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THIS PAPER.

Blessed are the Readers Thereof, Fo

It would rather astonish non-readers of The Toronto Sunday World to know how much enjoyment they have missed during the past two months. Follow ing is a table in brief of the good things in the way of fiction that have been provided, dating from February 9: Black Heart and White Heart; a con plete novel by Rider Haggard.
Rodney Stone; a complete novel by

A. Conan Doyle.
A Suffering Saint; short story by
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Pope, is man, but at the Horse Show it is undoubtedly the ladies.

The Armoures must principally concern itself, outside the horsey set, with the inherited and acquired clovelines of the ladies in the boxes, by they applied the resources of art of the temblishment of nature. It is must be confessed that they arrived as distinction in both particulars. We so commisses was the rule, no the exception in both particulars. We so commisses was the rule, no the exception in both particulars. We so commisses was the rule, no the exception in the parterne of prioriously bright faces which finned the areas of a distinction in both particulars. We so commisses was the rule, no the exception in the parterne of prioriously bright faces which finned the areas of a distinction in both particulars. We so commisses was the rule, no the exception of the color of the color will be particularly of the color in the parterne of prioriously bright faces which finned the areas of the color in the parterne of prioriously bright faces which finned the areas of the color in the parterne of prioriously bright faces which finned the areas of the color in the parterne of prioriously bright faces which finned the areas of the color in the parterne of prioriously bright faces which finned the areas of the rule of the drawn of the parterne of prioriously bright faces which finned the areas of the color in the parterne of prioriously bright faces which finned the areas of the color in the parterne of prioriously bright faces which finned the areas of the color in the parterne of prioriously bright faces which finned the areas of the color in the parterne of prioriously bright faces which finned the areas of the color in the parterne of prioriously bright faces which finned the areas of the color in the parterne of prioriously bright faces which finned the parterne of the color in the parterne of prioriously bright faces which finned the parterne of the color in the rule of the rule of the color in the parterne of prioriously bright faces which

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THREE DAYS WITH THE YELDT HUNTERS

Eland, Antelope, Giraffe, Lion

(Coperight, 1896, by W. Thompson.)

Then, save for the sound of our own trampling, came a portentous silence, though as yet we could see nothing. "Shout, men, shout!" yelled the elder Wynkoop. "You two fire your guns. I'll save my load. The lion is creeping up on our friend!" And mingling with our own and the rifle reports, the old hunter's mighty voice pealed forth in a sound that might well have scared a starving hyena from its prey. Yet, as it proved, even this didn't affright the bloodthirsty brute, then confronting McLeod and his empty gun. But for other aid, we would have found only his mangled corpse, as at last we burst upon the scene, just in time to see my chum's whilom enemy. Hendrick, break from the farther thicket, rush to about six feet of a crouching lion and coolly send a bullet through his brain as it was in the very act of bounding upon its helpless opponent. The Transvaal a Veritable Sportsman's Paradise.

Where Abound the Spring Buck, Gnu, Buffalo, and Elephant.

While threading our several wars in the month of November, some time before the now existing railway between the sea coast and the Transa's value was built the sailing ship Birtua, but was the thorny bruakwood of the kloof, we very well knew that at any instead or were deaded to an adventure to anchor in Delagoa Bay. Among her few passengers were myself and my chum, Alee McLeed, an adventury vears had shared my hunting experiences in various parts of the East Indian Archipalago, notably in Borneo.

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we were hospitably received by the old gach and his two stalwart sons, Franz and Hendrick, who all spoke English fluently, though it did not take us long to perceive that in their minds still rankled feelings of intense bitterness against Britishers generally—a bitterness engendered by the late war, in which, however, the Boers had signally defeated Her Majesty's troops at Majuba Hill.

In this bloody battle, so disastrous to the invaders, Wynkoop and his three sens had taken part, but the youngest of the three had been left dead upon the field, hence the smouldering resentment of the father and brothers, which we could not fall to mark.

The first day after our arrival was spent by the whole five of usin hunting upon the open grass lands, where there abounded almost incredible numbers of springbok, gru, buffalo, hartebeeste, eland, antelope, and kindred game. We had not been out six hours when my heretofore wonder at the success of the Boers in battle against regular troops had ceased to exist. For of all the series of the five of usin the field and the control of the provided to the five of usin hunting upon the open grass lands, where there abounded almost incredible numbers of springbok, gru, buffalo, hartebeeste, eland, antelope, and kindred game. We had not been out six hours when my heretofore wonder at the success of the Boers in battle against regular troops had ceased to exist. For of all the strength of the first intimation of whose the firs shot until the middle of the afternoon, when they came across an old "rogue" elephant, the first intimation of whose presence was given by his headlong charge from an adjacent thicket, when though not forty yards distant he had been so silent and so effectually concealed as to escape even Hendrick's keen observation.

