repelled all others.
Papa will get tired of being good to ungrateful a person as Miss Elmer,"
lared Miss Lester. "I am sure I don't

so imprateful a person as Miss Elmer," declared Miss Lester. "I am sure I don't see why she should treat him so cold!,"

And indeed, if Laura Elmer had been upon oath, and forced to give an answer to the question, why she doubted, feared and disliked Sir Vincent Lester, she would not have given a satisfactory reason. He was a very handsome, dignified and graceful gentleman, of a highly-polished address, and an unblemished character and repatation. In his manners to Miss Elmer, which even the most fastidious could take exception. And yet Laura Elmer,

erty to follow her example. He had tact enough to understand her, and advancing to understand her, and advancing to the table, he said:

"I hone van will de most fastidious could take exception. And yet Laura Elmer,"

erty to follow her example. He had tact enough to understand her, and advancing to the table, he said:

"I hone venured to intrude upon you, Miss Elmer, but that I have so much attention in the literary world—a poem by an unknown author. I have perused it with me early inquired:

"Where is her ladyship actually sends to me what can be in the wind?"

"Where is her ladyship actually sends to me work that is attracting much attention in the literary world—a poem by an unknown author. I know of none who could appreciate and the deaper feelings than those of admiration. I know of none who could appreciate and repatation. In his manners to Miss Elmer, but that I have said. Her ladyship actually sends to for me. What can be in the wind?"

"Where is her ladyship?"

"In the 'drawing-room, if you please, sir."

"Very well, go and say that I will be with her ladyship in a moment."

Laura Elmer bowed coldly in reply to this can be intruded in the literary world—a poem by an unknown author. I know of none who could apprecate and the intrude upon you, Miss Elmer, but that I have aloud he merely inquired take exception. And yet Laura Elmer, usually so thankful for all true kindness, felt toward Sir Vincent not only ingratitude, but resentment and disgust, which she could neither understand gust, which she could neither understand account," continued the baronet, quite head of the covert vanity becasions upon which her clear brow was clouded were those of the visits of Sir Vincent to the schoolroom, or of her own required attendance in the library.

Laura Elmer kept up her correspondand through him heard frequently of Rose, who, as her prospects brightened, and her position settled into stability, the most satisfactory account of her improvement, admitting, however, that she had the advantage of an excellent plain education as a foundation upon which to raise a superstructure of graceful accomplishments.

distinguished diplomatic position on the continent. He died at Berlin about two but the family remained years ago; but the family remained abroad for the health of their income, I am fold, until this winter, when they am told, until this winter, when they have all returned to Beresleigh Court. family consists of the Duchess, the young duke and his sisters, the Ladies Katherine, Mathilda and Annie Wardour; they are all excessively kind to me. The Duchess has made me promise that after the House of Lords shall have decided upon my case, I will accompany her to London, and remain her guest at Beresleigh House for the whole season. She undertakes to become my chaperon in society, and to present me to their Majes-

"And now I have a favor to ask of you. There has been a new poem called Woman, written by an anonymous writer, and reviewed in all the principal jourwork; yet these slight tastes have only stimulated my mental appetite for a feast of the whole volume. The reviewers, and a very discriminating judgment, ship—ay, and never to have gone farther sums up his criticism in these words: 'It than friendship, if I could have helped is written with mansuline power, yet no man could have written it.' Miss Elmer, if you have read this poem, you will forgive me for talking so much about it. If you have not read it, get the volume, and you will not blame me After perusing this letter, Laura Elmer sat holding it open in her hand, with her smiling eyes fixed upon vacancy, mur-

"It is understood; it has reached one heart and soul at least: one, too, through whom its influences for good may flow to benefit a thousand others." While she sat inthis happy, dreamy

reverie, there was a gentle knock at the

Believing it to come from one of her pupils, she bade the visitor enter, and looking up, beheld, to her surprise, the master of the house. The barronet had never before intruded the ball or opera. I scarcely ever see her to this apartment. With a sudden ladyshinp, and when I do I have nothing

The baronet had never before intruded into this apartment. With a sudden ladyshinp, and when I do I have not be to say to her, or, if I have, she does not understand me! If we met often we

baby.

