NOTES AND COMMENTS

One of the many problems of the human body in which vast numbers of persons take a keen, practical interest, and yet upon which science has been able to throw little light, is that concerning the color of the hair. When a person does not like the color of his hair he can dye it, but otherwise he is helpless. When the hair begins to turn gray there is nothing for the person who does not want a whitened poll to do but let it go on turning. And as for the bald men, the less said about their troubles the better.

The other day a British physician reported a case that had come under his treatment in which the use of hypnotism was curiously connected with a change in the color of the hair. A woman patient of his was subject to attacks of mental depression At these times her hair, which was normally auburn, turned quite black. As she recovered from the depression her hair gradually regained its old color. When this physician look the case he decided to try hypnotism. Immediate good resulls were noted in the patient's condition, and in a very few days her hair was natural again. Here is a new bit of material for the theorists, who may try to find out whether the transformations were due directly to nervous condition, to nutrition or to some other cause.

Theories as to the cause of the color of the hair turn mainly on its chemical constituents, and among these iron has had special attention. Dark hair seems to contain more iron than blonde and red hair has about as much iron as dark hair; but the negroes with their dark hair have no iron at all in the pig ment; so the theorists are set guessing again, with sulphur and silicia and other constituents prominent in their tho: ghts. The fact that in general dark hair and red show the most iron, taken together with the other fact that iron has two oxides, one black and one red, tempts investigators continually to recur to the iron theory. In the meantime there is only one good piece of advice to be given people who don t like the color of their hair, and that is to forget it.

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Two English novelists, Richard White-

ing and H. G. Wells, have been express

ing bold, heterodox views on reading,

and a lively controversy has been stir-

red up by their curious advice to the

average lover of letters. Mr. While-

ing thinks that there is little genuine

pieasure or profit in the "old books,"

and tells us to "let them go" without

ceremony or fear of "superior" criti-

cism from admirers of the classics.

We are of this age and should stick

kind, but went on to draw analogies

But here he fell into several fallacies,

and there was still greater logical lapse

in the conclusion that, because the mod-

ern novel was apt to deal with modern

problems and conditions, with modern

types and characters, it was distinctly

advisable to confine one's reading to

the up-to-date novel.

between the up-to-date newspapers and has financed the enterprise. All the



"NOTHING LESS THAN A TOY VILLAGE-A REAL DOLLVILLE"

TITLE GIRL was thinking. You Girl who now furnished her with a sug- round-eyed and wondering before the could tell that by the tiny puck-L ers in her brow. Little Boy wasn't thinking. Indeed, it was very seldom that one found Little Boy thinking; he preferred DOING. You could tell that by the whole-hearted zeal with which he now blew upon his tin trumpet.

"Wouldn't it be lots nicer, Brother, if all our playthings would 'vent games to 'muse us instead of our having to think always of something to play with them?" Little Boy lowered his trumpet and

considered. "Yes," said he, "twould;

gestion, and a brilliant one at that. That evening all Dollville was summoned to a meeting of ir ortance. Here it was at last decided to show common mortals how much less they knew about games and plays than did the toys themselves. Yes, the play- there were a-motoring; baby dolls were things would teach Little Girl and Little Boy really how to play. All night long the Teddy Bears and

manikins and even the toy animals anything! delved amid the heap of toys which lay heaped in disorder about the playroom. How they did work! Anabelle seemed

im the necessary facilities? If so, that

astonishing sight. For built upon the floor was nothing less than a mag-! nificent toy village-a real Dollville! And handsome dollies were walking about, and other men dolls were riding around on horseback, and some being wheeled about by their nurses; in tiny shops one could see tiny workmen making toys that were tinier. the tin soldiers and the dolls and the still-oh, it was all too wonderful for;

> "The playthings are really playing for us-just like you wished they would!" Little Boy managed at last

MYSTERYOF CIDITHIEF platform. Sliding back a glass parti-

SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS INSTALMENT. Judith was shipwrecked and cast up upon Judith was shipwrecked and cast up upon the coast when a baby, and was adopted by Tommy Lee's father. Tommy and Judith grew up together as brother and sister. In their cottage there also lives Tommy's un-cle, a scientist and inventor. The two, through accident, fly away in an airship which the scientist had invented, and land upon a tropical island. They are looking at a little cabin built amid the branches of a tree above them, when a girl of about their own age appears in the door of the cabin and lowers herself by means of a rope. She confronts the two strangers.

COMMY was the first to speak. "I beg your pardon," said he, very politely, "can you tell me

the name of this island?" "It has no name that I know of," replied the girl. Her voice, though sweet, was strangely drawling; and she spoke with an effort, as though unused to conversation.

"I see how you came," continued she, bestowing a nod upon the airship; "and as you don't seem to have any provisions with you, I am sure my father would be pleased to have you for guests. My name, by the way, is Marjory Livingston."

Tommy and Judith introduced themselves in turn, and thanked her for her courtesy.

Without more ado, Marjory led the way toward the shore. Shortly they arrived at a little cove, well protected from the waters outside. Here they found, moofed to a roughly constructed boat landing, the strangest little craft Tommy and Judith had ever seen. It resembled a torpedo boat, with a little turret on the uppermost side.

Marjory deftly drew the boat close to the landing and touched a little button at the side of the turret; whereupon a lid flew up, disclosing the interior of the tiny vessel. Tommy and Judith entered, upon invitation, and found themselves in a snug little compartment, at the end of which was what looked like an eelctric switchboard.

Seating herself before this switchboard, Marjory pulled one lever, then another; immediately the boat glided out from the cove and began following the shore line of the island. As the

bottom carried away what water remained in the compartment. In the space of a few minutes they were able to come forth from their boat. "This is what we call our landing stage," explained Marjory, as they

tion in the bottom of their boat, Mar-

jory pushed a button on the surface of

the platform. All at once a metal

sheet flashed across the top of the

"chimney," thus preventing more wa-

ter from entering, while a pipe at the

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"JUDITH AND TOMMY ENTERED"

stepped out upon the platform. "When we go out we simply enter the boat here, press another button, and the water pours in and fills the compartment again. Quite handy, isn't it?" Tommy and Judith thought that it

Opening a door at one end of the landing stage, Marjory ushered her guests into a long corridor, on either side of which were magnificently fur-



but 'stead of thinking of something to be everywhere, suggesting here, inthat can't come true, let's go to sup- structing there, until the disorder beper.' Neither Little Girl nor Little Boy knew that Anabelle heard; nor did they hear fully sleeping, little dreaming of these play, until Little Girl and Little Boy her quietly whisper: "Can't come true? We'll see about that." Anabelle, you must know, was the clever-witted French doll. " rhaps you after breakfast, dashed up the stairs may remember how, long ago, she or- and reached the playroom first. Bang! ganized the Dollville Gazette, which failed upon the death of its editor, the he plunged. This, you know, was Little French dragoon. Since that time Ana- Boy's ordinary way of entering. belle vainly tried to find something notable to accomplish. It was Little

not read books for their beauty, their

The advice to read nothing but clas-

sics is erroneous, for interest in the lit-

crature, music, drama and art of our

own time is entirely legitimate. But

it would deprive readers of a wealth of

beauty, inspiration and noble pleasure.

Wireless electricity is French electri-

city and was forn in the city of Lyons.

literary power, their deeper significance? cripple.

came order. Little Girl and Little Boy lay peacegreat preparations for their surprise on the morrow. Were they surprised? You should have seen them! It was Little Boy who,

went his fist against the door, and in "Sister! Sister! Come quic !" Sister came. And she, too, stood

and other burning questions? Do we or any other room or place which offered

to gasp. Little Girl, still too surprised to

speak, nodded her head. And so the playthings continued to became Big Girl and Big Boy and the toys were all worn out with their efforts.

"But, where did this happen?" you ask.

In Never-never-land, of course-the country of magic, where no one may now enter who has not the fairy password. Perhaps some time an elf or fairy may whisper it to YOU, and hen you'll be as surprised as Little Girl and Little Boy were.

