

### The Two Claimants (By Louise B. Cummings.) \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Howard Prower and Ralph Cunningham, two young Englishmen, met in the gold country of Colorado and Lecame fast friends.

These young men, having com-pared notes, learned that they came from eminent British families. Prower was a younger son of a nobleman, and Cunningham claimed to be a graduate of Oxford. Besides the fact of their being fellow countrymen, of their being tellow countrymen, there was a strong resemblance be-tween them. They were nearly the same height and build and both light complexioned. There was one dif-ference between them, though it was ference between the proverse right

ference between them, though it was scarcely noticeable. Prower's right eys was of a slightly different shade of blue from his left eye. But there was a great difference in the character of the two men. How-ard Prower was a kind-hearted, noble man; Cunningham was a devil. They prospected together for a time, agree-ing that if one struck naving dirt he ing that if one struck paying dirt he would share it with the other. Finally Cunningham dug a hole in the ground for which he was offered a hundred thousand dollars. He had no intention of sharing it with Prower, and was deliberating how he could beat him out of his portion when a letter came ad-dressed to Howard Prover, Earl of Brokefield.

**Prover was away on a prospecting** our when the letter came. Both men had been away from England for ten Just been away from England for ten years. If Prower were out of the way Curningham might return, pass him-self off for the new Earl, and thus ap-propriate the title and estates. While he was deliberating on this plan word was received that Prower had been attacked by claim jumpers and murdered.

Ounningham went to the place where the fight had occurred a tried to find his friend's body. was told that a number of perso and He was told that a number of persons had been killed in the fight and they had been killed in the fight and they had all been buried side by side. He was shown the graves, but saw no reason why he should exhume his friends body. Returning to his cabin, he opened the letters that had been received and learned that Prover's father and two older brothers had been taken ill and all had died within a viertod of a few weeks. a period of a few weeks.

A month from that time Cunningham appeared in England and claimed to be Howard Prower, now Earl of Brokefield. There was no one of the family to receive him except a sister of the late earl, who did not doubt that he was her nephew.

he was her nephew. No one disputed the identity of the claimant except Lady Gladys Pem-broke, the daughter of a neighboring notiteman who would have been How-ard Prover's wife except for his pov-erty. She had not married and when the heir returned expected a happy meeting. To play the part of her lover was more than Cunningtham could acmeeting. To play the part of her lover was more than Cunningham could ac-complish, and she at once pronounced

## would be unable to subst

Prower, aghast at such treatment Frower, agnast at such treatment, withdrew and entered suit against the man who had usurped his title and his property. His aunt unfortun-ately adhered to the opinion that Cunningham was her nephew. This left Lady Gladys Pembroke the only witness in Prower's favor. and her left Lady Gladys Pembroke the only witness in Prower's favor, and her ovidence was not counted so valuable as that of a member of the claumant s family. Nevertheless, Lady Gladys warmly espoused Howard's cause, and the relations of lovers that had ex-isted before he left for America were resumed

resumed. One witness was found in an old woman who had nursed Howard when he was a baby. But she had never seen him since that time, and her evidence was not considered of much value, especially since in her old age she had lost her eyesight, However, at the trial she was called to the witness stand and testified as follows:

"I have not seen Howard Prower since he was a baby, when I used to give him his bath and wheel him in his perambulator, but if I could see plainly now as then I would know him, for I noticed on him a defect I have never seen in any one else. His eyes were of a different shade of blue.'

The two claimants were at the two claimants were at once examined carefully. Nearly all the ex-aminers pronounced that the blue of Howard's right eye was slightly lighter than that of his left.

Inguter than that of his left. This settled the case definitely, and he was adjudged to be the Earl of Brokefield. Cunningham was sent to prison for a term of years for making false pretousions. false pretensions.



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#### Siberia's Boom Town.

What the great Trans-Siberian Railway has done to develop the remote districts which it penetrates is strik-ingly shown in the story of the town of Novo Nikolaievsk, Siberia, When the rails of the Trans-Siberian reached the Ob River, the site of the town was a tangle of underbrush, with no signs of human habitation; now it is a modern city of 10,000 inhabitants, with electric lighting, large stone buildings, schools, a large town hall and a cathe dral in the Byzantine style of architecture.

