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The Booby Prize.

stockings; she declares that home-knit ones are much more economical then those bought in shops. I never wear the ones she knits, but that does not the ones she knits, but that does not seem to affect the principle of economy in her mind. I was going over in my thoughts the excellent approach shots I had made at the "home" hole, when her knitting needles were suspended for a moment at arm's length in my chener is his name. Sir Herbert Kitdirection, and she caught my eye. direction, and she caught my eye.

advise, a sunshade or a feather boa?"

dead on sunshades." My wife looked at me with eves full

of proud happiness. "Ted, dear, I am glad I won the prize; it will save you buying me a new sunshade or a feather boa to wear at May's wedding. I don't know which yet. Really, your silver sardine dish isn't half so useful, although it was valued in the prize list at seven

I had laid aside the sardine dish in my mind as my wife's birthday present, so this was not to be encouraged. "It was the first prize for the Billsworth May meeting, dear."

'I know, darling, but when you think of it, a feather boa of the new mauvy pink, if it is only a booby consolation, is much more useful. What can you do with a silver sardine box if you don't eat sardines? Whereas, if you have a feather boa--"

"You can make even the choir boys jealous on Sunday," I interrupted. My wife fell to knitting again. I always admire the brilliance of the checks with which she illustrates the tops of my stockings; the shelf of the wardrobe on which she displays them looks like a border of mixed primulas in full bloom, but one trait I like in my wife is that she seems to know by instinct the things that irritate her husband, and she does her best to avoid incurring my displeasure. Now, one of the things I dislike most is talking in bed at nights, but just as I was dropping off and was doing a marvelous cleek.

for a whole feather boa, but, as she remarked, it would have cost me four and a half guineas instead of four if she hadn't won the booby prize. It was so becoming to her that I let the matter drop, but the rest of our drive was continued in silence. The sardine box arrived to-night, and I sent it off as a prize to be awarded by me at a cottage flower show for 'the best ac ample of cottage grown honesty.

"How proud the cottagers will be," said my wife, "to have a real silver sardine box!" to have a real silver sardine box!" to have a real silver sardine box!" It was long ago recognized that the disease could be spread by inoculation. It was long ago recognized that the disease could be spread by inoculation. One of Dr. Kitasato's assistants in Hong turnes the nobility seemed to have care.

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I replied, "I wonder if they

like sardines?"

We had some friends in to dinner we had some friends in to dinner next evening, and they pleased my wife much by admiring some candle shades she had put on the candlesticks I had won at the autumn meeting last year, as mered as pleased as a child, and answered proudly: "Yes, I bought those with the money I won at the booby golf tournament."

those with the money I won at the booby golf tournament."
I looked up in surprise.
"O. Ted, dear, didn't I tell you that I didn't spend my money for the boa, and these two shades came to exactly ten shillings." I was carving a rebellious duck, and was too anxious to tell her how clever I thought her to get the shades for exactly the sum she had to spend, but with her usual insight she said it for me. "It was so much nicer to buy something that cost exactly what I had won. These are exactly my prize."

some nights later, when I had had my second pipe, my wife spoilt my peace of mind by heaving a deep sigh. "What's up now, old lady?" I asked. "O, Ted, doar, I wish I could win an-

ethor prize."
"Isn't it rather expensive, dear?"
What do you mean?" she asked,

"No, darling, certainly not; you have invested it much more cleverly."
"You know you like the sunshade, Ted?"
"I thought you bought the candle shades daar."

VERITABLE TRAGEDY.

It was the first prize money my wife had eyer won, so naturally there was a good deal of discussion as to how it was to be spent. She had won it as a consolation prize at a booby golf tournament, and it was paid to her in two new bright five shilling pieces.

"Ted," she said, when I was just dropping off to sleep in my armchair after dinner, "I think a feather boa would be best, don't you?"

"Best way of spending the money, of course. Do you like gray or a sort of mauvy pink?"

"Mauvy pink, dear, I always like mauvy pink." And for a moment the silence of the smoking-room was only disturbed by the click-click of my wife's knitting needles. My wife has a great fancy for knitting my golf stockings; she declares that home-knit

Ted?"

"I thought you bought the candle shades, dear."

She laid down her knitting, and was looking coldly at me. "No, dear, I didn't; survey on the shift on which, dear in the survey of the sweet when a prize," it would be nicer to get something you could enjoy as well."

"Yes, pet, I always enjoy chiffons."

"Yes, pet, I

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR FRANCIS

GRENFELL. There is only one Sirdar in the pub "Of course, dear, a new sunshade would last longer. Now, which do you tian army from 1885 to 1892 and his "A sunshade, darling; I always was excellent service has all the more reason to be recalled now that the policy he inaugurated has been carried to culmination by his successor. Sir Francis, indeed, as commanding in Egypt, had had the satisfaction of re-



I grunted "No."

"The worst of it is, darling, that feather boas dirty so soon; now, a silver puff-box would always last, and I could leave it to Gladys as a memorit of her mother's "my wife paused.

"Of her mother's first booby consolation orize," I said. Before I got to sleep I had promised to take my wife next morning to town, and help her choose a mauvy pink feather boa. It was raining next morning, so we had to take a cab. The cab cost me five shillings. My wife certainly chose an exquisite boa, and even a husband couldn't help noticing how becomes

gloves had departed from the primary ideas of utility and become a decoration. They were too magnificent for common wear and in contemporary pictures the nobility seemed to have carried them rather in their hands or in their girdles than on their fingers.

The knight's mailed glove sheltered his hand; it became a sign of power, and when a gracious lord meant to signify his intention to protect a town he sent his glove as a sign of his will; ingness. The glove, too, was a token of defiance when one knight declared war against another, and at the same time, as if to mark the difference between the strong right hand of man and the daintier hand of woman, he bound his mistress' delicate glove to his helmet by way of showing his fealty.

SPREAD BY INOCULATION.

It was long ago recognized that the disease could be spread by incculation. One of Dr. Kitasato's assistants in Hong Kong cut himself while performing an autopsy on a plague case, developed the disease and almost lost his life. The bubonic plague is the same as the bubonic plague.

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THE OUTBREAK AT VIENNA A VERITABLE TRAGEDY.

How the Disease Was Contracted—The Original Victim Owed His Premature Death to an Inoculated Rat—The Danger of an Epidemic.

A veritable tragedy of modern science is the outbreak of the bubonic plague in Vienna, It has already kill-ed a doctor and a laboratory assistant, and threatens the lives of many other

where this outbreak originated, experiments have been conducted with the plague germs since the outbreak in the East, nearly two years ago, of the It receives great attention from the medical profession of Vienna, because, on account of that city's proximity to the East, the plague is more feared there than elsewhere in Europe.

Vienna has been a centre of plague

infection. The germs have undoubtedcity from Nothnagel's laboratory. There is danger of a general epidemic Barisch, the original victim of the Vienna laboratory, owed his death, according to the latest report, to a rat. He was an assistant in the laboratory The doctors had been making experi

ments with anti-toxin on the rat. In the first place, the germs were injected into the animal. Then it was put back into its cage, in order that the disease might develop and the antitoxin be tested. Barisch was ordered to report on the condition of the animal. Familiarity with such experiments had made him careless. Instead of looking at the rat from a safe distance he took it out. He held it too loosely. Quick as lightning it twisted and bi deep into his thumb. The dumb victim of science took an awful revenge. Its sharp teeth carried the germs right

Barisch dropped the rat, which disappeared in a hole. He sucked his thumb and said and apparently thought

into the man's circulation.

no more about it.

For three days Barisch went about the city as usual, visiting friends, drinking beer and enjoying the largest possible amount of social intercourse. Even after he began to feel ill he said nothing about what had happened.

STRICKEN DOWN.

At the end of three days he was stricken down with the plague in its worst form. He had swelling in all the glands of his body, blackness of the skin and terrible vomiting. In eight hours he died.

