man to an active share in the big concern in London. From that day forth, the sea had in her sails, had run rapidly before the wind

centuries a famous landmark to seafaring men who coast round the inlets of the East-

gether picturesquely on this natural rustic seat was dark and handsome, and so like Hugh Massinger bimself in face and feature, that no one would have had much diffi culty in recognizing her for the second cousin of whom he had spoken, Elsie Challoner. Her expression was more earnest and serious, to be sure, than the London poet's: her type of beauty was more tender

London. From that day forth, the sea had been steadily eating away the Meysey estate, till very little was left of it now but salt, marsh and sandhills and swampy pasture-lands.

It was Tuesday when Hugh Massinger and Warren Relf set sail from the Tower on their voyage in the Mud-Turtle down the crowded tidal Thames; on Thursday morning, two pretty girls sat together on the roots of an old gnarled poplar that overhung the exact point where the Char empties itself into the German Ocean. The Whitestrand poplar, indeed, had formed for three centuries a famous landmark to seafaring

in her sails, had run rapidly before the wind for the mouth of the river, and was close upon them by the roots of the poplar. As it neared the tree, Hugh stood up on the days' yachting, and called out cheerily in a loud voice: "Hillo, Elsie, this is something like a welcome! We arrive at the port, after a stormy passage on the high seas, and are met at its mouth by a deputation of the leading inhabitants. Shall we take you on board with your friend at once, and carry you up the rest of the way to Whitestrand?"

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Elsie's heart came up into her mouth. She would have given the world to be able to cry out cordially: "O Hugh, that'd be just lovely;" but propriety and a sense of the duties of her position compelled her instead to answer in a set voice: thank you; it's ever so kind of you, Hugh;

thank you; it's ever so kind of you, Hugh; but we're here in our own grounds, you know already.—This is Miss Meysey, Winnifred Meysey; Winnie, this is my cousin Hugh, dear. Now you know one another.—Hugh, I'm so awfully glad to see you!"

Warren Relf turned the bow toward the tree, and ran the yawl close alongside till her tiny taffrail almost touched the roots of the big popular. "That's better," he said.—

bably many of these tales were told in answer to the questions men began to ask as the the ease that an ordinary individual would devour a penny roll. Things, however, are not quite so bad as that. The most note worthy feature of the interesting little quarrel is that Lord Charles Beresford, who resigned his position as a lord of the Admiralty because the navy was seemingly no more than a paper creation, now says that in the two years and a half since he retired much has been done towards improvement. Perhaps the same beneficial effect would

Perhaps the same beneficial effect would follow the resignation of Lord Wolseley, but, as a truce has apparently been reached, that is not likely to happen.

In view of the fact that the War Office spends about £20 000,000 annually, there must be, unless enormous misappropriation and waste prevail throughout, some pretty tangible results achieved somewhere. Lord Salisbury's guarded observation that there had been a considerable increase in preparations within recent years, means, no doubs, a good deal. Meanwhile all this excitement is producing its effect at home and abroad. The Duke of Cambridge denies that the courtry is in imminer t canger, though even the modified form of his denial is adapted to intensify ra her than allay the public disquiet. When it is announced that modern 30 guns are being mounted at Sheerness, that other measures of defence are being adopted on the Thames, that the first and second army corps are to be placed on a war foot-

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A BIRD OF GOOD AND EVIL

On his way he found a fig tree with fruit almost ripe, and waited for its ripen-ing. To excuse his delay he took the water snake from the fountain, putitin his pitcher and told Apollo that it had daily drank the waters dry. The god, not to be imposed waters dry. The god, not to be imposed the raws by

legend which accounts for the white patches on the breasts of their crows. Some men having tarried long at their hunting, their wives sent out crows to seek for them. Here again we find the crows playing the part of

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"How do you 'hink your cousin'll come, Elsie?" the younger girl asked, twining her straw hat by its strings carelessly in her hands. "I expect he'll drive over in a carriage from Daw's from the Almundham Station."

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A Woman's Charms

and told Apollo that it had daily drank the waters dry. The god, not to be imposed upon by this tale, punished the raven by turning him black, and condemned him to be plagued with thirst as often as the season of his fault came round, and to give token of his punishment by his hoarse croaking.

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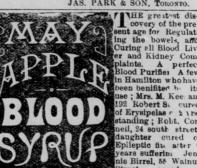
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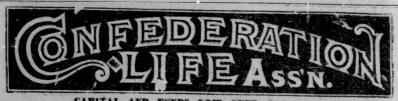


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