The reason for this rapid development is that Novo Nikolaievsk is situated at the intersection of the Trans Siberian Railway and the River Ob, the great artery of communicatio for Western Siberia. Now that the Altai Railway has reached Bilsk, Bar-naul and Semipalatinsk, nuch freight will go beyond Novo Nikolaievsk, but it is expected that the new city will make up for this loss by the cargoes that will be transhipped into vessels on the Ob for conveyance down the river to the projected railway from the Ob to the White Sea. Novo Nikolalevsk will thus become a "window into Europe," not only for the Altai region, but also for all Siberia tapped by the relivery form the

by the railway from the eastern boundary of the Tomsk government'almost to Omsk.—New York Times. Minard's Liniment Used by Physiclans

## IN DAMP WEATHER.

Precautions to Be Taken by th



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temporary not very much can be done to furniture or inside fixtures. done to furniture or inside fixtures. It is a temptation to have the spread-ing draws and doors planed off a little, but to do so is a mistake for the return of heat and dry weather will cause them to shrink back to their normal proportions. If the are planed off now they will let in most unpleasant draughts and dust later. later.

Perhaps no one thing about damp weather is more distressing than the condition it inflicts on the salt cellar. condition it inflicts on the sait cellar. If the sait cellar or shakers are emp-tied after each meal and thoroughly dried in a warming oven, and refilled just before the next meal, the sale will still be moist and sticky when it is used. One of the hotels at the sea-shore where dampness is inevitable keeps inverted water glasses over the salt dishere Of course it is a little bit inconvenient to lift up a glass whenever you wish to get a spoonful of salt, but the results do make for drynness. Grains of uncooked rice of sait, but the results do make for dryness. Grains of uncooked rice can be mixed with sait used in shak-ers with rather satisfactory results. Probably the fact that there is much greater humidity in England

than in this country in part accounts for the fact that open cellars are always used there and that "salt shak ens" are regarded as a decided Amer-icanism. The obvious advantage of shakers is that in them the salt is kept free from dust and contact with the air, but in times of dampness one is tempted to use the English cellars, from which salt may be taken by means of a sait spoon so much more easily than it can be shaken out when it has absorbed a good share of moisture.

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### DOING COLONIZATION WO K

Western Canada is not the land or the romancer, but "happily ending storles" frequently owe origin to the west. For example, here is what Albert V. Laidlaw, of North Dakota at the Royal Alexandra Hotel told newspaper representative the other day: "I am on my way as a home-visitor

to my former home. I have ended my work for the season in harvesting grain. I have seen the last of it threshed, drawn, loaded and shipped for selection. for sale. "I have worked early and late

through the entire season with the idea of 'making good' on the season through and asuring myself a holiday. have been successful. Everything snug at my farm buildings. There

The Seal Ring. The seal ring dates back to the days of the Old Testament and products of

of the Old Testament and products of the glyptic art, as gem engraving was called, were known in the most remote times. In Exodus xxviii, 17-20, men tion is made of the following stones, upon which the names of the twelve children of Israel were engraved: The sardus, the topaz, the carbuncle, the emerald, the sapphire, the diamond, the ligure, the agate, the amethyst, beryl, onyx and jasper. In verse 2 of the same chapter we find mention of the engraving of signets upon the hardest stones. It is believed that the Egyptians instructed the Israelites in the art of stone engraving. The the Egyptians instructed the Israelites in the art of stone engraving. The Egyptians used the lapidary's wheel and emery powder and knew the use of the diamond in engraving other hard stones. Among the Assyrian and Babylonians ruins were found fine specimens of signets on gems, many of them set in rings. them set in rings.

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## THE VOICES CALLING ME.

walk alone on the beach to night And the stars throw down their gentle light.

catching the church bells, the lure of the old m They sweep me on where memory

dwells, bring in those visions bright-Ind bring in those visions bright

Of many I loved, who from o'er the sea stretching out hands of love to

me; Oh, their voices are calling me, so tenderly calling me.