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The young Boer, naving previously instructed his new-found friend how to act in such a possible emergency, the two men stood atock still, side by side, while the stupendous beast, with upraised trunk and enraged trumpetings, bore furiously down upon them, like a fiend-impelled mountain of flesh and blood until within ten yards. Then, as Hendrick had foretold, he lowered head and trunk for the final assault; but quick as lightning the two undismayed marksmen fired together at the hollow above his eyes, and as if indeed struck by a fhunderbolt, the huge brute carried forward, though dead, by his own momentum, crashed to earth so close to their feet that they had to jump aside to avoid being crushed.

The absolutely perfect tusks of this elephant weighed 127 pounds, worth at that time fully £75 sterling. Yet the generous Boers, from whom we parted with real regret and mutual expressions of good will, insisted upon presenting the grand trophies with two lion skius to us, in consequence of which, on rejoining the ship, we found ourselves the heroes of the hour, and the envy of our stay-on-board mates.

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CHAPTER III.-Continued. Jim's pride brought a flush to his cheeks, for he did not like to be called a country lad, or to have it supposed that he was so far behind the grand folk in London.

"I have never been inside a playnouse," said he. "I know nothing of

"Nor I, either." "Well," said she, "I am not in voice, and it is but ill to play in a little room with but two to listen; but you must

conceive me to be the Queen of the Peruvians, who is exhorting her coun-trymen to rise up against the Spani-ards, who are oppressing them.

And straightway that coarse, swollen ards, who are oppressing them.

And straightway that coarse, swollen woman became a queen, the grandest, haughtiest queen that you could dream of; and she turned upon us with such words of fire, such lightning eyes and sweeping of her white hand, that she held us spellbound in our chairs. Her voice was soft and sweet and persuasive at the first, but louder it rang, and louder as it spoke of wrongs and freedom, and the joys of death in a good cause, until it thrilled into my very nerve, and I asked nothing more than to run out of the cottage and to die there and then in the cause of my cruntry. She was a poor woman, now, who had lost her only child, and was bewalling it. Her voice was full of tears, and what she said was so simple, so true, that we both seemed to see the dead babe stretched there on the carpet before us, and we could have joined in with words of pity and of grief. And then, before our cheeks were dry, she was back into her old self again.

"How like you that, then?" she cried. "That was my way in the days when Sally Siddons would turn green at the name of Polly Hinton. It's a fine play, is 'Pizarro.'"

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"And who wrote it, ma'am?"

"Who wrote it? I never heard. What matter who did the writing of it! But there are some great lines for one who knows how they should be spoken."

"And you play no longer, ma'am?"

"No, Jim; I left the boards whenwhen I was weary of them. But my heart goes back to them sometimes. It seems to me there is no smell like that of the hot oil in the footlights and of the oranges in the pit. But you are sad. Jim."

"It was but the thought of that poor woman and her child."

"Tut, mever think about her! I will scon wipe her from your mind. This is Miss Priscilla Tomboy from "The Romp." You must conceive that the mother is speaking, and that the forward young minx is answering.

And she began a scene between the two of them, so exact in voice and manner that it seemed to us as if there were really two folk before us, the stern old mother, with her hand up like an ear trumpet, and her flouncing.



DON'T," SAID HE.

bouncing daughter. Her great figure danced about with a wonderful lightness, and she tossed her head and pouted her lips as she answered back to the old, bent figure that addressed her. Jim and I had forgotten our tears, and were holding our ribs before she came to the end of it.

"That is better," she said, smiling at our laughter. "I would not have you go back to Friar's Oak with long faces, or maybe they would not let you come to me again." She vanished into the cupboard and came out with a bottle and glass, which she placed upon the table.

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"You are too young for strong waters," she said, "but this talking gives one a dryness, and—"
Then it was that Boy Jim did a wonderful thing. He rose from his chair and laid his hand upon the bottle.

"Don't," said he.
She looked him in the face, and I can still see those black eyes of hers softening before his gaze.

"Am I to have none?"

"Please don't."

With a quick movement she wrestled

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With a quick movement she wrestled the bottle out of his hand and raised it up so that for a moment it entered my head that she was about to drink it off. Then she flung it through the open lattice, and we heard the crash of it on the path outside.

"There, Jim," said she. "Does that satisfy you? It is long since anyone cared whether I drank or no."

"You are too good and kind for that," said he.

"Good!" she cried. "Well, I love that you should think me so. And would it make you happier if I kept from the brandy, Jim? Well, then, I'l make you a promise, if you'll make me one in return."

"What's that, Miss?"

"No drop shall pass my lips, Jim, if you will swear, wet or shine, blow of snow, to come up here twice in every week that I may see you and speak with you, for indeed there are times when I am very lonesome."

So the promise was made, and very faithfully did Jim keep it, for many of time when I have wanted him to gifshing or rabbit snaring he has remembered that it was his day for Mishinton, and has tramped off to Anster Cross. At first I think that she found her share of the bargain hard to keep and I have seen Jim come back with a black face on him, as if things were going amiss. But after a time, the fight was won, as all fights are won lone does but fight long enough, and it he year before my father had comback Miss Hinton had become anothe woman. And it was not her way only, but herself as well, for from being the person that I have described she became in one twelvemonth as fit a looking lady as there was in the whole countryside. Jim was proude of it by far than he was of anything it