GEMS OF LITERATURE

The Bishop at Work.

"See, there is where ne got out; he jumped into Cochefilet-lane. The about-inable fellow! he has stolen our silver!" The bishop was silent for a moment, then, raising his serious eyes, he said mildly to Madame Magloire:

"Now, first, did this silver belong to

Madame Magloire did not answer; after a moment, the bishop continued:

"Madame Magloire; I have for a long time woongfully withheld this silver; it belonged to the poor. Who was this man? A poor man, evidently."

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"Alas! Alas!" returned Madame Magloire. "It is not on my account, or on mademoiselle's; it is all the same to us. But it is on yours, monseigneur. What is monseigneur going to eat from now?"

The bishop looked at her with amaze man's behalf. General Harrison had included to annly for a narrison had included to a narrison had included to annly for a narrison had included to annly for a narrison had included to annly for a narrison had included to a narrison

monseigneur, the bishop."

In the meantime Monseigneur Bienvenu had approached as quickly as nis great age permitted:

"Ah ter the war, General Wallace was appointed by President Garfield minister to pointed by President Garfield minister to the Sultan and was offered a high position." great age permitted:

"Ah, there you are!" said he, looking towards Jean Valjean, "I am glad to see you. But! I gave you the candlesticks also, which are silver like the

rest, and would bring two hundred "You may talk about the quietness francs. Why did you not take them and the bore of country life," said the Jean Valjean opened his eyes and looked at the bishop with an expression which no human tongue could de-

scribe.
"Monseigneur," said the brigandier,

"then what this man said was true? years and didn't know there was any We met him. He was going like a man thing new to learn, but in three weeks who was running away, and we are stay in the country I found out that rested him in order to see. He had this old fashioned sticking plaster was the best remedy known for a sore heel, and

bishop, with a smile, "that it had been given him by a good old priest with whom he had passed the right." whom he had passed the night. I see it all. And you brought him back here? It is all a mistake."

"If that is so," said the brigadier, "we can let him go."
"Certainly," replied the bishop.

(From Victor Huge's "Les Missenbles").
The next day, at sunrise, Monseign was asking in the gate dem. Madame Magicler can toward him quite bedieb hewelf.
"Monseigneum," dessegueum," cried the "dem. "dem. "dem. and "monseigneum," cried the "dem. "dem. and "dem. and "monseigneum," cried the "dem. "dem. and "dem. and "monseigneum," cried the "dem. "dem. and "dem. an

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The new stone which is chronicled everywhere has been insured for £100.

The Premier Mine, which is near Pretoria, is largely owned by the millionaires, Wernher Beit & Co. "To him that hath shall be given." The De Beers group have hitherto ruled the diamond market. But everything comes to an end. The De Beers has to take a back seat now. And it is the opinion of the best authorities that the Premier Mine has at last begun a career in keeping with its title. Other mines are maintaining a fairly high output, and it is plain that whatever else the world may want she will always have plenty of diamonds. The wonder is that they get no cheaper for the large supply. Indeed, during the last five or six years they have been going up in market value. What a agimance it is! To think that the wealth lying around in the Transvaal was only discovered in 1867, and that hundreds of millions of pounds worth of diamonds have been collected since! And all thru a colonial trader, one Reilly, being attracted by a curious looking pebble among others with which the children of Van Neikirk, a hospitable Boer, were playing!

Boer Children's Playthiags.

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Something of the Author of Ben

He Learned Something. From The Chicago News. "You may talk about the quietness

"Posted on what?" was asked.
"On most everything."
"Well, I have lived in town for 30

From The New York Sun,
Knicker: "What repairs did you have
made on your auto?"
Bocker: "Four new wheels and my

Bocker: "Four new-wheels and my shoes half soled."

Boer Children's Playthings.

The trader thought the pebble was worth examining, and promised the Boer his full share of whatever he might get for it (which promise he faithfully kept), showed it later at a Cape drinking bar and was taughed at. So disgusted was one of the loafers that he threw the stone into the road. O'Reilly found it again, and it finally changed hands in London for £11,000, was dignified with the title of "The Star of South Africa," and became one of the splendid possessions of the late Lord Dudley. Such is the story of a child's plaything and the beginning of diamond mining in South Africa.

HI-Luck Attending Great Diamonds of the late of the profession of woman, with a woman's full, rich ideals, "Because you can roll them so easily and win with them."

"I might have been a common woman now and less left alone; less known, and

WORLD'S GREATEST DIAMONDS

III-Luck Supposed to Accompany Abnormally Large Gems.

