# UNCLE COTTLE'S WOSING

"I'm going to get married, Tim?" Uncie Cottles sat very upright in his hair and spoke with an air of invincible

"What, again ?" drawled his nephe Again, sir? When was I married be

Again, sirf when was remarked fore ?" "But this isn't the first time you've been going to do it, uncle; that's what I meant." Tim explained. "Do I know the favored lady ?" "It's Miss Sybil Holt, Tim." said Un-cle Cottie, confidently. "The most love-ly the the oh hi I mak her the oth ar evening at Mrs. Dynham's silver wording early and she-ar-quite seem."

b) the the off if increases in the increase is a second state to me. I'm older than she is," he sighed pensively, " but I look a good ten years younger than I am; don't you think so?".
Tormg Tim regarded him critically winout hazarding an opinion. He was put middle age and looked it—a trub is the sort, and the gentleman, with short, anny legs and looked ti—a trub is the sort of answered. You didn't say," he added whether you knew Miss Holt?" "I don't remember to have

her. "Ah! If you had you couldn't forget

She's an aunt you'll be proud of her. my boy." "But she may not appreciate the hon

"But she may not appreciate the hon-or of obtaining me for a fiephew." "If she refuse me Tim-if I lose her as I've lost all the others," cried Uncle Cottle wildly, "I shall think there's a curse on me, and I'll give in-I'll nev-er love again. I'll live and die single." Young Tim hoped he would. Uncle Cottle had been his guardian ever since he was quite a hov, but since he was

he was quite a boy, but since he wa he was quite a boy, but since he was become of age some six years ago he had rather reversed the position of af-fairs, and looked upon Uncle Cottle with the jealous eye of a sole proprietor who didn't want anybody to meddle with his

'I'm his only relative," he complain ed to his orony. Ted Merrows, as they sat at breakfast next'morning in the chambers they tenanted in common. "What's his is mine, He's said so lots of times. If he gets married, though, his wife will expect at least half, and if he has childrer—there'll be no meat left on the bone for me."

left on the bone for me." They were both reading for the bar, but Ted Merrows put aside his paper for a moment and placed all his intellect at the service or new remor-" What's the use of locking black about it? Don't put on the poultice prematurely-first catch your cold. He's been going to marry often enough be-fore-"

The stand of the second so determined "But he's never seemed so determined as he is now. He's dyeing his hair and cultivating a figure." "Gone so far as that!" exclaimed Ted, "Then I'm afraid nothing will stop

"Then I'm afraid nothing will stop him." "I shall try, anyhow," growled Tim. "I shall tell him I've found out she's en-gaged. I've stopped him pwice like that; he's so nervous and afraid of seeming presumptuous. That widow was the most dangerous-three months ago. I really thought I'd lost him that time. He was so bewitched he was going to call at her house, only I persuaded him it wasn't etiquette, and that he ought to write first and disclose his sentiments and ask permission to call. I undertook to post the letter on my way home here to the temp'e and I put it in the fire. When he got no answer he wished he hadn't written-felt he had been im-pertinent and she was offended." "Suppose he meets her and mertions it?"

A man of Emile, but whose real name is gaagard. He can trace his direct des holding the reins, created astonishment me morning last week in the convict camp at Imman. Tenn., as the animat gaame de a stop at the gate of the railway station. He was subject to painles and swiths as an arrow, brought death without relaxing his tight grip on the lines. the provide series of the series of the provide series of the series of

Tim was not middle-aged, but he con-differed that if snything that should bell in his favor. He read and re-read the advertisement till, from feeling tempted to answer it just to test the probability of Ted Merrow's story he began to succumb to fresh fears for his future and became anxious to answer it for his own sake. "There's no harm in writing." he argued. "If I change my mind or it doegn't seem good enough, I can drop the seem good enough, I can drop the seem good enough and the second

The Rev. Stopford Brooke has given up regular preaching in London. Recent statistics show that the pub-lic libraries of Europe contain about 20,000,000 of books.

"There's in harm in writing," he argued. "If I change my mind or it desput seem good enough. I can drop it "" And while the impulse was upon Him he wrote. He wrote vaguely of his in-owne and said nothing of his age. If he explained his precise position he fear-ed also might fancy it was to insecure to render him eligible. But if he could see her he flattered himself that the charm of his conversion and person-al presence would dazzle her and divert her attantion from his less pronounced montary qualifications. He should his own name. "T. Cottle," hecause if the explained in precise when he had to acknowledge he had approached her un-der a tasis name. A the same time, as she had wronched her un-der a tasis name. A the same time, as she faith the should his own charts of the same time, as she faith the should have an eddrox he follow when he had to acknowledge he had approached her un-der a tasis name. A the same time, as she faith the should her to acknowledge he for the text the signal data the faith eligible that the the tradie to he left fill called, in Heynwater and to be left fill called. The signal that the her office of the text the she had wrong the she that the the college here are the text the signal data the regretter here comes in y when here of light of the next morting. We the head and wouldn't wait. The half regretter here the text in had a large and wouldn't wait. His increase in bood them to asay he had called and wouldn't wait. His next home he told them to asay here at home he told them to bay here at home he told them to asay here at home he told them to bay here at home he bold them to bay here at home he told the should hear her

REUND THE WHOLE WORLD.

WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE GLOBE.

Old and New World Events of Interest Chri

icled Briefly Recent Date.

States. A despatch from Athens says that there are now about nine thousand Cre-tan refugees at the Piraeus, port of Athens, wither they field to escape the fury of the Turks. In 1894 there were 1,977 missionaries in China, 896 of whom were men. The China finand Mission claims 393, the Presbyterians 180, the Methodists 140, the American Board 117, the English Church 110.

Church 110. Czar Alexander III. was insured for over a militon. The life of King Hum-bert of Italy, too, is enormously insur-ed. Below the scale of royalties is the young Earl of Dudley, whose life is most heavily insured, over a million being the sum named.

A painful scandal has come to light a Paris, where a cadet in the Ecole In Paris, where a cadet in the Ecole Polytechnique of high enough stand-ing to be a candidate for the artillery service has been arrested for stealing the watches and jewellery of his fel-low-students.

Times out, which you cluster has "" was on particular business."
"On particular business."
Tim had dim premonitions of disaster. He only upbraided himself for neglecting the affairs of Miss Hoit.
Yes." Uncle Cottle winked his left sye and smacked his neghew on the shoulder exuberantly. "I was arranging to get married."
"To Miss Holt?" faltered Tim. "No," laughed Uncle Cottle. "You'll never guess. It's the widow-Mrs. Netley. You remember we wrote to her. She answered my letter that evening. an hour before you called."
"Tim was too confused to grasp what he heard.
"Hat you said," he stammered, "that it Miss Holt rejected you you'd know there was a curse on you. and—" "I haven't asked Miss Holt. Besides it's three months since I wrote to he widow, so in any case, she has a sort of prior claim over the—" "The widow of here's her letter," said Uncle Cott. low-students. The jewel casket of the Dowager Em-press of Russia is the most famous in the world, from a gem point of view. Hardly second to it is that of the Em-press of Austria, whose black pearls are noted throughout Europe for their ex-treme beauty and rarity.

Mr. Ernest Crofts, who has been re-cently promoted to the full honours of the British Royal Academy, although still a comparatively young man, has had to wait long for the well-earned distinction. He is 50 years old, and has been painting for 30 years.

been painting for 30 years. Many French undertakers are now using cheap coffins pressed out of paper puip. When polished and stained such coffins look almost as well as those of wood. They last longer in the ground than coffins of wood or mats, and they can be hermetically scaled better than heavy metal comes. It is well known that in spite of his statutes the prime of West

of prior claim over the-" "The other ourse," Tim suggested, bitterly. "Here's her letter," said Uncle Cot-the disregarding his interpolation. "He thrust the missive into Tim-hands, and he read it dazedly as they waked on together. "Dear Sir-H you care to call on me I shall be pleased to see you. I regret you did not give me your own address, as I should have thought it implied either a want of conflicence in me or candor in yourself had it not been that we are almost neighbors and I had the pleasure of meeting you a few months ago"ani know you by reputation. Under the circumstances you will appreciate my preferring to send this to your pri-vate address, which I have taken from the directory. "Yours truly, "That's all right, Tim, ain't it," chuckled Uncle Cottle.

The swell known that in spite of his send to tree the Drines of West oration due him. Some time ago he went to see a play in which there was some incidental satire of the birtish army and navy. The Frince, before all things a good patrict, was dispicated. "I knew nothing about this play before hand," he said, "I was advised to see it. But no one ought to have spoken a good word of it to me!" At no time since the middle ages have bigotry and intolerance been more cont case of the introduction of a bill jews shall be excluded from citizens" rights and their property confiscated; also that corporal punishment shall be re-introduced for criminals of that race. in addition to this an amendment was offered to the bill making it a crime for a jews yould be entered as a student.