Dr. Mueller treated him. In three

toxin designed to act in the same way as diphtheria anti-toxin. With this he reports that he cured twenty-one out of twenty-three cases of plague at Amoy, China, in 1896. There has been no opportunity to test the anti-toxin on human beings in Europe and America and therefore the experiments have been confined to animals, as in the fatal case at Vienna already described.

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The method of obtaining the antitoxin is as follows: A minute quantity, of dead plague germs is injected into a rabbit. This makes the animal feverish, but it recovers. The injection is gradually increased until at last the rabbit becomes immune against the live plague germs. Then the serum of the animal's blood is collected and this serves as an injection with which the disease may be cured. The process is, of course, very elaborate, and delicate, and occupies about six weeks.

ENGLAND A CENTURY AGO.

preme; every village had its "wise wo- ford. man" and fortune teller. Duels were common; so were diabolical outrages Hanging, drawing and quartering were flourishing and fruitful of harvests.

stake through their hearts.

Women were openly flogged. There was a public brand for scolds. Whipping posts and stocks were prominent in every two and village. Women were placed in the pillory and pelted by the populace with rotten eggs, putrid vegetables and the like. Flogging was of frequent occurrence in the army; deserters were incontinently shot; seamen were summarily hanged at the variation for mutics. Even were summarily hanged at the variation for mutics.

pure, unadulterated joy of receiving a diamond engagement ring. She gets a plain gold band known as a wedding ring in that country, and it is worn on her left third finger. On the day of her marriage the bridegroom which is the marriage finger in that changes it to the right third finger, country of queer customs. When the husband dies his widow changes her ring again to her left third finger, and everybody knows that she is a widow. Being engaged can't mean a great deal of happiness in hoppyness. scian. Is credited with having been defined war against another, and at the strong right hand of man and the daintier hand of woman, he bound his mistress' delicate glove to his helmet by way of showing his fealty.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S AVIARY.

A visit to the Queen's aviary at Windsor is a treat that comes to few. The front pens were built for such ornamental birds as should be acquired by her Majesty, but they are nearly all filled with poultry. In one pen may be seen a very fine family of twelve ring-doves. There is a very pretty story in connection with a diamond engagement ring. She gets

WON A BRIDE BY BRAVERY.

South Africa, who had been the ruin and blessing of so many lives, probably did not contemplate this result of his suicide when he leaped from the saloon of the royal mail steamer Scot, on the way from Cape Town to Southampton, for it was almost certain death to battle with the high waves that were surging at the time. And out of the 1,500 persons on board the ship but one was willing to court destruction.

ENGLAND A CENTURY AGO.

These "Good old Times" Were Fearfully Wicked and Benighted.

The pessimist, regarding only the iniquities and injustices of the present has only to turn back one hundred years to find that the world really does move on, that our to-morrows will surely be brighter than the yesterdays. A writer in Chambers' Journal says of "One Hundred Years Ago in England": England was at war with France. To furnish food for powder the Feruiting sergeant was assisted by the press gang. In 1798 Nelson won the battle of the Nile and broke the occan power of Napoleon. The land campaigns of Wellington had freed the Peninsula, But the slave trade in our colonies flourished. The printing machine was a mere hand press. There were no cabs or omnibuses. Steam locomoction belonged to thirty years after date.

There was no voting by ballot. Pocket of the Nile and of the Nile and of the occasion for a town the occan power of Napoleon. The landed the Peninsula, But the slave trade in our colonies with the slave trade in our colonies which he combines with the stroke which he combines with the off the Nile and in the Last control the bright of the Nile and most powerful swimmers in the Union for the off chance of saving Barney Barnato, whom he barely knew.

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et boroughs flourished; political de-bauchery was rampant. There was no police force. Superstition reigned su- ong admirers of the brave young Clif-

For some reason, the father of Miss Gertrude Rodney, the naval officer's at sea. Men were executed for high pledged wife, had a dislike for Cliftreason, forgery and horse stealing. ford, and objected strongly to his attentions which began on the voyage the cherished punishments of the crim- to England, when Barney Barnato was inal code. The hemp crop was the most a fellow passenger, and several officers of the Scot told the writer, who made The gibbet post cast its baneful shadow over the land. Public executions were a popular outdoor entertainment provided by the state for the edification of the people. Suicides were large as much for the effect on Miss Rodof the people. Suicides were buried without the offices of religion at the meeting of four cross roads, with a stake through their hearts. kind, and the romance in it must be

tury, were in possession of the island, the women were submitted by them to such indignities that they were ordered by their priests to wear the Faldetta or Hood of Shame or a period of 100 years.