It was in the last days of December, 1893, that the English newspapers set up their then biggest headings (we have gone ferther in the way of displayed lines during the last few years of "the new journalism") to announce the new discovery, just as they have recently done in proclaiming the advent of the Premier Diamond Mine's sensational find. It was in the mines of the Jagersfontein that "The Excelsior" was discovered a dozeh years ago. No suc The Story of the Prince Consort of beloved murders arising out of their inardinate desire to possess the great diamonds of their inardinate desire to possess the great diamonds of the world's most famous gems. Considering the Oriental's passion of treasures of this description, there was a refinement of cruelty in the starving to death of a royal prison, there was a refinement of cruelty in the starving to death of a royal prison, there was a refinement of cruelty in the starving to death of a royal prison, there was a refinement of cruelty in the starving to death of a royal prison, there was a refinement of cruelty in the starving to death of a royal prison, there was a refinement of cruelty in the starving to death of a royal prison, there was a refinement of cruelty in the starving to death of a royal prison, there was a refinement of cruelty in the starving to death of a royal prison, there was a refinement of cruelty in the starving to death of a royal prison, there was a refinement of cruelty in the starving to death of a royal prison, there was a refinement of cruelty in the starving to death of a royal prison, there was a refinement of cruelty in the starving to death of a royal prison, there was a refinement of cruelty in the starving to death of a royal prison willing to be deluded? What is the matter with the public, anyway? Upon matter with the public, anyway? Upon willing to be deluded? What is the famous prison of the KohPlanton Mine's sensation.

The Easy Pable.

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The Overenthusiastic Girl.

One word more as to the professional life, and this to the overstimulated or overenthusiastic girl, says Alice Preston in the Ladies' Home Journal. Do not suppose that the prizes and success it holds out to you will at the last outweigh the nearer, dearer blessings of love and of home life. I believe in 'he ambitious girl as I do in all girls, but now and then I see her make the mistake of placing her profession ahead of the gentier, close, warm home affections and duties. Before you start out, or you who have started—if you would have my word for it—I could tell you how much richer and deeper and more worth while

are these things than to see one's name in large type, or honorable mention at an ephemeral art exhibit.

I have always thought it sengularly beautiful that Mrs. Browning, who has tasted of such fame, should have made her heroine Aurora Leigh, in referring to herself and her literary fame, say:

"I might have been a common woman now And happier, less known, and less left alone;
Perhaps a better woman after all, With chubbby children hanging around my neck

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I have always thought it sengularly I have always thought it sengularly But faithful in his labors still, As when they were begun, As when they were begun, He will not care; he is content With duty bravely done.



"C.-B." "Boo-oo! I dinna want this Bu-Bu-Bun! I want the M-M-Moon!" "You cannot get Free Trade from the Colonies. Rightly or wrongly they believe in a certain amount of protection. . . You cannot get that; but are you like a child that has set his heart on the Moon "Will you not be satisfied with, say, a bun instead? You can get the bun."—Mr. Chamberlain, at Gainsborough. Pall Mall Gazette. A NEW WAR

Sunday Mo

An Admirable Production

London, Feb. 14-The new hirty-inch, rifle now being ma but based upon principles so mistaken, that it can never sound and trustworthy arm. tion, as we have already said, lished in December last as a pary paper, giving details o tests made at Hythe with the when thrown into comparison

ervice weapon that it is now in the British army, and the diles of France, Germany and this report, which records formances of tng thirty-neh is nost satisfactory light, has bemost satisfactory light, has been certain quarters with deriving a sunfortunate, especially as happy and dangerous conclusion, so far as can be ascertafounded on any acknowledge actual tests that have give other or different from those by the experimental staff at 10 Musketry.

A military weapon is always

of Musketry.

A military weapon is alway evitably a compromise. The scommittee who were charged production of a new army rinkeen left to themselves to decrot have determined upon a tharrel. It was not, however them, except within very slip to say what the length shout the South African war the the mounted corps was so the series of the state of the mounted corps was so the series of the say was so the series of the mounted corps was so the series of the series of the say was so the series of the series of the say was so the series of the seri the South African war the the mounted corps was so tourranged that the cavalryme to be allowed to discard the and take up the infantrym Enfield rifte, which has a bar five inches long, and a rang thousand eight hundred yard tually, the inefficient carbine demned and all ranks—moundismounted allike—were given wearon.

weapon.

The Lee-Enfield behaved withruout the campaign, but ce fects in its construction were, less, brought into prominence cumstances which recurred frequency than was either sa venient, it was not unusual fe to get dropped and lost, thus the entire rifle worthless. "I were regarded as somewhat it these employed on the Mau used by the Boers. Then, meunted men a lighter, hand on was considered necessary, cavalrymen a light rifle that it loss of range as compared with

on was considered necessary, cavalrymen a light rifle that a loss of range as compared wit Enfield could be produced, it vious that lightness and hand qualities of equal advantage marching soldier. Hence the one rifle, or one pattern there be universal thruout the as eventually the lords of the joined the war office in its quew arm. A rifle was required the war office in its quew arm. A rifle was required carbine and all the a of the Lee-Enfield, but wisighting, and one or two other ments. This, the authorities a been provided.

Concerning the excellence of sights there is no question. In the provided was required to the confidence of the content of the cont ed on behalf of the war depart with ammunition similar to with the Lee-Enfield rifle no equal but a greater velocity, extensive range, is obtained. ening of the grooves as the proaches its point of exit d