for a low to marry a Gentile. The prospect that the young Duke of Albany will be entered as a student at 'Eton next year is causing some stir in the college. Arthur Benson, the eldest son of the Archbishop of Canterbury, is to be the tutorial over-seer of the young Duke, and in another year, or at most two, there is every probability that he will be joined by Prince Alexander of Battenberg. It is decided that both the Royal strip-lings will in due time go to the uni-versity. For the present they will be fellow purches a private school in the New Forest. It is a curious circumstance that the

the directory. Yours truly. "Maud Netley." "That's all right. Tim, ain't it." chuckled Uncle Cotle. Tim realized in a flash that this was his "Maud." and that it was his letter she was answering not his uncle's but he could not see his way to saying so. "What does she mean about your ad-dress?" he said. "Why I was nervous when I wrote that letter, and I must have forgotten to put my address in-that's why she didn't answer before; she couldn't. And it's just occurred to her to look in the directory. See ? I meant to have ask-ed her about it, but she was so nice. and amiable and smiling, and I was so -so-well. I hardly know how I was-but there didn't seem any need to apolo-gize, and, in fact, I never thought about it till I was coming away." "I she young." asked Tim, for the ake of asying something. I thought at first she was nearly tody me so herself. I showed her my bankhook and a list of my seourities. "Oh, that's all right," she says, laugh-ing. "Then when's it to be '' says I. Ann it's going to be next month." "Next--" "Month. I'm going round to the vi-<text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text> to be 115 metres high, hexagonal in form and divided architecturally into four parts, which are to be subdivided, the first and second parts Into five stories each, the third into six stories; and the fourth into eight, making twenty-four stories in all; of these, nineteen will be accessible to the pub-lic. The tower is to be built of steel, and, ornamented with balconies, col-way strugged and formed in matal <text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text>

# MODERN WARFARE

In These Days a Single Encounter Woul Probably Decide the Issue.

Summing up the whole question as between any two European peace-train-ed armise of the present day, the ex-treme percentage of loss to be antici-pated locally, i.e., on particular brigades and divisions, will not exceed one in three (of which one is killed to four wounded), whereas for whole armises of

three for which one is a liter total wounded), whereas for whole armies of a quarter of a million and over, 1 in 10-is the very out-side punishment we may reasonably expect says the Pall Mall Gazette.

The Spanish Province of Puerto Rico last year imported from the United States, 118,017 barrels of flour, valued at \$352,676. tested fields of the Napoleonic period, this is very little, indeed. At Zorndorf at \$382,676. In several districts of Kurdistan the wealth of the individual property own-er is estimated by goats, and he is taxed so much per goat. The Hungarian Minister of Agricul-ture estimates the wheat goop of that country at 146,600,600 buschis, against 142,000,000 buschels last year. the Russians left 21,000 out of 52,000 on the ground, and, though this is un-doubtedly the bloodiest battle record-142,000,000 bushels last year. Glagow's underground railroad is now running. Trains pars our even miles, taking twelve about a twenty-ight minutes, and the wenty-she world's convention of Christian Endeavour of 1900, is expected to be held in London; 10,000 delegates have promised to attend from the United States. A despatch from Attention ed since the introduction of portable to be maximum dy figures or percen-tages only, but by the density in which the killed and wounded lie, and the fate of the latter afterwards. In a smodern battle, 20,000 men would fall on an area of about twenty square miles; at Zorndorf 21,000 Russians and 12,000 Prussians lay on

A SINGLE SQUARE MILE, and of the wounded not one in thre survived; whereas in 1570 nine out of ten, recovered, and the Prussian med cal staff anticipate even better result that time.

alivived; whereas in the Prusian medi-cal staff anticipate even better results next time. But death on the hattlefield is by far the isast of the two evils the sol-dier has to face. There is death on the line of march, and in hospitals along the road. Whereas, formerly, particu-laity under Napoleon, ten would die by the way for one who fell in ac-tion; in the last Franco-German war only one man died of disease for two killed in action. Indeed the health of men in the full prime of life was actu-ally slightly better in the field, than in quarters. I thay, however, be argued, that even granted that battles and marches may be less destructive, there will be more of them, because every able-bodied man being trained for war, the resistance will be more prolonged than formerly; but this prolonged endurance is only conceivable under the supposition that the leaders on both sides are hopelessly incompetent, and both fear to stake all on a single collision, a supposition that moting tends to justify. On the con-ftrary, every leader brought up in the modern school is taught to understand the vulnerability of all modern socia organizations, and is penetrated with the conviction that one downright "Knock-out" effects more than week of purposeless aparing and when both start determined to bring matters to a climax, the decision CANNOT BE LONG DELAYED. Judging from what we know of th y relative efficiency of continental arm

CANNOT BE LONG DELAYED. Judging from what we know of the relative efficiency of Continental arm-ies, we believe that the first round of the great encounter will also be the lastic free the momentum of the blow every nerve of the opponent's bdy; and adding up all sources of casulties that can occur in a short campaign of this description, we conclude that at the very lowest the actual cost of hu-man life to the powers engaged will not amount to more than 5 per cent. of their several populations, or almost identically the same percentage as the influenze epidemic of 1891-2 cost Ger-many, and rather less than the same epidemic cost us. To suppose that this degree of blood guiltiness would chain the wills of any responsible body of statesmen who believe that they are acting in the interests of their coun-try is surely too Utopian an idea for profitable discussion.

TOWER OF PROGRESS.

## Will be One of the Novelties of the Paris

Exhibition of 1900. The "Tower of Progress," as it is

The "Tower of Frogress," as it is to be called, or the Turning Tower, will probably be one of the most interest-ing novelties at the approaching exhi-bition of 1900 in Paris. This tower, de-signed by an engineer called Devic, is to be 115 metres high, hexagonal in

# MAKING OF GOOD ROADS

### THE MOVEMENT FOR BETTER HIGH-WAYS HAS COME TO STAY.

best they could improve their lines of road.
He has lectured to county councils and other interested in road mainten, ance all over the province, and they are writing to him every day to secure him shelp in various places. His printing population, and his suggestions have brought forth fruit in many places.
With regard to cliv streets, Mr. Campbell thinks they should be well paved all round. There should be through lines to carry most of the threst would be assistance or the standard or the solution and firing on the guards commissioned to a frashin hospital in Tuois, where he was taken care of. The wounds of his leg were soon that about the there wout soon hints about road making, the gist of which is given and to contry roads was commenced, a few to country roads was commenced, a few meerly the talk of a few "bicycle sports," who wanted to wheel about the country at the expense of the farming community with the rebuilt that it was one, and generating the sports, who wanted to wheel about the or a frail. To day the good roads movement is not of sports, but of business main affecting the future social and commercial prospority of the country. The issue sports are being found to consist not of sports, but of business main affecting the future social and commercial prospority of the country. The issue sports are being found to consist not of sports, but of business main and women, and gentemany tourists using the wheel in preference to the rail more and women, and gentemany tourists using the wheel in preference to the rail prospority of the country. The wealthy Englishmen, Americans, or their sons are carrying home with the merports of the wealth of this soon.
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A STRANGE CASE.

An Arab Lives After Hanging-a tenced to Hard Labor for Life. -Ser

Hanging, when done officially, is em-WAYS HAS COME TO STAY. Interview With Previncial Road Instruct-or Campbell-Progress of the Movement — Deci Not Mean Increased Taxation. Since his appointment to office Mr. A. W. Campbell, Provincial Road In-structor for Ontario, has been kept con-stantly busy by various municipalities that wanted information about how best they could improve their lines of road. He has lectured to county councils and other interested in road mainten-Annoe all over the province and they and they interested in road mainten-her and they are the province of the second they are the province and they best they could improve their lines of road. He has lectured to county councils and other interested in road mainten-the bas lectured to a county councils and other interested in road mainten-base are the province and they her and they are the province and they her are the province and they are the province and they her are the province and they are the province and they are the province and they her are the province and they are the province are the province and they are the province are the province and the

Initial share arrying house with them reports of the wealth of this country of ours, and this alone is a matter of no little value to us. The bizy, cle has become not merely a toy, but an indispensable.
 MEANS OF TRANSIT.
 The farmers and their sons, their wives and daughters, are everywhere using them, and it is now not only a thing of the city, but it is taking its phace as a conveyance along fide, not only of the street car, but also the fronth corresponded to the street strange to the should, as a rule, here along gravity to the role assigned to hard end people should, as a rule, the grave may be retains more than a weeking merely "bicycle talk".
 The farmer who delights in ditching a framer, borze and burgy.
 The farmer who delights in ditching a the same may be retains more than a be retesting more than the bicyclist who in a lag any may be retains more that and the they clear the same and gentlewomen using both means difficulty to the role assigned them, and not come back to jur the same and gentlewomen using both means diverse.
 From being merely "bicycle talk" the question of roor on reach effected interest than that under the auspices of the graving both means to the first in Toronto, no exhibit under the auspices of the many of the auspices of the street in all particulars no one seems to know, but the tale is as follows:
 GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION

rapidly gaining headway. At the In-transformation of the test of the table is as follows:-under the auspices of the GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION where approved modern machinery,ma-terial and methods were exemplified. Road reform does not mean increased taxation. It means the most economy cal and systematic administration of the lanes now in existence. In the excise operation of an old by-law which had been a dead letter for a considerable term of years. All amounts of the township are supplemented by an equal sum from the general town-ship funds. In the last three years very ship funds. In the last three years very ship funds. In the last three years very ship funds are supplemented by a popular movement. The road ques-ins.

Compared to the slaughter of the Seven Years' War, and the best con