmhouse in East Seneca, about four miles from the village of Canfield, and 10

miles from Cayuga.

The old man had acted strangely for some time past but the family thought little about it. On Friday at noon their son Harvey went to the field to cut wheat, leaving the old couple alone in the house. When he returned at in the house. When he returned in the house, when he returned in high a dreadful spectacle was presented to him. The mother was lying dead, with her head horribly bruised, apparently by a hammer, and the father was lying with his head almost ther was lying with his head almost shot off by means of a shotgun in his own hands. Death must have come weren't so tragically indicative of that almost instantly to him. There were curious femiline trait of wanting to signs of a struggle between the old man and woman, as her throat showed finger marks, he evidently trying
to strangle her first, then completing
his work by means of a hammer as
her head was battered. The hammer
was found hid under the hause, where was found hid under the house, where the old man had put it after doing his terrible work. Then he completed his own destruction, as already destruction, as already described.

Dr. Kerr, coroner, accompanied by W. Colter, crown attorney of Hal mand, went to the scene of tragedy Saturday evening and held an inquest, but no new developments were brought out. Suicidal tendencies are in the family, as one of his brothers killed himself several years ago. They were well-to-do farmers, and have a family grown up. have a family grown up.

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