Children frequently see and hear everything without understanding anything. They saw their father's solicitous seem. Bowing, and waving his hand in

thing. They saw their father's solicitous attention to all their governess' needs and conjforts, his readiness to serve her with a fvice or assistance, his unvarying kindness in every word and deed, and they saw the reserve with which Miss Elmer received all absolutely necessary attentions, and the coldness with which his repelled all others.

"Papa will get tired of being good to so ungrateful a person as Miss Elmer," and dedeved Miss Lester. "I am sure I don't dedeved Miss Lester. "I am sure I don't ing to the table, he said:

"Index manner, paradoxical as it may seem. Bowing, and waving his hand in the most courteous manner, and modulating his voice to the lowest and sweetest key, he said:

"Forgive my intrusion, Miss Elmer, and pray resume your seat."

But Laura remained standing, with her hand resting upon the table, lest, if she said dealered Miss Lester. "I am sure I don't ing to the table, he said:

unconscious of the covert vanity was trayed in this sentence.

f Sir
"Sir Vincent Lester's literary taste is

indisputable," replied Laura.

He then placed the volume in her hand, with a scarcely perceptible pressure, accompanied with a scarcely audible sigh, bowed, and withdrew.

Laura Elmer's happy reverie was over for that evening. A frown corrugated the usual noble calmness of her brow,

perhaps, and only simple kindness to a friendless girl. It is ungrateful, unjust, and absurd to think otherwise, and yet It was near the commencement of the I should be happier and more comfort-fashionable season in London that Laura able if Sir Vincent Lester would interest Elmer received a letter from Rose her-happiness. For though reason can find no positive cause of offence, yet instinct "Among the country aristocracy who have run the risk of taking me up before the House of Lords shall have decided upon my case," she wrote, "the most important is the Duchess of Beresleigh, of Beresleigh Court. You knew, of course, that the late duke occupied a distinguished diplomatic position on the continent. He died at Berlin about two

So saying, Laura Elmer sat down and opened the volume that she had very reluctantly accepted, and only because she had no civil pretext for declining it In looking over the poem she was less cleased than surprised to find that those passages which most deeply interest her own sympathies were the very ones most emphatically marked by the ad-

miration of Sir Vincent Lester "It is strange and sorrowful to think that a mind like Sir Vincent Lester's, capable of feeling and appreciating the true and beautiful in nature and art, should be so thoroughly destitute of veneration for the Creator of nature and the Inspirer of art," thought Laura to herself, as she sank into a pensive re-

Meanwhile Sir Vincent Lester regained the solitude of his usual retreat in the library. He walked up and down the floor in disturbed thought, murmuring: "I have forgotten myself. My hand the authorship of the poem, and even the sex of the author; some ascribing it to a man and some to a woman. The duke, who has a highly cultivated taste, and a very discriminating indement.

this large, hearted, companionship of high-souled women, I think I could be appy, would she but give me so much at forty-five, have never known the love of woman. Lady Lester married me for my rank, which she knows how to wear, and for my money, which she knows how to spend. She never sympathized with any of my tastes and pur-suits, never cared for the well-being of our own children; never, in one word, leved either me or them, being as in capable of love as she is of thought. He brain and heart seem to have no other functions than to regulate the action of her calm, nervous system, and the circulation of her cool blood—her life no higher object than to be thought the fairest and the best-dressed woman at

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should be dreadful bores to each other, or more varied collection of houris than that is certain. How different with were gathered together in the royal this beautiful Laura Elmer; for beautiful drawing rooms of Carleton House, Above

ly there never was before a woman so fair and so unattractive." Lady Lester was still youthful looking at forty-two, and but for the fullness of her form she might readily have been taken for twenty. She had gone through life gently and calmly. And now she reclined upon the sofa as motionless as a beautiful statue.

