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the side of a rock, leaving no shore on which he could pursue them far-ther. Luckily he had saved his canoe and provisions. They had caught on a rock and thankfully he dragged them ashore. With despair in his heart he started along the course of the seventh and last river, and reached the valley from which he was rescued by us. There for three years he had lived. Wild fruit there was in plenty and for the first two years, before Lafrance had put up his netting, there were also fish. Having nothing else to do he had caught and dried hundreds of these, and many a time during the last year had blessed the day when he had thought of doing it, for without the fish he would have been hard put to it to procure sufficient food. His gun and ammuni-tion had been saved, but he used them but seldom, for he could not tell how long he must remain there before being rescued.

Twice, hearing shots in the distance, he had fired two charges in quick succession, the distress signal of the woods, but each time the pre-cious ammunition had been wasted without avail.

Once a deer had been brought crashing from the top of the hill, and once a moose, but very seldom would he allow himself to discharge his

rifle, even for food.

He had tried to carve a way up the rock with his axe but found impossible, and for three years had lived his hermit's life. He frequently visited the scene of his mishap, and there three days ago, he had rescued Pierre. He took him to the valley, but Pierre had no idea of living there all his life. He had Bennett take him down each river, and each exit he studied long and carefully.

At last he found one where the water was of a lighter shade. He rightly reasoned that it was the sunlight shining through, and that here there was but a few feet of water

separating him from the surface.
Instructing Bennett to return to the valley, he plunged into the seething cauldron and succeeded for the second time in thwarting the river of its prey.

There is little else to be told. Pierre has regained his senses and Bennett has regained his liberty. The latter I often meet on my way to the office, and often jokingly ask if he wishes to join us the coming summer when we go to Riviere Verlac. He never does, but Rod and Jack and I in-evitably go, and as we step off the train at Metapedia we are always sure to see the smiling face, and grasp the honest hand, of big, brave Pierre Corteau.

The Family of Guinness

THE famous Guinness family is no nouveau riche concern. The first Guinness, according to the records of the family, was alive and kicking in Ireland somewhere in the thirteenth century. Only the name then was Magennis. Along about 1300, a McGuinez, squire to some valiant knight, was himself knighted on the field of battle and was thereafter known as Sir Don Guinez. Another of the family was created Viscount Magennis of Iveagh, but the title became extinct in the seventeenth century. The fortunes of the Guinness family were laid in 1759, when Arthur Guinness, gentleman, of Dub-

The Rationalisation of Pierre Corteau

lin, bought the St. James's Gate Brewery in the Irish capital from Mark Rainsford. A couple of years later he married an heiress. It was their son who married the greatest heiress of the day, the daughter of Benjamin Lee. In addition to barrels of money, she had the blue blood of Edward III in her veins and was of the proud families of Percy, Stafford, and Mortimer. They named their son and heir Benjamin Lee Guinness, and when he came into his own he spent a fabulous sum in restoring the ruined Dublin Cathedral to its present magnificent state. For this Queen Victoria made him a baronet. The present Lord Ardilaun is his son.

Mammoth Diamonds

THE London Chronicle says that diamonds are getting on the public nerve with the cutting of the great Cullinan. They have split it, and are making two stones of it, and when all is done it seems that we must calculate the value in carats. is a matter of so much a carat. And the Cullinan stone at its biggest will be worth less than four million pounds, while its little brother will be only half as valuable. And this is nothing to the "Braganza," which weighs 1680 carats in its present state, weighs 1680 carats in its present and is worth, according to the expert, more than £58,000,000. This is—we have the blantly—not true. You may say it bluntly-not true. can not eat a diamond, or drink it, or sleep in it, or make any use of it but to win a woman's smile. As a solemn fact of economy, it may be asserted that there is no man on earth who would give fifty-eight million pounds for a diamond. Because there is no man on earth that will buy the thing at the price he can not sell it at. Now is there a man who will buy a dia-mond for fifty-eight millions on the chance of another man's wanting another woman's smile?

Sayings of School-Boys

THE humour of the school-room has a delightful fascination all its own, and its originality is un-Some excellent examples deniable. are given by Arthur L. Humphreys in "Salt and Sincerity." During a Scripture lesson which was being taken by a clergyman, some boys were asked each to give a text from the Bible. One lad said: "And Judas went and hanged himself." "Well," said the reverend gentleman, "that is hardly a good text"; and pointing to hardly a good text"; and pointing to another lad, asked him to give a text, and the response came: "Go thou and the response came: and do likewise."

An Easy Mark

Burglars visited Mark Twain's new home at Redding, Connecticut, a few days after the humourist with his family had moved in. When informed of the nocturnal raid Mr. Clemens at once prepared the following notice

and posted it on the door:
"Notice—To the Next Burglar:
There is nothing but plated ware in
this house now and henceforth. You will find it in that brass thing in the dining-room over the corner by the basket of kittens. If you want the basket, put the kittens in the brass thing. Do not make a noise—it disturbs the family. You will find rubbers in the front hall by that thing which has the umbrelles in it, chiffe which has the umbrellas in it—chiffonier, I think they call it, or pergola, or something like that. Please close the door. Yours truly,

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