CURE FOR RHEUMATISM.

boy must have been ill or a hopeless Remained Two Hours in a Decomposing Mass of Whale's Blubber.

It is quite certain that in the matter of A remarkable story comes from Aube unable to leach their human compan- stralia. There is a place in that counmonkey tricks the Copenhagen apes will icr anything, that is if the companion try called Twofold Bay, which is a is the average sort of boy. Many people whaling station and also a seaside rethe opposite error is even graver, for no doubt will be shocked at the experi- sort. A man who had dined not wisely ment. "Poor boy," they will say, "how but too well, and had partaken of the demoralizing for him !" Results will cup which cheers and inebriates, was probably show that their sympathy walking with a couple of friends on were better bestowed upon the apes. the shore. This man was staying at There is another trait of the chimpan- an hotel at Eden, a town on Twofold zee which shows how alike he is to the Bay, in order to take their cure for sesmall boy in certain phazes of mental vere rheumatism. But while he was out to the books of the age, in his opinion. It is electrical power transmitted with effort. "The chimpanzee," to quote again the found a cure of his own, immensely Mr. Wells, in a witty and pleasant ad- out wires. It-may he called an exten- the zoological expert, "knows he is deli- more efficacious than mustard packs cale and expensive, and that a cough and massage, for the. three friends dress on the relation between journa- sion of the wireless use of electricity. from him will send a whole zoological espied a dead whale which had been lism and literature, not only made large It is still kept a secret and it seems society into an ecstasy of apprehension. and sound claims for modern journa- that only one person in Lyons possesses From my own observation I know they made a bee-line for it, and in a few hism of the intelligent, alert, dignified a knowledge of all the facts on the sub- maliciously use an imitation cough to escape punishment and to attract atten- minutes plunged right into the mass of decomposing blubber. ject. He is a prominent broker who tion and dainties."

Appalled at the sight, his friends en-How boyishly human! What parent deavored to rescue him, but were drivwork in perfecting the invention was of a small boy cannot recall occasions | en off by the heat and smell, and even-

carried on at the castle of a promin- when toothache or some other ache has tually had to leave their companion suddenly attacked the juvenile offspring to his own devices. For two hours he ent manufacturer of Lyons, and only with a pain so excruciating as to render remained where he was, and then came was going on. Some two weeks ago the first experiments were made. A miniature street car was moved over miniature street car was moved over denly as it began when the church or is now full of rheumatic patients waiting for whales. As soon as one is a flat space by electricity communicat- school bell has stopped ringing. taken the patients are rowed out to it, It is suggested that if this movement ! the whalers dig for each a sort of narof the Copenhagen authorities for The invention is being tried in Mar- of the copennagen authorities for row grave in the blubber, and in this brightening the lives of despondent apes couch the patients lie for two hours. scilles on a street car line and applied is attended with continued satisfactory to several different kinds of machinery, results, some such advertisement as the following may be expected pretty fre- unknown, although some of them might contestant Joe laughed scornfully, be-

be considered worse than the disease. A deaf and dumb man was wandering WANTED+Smart boy as companion to through the fair which was held annu-

ycung chimpanzee. Must be active, with ally in the market-place of his native cheerful disposition. To live in airy and town, and, being interested in boxing well warmed cage. Apply, etc. and a bit of a bruiser himself, he turned

into a boxing-booth. When the two professionals had given their exhibition any spectator was invited to step into FRANCE TO REMOVE CONVICTS the ring and put on the gloves. The

ceaf and dumb man, not by any means Those in New Caledonia Will be Sent

to Islands in Pacific. the invitation, and greatly surprised Information has reached Sydney, the professionals by his prowess and Australia, from Noumea that the French skill. Perhaps it was this which caused sound. In the first place, it is sheer health. Keep him cheerful and interested Government has at last decided to be the professional boxer to give him an for cats is the subject of wondering a kitchen, where a woman spends her and his innate disposition to die of con- gin the work of repariating certain exceptionally punishing blow under the recognition in an article in a German days cooking for the cats, while a sculquestion begging to say that every clas- sumption may be checked. Let him get classes of convicts in New Caledonia. jaw, which not only knocked him out, newspaper. It is recorded as special- lery maid is employed to wash their sic is a fossil, because, forsooth, it bored and he will turn his thoughts to This news has given great satisfaction but rendered him insensible, for his ly wonderful that Queen Alexandra is prelity porcelain plates and saucers.

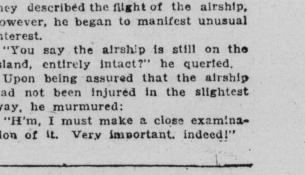
USHERED INTO THE PRESENCE OF PROFESSOR LIVINGSTON bottom of the craft was entirely of nished rooms. In one of these-fitted

out as a study-they found Marjory's glass, the two had ample opportunity to examine the animal and vegetable father, a gentleman of very learned life so beautiful and abundant in these appearance. He received them very quietly, with-Suddenly they turned and entcred a

out seeming the least astonished. When they described the flight of the airship, however, he began to manifest unusual interest.

"You say the airship is still on the island, entirely intact?" he queried. Upon being assured that the airship had not been injured in the slightest way, he murmured:

tion of it. Very important, indeed!"



A SWIMMING CONTEST

in the swimming-pond.

cleft between two great walls of rocks.

which lay at the entrance to an inland

Marjory steered for the exact center

of the basin, until Tommy and Judith

saw far beneath them what appeared

to be an immense house. Then the

boat began to sink slowly, down and

down-right into a chimney of this

strange house built under the water.

At last they came to rest on a little

basin of considerable size.

tropical seas.

As Joe Grant was the best swimmer. all naturally supposed he would carry off the prize without difficulty. When Violent cures are not by any means Jimmy Brown entered his name as a cause Jimmy couldn't do more than paddle "doggie."

Seven boys lined up on the edge of the pond, the duck was let loose, and upon signal, in plunged the boys after it. Joe was quickly in the lead, and the fowl was almost within his reach. Then Jimmy Brown, who had coimly

QUEEN A LOVER OF CATS.

for the first time in his life, accepted Other English Ladies Also Have Extensive Feline Collections.

The love of English women of rank ing apparatus. One room is used as

head came into violent contact with a leader in the fad. According to the does not deal with the concrete prob-lems that engage our thoughts to-day. Iems that engage our thoughts to-day. Iems that engage our thoughts to-day.

THE benevolent old gentleman, who waded out into the water until it rose was greatly interested in boys and to his chin, gave a piercing whistle. their sports, offered a prize to the The duck, eluding Joe and the other boy who could capture a duck let loose five boys, immediately swam straight into Jimmy's arms. Jimmy had won the prize!

> But when he reached the bank, he laughingly confessed to the "judge" that he had trained the duck to come to him whenever he whistled, in order to be fed. You see, the duck had been purchased from Jimmy's father.

And as Jimmy merely wished to play a joke upon Joe, to punish him for his bragging, he insisted upon giving the duck to jee, who would surely have been its winner. But Joe refused to take it, saying that Jimmy had rightfully won the duck because of his cleverness.

cats inhabit a cottage specially built for them at her country place. The cottage can be converted into an open pavillion in hot weather; in winter it is warmed by an elaborate heat-

journalism and modern fiction. Mr. Wells said that it positively alarmed him to think how effectively the newlyeducated classes of the population were being persuaded to read the classics. "What are the city clerk and the selfevelated workingman going to make (f Ben. Jonson and the Faerie Queene? They ask for intellectual bread and are

given a fossil. The necessary answer to their question what to read is journalism, Mr. Wells concluded, and in small boy has been placed in the cage, journalism is to be included the book whose sole duty is to play with the apes of the hour, the day or the week. explained by a zoological expert. "It is curious," he says, "how the

This is astonishing superficial and un- mood of a chimpanzee influences his

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BRIGHTENING MONKEY LIVES.

Expensive Apes Provided With a Small Boy as Playmate to Keep Them Well.

ed from a distance of several yards.

The Zoological Gardens at Copenhagen have recently acquired two expensive apes, and to keep them in good spirits a and keep them amused. The reason is

quently:

