was almost closed. When I had re

stored her courage, the Princess would

no charity to hurt the sensitive. The

multimillionaire who would earry out

all men and blessed by thousands.

that girl's plans would be admired by

Our friendship lasted a year and its

end was both sudden and tragical. As

she attempted to cross the street one

day the Princess was knocked down

and run over by a heavy vehicle. A

dozen people rushed to pick her up, but

each and every one of them realized at

first glance that her end had come.

She was broken and crushed, but not

unconscious. They wondered that she

did not scream out in her pain, and

when the ambulance surgeon spoke in

admiration of her pluck she quietly re-

"Sir, I shall be a princess some day,

They took her to the hospital, and

the doctors did not need two minutes

to satisfy themselves that she had only

a few hours to live. They expressed

condolence because she was a child,

but words of sympathy brought no

tears to her eyes nor groans to her

"Is it bad?" she quietly asked of the

nurse after the doctors had withdrawn.

as her lips trembled at last. "Me and

granny have been cold and hungry and

ragged, but we never gave up. I was

to be a princess some day, and then

we'd live in a palace and have every-

thing we wanted. If I'm hurt too bad

to ever be a princess, what will granny

Then came delirium, and the ravings

told the nurse such a story of mingled

romance and poverty that she wept

over it. A simple illusion had carried

that child through years of uncom-

plaining penury without complaint. It

had safeguarded her amid the lowest

and vilest. It had kept her face to

God, and it had made her reverenced

of pearl must have been opening when

"Yes, dear-up there among the an-

The nurse went back to the window

and leaned her elbows on the sill and

sobbed as if the life of a sister was de-

parting. When she turned, the little

face was growing white and the eyes

with poor old granny and talks of that

which was and tries in vain to offer

The Elephant's Sense.

idea of the mere mechanism of ani-

mals, spoke of the elephant as at the

same time a "miracle of intelligence

and a monster of matter." Ernest Me-

nault happily referred to him as the

animal that carried his nose in his

hand; hence the marvelous intelligence

of his trunk. The senses of touch and

The nerves which extend through his

trunk are so numerous that they equal

in number all those distributed over

the rest of the body. The elephant can

keep perfect time to music. He has the

ear perfectly organized, and the hear-

ing is extremely fine. The eye of the

elephant is distinguished from that of

other animals by the pathetic expres-

sion of sentiment. Take him all in all,

naturalists agree that he is the most in-

telligent of animals. And why should

His Head and His Hat.

It has been said of the southern

darky that he has not always a clear

idea as to property rights, but ca some

points it appears that he is not in the

An old colored man in the days "be

fo' de wah" was given one of his mas-

ter's cast off hats, which he wore with

great pride. One Sunday his master

met him coming home from a camp

meeting in a pouring rain bareheaded

and holding his hat under his coat.

Later on the master questioned him

"Why didn't you wear your bat, Jer-

"You see, it's like dis, sah," respond-

ed Jerry. "My head is yours, but my

hat is mine, and nachelly I feels like

taking care ob it, sah."-Youth's Com-

Georgie's aunt was worried because

he failed to understand or appreciate

anything not strictly practical. Har-

per's Magazine tells of an experiment

In her desire to rouse him to a per-

ception of better things she took him to

Niagara falls. The train brought them

into sudden and magnificent view of

the great wonder. She watched him

closely as the moment for the test

drew near and was delighted to see

him press his face to the window and

Then he turned to her with beaming

countenance and, pointing to a hillside

in the background, said, "Say, see

rails was awarded at Ottawa, but Mr.

til the contract is signed.

contract for 25,000 tons of steel

she tried to test his æsthetic powers.

ry? Did you feel the need of cooling

he be afraid of a mouse?

least hazv.

iocosely:

panion.

keep it there.

them goats!"

your head?"

smell co-operate.

And so the knight of the Princess

gels you shall come into your king-

"Will-will I ever be a princess?"

hand was laid upon her forehead.

er get to be a princess, will I?"

"Poor child!"

eyes and asked:

nurse, with a sob.

the Princess asked:

dom."

had closed.

comfort.

"Is it bad-very bad?"

and a princess never cries in public."



It was an experience never to be forgetten, and John Ashton, shivering as with an ague chill, bruised and weak, and half-dazed from the shock he had received, dragged himself to his feet—thankful that no bones were broken, and that he could move at all—and groped his way to the cabin to search for his sister and allowed.

Mrs. Sherman lay motionless in her berth a heavy piece of timber having.

mrs. Sherman lay motioniess in her berth, a heavy plece of timber having fallen across her head and face.

The man grasped and threw it to one side, and grouned aloud as he saw the cruel dent it had made upon her temple.

He spoke to her, but she did not hear or moaning, in a querulous, childish motion. The moaning is a querulous, childish until her companion was driven.

He knew he could do nothing for her;

Was she also dead? If so, his way was clear, without further plotting or trouble. Queen Bess would come easily into her inheritance, and he would have the

searching every face as he went, and mong the crowd assembled there.

The girl was nowhere to be found. was no chance for him in any of them. The steamer-what there was left of it The steamer—what there was left of it
—was now rapidly settling, and it was
evident that it would soon go under.

John Ashton shot a glance of agony
back toward the boat with which they

was not in sight. Evidently the first steamer had far out-"There is no time to lose," he mutter-"Alice is nowhere to be seen, and I

He went to the saloon, wrenched a door bitterly. He went to the saloon, wrenched a door from its hinges, threw it into the river, hastly divested himself of his coat and boots, and then sprang boldly into the water.

When he arose to the surface he found

When he arose to the surface he found the woman standing by the bed.

But John Ashton was in too serious a standing by the bed. When he arose to the surface he found

There were bodies floating all about him, tossed hither and thither by the stream, but they were those of men, several of them sailors. As none of them showed any signs of life, he pushed them away from him, feeling that it was useless to try to take any of them with beheld the shivering drinning forlors.

Presently, however, he saw something he said, and, prompt- Dr. Ashton began. "It is a woman!" he said, and, prompted by a feeling of humanity that would by a feeling of humanity that would be you, and where on earth did you come from at this time of the night?" interposed the man, regarding the supplied put forth his hand to save her from pliant with increasing wonder, and with something of suspicion as well.

His fingers came in contact with a hieavy coll of hair, and by it he drew the white-robed figure close to his side.

It was, as he surmised, the form of a some are wou to man in her nightdress, that as the hear darkness he could not discern her fea-

darkness he could not discern her features.

By exerting all his strength, Dr. Ashton

and then he began the slow work of pushing his burden toward the shore.

Fortunately the river at that point was not very wide, but he found it required not very wide. not very wide, but he found it required surprise. "Where is your darter?" all his strength to make any headway. "Down by the river. I could not get all his strength to make any headway.

while he was often obliged to rest and recover his breath and falling energies.

One or twice he was tempted to give up in despair, to roll that apparently lifeless form again into the water and look out for himself, but the hope that there bushed night here," the man returned, the might be a spark of life still within it expression of horror still on his face.

He kept looking back up the river, and speaking in a subdued tone to somehoping that the other steamer would make its appearance and rescue him from just come.

his perilous condition.

But he could see nothing of it, and finally came to the conclusion that the boats had pulled for it and it had stopped to take the occupants on board.

The woman whom Dr. Ashton had seen through the window came out at his call, her face flushed from weeping, sobs still shaking her form.

"Hush. Maria!" said her husband, but it at the occupants on board.

ntire restoration.

He treated her as he would treat any she was all we had."

The man sprang to his feet as if suddenly galvanized, a fierce imprecation bursting from his lips.

Those tones were as familiar to him as was the voice of Alice Sherman! He had saved the only woman in the world whom he wished dead!

CHAPTER XXVII. Dr. