



It was very amusing to her to see how said Everard. "I had a letter from Ev-orfoundly gratified that stern republiprofoundly gratified that stern republiit." "Very well. Uncle, we are going a lit-tle way, and will be back soon." They walked along the path leading into the woods in silence for a few min-utes. At length Mona asked... "And what does Evelyn say!" "Oh. nothing narticular. She is still can Uncle Sandy was by being associated

as a family connection with the great grandees of the season. Sneer as he might at "yon puir, feckless bit of a lord" in his absence, he was always plalord" in his absence, he was always pla-cidly content to hobble along with Mona between himself and the elderly young

man in public places. To Everard he was more deferential. That gentleman's good-humored, un-flinching indifference to the feelings of his fellow-creatures filled him with awe. There was no knowing what he might say next, while the fearlessness with which Mona crossed rapiers with him which Mona crossed rapiers with him excited his admiration. Yet Everard was always ready to talk with her, and even tried, with the obstinacy for which he was remarkable, to get her away from her uncle to talk with him.

degree of attention woke Uncle Sandy's suspicions, for, as is not unusual in Scotchmen, he was disposed to attribute all such indications to the master ssion of humanity. "Tell me, noo,' he said one exceedingly passi

warm afternoon, as they sat in his room —the coolest spot in the establishment, where Mona had been reading aloud till her throat ached, and he dozed at intervals. "Tell me, was it because o' one cousin ye refused the other?" "How do you mean, Uncle Sandy?"

"Eh, you understan' well enough. Is it because ye luve young Everard you re-fused Kenneth?"

'Love Bertie Everard! Do you think any human being loves him, except, per-haps, his mother?" "How can I ken? He is a braw, out-

spoken callant. "He is brutally indifferent to every-

one's feelings. Were I obliged to marry either, I should certainly prefer Kenneth "Then what for should you refuse

him? 'Because I do not intend to marry him.

"Do you know that it will go hard wi' me before I ever consent to your marry-ing ony ither mon?" "Well, I shall not trouble you, uncle."

"Why? Have you sworn against matrimony' 'No; but I am not strongly inclined

for marriage." "That's wrang. Every woman is the

better of a ruler "I am conceited enough to be content

with my own guidance. Do not think me unkind or obstinate, Uncle Sandy, but I never shall be able to marry Kenneth." "Then, Mona, I am sair at heart to say

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game was interesting, and the Frenchman played better than usual. Mr. Craig was rather silent all the evening, and retired to rest even earlier than usual; but he was more gracious than his wont, and there was a tone of

weiled superiority in his voice when he spoke to Everard. "Mona," said her uncle, when, after the matutinal water drinking and douche, etc., etc., next day, she went at noon to administer a biscuit and a glass of wine ---"I have something to say to you, my dearie. Sit we doon." dearie. Sit ye doon." "Very well, uncle," taking her place beside him on the sofa. "What is it?" "A vara serious matter, which I hope

mused.

"A vara serious matter, which I hope youn'll tak' in a serious spirit." "This sounds serious." "It's just extremely gratifying, as I think you'll say. That young nobleman has been talking very seriously to me. He is an honest-like chiel, and he tells me he is varra deep in love wi' you, Mena, and he asket my consent in varra proper language. I said I would speak to you, and lay the matter fair before fyou; but that I begged him not to ad-dress you till I had explained a bit, for I am no 'that sure how you would tak' it. But I hope you will hear reason, for I should like to see you a countess, my bonnie bird, before I died, in spite o' that conceited ape Everard and his schemes." "Oh, nothing particular. She is still in a fool's paradise. They are not going to Strathairlie, because they want to show off the son and heir in Cumber-She is still land. They are to have a large party, and want me to go; but that is impossi-ble. I must look after Fitzallan; and that brings me to what I want to say. Don't run away with the notion you can marker Bitsollar? chemes.

bont run away with the holion you can marry Fitzallan." "Marry Fitzallan!" repeated Mona, amazed. "What an extraordinary idea!" "Well, he is always running after you, and talking bosh about you, and giving you flowers; but it's not to be done!" "Why, Bertie, you must be out of your mind." "And Lord Fitzallan actually proposed for me!" exclaimed Mona, much amused. "Why, uncle, you would not care to see me enrolled among the aristocrats for whom you have so much contempt—and then there is Kenneth! What is to be-

come of him?" "Aweel, you see, I canna turn things upside doon, whatever my convictions may be; so while these redeeclous dis-"Not at all. Don't fly off at a tangent. Of course, it is perfectly natural you should try to get a good settlement. It would be a famous match; but I can't

allow it." allow it." Mona paused, leaned against a tree, and laughed heartily. "If I could keep my countenance, I should be angry with you, Bertie! The determination people seem to have that I shall marry some one or other is ab-surd." "But I could keep my countenance, I another wife; and as my lord doesna wat ony portion wi' you, I could give a' "I am sure you and Lord Fitzallan are water to kenneth."

very good in arranging for my future; but do you know that Lord Fitzallan is in the habit of proposing for every wom-an he meets, whether in a ball-room or surd." "But I am determined you shall not marry Fitzallan. Don't you know that, after him, my father is heir to the earl-dom, and after him your humble serv-ant? Now Fitz was born an idiot, and behind a counter ?- that he is a half

ant? Now Fitz was born an idiot, and hasn't improved his brains by hard drink-ing. His father, Lord Lynebridge, won't give him a penny. Some one has to go about with him, or he would destroy him-self in a few months. He proposes for every woman he meets. We had an aw-ful row last April with a girl at a lun-cheon bar at Willesden or Ealing or some such place. He is a harmless creature, but his father will not give him a sou, and he does not want him to marry. It. "Naw," exclaimed Uncle Sandy, "and I will not believe it. He told me he was ready to mak' handsome settlements; to have the family diamonds reset for you; to have a couple o' rooms always ready but his father will not give him a sou, and he does not want him to marry. It would be a splendid match for you, but you see he has been so queer, I believe we could break it, so it will not do to attempt such a hazard." "Listen, Bertie. What have you ever seen in me to induce you to think of warning me in this insulting manner? Marry Lord Fitzallan! Why, I would al-most rather," she paused and looked at her kinsman from head to foot, "I would almost rather marry you." for me at Fitzallan Towers, for he was his father, would enjoy a crack wi' me, as he is an advanced Liberal. Wha has

been filling your mind wi' lecs." "No one, Uncle, Bertie Everard told

"No one, Uncle, Bertie Everard told me what I believe is perfectly true i about poor Lord Fitzallan. He is really half-witted, and you must, not seem to mind what he says, or you will make yourself and me rificulous." "Bertie Everard," repeated Uncle Sandy, wagging his head knowingly. "I know a' aboot him—a scheming, double-faced loon. You see, Mona, the crafty deil, he's next heir, and nat'rally he don't want my lord to marry, not he: and he unkind or obstinate, Uncle Sandy, but I never shall be able to marry Kenneth." "Then, Mona, I am sair at heart to say it, but I'll no count you as my daugh-ter." "Oh, yes, you will, uncle; you could "Oh, yes, you will, uncle; you could "Not weel. Yet I'd try, if you'd set your face against doing what I want you to do. Has Kenneth written to ye?" "No; then I have not written to him." "Well the second state of the second st

and the projected tennis match came off treat from Contrexeville was sudden, and the projected tennis match came off wary successfully, the players being Mona, Miss Clapton and her brotcher, and barely in good order. He was not a and Anglomaniac French count, shart, stout, and extremely puffy. Lord Fitzallan appeared in an elegant suit of flannels, and picturesque cap; but he served so badly, and so constant ly missed his balls, that he soon declarant subsided on a bench beside Uncle Sandy, who had so improved in health and spir-its that he even confesesd to a certain interest in the game, and confided Lord Fitzallan his conviction that, had have played "fine." Mona, observed that her uncle and Mona, barred the protocher, and the set of the treatment and subsided on a bench beside uncle Sandy, have played "fine." Mona observed that her uncle and Mona observed that her uncle and the subsided the set of the set of the treatment and subside dornes and spir-tist form Contrexeville was sudden, and barely in good order. He was not a dawned upon him for a moment. The dawned upon him for a moment. The waters, however, had restored his elas-ticity, so that his sullenness and irri-tist. A the even confeses to a certain interest in the game, and confided to have played "fine." Mona observed that her uncle and

have played "fine." Mona observed that her uncle and Lord Fitzallan gradually got into evi-denty deep conversation; but she did not take much notice of them, as the game was interesting, and the krenchman played better than usual. Mr. Craig was rather silent all the evening, and retired to rest even earlier than usual; but he was more gracious than bis mont, and there was a tone of mat to talk about and think aboot when I am settled doon for the rest o' my

I am settled doon for the rest o' my days at Cragdarrock." "That would be very nice, uncle; and we might spend the winter in Dresden. There I should be quite at home, and I could really be of use to you. "You're no' that useless here," said Uncle Sandy, kindly; "and I could may-be get a smattering o' German." "Oh, no doubt." And so uncle and nices set out on a

"Oh, no doubt." And so uncle and niece set out on a pilgrimage, visiting by very slow degrees the most interesting places in Switzer-land and on the Rhine. In this tour we will not attempt to follow; are not these places, their his-tories and attractions written in the

Fruit Crop .:. Reports ***********************

Department of Agriculture, Dairy Commissioner's Branch,

Fruit Division. Ottawa, Apples.-As was to be expected, the eports for the month of June on apples are not quite so favorable. There many reports of serious dropping, and the general tone of the report swould place the crop at not more than medium. n forming an estimate of the crop, the classification of apples into early fall and winter should be kept in mind, inasnuch as the three classes may have on entirely different value.

above medium, but not quite a full crop The tent caterpillar, the bud moth and canker worm have all been particularly contact worm never at been particularly severa, as well as several minor pests in different parts of the valleys, and it is not improbable that the codling moth will appear later. Wind storms and other contingencies will probably reduce the crop of winter apples to medium or less. Summer and fall apples will be or less. Summer and fall apples will be slightly above a medium crop. Graven-stein has set very heavily, and where they are sprayed thoroughly wild doubt-less yield a large crop. Nova Scotia Kings and Russets have also set well. Kings and Russets have also set well. The Baldwins in Nova Scotia will be

light. The British Columbia crop of apples will be about the same as last year. Pears—The prospects for pears have her. Don't you listen to them havers, Mona— be guided by me, and then that dil-natured clan of Everards will just the crazy when you are lifted far above them." "I am dreadfully annoyed, uncle, that you hsould be worried by this kind of Mona— be guided by me, and then that tricts 1 and 2, producing the month. In Dis-mercial crop, Kieffers are reported a full many failurös. Clapp's Favorite, Anjou, you hsould be worried by this kind of Mona— be guided by me, and then that tricts 1 and 2, producing the largest com-mercial crop. Bartletts, a medium crop, with many failurös. Clapp's Favorite, Anjou, Bosc and similar varieties, less than med-if one desires to be a little more exact if one desires to be a little more for the limited many failures. Clapp's favorite, Anjou, Bosc and similar varieties, less than med-ium. This condition wil also hold good for British Columbia. Plums-Plums are almost a failure, no large section reporting even a medium crop. The American varieties are pro-ducing best. The Japanese varieties are almost a total failure. you hsould be worried by this kind of false start; and you were so much bet-ter-looking so well too. We were quite quiet and happy before they came. Thank goodness your cure is nearly over. We will have been here three weeks next Wednesday and let us go crop. The American varieties are ducing best. The Japanese varieties are ducing best. The Japanese varieties are almost a total failure. Peaches—Correspondents repot 17 per cent. of the crop of early peaches a fail-ure, 17 per cent. hight, 35 per cent. med-ium, and 31 per cent. a full crop; late "Why should I, Mona, and why do you listen to you double-faced deil. I wish he'd just fall in the rive and get be clipped off and cashed and cancelled. To the individual investor, even if his fortune runs up into some of the fig-ures that big fortunes reach nowadays, drownded oot o' the way, before he turn-ed you against what I want, wi' his ium, and 31 per cent. a full crop; nate peaches, 12 per cent. of the crop is a failure, 21 per cent. light, 43 per cent. medium and 24 per cent. a full crop. Early peaches will probably be sufficient to mpply the demands of the market, but there will probably be some shortage of croch coupling reaches coupon clipping does not mean, of ed you against what I want, wi his fause havers," and the old man's voice grew unsteady with eagerness. Mona was greatly distressed that her uncle should be so possessed with this impossible scheme, and disappointed to course, any more arduous labor than he may be deemed willing to perform in view of the return. But in some of the great investing institutions, like the life of good canning peaches. Cherries—Cheries are everywhere be find him so faithless to his own prining marketed, a large crop, of good qual-ity, and freer from insects than usual. Grapes-Grapes are reported in good condition, almost equal to last year, They talked long and earnestly. length Mr. Craig began to see that his splendid air-castle was baseless: his good humor vanished, and with it Mona's powers of pleasing. He complained of headache, and rheumatism, pain in the with some complaints of winter-killing, specialy north of Lake Ontario. heart, appressed breathing, faintenss, and many other painful symptoms. He insisted on sending for M. le Directeur and the doctor and dined in his own

WALL STREET.

July 1st Means Rush for the Big Financial Institutions. -----

(New York Times.) Wair street takes care of the of securities which constitute it in trade is a detail of finan-tivity that hardly comes to the on of the casual observer who bilkons of securities which constitute its stock in trade is a detail of finan-cial activity that hardly comes to the attention of the casual observer who

attention of the casual observer who may be making an inspection tour of the district. There is so much more to interest in the seemingly crazy throng of brokers pushing and hauling each other about on the floor of the "Big" or "Little" Board, and still more wildly "playing horse" with each other down on the Broad street "Curb" that unless attention is attracted to the spectacle of an occasional policeman the district. There is so much more to interest in the seemingly crazy at throng of brokers pushing and hauling each other about on the floor of the "Big" or "Little" Board, and still more "Wildy "playing horse" with each other down on the Broad street "Curb" that a unless attention is attracted to the spectacle of an occasional policeman riding around in a carriage, or to a youth hurrying up street with a big leather wallet chained to his waist, the a tacual handling of the "goods" may well be entirely overlooked. The safe deposit companies, with their great vaults defended by steel bars innumerable, to which acess is possible only after an elaborate line of formalities has been gone through, ser, of course, among the show places of the street. So are some of the vaults which the banks and insurance companies maintain, and to the inti-mate visitor at a banking house which

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land and on the Rhine. In this tour we will not attempt to follow; are not these places, their his-tories and attractions, written in the books of Murray and Baedecker? (To be continued.) (To be continu

looked up in its valits and strong boxes all the while it would be no longer Wall street, but a graveyard. The business of the street is in the ex-The business of the street is in the ex-change of these things on some basis determined by relative estimates of earning capacity and inherent value. When a security is "closely held" it follows necessarily that its market is

restricted; when many securities are "closely held" the entire market becomes narrow," and brokers complain because there is little business td do. The effect upon the stock market would be the result of an inability safely or expeditionsly to transfer the valuable certificates, or to realize on valuable certificates, or to realize on them the share of carnings to which they are entitled at stated periods. Hence, what may be termed the me-chanical element in the exchange of stocks and bonds and in the liquida-tion of corporate indebtedness is quite as important as the sectimental even as important as the sentimental, even if there is no expressman driving up

much as the three classes may have of entirely different value. In district 1 early apples are reported almost a full crop, the fall and winter apples a medium crop. Baldwins and The Buccaneers, by Hyde. Mr. Lion of Spies light. If, however, the season should prove a warm one the whole of the apples in District 1 will be classed by apple buyers as early shipping stock. In District 2 early apples are almost a full crop, the fall apples less, and the winter apples only a medium crop. In District 3 21 per cent. of the corre-spondents reported the crop light, 53 Reports from the Annapolis and Corn-walks Valleys, District 6, indicate a crop above medium, but not quite a full crop. as interest on corporate bond issues by perhaps a score of financial insti-tations in Wall street at every July and January interest period. Indeed, and January interest period. Indeed, the number of distributing banks and trust companies thus acting as agents for the corporations may be even smaller, for some of the latter class of institutions make the business of acting as register of bond issues and

as transfer agents for stocks one of their principal sources of income, and their disbursements on "interest day" reach enormous totals. But there are two sides of the matbut there are two sides out the mat-ter, for every interest coupon that is paid has to be clipped from the cou-pon sheet of the bond it belongs to, and as the average coupon is worth perhaps \$22.50-representing a semi-

ter of fifteen tons an is fastened by twenty-one 2 1-2-inch bolts, which are checke by four combination locks and

ner door of the vault, no matter who he may be. Once the vault is open the bonds are taken by bores, checked and counted, and then distributed to the coupon cut-ters at the table. The actual work of clipping is done not with a pair of scis-sors, but with a little metal square so constructed that it will fit down over a given coupon and allow it to be torn constructed that it will fit down over a given coupon and allow it to be torn off without disturbing its next neighbor, which becomes itself a thing of value at the end of six months. When one has become expert at the job he can tear off the second expert at the given because the second s the coupon by a single motion of the hand. The coupons, separated, are counted and then go into bundles for collection. Meantime the bonds themcollection. Meantime tab bonds them-selves are counted again, packed away in the great vault, to be taken out for the next ime, perhaps, when an annual ex-amination of the company is in pro-

gress. Whether there is as much red tape Whether there is as much red taps about this as about the coupon clipping process depends upon who is making the examination. Expert accountants make a point of counting every bond and then of sealing up the boxes in which they are kept until the examination is over. Witnesses told the grand jury which has boxen impressing impurpase mattern witnesses told the grand jury which has been investigating insurance matters lately that when a western insurance commissioner came here to make an ex-amination on a certain occasion, he ask-ed an officer of the company how many bonds the Mutual had, counted the num-ber in one of the boxes, computed the number of boxes to a square yard of reace in the result masured the result with a foot rule, and finally, after a ciphering, announced that he guessed the company had the bonds all right.

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He came into the office looking great Iy worried. "I wish," said he to the advertising clerk, "to advertise a lost dog and I to put it in big type—the bigger the better-and say I'll give a sov-ereign for the return of the animal. Now think of it you can double the reward, that dog or Fye got to have

"Well, do, like a good lassie." "Oh, yes, uncle, I will write to him." "Have you been to the theatre?" asked

Lord Fitzallan, in the evening, as they sat together in the park. "No," she replied.

"It's not bad-not bad at all," said Everard. "There's a woman who sings very well, and they all have the national dramatic gift."

"Come with us to-morrow, Miss Craig," cried Lord Fitzallan. "They give Boc-cacio, and it is quite worth going to

"I dinna approve play-acting," said Uncle Sandy. 'It's just a sinfu' travestie on human nature; and I am told these French plays are no fit for a decent-like woman to sit and look at."

Some of them are rather strong; but this is really quite correct. Come your self, Mr. Craig." "Wha? Me! Na, na. I have never

been in a play-house, and I never will

"I am very fond of the theatre," said Mona, "but, as my uncle does not ap-prove, I will not go." "I dinna forbid you. You are free

to go; only I hope you would na tak' a young lassie to see what isn't fit for her

"Oh, certainly not!" cried both gentle-

"On, certainly not." cried both gentle-men, in chorus. "Then to-morrow evening," resumed Lord Fitzallan; "I'll go and see about places. By the way, Miss Craig, let us have a game at tennis to-morrow. I'am feeling all the stronger for my treatment, and I feel I can do wonders. There is that size little roly molt Englab art.

that nice little roly-poly English girl-I forget her name-and Bertie." "No, no! No tennis for me. How can you exhaust yourself with such nonion this beautiful evening. "Ay, I dare say you would prefer Lisle now

'Yes, a good deal more. He knew how "It is an admirable game, and I am to mask his selfishness, which is all one expects from an everyday acquaintance." "I think, Mona, I shall cut you in fugetting quite scientific about it—ain't I, Miss Craig? Come along; they have some very pretty stones peculiar to the coun-try, I believe, at that rubbish shop just ture de the park."

Second your efforts. Here is young Mr. Clapton, he will walk back with me. Well, Mr Clapton, I think we are going d. She took an opportunity, however "Na! I will not let my niece throw

"Wal, I will not let my neede throw away ony siller on such rubbish." "Well, may she not come and give me the benefit of her taste?" "Na! Why should you waste your sil-be aithor?" to have another cloudless day to mor-row. Is your sister inclined to make a set at tennis? I think my uncle will not

I understand you, Bertie, and my knowl-edge of your character does not improve my opinion of human nature; yet I do not believe you are quite as utterly sel-fish as you affect to be." "Affect! I never affect anything. You put me out of potience with your affec-tation of dsinterestedness, and yet how inconsistent you are you for out at

inconsistent you are. You fly out at me for suspecting you of the very nat-ural and, from your point of view, laud-able project of marrying a man of rank,

almost rather marry you." "Oh! you would, would you? By Jove!

while you hang on like grim death to a low-born, low-bred, rich old duffer, hop-ing to get his money." "If my uncle is 10w-born, so am i. But

I shall not waste my breath explaining anything. I do not care if you under-stand me or not, Bertie. I have not the slightest value for your opinion. I should dislike you, but for your relation-ship to Lady Mary and the girls, and the

sort of amusement your oddities afford. You are a curious creature! I wonder if ou were changed in your babyhood, you

you were changed in your babyhood, you are so unlike the rest of your people." "Wel, you speak plain enough." "Yes, I will always speak to you in your own style. What are you—any of you—to me? I want nothing from you.

you-to mer I want nothing from you. I can supply my own wants, and I have int the smallest ambition to belong to you in any way. I never seek you, and if you ceased to recognize me it would not cause me the slightest annoyance." "Oh, but I like to talk to you. If I ever could make such an ass of myself as to fall in love I should fall in love with

to fall in love, I should fall in love with oom. Mona did not appear in public either

Mona laughed merrily at this avowal and Everard confiscated a charming bou quet of roses Lord Fitzallan was des-patching to her, and bestowed it in his "Come, let us go back," she said. "You are by no means agreeable. I really regret not having a sympathetic compan own name on the delighted Miss Clap

ciples.

In the course of the evening, a cur ious, wildly written and ill-spelled let-ter reached Mona from his lordship's pen, in which he professed the most ar-dent admiration for her beauty, her

"I think, Mona, I shall cut you in fu-nre." "As you please. I am quite ready to be artless relatives against his liberty and declaimed against his liberty

ed. She took an opportunity, however of informing Bertie Everard of the oc "Na! Why should you waste your sil-ler either?" "I am sure you haven't too much to spare?" cried Everard. "That's my affair," rejoined Lord Fitz. allan. "So I shal. go by myself." Here the elder Mr. Clapton-Upper Clapton, as Everard called him, Uncle Sandy's friendly adversary-joined them. "Come, have a stroll with me, Mona," "The following day was dry and fine, On the whole, Alexander Craig's me

Small fruits—The strawberry crop is maintaining the conditions reported last month. The principal markets report fair receipts, of good quality; prices are 10 per cent, higher than last year. The estimate for raspberries, black and red is about the same as for strawber-

red, is about the same as for strawber

Foreign countries-The continental apple and pear crop is reported medium to good. The prospects for the English ap-ple and plum and pear crop have falen off seriously, and if this is confirmed by next month's reports, market conditions will be materially changed for early and

A. McNEILL, Chief, Fruit Division.

Editor Doing Bucolic Duty.

We go to press a few hours early this

thirty bushels or more per acre.--Man-chester, Ok., Journal.

fall apples,

inquired the "When was he lost ?"

"Yesterday, He went away with one of my boys and failed to return." "Couldn't the boy tell you where he hest the dog?"

lost the dog ?"

"No; he was lost with the dog and I haven't found him yet." "What!" exclaimed the newspaper man

"You don't mean to say that the boy is lost and you are only advertising for the return of the dog?"

return of the dog?" "Certainly I do. The boy will be re-turned free of cost, but it takes money to get a dog back. I know all about it. I've lost them both before."

And the newspaper man had accumul-ated some more knowledge.-London Tit-Bits.

insurance companies, for example, the process is a more serious one.

For instance, a force of six employees is detailed in the office of the Mutual Missouri Prison Made Goods. Life, where coupons worth a matter of \$1,200,000 will be cashed on the first It is said that Missouri manufactures day of July. The Mutual has approxi-mately \$50,000,000, face value, of its \$190,000,000 of bonds, on which the in-

terest falls due on the first of January and the first of July-which means that 50,000 coupons have to be clipped off and counted and sorted out into the bundles.

every interest period, and the force of six employees is kept ousy at it two hours a day until interest day arrives. In charge is William P. Sands, the

500 bonds an hour, which would mean that \$1,000,000 of bonds a day go through his hands when the elipping sea-ison is on. He has, perhaps, handled \$10.-(000,000 of coupons for the Mutual in the last ten years. A vast amount of red tape is involv-ed in the coupon cutting from the time that the great vault where the com-pany's securities are kept is opened until the bundles of coupons are sent out to be cashed and the trays which contain the bonds themselves are put back on the bonds themselves are the transment tr

It is said that Missouri manufactures more prison made goods of two or three elasses than any other State in the un-ion. These are shoes, saddletrees and cheap clothing. Nearly 1,500 convicts are employed in these shops. The manufacture of saddletrees by convict labor has been going on for the last thirty years. It is stated that few of these saddletrees have ever been sold in Missouri. The greatest sales have been in Texas, the southwest, the even

The coupon-clipping work starts in Missouri. The greatest sales have this company about two weeks before been in Texas, the southwest, the ewse and northwestern cattle ranges, the Re-public of Mexico and South America. The patterns of saddletrees manufacturin charge is William P. Sands, the reteran cashier of the company, who has been in its service since 1862, and Kansas City Journal.

has been in its service since 1862, and has clipped coupons for the company ever since it began to invest in bonds of any kind. Mr. Sands figures that he can tear off the coupons from about 500 bonds an hour, which would mean too and takes stern measures to ex-

be cashed and the trays which contain will not stop with legislation about con-the bonds themselves are put back on their proper shelves. The opening of adopt something as thorough going as the vault itself, in the first place, is no the English corrupt practice law. — small matter. It is located on the see-Philadelphia Record.