I'm pacing alone on the shore to night Where the sea gulls roam in rapid flight;

And the waters are lapping their rocky bound While silence and gloom reign a.1

around. My visions to-night are in the past Where the pale horse rider his

shadows cast And carried a loved one home-carried a loved one home.

My spirit hastes across the sea. Where hands of love are stretched

out to me, And their voices are calling me, O, tenderly calling me.

keeping my vigil alone to-night. And the waves are still, no foam is in sight;

The great ships pass on their out ward way, On their journey speed both night

and day, With the mariner 'fore the mast-the

mariner 'fore the mast. How like to life, my heart doth say, From cradle's rock till the hair is

grey; s coming to me and thee! ) it's Hark, the voices are calling me, so tenderly calling me.

My watch I'm keeping alone to night And the rippling waves show a breeze in sight

#### Graphic Description. Zach had been introduced to a new

Zach had been introduced to a new circular gaw. The foreman of the sawmills performed the introduction, and after giving Zach a few necessary extra instructions he left him to his work. Zach was really interested in the buzzing blade, and his curiosity setting the before of his discritisity the buzzing blade, and his curiosity getting the befter of his discretion, hro soon found himself minus a finger. Despite his excitability he was some-thing of a stole, so he bound up his wound without seeking assistance. hile he was thus engaged the fore-man reappeared. To him Zach de-scribed the accident. "But how on earth did you manage

"But how on earth did you manage it?" the foreman exclaimed, angrily, for the prospects of damages ahead

Zach shook his head. "Sure, an' I don't know," he said. "I just touched the thing like this with my finger when-I'm blessed if there my finger when—I'm blessed if there ain't another one gone!"—New York

# **CONSTIPATED CHILDREN**

Constipation is one of the most common ailments of childhood and the child suffering from it cannot thrive. To keep the little one well the bowels must be kept regular and the stomach sweet. To do this nothing can equal Baby's Own Tablets, Concerning them Mrs. Romaine Poirier, Mizon-ette, N. B., says:--"My baby suffered from constipation, but thanks to Baby's Own Tablets he is perfectly well again." The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

### SCIENCE NOTES.

The heaviest theatre curtains are now operated by the touch of a button.

The pressing need for small locome tives has been responsible for the res-cue of many old-timers from the scrap heap. They have been rejuvenated and

heap. They have been rejuvenated and placed in service in Europe. Babies under treatment at the He-brew Infant Asylum, in New York, are kept in glass cases to prevent danger of cross infection. Machinists engaged on fine work new make use of magnifying mirrors

in order to more carefully watch the

progress of the operation. Private enterprise has resorted to use of aeroplanes for the exploration of Argentine where it is hoped to make use of a waterpower which has been heretofore inaccessible.

been heretofore inaccessible. Discarded sleeping cars are being used as dormitories by the students

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### Remarkable Reptiles.

During the time of deposition of the clays constituting the Morrison shale in southern Colorado there ex-isted a great variety of remarkable reptiles of huge size. Their bones, which are in places abundant, are the remains of animals that were mired in the soft clay of which Morrison in the soft clay of which Morrison In the soft clay of which Morrison formation largely consists. Some of these creatures, such as the bronto-saurus, were sixty feet long. Many of them had, remarkably small heads, notably the stegosaurus, which had so diminutive a brain thet it must have been very stupid. This animal was undoubtedly very clumes also, but its huge size and protective armor aided in its measuration.—Geological Survey Bulletin. outset. Ask for Minard's and taks no other Nature's Methods in Building Survey Bulletin. Those Seasheil Monuments.

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fire, in full view of the enemy. This task Captain Bloomfield determined to face himself, and, unmindful of perso-nal danger, he succeeded in reaching Corporal Bowker and carrying him back, subjected throughout the double journey to heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. rifle fire.

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gun fire from both flanks, and although wounded he remained in command directing and controlling. He set an example of cheerfulness

and resolution beyond all praise, and there is little doubt that but for his personal example of courage, the at-tack would have been checked at the

CORAL REEFS.

