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lid not hit anybody. "Yes, but he fired it into explained the lawyer. "Twenty shillings and costs," re-

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peated the judge; "he might have shot

The Model of the

Rue de Matin. By EDWARD HALLETT, in Spare

'tis finished!" and the brush was thrown down with a sigh

and rosy with frest colour, struck a you must know." beautiful Madonna full in one eye? he could reproduce a picture of the the fangs of love. human face: all other matters were. He told her all. How she softened! over his victory.

He was a genius was Radin at rehim see a beautiful painting of roses or what not, let it be but a copy itself of an original, and, in a short time, outranked even the original.

grant him permission to use them for a compensation, because his copies try his hand at reproducing a figure most before any of us knew the story, study, but until lately had not happen- they were married. I spend some of

the Rue de Bel, past the little cigar store next the corner of the Rue de Tihia, his eye had fallen on a beautiful pipctured face beneath which it was announced that a certain brand of cigarettes was "for sale here." The face held his gaze it claimed his attention; a girl budding into womanhood, eyes laughing, yet serious, as one laughs when affrighted; cheeks, rosy with healthy teeth, golden wonder at something scarce seen; hair, golden and neatly unrestrained; the figure draped in beauteous folds of purple

scarce caught save slightly over the bosom-what a study! Small wonder that he was entranced! Inspiration said, "Here is the

He knew Pol Plow, the keeper

as I who have often seen it, can testify. Inspiration doubly inspired perfection was near improved uponand Radin was radiant. He sat before his lovely creation-

At last he seemed satisfied—seemed, day; but so rarely are these conditions

In the mountain's rugged breast:
say, for even after retiring to his satisfied in the same years that it is Waits to tell of fame and glory couch, he could hardly restrain the over a century since Easter fell on mad desire to drink again of the March 22, and it will not again fall so beauty of his splendid reproduction.

duty called him away from the studio, suggestion is that Easter Sunday and peaceful when he basked beneath should be assigned to the third Sunthe lovely eyes. It came to him one day after the spring equinox, which loved this artistic creation far more between April 5 and April 13, accord than he had ever loved a maid of flesh ing to the date and day of the week on and blood. Dire dilemma! What was which the equinox falls. to be done?

The passion grew upon him, and his absolutely fixed to one date. That, of case became truly pitiable. One can't course, would necessitate a radical remake love to a thing of canvas and form of the whole calendar, under paint; there is no reciprocity possible which the same weekday should always and what was to be done?

e Matin, nearly mad in his great

assion. A voice caught his ear. "Well, you're a great one, aren't you, nearly running me down?" What was this before him-his pic-

ture, his "Maiden," in street costume? Dazed, bewildered, he stopped. "What's the matter, old boy?" the

"I-who-what-are you alive?" tried to articulate. "Well, yes, just a bit!" laughing

gently. "Why do you ask?" By this time he was somewhat composed. With his accustomed dignityfor Radin can be terribly dignified-

"Your pardon, madame, but will you

"REG'LAR FELLERS"

elegantly replied. "But aren't introyear, one the Gregorian, observed by He told her who he was. Roman Catholics and Protestants and "I'm Radin," he said simply, the other the Julian, kept by those

Often have I posed before a back

Radin, the artist, did not see, and if tioning; all too evident it was that he had, would hardly have cared-a she, this beautiful girl with her cartgreat task was done; he had proven load of slang, was the original of the to his own satisfaction, at least, that picture that held him fast bound in

but secondary to his great enthusiasm Radin is a good, true man, as men go has a love story, as most bachelors have girl died, poor thing! two days 2, B and BB Shot. producing pictures of flowers. Repro- before wedding. Yes, he told her of ductions, I say, for his powers of creathe new love. She was interested tion were exceedingly limited. Let Her lip quivered with feeling and sym-

Well, then it was her turn. How glad I am on Radin's account, that I can with that before him, he had a copy report—and, better, know its truth that in beauty and artistic finish, far that she was pure—a pearl in the mire of studio model life-almost too young. Money came easily with him, for the if that is possible in Paris, to be conpainters of the originals were glad to taminated by the horrible influence surrounding her.

Their acquaintance did not end here; she returned his love, and, althe pleasantest hours of my lonely life with them in their cosy home in

Astronomers' Conterence.

EASTER TO BE A FIXED FEAST. Vatican has announced that a conference of astronomers will take place in Rome next April under the presidency of Cardinal Mercier with the ob-The occurrence this year of Easter

Sunday on March 27, within five days of its earliest possible date, revived the proposal for a fixed Easter. No fewer than 16 Easters will happen in this century—an average of one every five years-unless something is done to prevent the erratic wandering of the festival between March 22 and April 25. Under the existing ecclesiastical rule Easter Sunday can fall on any of 35 dates. The present rule is that Easter must be a Sunday and that the ecclesiastical full moon (which is sat there for hours; he feasted his not the same as the real moon) upon eves upon it: he drank in its beauty which it depends must occur on one and loveliness; hardly could he leave of the seven days immediately precedt to fill an engagement. Back again he ing. Thus, to have Easter Sunday on came, and rejoiced over the effect of his its earliest date, March 22, the ecclesi-'Maiden" beneath the bright electric astical moon must be full on March 21, which date must also be a Saturday: but so rarely are these conditions

early until the year 2285. Of late years the inconvenience of a movable Easter has induced calendar It grew upon him as the days went reformers to propose reforms which by, this great delight in his first figure | will either make Easter a fixed festival picture. He was almost lonely when or greatly restrict its wanderings. One day, and before long, too, that he would give it a range of eight days,

Other proposals aim at an Easter fall on the same date. Any such re-"I can't destroy you-I can't, I form will probably have to be universal can't!" he wailed over and over in his throughtout Christendom, for the moon-controlled Easter is common to all civilized countries; though, owing



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