This period will soon elapse, and it is a subject for speculation whether the natives will discontinue the Faldetta or not. As has happened in other instances, what was once inflicted as a penance or punishment, is now regarded as an honorable distinction.

ENGAGEMENT RINGS.

In Denmark a girl never knows the pure, unadulterated joy of receiving a diamond engagement ring. She gets

The the houricane deck, shouted the alarm and tore off his coat.

O, Mr. Clifford, "begged the young woman, "you're not going to jump overboard?" But turning only to look at her for a second, the fourth officer, clad in negligee shirt and duck trousers, made no reply, but took a long dive, while the Scot was rolling to starboard, and disappeared in the white caps. For some time he could be seen when plunging on the crest of wave, striking out in the wake of the ship, and then the hundreds of passengers who had crowded aft in such numbers as to almost endanger the vessel, lost sight of him.

The rather gold and reserved Miss Rodney, in the meantime, had suddenly developed into a very fervid, though

HIS ATHLETIC PROWESS.

started off with a pistol shot and given first a 100-yard dash. Then followed six hurdles, climbing the rigging, long jumps, hand over hand up ropes, a gauntlet through a file of sallors, each of whom held a three-inch hose and half a dozen other unique obstacles. The last act of Barney Barnato's life was to make the fortune of ayoung naval officer. The diamond king of South Africa, who had been the ruin and blessing of so many lives, probstarted off with a pistol shot and giv-en first a 100-yard dash. Then follow-

TWO EMINENT MEN.

Mr. Goschen the First Lord of the Admiralty, and Lord Lansdown, the Secretary

The First Lord of the Admiralty and the Secretary for War in Great Britain are never taken from the army and the navy, as the corresponding cabinet ministers often are in France They are almost always men of force, with a general training for public business, rather than any special knowledge of the great offices conducted by

Mr. Goschen, who is the chief executive of the British navy, was a banker when he entered public life. He has been Vice-President of the Board of Trade and Chancellor of the Exchequer. He has conducted an important diplomatic mission at Constantinople, and has held many offices of state because he is a man of great capacity. He is a most efficient head of the admiralty because he has a talent for making everybody in the depart-

ment work.; Mr. Goschen has a bent, ungainly figure, a rough-hewn face with deep lines and wrinkles, and a harsh, rasping voice. Although one of the poorest speakers in Parliament, he is always listened to with respect because the force of his argument commands attention.

The speakership of the House of Commons was once offered to him, but he was compelled to decline the office, one of the greatest posts in England, because he was extremely short-sighted, and could not recognize members from the chair. He is a man of many talents, and has been highly successful in public life by virtue of them.

Lord Landsdowne, the Secretary for War, has not had military experience, but he has been under-secretary in two departments and Governor-General of Canada, and Viceroy of India. He is a graceful speaker and, an accomplished man of the world, but he is also a plodding, industrious official whose working power and mastery of details have been repeatedly shown. Under his direction the War Office is well managed, as it needs to be when England's small army is overworked by arduous service in a world-wide empire.

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An American Cabinet should be made up like a British ministry, from the ablest men of the party in power. The members do not need to have special training for the office assigned them, but they should be men who have had experience in public affairs, and who possess executive capacity and genuine working power.

DRESDEN CHINA.

Upon my bedroom mantelshelf, With many knick-knacks laden, Two figures stand, at either end, A china man and maiden.

So lovingly they sadly glance, As if to say, "Come nearer!" While each replies, "Alas, I can't! But, Love, you're all the dearer!" She holds a crook in one plump hand, Her hair is bright and golden,

Her dress is flowered and furbelowed In dainty fashion olden.