Coral reefs surrounded many of the

him an imposter. But notwithstanding this assertion. But notwithstanding this assertion, which was not very largely accepted. Cunningham established himself as the Earl of Brokefield. He had played the part of a peer for four months, when who should appear but the real Earl. Prower had been left for dead by those who had attacked him and those who had joined in his defence. Be fore they had returned to bury th Be dead he had crawled away. When he had recovered he looked for his chum, but did not find him. Later he had heard of his father's and brothers' death, and at once started for Eng-

When one day Howard Prower walked into his home and met his old irrend face to face the latter turned pale. There was one of two courses which he might choose-step down

# Housewife.

A little while ago two young housewires were condoling with each other over the prolonged teason of humidity and dampness. A little while ago

"We can't get a single bureau draw er closed," said one, "and last night when I wanted to get out the very best table linen I own for an unex-pected guest, we couldn't get the linen drawer open, and instead of show ing off my best, we had to use paper napkins."

"We're in a worse state," said the other, "Fnally after much pulling I got a bureau drawer all the way out, and now I keep it propped up on two chairs because i can't get it in again.

which he might chose-step down and out or claim that the newcomer was an impostor. He chose the lat-ter course. He ignored his visitor the real Howard Prower, but that he ness, and as the dampaces is really hard new soil, which means increased crops and additional prosperity to the west, passenger officials assert. Every brave man is a man of his word.—Corneille. Summer dampness is really hard

nothing for the hired man to do but to feed the stock. I am away on a three months' leave, and I am going back to my former home and tell the folks about Western Canada." Canadia Pacific Railway officials assert that a superior class of set-tlers from the United States arrived Western Canada last year. The settlers have made good, it was asseried. Many of the settlers are now home-visitors to their former homes. Officials asserted that in addition to the pleasures to the home-visitors in taking a holiday and the revenue in taking a holiday and the revenue to railways in the west, the home-visitors are doing a great coloniza-tion work for Canada. The holidays of the home-visitors invariably lead to new settlers and the breaking of new soil, which means increased crops and additional prosperity to the west.

ability.

fellow

That presently turns to a gale. And the madcaps foam in their giant might, eaving many a bark in direst plight

Great peril for those who sail-great peril for those who sail-great peril for those who sail. How like to life, my heart doth say, Great billows o'erwhelm us day by

day. Take loved ones over the sea. Where their voices are calling me, O, tenderly calling me.

've come to the end of my watch tonight And the storm is o'er-has spent its

might: Great wreckage on shore is piled. For some have gone to their last

long sleep.

grave have found in the ocean deep Laid low by the waters wild-laid

Laid low by the waters wild—laid low by the waters wild. How like to life, my heart doth say, We sail for a port that's far away, O, far across the sea we're sailing,

me and thee; Hark, sweet voices are calling me, so tenderly calling me.

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'I suffered from Bright's Disease for two years," Mr. Sullivan states in an interview. "I was unable to work for weeks at a time. I spent hundreds of dollars on doctors without receiving any real benefit and received outdoor treatment at the Toronto General Hos-

'I was feelineg very badly discour "I was teening very dauly discour-aged when a friend advised me to try Dodd's Kidney Pills. After using three boxes I was much better. I kept on till I had used nine boxes,

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On arrival at the new position he found that one of the wounded-No. 2475, Corporal D. M. P. Bowker-and been left behind. Owing to very heavy tire he experienced difficulties in having the wounded corporal brought

Rescue meant passing over some 400 yards of open ground, swept by heavy

Coral reefs surrounded many of the shands in the Pacific. They protect the low lands from the washing of the wars, and the still waters inclosed by them are the only harbors of refuge for ships. The refs themselves furnish the greatest wars, and the still waters inclosed by them are the only harbors of refuge for ships. The refs themselves furnish the greatest wars, and nothing else. The state of the stat

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ner of things sanitary. She came across an interesting item in the evening paper and promptly communi cated it to her husband.

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said, "claims that a dentist's fingers carry disease germs." "In that case," said Hopkins, "there's but one safe rule to follow--boil your dentist."-Exchange.

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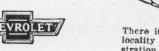
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