s Some Friend isting Him

Drinks Whisky W n at Black River Bridge.

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Oldershaw and Wife

and John hated it. t a crib to sleep in,

r ?" John would ask

John overheard his to the dog: "Spotty, ou to go and bring me Il find it somewherehaps. It will be in a hief, tied at the cornwill be a hit of paper handkerchief, giving ne and telling why its it in the wood, poor

likely thing to happen,'

e handkerchief in your aragret went on, "where ners are tied together he child to me."

e satisfied him, for day Pat Sheedy said : so he went back to Margaret d and empty handed, and

local newspaper a telegraphic ch stating that the river was te. His house stood on ing to beat the game. It can't be above the highest flood mark, done. There is nothing in it. did not fear for his and Mar-

John," said his wife, "last night freamed that Spotty had gone up in a silk handkerchief."

odhouse, everywhere, but there be considered well by every man who spot. Then she set all the panting, but when the sun by gambles, whether he makes his living by gambles own that night there was no only for diversion.

and go in search of his a refused until he saw dusal, was downright cru-he got out the oars, un-

stupidly and wisely at the in pleasing his wife.

were floating about at a million dollars for the state of A wee kitten on a d to them piteously. A me roof of an outhouse

or dry land. John Old-he wreck about him and that he was looking for

le ark !" Maragret ex-

lamation. What Mar-a one of these cradles, a more wonderful to re-

eshaw and his wife, Mar- ing on soft bedding, was an infant. the bank of the They had everyred except children.
Its eyes laughed, and its little arms and legs vibrated like shut-

maternal in Spotty sat and barked and when was at an end jumped into the boat, kissed Margaret and in all respects grew up to be an equaled the incessant motion of the

So few people will believe this story that I scarcely have the heart to finish it, but the rest of it is of more importance than what I have told. The baby, a boy, was adopted and reared by John and Maragret Oldershaw, and not till he was grown did he discover that he was the son of a rich planter not far up the river, both of his parents having been drowned when he was swept away by the flood.

John after the advent of the little stranger treated Spotty with espe-cial kindness, though Margaret, strangely enough, never afterward considered him anything but a dog.
HESTER B. MERIWETHER.

Pat Sheedy's Experience.

Pat Sheedy is known the world over as a gambler and a "dead game sport," He has a name for honesty and daring. He has won and lost many fortunes and has tried every sort of gambling. He is now past middle age and although he may not nt to Memphis to a found—middle age and although he may not me and applied for a baby be without money he has very little. There was none to be had To a reporter in New York the other

ewhat particular in that "If I had devoted one-fourthone-tenth-the energy to legitimate trade that I have spent trying to t went one making a child of break the bank and devising schemes o win at cards I would be a millionaire today. I would not have been compelled, as in the past, to go to every God-forsaken country on the rapidly above and fears were face of the earth seeking games on d that the levee at several which I could gamble to make a livepoints would not stand the lihood. All my life I have been try-

"I have traveled the road that I picked out for myself. All I have experienced in my 25 years is hardship party onn," said his wife, "last night camed that Spotty had gone through association. I have lost, as the world goes, everything that is dear to a man's heart—that is, the respect of honest men and position in true society. I have been pointed Spotty! Spotty! Come get your true society. I have been pointed out with scorn by those who do not out didn't respond, and Margaret know me. I have found that to be into the yard to look for him famous in my walk of life is to be

magnolia trees, in the barn, Pat Sheedy's little sermon should

Gambling is a vice which no man lood proved the highest ever can afford to indulge. It costs too ', and the country was time; not only one's wealth, but one's home, one's family, one's hap-

Valuable Rain

Tacoma, July 8.-County Auditor

Davis returned yesterday from a trip to Eastern Washington, on which he visited several of the principal towns h him pulled away into of the inland empire. Mr. Davis says that the recent rains altered very materially the wheat outlook. One farmer from the Big Bend country, with whom he talked, estimated that the rain had been worth a half mil-lion dollars to his section alone. Others in the vicinity of Ritzville placed the increased value due to the rain

> The farmers in most sections have concluded that even with the increase the crop will not be as large as that of last year. It is estimated at from twenty-five million to thirty million

The eastern counties at this season of the year, Mr. Davis says, are pleasant to look upon. One sees an lmost solid field of waving gr not seen one of those now obsolete—as all vest. Times are very brisk. The people are prosperous and there is every indication that they will become

"What's your opinion of a title like this for an address before the Amer-ican Ornithological society now in d a bark, and a dog's session at Cambridge: The Pterylosis of Podargus, With Further Notes on the Pterytography of the Capri-"Well, I should call it a bird !"-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

coa't he put his paws on "Did you say," said Squildig to McSwilligan, "that you could ""
distinguish one ragtime piece of mu

sic from another ?" led for the tradie and was beside of it. Margaret tiny orall, and there, ly-Telegraph.

"That's about the idea," was the latter's reply. "All coon songs sound alike to me."—Pittsburg Chronicle—Telegraph.

Seattle, July 10 .- One of the most mugglers for importing contraband dinamen from Canada to this side of the line, and at the same time one of the most original that has ever confederate in Victoria, in all proability the plotters would have been of the maternal in-of the maternal in-of her affection all fear of overturning the cradle slant-eyed Celestials without the

slightest possibility of detection.
Kelly's false-bottomed sloop, that
he worked with a lever and dumped the Chinamen into the water when necessary, was crude in comparison with this latter device.

The idea was nothing else than dressing up the Chinamen in the dis-guise of nuns, the smugglers themselves adopting the dress of priests. The party thus attired could readily obtain passage on any steamer leaving Victoria or Vancouver for Seattle, without arousing the slightest suspicion as to their real identity. Such a scheme could only have had its origin in the fertile brain of some acreligious scoundrel.

Such a plan has been actually on foot in Chinatown, Victoria, and only failed of fulfillment through the weakening of a confederate who tipped it off. It may have originated with the Chinese themselves, for it is well known that no race is more creative and resourceful than the Mongolian. That the Chinese are be- is military discipline?" ing railroaded across the line at a

Yesterday afternoon Customs Inpector Fisher and Immigration Inspector Lavin boarded the westbound Great Northern train at Ballard and rode to this city, keeping guard over a pack of eight contraband Chinamen who were on board. When the train reached Seattle the Chinese octette was marched to the county jail where they are now held pending an investigation. The Chinamen were all provided with certificates which the customs authorities have reason to believe are bogus. The inspectors received a tip from Whatcom by wire ate in the afternoon and lost no time in meeting the incoming train. This makes a total of seventeen contraband Chinamen that have been smuggled into Seattle during the

by street cars on Tuesday evening from Ballard, where they were transported from a smugglers' sloop a few hours previously.

Perhaps when one makes that con versational blunder which is known as a "break" it is best to say noth-ing whatever about it. Extenuation only renders a bad matter worse. Not long ago a lady was visiting the studio of a portrait painter and trying to make herself as agreeable as possible in return for a welcome and afternoon tea. She enjoyed the pictures, although in each case they seemed to her much idealized, and she went from one to another, civily expressing her approbation.

"Ah," she said to her hostess, 'you must tell me all about them Who is this ?"

"Mrs. Lorraine." "I don't know her ; charming, but of course I can't speak for the like-

"I try to be faithful," said the artist humbly.

"Oh, I know! I know! And who is the very pretty lady in brown?" "That," said the other, with some frigidity, "is myself!" - Youth's

Russian Discipline

During the review of the army recruits in Vilna some years ago the general in command, turning to one of the new soldiers, asked him "What

"It is that a soldier has got to do pace too rapid to suit the customs just what he's told by his superior officers at the present time is only officer, only nothing against the czar," was the answer.

"All right, then. You take your eap, bid your comrades goodby and go and drown yourself in that lake there. Look sharp !"

Tears glistened in the soldier's eyes. He gazed earnestly and prayerfully at his commander, turned uddenly about and rushed off to the lave. He was on the very brink before he was overtaken and stopped by the sergeant sent to prevent the involuntary suicide.

One of the Unemployed-I wish I had money enough so I shouldn't have to work for a living.

Another of Them-So do I. In that case, you know, it would be so easy to get a job .- Boston Transcript.

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