Seeing Vesuvius.

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Robert Gaston was a bachelor of thirty-eight and was known to be fairdid not ride to the hounds or participate in wild revelry. He was a chelor of good character, and why

did not marry was something no llow could find out. tellow could find out.

Nothing is a mystery to one who knows. Mr. Gaston knew that he was simply waiting for the right woman to come along and arouse the romance in his nature. That he had romance he felt quite sure, but that the right woman would come he had begun to doubt. He had prevented a start in financial distress from learning

begin to doubt. He had prevented a girl in financial distress from leaping into the river, but she was older than he and did not appeal to him. He had stopped a runaway cab horse and saved the woman inside the vehicle, but she turned out to be a bachelor girl, who coldly thanked him and said that the weak of the real thanked him and said that she was about to vault on to the horse's back and stop him herself. At a theater panic one night he had eized a pretty girl in his arms and ustled her out, but she had told him that she was already engaged and had offered him a dollar in cash for his

Between the ages of twenty-five and least fifteen narrow escapes from call ing up that slumbering romance that would lead to admiration and love, and he had finally come to the conclusion that it would have to be something out of the beaten track and might

How little do we know what a day y bring forth! On a certain Sun-Mr. Gaston sat in the smoking m of his club and read the six volume Sunday papers and was satisfied and content. On Monday he decided to sail for Italy and see the volcano of Vesuvius in operation. No one had ever suspected him of a partiality for ever suspected him of a partiality for volcanoes. He had not rushed off to the Johnstown flood or the Galveston disaster or the Baltimore fire. He had never been known to attend a prize fight or pay a visit to the morgue, and he had once turned pale at sight of a bleeding finger on the hand of a club waiter, but now he wanted to sail far away and see a volcano belching detruction for twenty miles around, uch is man!

Five days from the date of making his decision Mr. Gaston sailed for Naples. His steamer was not over-crowded. He would find plenty of standing room at the deck rail when he reached port. This would be one of the occasions when the front seats were not reserved for ladles. It was two days before the old bachelor sudenly discovered that there was an extremely good looking young woman aboard in charge of the captain. His heart gave one jump, and then he turned away. He was off to see volcanoes and not to look after comely women. Besides, the captain whispered to him that Miss Davison did not care to make acquaintances on the voyage. By way of revenge Mr. Gaston did not stare at her at the table,

as did all the other passengers.

Four days had passed, and he had
met Miss Davison face to face a dozen met Miss Davison face to face a dozen times, and neither had seemed to see the other. Then he passed her vacant steamer chair and found her purse ly-ing where she had carelessly left it. Finding a lady's purse, whether on land or sea, calls for immediate action. Mr. Gaston was in search of the care address her. She at once responded smilingly. Yes, it was her purse, and she was under a thousand obligations, and so they introduced themselves to

smilingly. Yes, it was her purse, and she was under a thousand obligations, and so they introduced themselves to each other and sat down for a chat. She had told the captain that she didn't care for introductions, but she was willing to make an exception in Mr. Gaston's case. Mr. Gaston was on board for the express purpose of going to Naples to see a volcano humping itself and hadn't expected to speak to a woman en route, but he was also willing to make a solitary exception.

There were many other chats, but it was not until the last day out that Miss Davison solved a problem that was puzzling the bachelor. She was going to Italy te claim a large estate left by her grandmother. She had the papers with her. She was an orphan and had no relative to come with her, and her New York lawyer and her maid had accidentally been left behind when the steamer sailed. She must go to a hotel in Naples and wait for them, though she would be in consultation with an Italian lawyer meanwhile, and some preliminary steps could be taken.

The romance that had been buried deep in the heart of the old bachelor began to thaw out. It thawed and bubbed and rose to the surface. It begos admiration, Mr. Gaston wouldn't have made a wager that it wouldn't end in begetting love. The thing that was needed had come to him at last. On arrival at Naples the captain took Miss Davison to a certain hotel, and Mr. Gaston went to another, but of course Mr. Gaston could call at any proper hour. He did call. There was old Yesuv beiching away and scattering ashes and fireworks all around, and hundreds feared that Naples must be destroyed, but he was not among them. He was failing in

love with Miss Davison, and Naples must stand. Together the two saw the old hill doing her stunt, but their talk was mostly in regard to that grandwas mostly in regard to that grandmother's fortune. It amounted to mililons of dollars, and Miss Davison was
the only heir. It would be a great
responsibility for her, and she almost
dreaded getting the money. Alone in
the world and immensely wealthy, how
could she tell whether a man sought
her hand for love or the long green?
At this point Mr. Gaston reached
out and took her hand and said something in reply, but as there happened thirty-eight and was known to be fairly wealthy. He was a clubman in a
conservative way. He was also a
patron of the theater, but not of
actresses. Now and then he made a
bet on a horse race or an election, but
he did not ride to the hounds or parand hung to his arm a little more tightly. Mr. Gaston was now in love. He was ready to bet a new hat on it. He was ready to propose marriage. He was willing to bet two hats on that. He must go a little slow, because he was no fortune hunter and wanted the girl to satisfy herself on that not

wanted the girl to satisfy herself on that point.

A week passed, and then Miss Daylson received a cablegram from her lawyer stating that he would be detained two weeks longer and that she should begin preliminary proceedings in the suit. Mr. Gaston did not see the cablegram, but he did see the lawyer who called on the heiress. Miss Daylson insisted that he should be present at the interview as the only Davison insisted that he should be present at the interview as the only dear friend she had in all Italy. Vesuvius belched and roared and threw rocks over 200 feet high, but the interview took place just the same. The lawyer went over the case, which was a sure thing. It was as sure as was a sure as that an American trust company could run the price of potatoes up a dollar a barrel and not go to jail for it.

Everything was ready to begin business, but there would be need of mon-

ey-quite a bit of money. Being a for-eigner, Miss Davison must put up \$10,-000 before filing the suit, and then there would be need of \$5,000 addition-al to bribe officials and get the papers al to bribe officials and get the papers started on the right road. The American lawyer would bring the money when he came, but that would mean more delay. When you are going to sue for millions left by your grandmother, you can't begin too quick. If you fool around too long, a hundred other hears will less from their grands. other heirs will rise from their graves to hold out their avaricious paws.

When the lawyer had departed, Miss Davison was almost in tears. She hadn't the cash to advance. Her lawyer was taking the case on a chance, and \$1,000 was all she could raise. She eded in choking back a few sobs and then suddenly smiled and said it would make no great difference. If she had not the money, that must end

Right there was where Mr. Gaston spoke his little piece. He had loved her from the instant he found the purse in the steamer chair, and now that he could be of use to her his love welled up like a spring on the Catskill mountains. He would advance the money to the lawyer. She must not him nay. He wanted her for his wife, but he would not make a formal proposal until she had had time to study him and make sure that he was no grafter or sordid wretch. She pro-tested, but he insisted. Even while she tested, but he insisted. Even while she protested he left her dear presence to fix things with the lawyer. You may be in Naples and your bank account in New York, but things can be fixed in a day to transfer any sum named.

The next day as Mr. Gaston came into the presence of the malored she

into the presence of the one loved she blushed and returned the pressure of his hand. Old Vesuv still whanged his hand. Old Vesuv still whanged away, but she was quiet compared with Gaston's heart. For one day only! On his next call he found the helress missing. After anxious inquiry he learned that she had taken the train for Genoa. He might have telegraphed and had her and the fake lawyer arrested, but he decided not to do so. He had loved and lost, and without another look at the famous volcano he took the steamer for New York. When his club friends asked land or sea, calls for immediate accounts mr. Gaston was in search of the captain to hand it over, with contents untouched, when he met the young lady touched, when he met the young lady touched, when he met the young lady touched, when he had seen, he To one man only did he open his bleed-ing heart, and he was somewhat com-forted to hear the other exclaim:

"The deuce you say! Why, the same girl got \$10,000 of my good money in the same way last summer! Glad I'm the same way last summer! not the only easy mark in

Oldest Artificial Leg."

What is said by the British Medical Journal to be the oldest artificial leg in existence is in the museum of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. It was found in the tomb of Capua and is described in the catalogue as follows: "Roman artificial leg. The artificial limb accurately represents the form of the leg. It is made of pieces of thin bronze, fastened by bronze nails to a wooden core. Two iron bars, having holes at their free ends, are attached to the upper extremity of the bronze. A quadrilateral piece of Iron, found near the position of the foot, is thought to have given strength to it. There is no trace of the foot, and the wooden core had nearly crumbled away. That skeleton had its waist surrounded by a belt of sheet bronze edged with small rivets, probably used to fasten a leather lining. Three painted vases (red figures on a black ground) lay at the feet of the skeleton. The vases belong to a rather advanced period in the decline of art (about 300 B. C.)."

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Outting in Southern Manitoba is progressing rapidly and the harvest will be over by the end of the week. In Northern Manitoba and Saskatchewan cutting will be started about the end of the week or the first of netx week.

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SPORT ON LABRADOR COAST. Fishing and Exploring on the Lonely

Northern Shores. Mr. Lawrence Mott, writing to The New York Herald of a sporting and exploring trip on the Labrador coast, gives a list of streams and bays in which great quantities of almon and sea and brook trout are to be found. At various points on the coast caribou are plentiful, and at others there is good bear shooting, an abundance of wild fowl, etc.

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In the course of his interesting article Mr. Mott accuses the Newfoundland Government of laxity in the matter of enforcing the game laws. He

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Vancouver's Chinatown.

Vancouver has a gigantic Chinatown—a Chinese theatre, and a large amount of real estate in the city owned by the Celestials—in fact, one of the wealthiest Chinamen in America resides in Vancouver. A \$500 poll tax is assessed against the Chinese who desire to vote. The shortage of labor has even brought up a suggestion that the tax be repealed for a year or \$6, until the market is supplied. The scarcity of labor is an acute problem, but the Socialist and Labor vote has to be considered. This silenced those who would otherwise declare openly what they secretly desire in the way of labor legislation. Some radical citizens of Vancouver, it is said, are willing to go through an earthquake to eradicate the Celestials.

In some of the manufacturing establishments an effort has been made to employ the lanky, turbaned Sikhs. Many of these will eat no meat and have a half-starved appearance, which is no endorsement of a vegetable diet. Labor unions are against Hindoos to the last round, some of the white employes fiatly refusing to work with them. These dark-skinned strangers have little desire to speak the English tonge, and their utter ignorance of the prevailing language makes it very difficult to employ them.

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The Unsociable Young Napoleon.
At dinner during the voyage to Corsica, to which my father invited the passengers who included some officers of his regiment and the two Corsicans, of his regiment and the two Corsicans, he requested an officer, M. de Belloc, to call a young man who was wearing the uniform of the military school and reading at the end of the boat. The young man refused. M. de Belloc came back irritated and said to my father: "I should like to throw the unsociable little fellow into the sea. He has an unpleasant face. Will you grant me permission, colonel?"

"No," said my father, laughing,
"and I am not of your opinion. His
face shows character, and I am sure
that he will be heard of some day." The unsociable fellow was the future Emperor Napoleon. Belloc has related this scene to me at least ten times, adding, with a sigh, "Ah, if the colonel had only allowed me to throw him into the sea he would not be turning the world upside down today."—From Memoirs of Comtesse de Boigne.

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Patalities at Hull.
Ottawa, Sept. 4.—At Hull, Laborday, Matthias Fartier, 18 years of acceptible fishing from the rocks above the Big Kettle at the Chaudiere, slipped and was carried by the current over the falls.
Feter Cote, aged 50 years, an employe of the E. B. Eddy Co., climbed a tree to pick butternuts. He lost his hold and in falling his head came in contact with the tree trunk and he was killed instantly.

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Winter Has Meant Heavy Loss In the West.

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The winter has been an exceptionally hard one on the ranches of Western Canada, and of the Northwestern States. The many reports of losses on the range from storms have not been exaggerated. Almost whole herds and flocks have been decimated. One mancher says that the loss will be about 75 per cent. Out of 3,600 cattle rounded up last fall by a prominent Alberta man, only 400 can be counted this spring. Others are hit even worse.

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Where the ranchers had made better provision than the others, by a good supply of hay, and some sheltering sheds, the losses are big enough with all their care. Now is the time that the destructive work of the past winter is getting in its fullest showing. The weakened animals are dying now in large numbers. Ranchers are seeing their herds slowly dwindling from them, and the vision of wealth are fading away as rapidly as they come. The whole Canadian ranch country is suffering a depression almost equal to the celebrated year of 1902 among the New Mexican ranchers.

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What effect will this have upon our West, and upon the cattle trade of Canada? This is a question not easily answered because of several subsidiary situation. Kansas cattle never came through in better shape; the sugar-beet factories are successfully feeding their thousands. There is a big supply in Ontario of feeders. Against this we have the dearth of good butchers' stuff in Ontario. The prevailing disposition to go into dairygood butchers' stuff in Ontario. The prevailing disposition to go into dairying in many sections, owing to the good outlook for cheese, has had its effect in the supplies of good cattle. Sheep are more plentiful throughout the country, and hogs are increasing in numbers also, although the latter have not made the ratio of gain that the recent good prices would warrant.

Demand For Cattle.

Many people say that the demand for shorthorn breeding stock in a few months will take a joyous turn, and those who have laid in the good breeding type will have their innings. It is true that the Angus and Herefords have obtained quite a hold on the West, but there will be a tendency in the future, in all probability, to go in for smaller herds with better care. These smaller holdings will demand more shorthorns than before, and it is because of this prospect that many base their predictions.

Beef cattle ought to rise in value as the season advances, but this is an uncertain question. Butchers' cattle will tend to be fairly good sale for some time, and, taking all things into account, the outlook is not at all pessimistic for the cattle breeder. Demand For Cattle.

will be a good one, as every patient saved from chronicity means a saving of \$2,000 to the province. Its cost would soon be saved by the cases restored to sound mental health, for, after all, insanity is a purely physical disease, just as amenable to early treatment as many other diseases.

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