She merely lifted her large eyelids on seeing Sir Vincent enter.

seeing Sir Vincent enter.
"Well, Clare, you sent for me; it must have been that I might admire your very recherche toilet. You are going out, I

"Yes, I am due at Carlton House this evening; but I have half an hour to spare, and I wish to speak to you about

"Well, my dear," said the baronet, drawing forward a chair and sinking

cent, that this great Etheridge case, that has been before the House of Lords for weeks, is at length decided in favor of the new claimant." "Yes, I believe so," last week."

"Precisely."
"But in what manner does the decision of the great Swinburne case interest your most screne kadyship?" inquired the baronet, smiling.
"You shall know," said Lady Lester,

"You shall know," said Lady Dester, rousing herself a little, taking the Morning Post from a table near, turning to the fashionable intelligence, and reading: "The Duchess of Beresleigh and the Ladies Wardour have arrived at Beresleigh and the Ladies Wardour have a rouse of the Ladies was a little property of the lating the Morning Post for the lating the lating the Morning Post for the lating th leigh House. With her grace is the young and beautiful Rosamond, Baron-ess Etheridge of Swinburne, in whose ess Etheridge of Swindurne, in whose favor the great Etheridge case, that has occupied the Heuse of Lords for so many weeks past, has lately been decided. At the next royal drawing-room, Lady Etheridge will be presented to their Majesties by the Duchess of Beresleigh, whose great she remains for the account.

guest she remains for the season."
"Well?" inquired the baronet, looking
up inquiringly, as his lady finished reading. "I cannot see how this should in-

"You cannot! Well, perhaps your eyes may be opened when you shall have read another little piece of gosip which I shall read to you.

And, turning to another part of the paper, she read: "Aproaching Marriage in High Life.— It is confidently reported that the young Duke of B—I—h will soon lead to the

Duke of B—I—n will soon lead to the hymeneal altar the youthful and lovely Lady E—r—e of S—nb—n—e."
"There! now do you see?"
"I see that the paragraph means to say that the Duke of Beresleigh is about

to marry Lady Etheridge."
"Exactly; and that is just what the old duchess intended when she invited the wealthy young baroness to become her guest," said Lady Lester, with so much asperity that Sir Vincent, raising his eyebrows, inquired, with some sur

"Well, my dear, and why should the manosuvres of the duchess in favor of her son discompose you?"
"Sir Vincent, we also have a son who

must make an eligible marriage."
"Oh—h—h! I understand you. Lady
Etheridge, with her vast estates, would have been a very desirable parti for Ruthven. But this atrocious old ogress of a manocuvring dowager has been be-forehand with us," said the baronet, aughing, and then adding: "But never nind, my dear; let us hope it is not

mind, my dear; let us hope it is not true; we have nothing whatever to ground a belief upon but a newspaper paragraph, which is the most mendacious thing in existence. It is generally safe to believe just the opposite of that which it states."

"That is my only hope; and it is just possible that I may meet the duchess and this young paragon at Carleton House to-night; I have ordered Ruthven to attend me thither—and here he o attend me thither -and here omes," said her ladyship, as the door bened and gave admittance to Mr. Ruth-

ven Lester. "Success to your diplomacy, I would give the duchess a long start and back your cool, clear head at any odds against all her grace's hot haste," said the bar-

"And by the way, Sir Vincent, if you should go out before I rise in the morning. I wish you would leave me a check for a thousand pounds. I must give party for this young baroness."
"Ah, these tickets in the matrimonial ottery cost something, I see," thought Sir Vincent, as he gallantly handed his

lady to her carriage.

At Carleton House that evening the beauty, fashion and celebrity of the court and city were assembled to assist at one of the most brilliant entertainments that followed the nuptials of the Prince of Wales with the aimable and

her debut in society upon the coasion of her first presentation to their Majes-ties. Consequently, I cannof issue tickets for my party until I know when the next ing room is to be held."

d, wearied with her fruitless pro

nenade. Lady Lester turned into alcove shaded and perfumed with many boughs and wreaths of flowers, seated herself within its cool shadows and said, "You may go and leave me here to rest for half an hour, Ruthven and then order the carrage and return for me."
The young man departed, nothing loth, and the lady, indolently fanning herself, fell lists registricts. fell into meditation.

She was soon interrupted by the ap-

proach of two persons. With the secretiveness and curiosity of her nature, she withdrew into the deepest shadows of the alcove, where she was quite concealed by the branches of an orange tree. The two persons entered the alcove.

The first she recognized as the Prince of Wales, the second as one of his gentlemen in waiting, known even then as the confident of his pleasures and his

"You perceive that the duchess has not beauty," said the prince.
"No, your Royal Highness."
"But then the Duchess of Beresleigh, never was a habitue of Carleton House.

never was a habitue of Carleton House. You have seen this new beauty?"

"Yes, your Royal Highness."

"And are her charms as great as they have been represented?"

"Your Royal Highness may be assured she is a prize worth all the trouble that we shall have to gain her. She is about twenty-four years of age, her form is of medium height and beautifully proportioned, though not yet so rounded as it will be in a few years. Her complexion is as fair as a lily and as blooming as a rose. Her features of a delicate Grecian cast. Her eyes of a dark brilliant hue. Her cheeks are roses, her lips rosebuds. And her hair, of a bright warm, golden hue, surrounds this beauwarm, golden hue, surrounds this beau-teous face like a halo. She is not only a beauty of the first order, but, more than

that, a beauty of your Royal Highness' own exquisite taste," said the minion, "McMahone, you have succeeded in exciting my interest in this fair creature, and now I shall rely on your skill and address in procuring an interview with with a truculent bow.

her."
"Your Highness knows that I am ever keenly alive to your wishes, and active in your service; and though this Hesper-ian fruit is guarded by a torrible dragon in the shape of a duchess, I do not at all despair of plucking it for your Royal Highness."

"And remember that a prince's gratitude waits on your success."

The parties then left the alcove and ningled with the company. (To be continued.)

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WHAT IS A DEBENTURE.

"You will often hear of a debenture, although it is a term used much more frequently here than in other countries. It is rather a hard thing to define, as it is used to cover several kinds of securities; but gen erally it is a simple bond or note, a simple promise to pay, without special security be hind it. It is "" in the form of a bond and has the rather high-sounding name of debeature to catch the unwary, but you always want to know what it is secured upon.

"There are debenfures which are secured by mortgages, and also by collateral, but the word is used very broadly and is likely to lead to misapprehension and a poor investment.

lead to misapprehension and a poor invest-ment.

"I have now pretty well covered the names of the tools financiers work with. There are, of course, many variations, many sub-tities, many offshots. Having explained briefly the meaning of the terms, we will try to learn something of the character and value of these securities and investments as in-vestments: and bear-in mind that I am talk-ing all the time about investments, perman-ent places for money for the purpose of get-ting a steady income, and not speculation with possible large losses (as well as gaine) and long lapses in dividends.

unfortunate Princess Caroline of Brunswick. It was a scene of almost Oriental magnificence, splendor and luxury. Not a seragilo of an Eastern sultan, or the sensual paradise of a follower of Mohammed, could have presented a larger posterity paying any royalties."

DEADLY LA GRIPPE. ROMANCE OF

should be dreadful hores to each other, that is every an expectation of houris than that is every different with the grade of the control of known to our climate. It starts with a saceze —and emds with a complication. It lays the strong man on his back; it tortures him with fever and chills; headaches and backaches. It leaves the sufferer an easy prey to pneumonia, bronchitis, consumption and other deadly diseases. You can avoid la grippe by fortifying your system with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. You can cure its disastrous after effects with this same medicine. These pills protted you; they up-build you; they banish all evil after effects. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills ward off all winter ailments. They cure all blood and merve disorders. They are the greatest blood-builder and nerver tonic science has yet discovered. Ask your safety and the server of his instrument. weak and very much run down. The pills have not only fully restored my health, but I gained in flesh while taking them. I recommend them to all sufferers." You can get these pills from any medi-

cine dealer or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from the Dr. Wil-liams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Experiments in Fruit Growing.

For a number of years, extensive variety tests with fruits have been carried iety tests with fruits have been carried on at the Ontario Agricultural College and the various Fruit Experiment Sta-tions in the Province. These tests have given a good idea of what are some of the best varieties for the sections where

op-operation of all who are interested in fruit growing is invited.

Any resident of the Province who wishes to take part in this work may select any one of the experiments in the list, and the plants for the same will be furnished free of cost. All we require is that each applicant must promise is that each applicant must promise that he will try to follow the directions each year on forms which will be furnthat he will try to follow the directions take the position waiting for her among each year on forms which will be furnished for the purpose. The experiment selected should be indicated by giving the number of people in the poor child, and she was sent to London, where

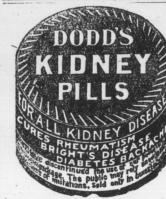
Experiment No. 10. Apples—(For *Sou-

-1 tree of each. -1 tree of each.

This division of the Province into Then cam North and South may be approvimately made by a line running from Collingwood to Kingston.

When the Mississippi Freezes.

Since 1870 there have been but six seasons when the Mississippi did not freeze over, there being the years 1873, 1875, 1882, 1891, 1902 and 1906. The thirty times that it did close, the ice stooped running thirty times in December, showing that this is the month when the heavy cold usually sets; in. The earliest date recorded is December 3, 1872, and the latest February 24, 1889. One season, 1805-1896, the ice froze up tight and then moved six times the variation of the temperature for the winter. When the Mississippi Freezes.



NOTED MUSICIAN.

A certain amount of romance awept from ocean to ocean by an rounds the life of every artist, but the epedemic of la grippe or influenza romance of Marie Hall reads like that of It is one of the deadliest troubles a story book heroine. Born in a small known to our climate. It starts with a town in England, of humble and hapless

Miss Hall's father had considerable ability as a musician, and at one time played in the orchestra of the Carl Rosa. Opera Company, but he evidently had more talent than application and weighed down with the stremuous necessity of providing food and raiment for a growing family, he stepped backward rather than forward in his musical career. At his home, however, musicians were wont to easemble, and these were the brightest moments in Marie Hall's childhood.

There were several harpists in the

There were several harpists in the Hall family, and it was intended that Marie should also learn this instrument. When still scarcely able to talk plainly she was accordingly set to practice on the huge instrument, which seemed but brutal, neath her tiny fingers. She wanted to learn the fiddle, but the wish was the sequenced till having ally wranted. ed to learn the fiddle, but the wish was not encouraged till, having slylp practised some few pieces to surprise her father, there was no longer doubt of the fact that the little girl was divinely gifted in this direction. The surprise was complete, and from that moment Marie was allowed to indulge her preference, and the harp was discarded. A course of lessons under a competent master was out of the question, so the tiny artist struggled bravely on alone, and under her father's tuition, till a local teacher interested herself in the child's behalf. behalf.

behalf.

She played at the pavement's edge!
Marie Hall, who now takes the highest
fee paid for any lady violinist, has actually played in the streets, and her sad
eyes, that spoke as loudly as words of the great sorrow—the sorrow of genius battling with starvation—attracted the attention of passers-by, who dropped spare coins at her feet. One day, they attracted attention to some purpose. The strains from the violin must have been unusually pathetic, for the child Marie was asked to enter the house of a gen-tleman of means, who was so struck with her ability, that he then and there with ner ability, that he then and there determined something must be done. It was arranged that Marie Hall should be sent to London to compete for the newly created Wesseley scholarship at the Royal Academy. She was delirious with delight, and though only fifteen years of age, her young heart heat lightly for the best varieties for the sections where the tests have been made.

The following list gives the names of a number of these, which are now offered for co-operative testing. One of the objects of this co-operative testing is to distribute these leading varieties more widely that they may be tested in every township of the Province and that each grower may select for himself and grow more extensively those which give the best results on his own farm. Over 2.000 experimenters are already engaged in this work and are profiting because of its practical and educational value. The co-operation of all who are interested in had built, and back to the pavement's edge went the greatest woman violinist that has ever lived. Is it any wonder that the violin then was almost human in its appeal? The sad eyes were sadder than ever, and the slender fingers grew more frail with the burden of srushed.

hope.

However, brighter days were in store, and Canon Fellowes, of Bristol, on hearing the wonderful tones drawn from a worse than mediocre violin, determined that Marie Hall should have a chance to the the position waiting for her among selected should be indicated by giving its number in the list.

Experiment No. 1. Strawberries—
Splendid, Fountain. Ruby, and Parsons—
12 plants of each.

Experiment No. 2. Raspberries—Cuthbert, Golden Queen, Marlboro', and Columbian—6 plants of each.

Experiment No. 3. Black Raspberries—
Gregg, Kansas, Palmer, and Older—6 plants of each.

Experiment No. 4. Blackberries—
it from the concert hall and begged him to hear her play. She speaks now with the concert anuscement and surprise at her plants of each.

Experiment No. 4. Blackberries—
(Adapted only to "Southern sections of Ontario) Agawam, Eldorado, Kittatinny, and with teams in her eyes, and Snyder—6 plants of each.

The from the concert half and begget with the plants of each to hear her play. She speaks now with great amusement and surprise at her adactive, and with teams in her eyes, pays tribute to the generosity of the pays tribute to Gontario) Agawam, Eldorado, Kittatinny, and Snyder—6 plants of each.

Experiment N. 5. Currants—Fay, Red Cross, Victoria, and White Grape—2 plants each.

Experiment No. 6. Black Currants—Champion, Lees, Naples and Black Victoria—2 plants of each.

Experiment No. 7.—Gooseberries—Downing, Pearl, Red Jacket, and Whitesmith—2 plants of each.

Experiment No. 8. Grapes—(For *Soumith—2 plants of each.

Experiment N. 8. Grapes—(For *Southe necessary money, and Miss Hall was

Experiment N. 8. Grapes—(For Southern Ontario) Concord, Wilder, Niagara, Lindley. Brighton, and Vergennes—1 vine of each. Experiment No. 9. Grapes—(For Northern Ontario) Champion, Worden, Winchell, Delaware, Lindley, and Moyer—1 the end of twenty months, so earnest the end of twenty months, and the end of twenty months, and the end of twenty months, and the end of twenty months, so earnest the end of twenty months, told her to go out and conquer the world. It was the same violin which Experiment No. 10. Apples—(For *Southern Ontario) Primate, Gravenstein, McIntosh, Blenheim, Rhode Island Greening, and Northern Spy—I tree of each. No. 11. Apples—(For *Northern Ontario) Transparent. Duchess, Wealthy, McIntosh, Scott's Winter, and Hyslop Crab——I tree of each.

cheers of approval. Then came the challenge to the Lon-on public. With the orchestra of Morth and South may be approximately don public. With the orchestra of Henry Wood, who is also well known is wood to Kingston.

Address all applications to H. L. Hutt, Agricultural College, Guelph. cess followed success. Miss Hall created a sensation in all the U.S. cities she visited on her tour in America two years ago and she will be accorded a great reception when she returns to this country shortly.—New York Telegram.

How the Game is Played.

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The Steel Trust remorselessly robs customary shipbuilders. It is now proposed to help the shipbuilders, not by repealing the tariff on ship plakes, but by passing a subsidy bill of enable shipbuilders to make good the overcharges of the Trust out of the pockets of taxpayers. On this subject The New York World (quoting its figures from page 115 of the report of the Commissioner of Navigation) has this to say:

In October, 1900, the price in the United States was \$38.88 a bon, as against \$24.64 in Great Britain. In April, 1901 the American price was fixed at \$35.34. With the exception of the six months from September, 1904, to February, 1906, inclusive, this price has been maintained without change. The British price during this period has fallen as low as \$25.15, and except for a period of three months in 1901 it has never equaled the American price. During most of the time there has been a difference of from \$5 to 83 at on in favor of the English shipbuilder, and the Steel Trust has successfully met British competition at these prices while paying the freight from Pittsburg.

He must be a good boy who can keep a job in a rubber factory without getting bounced.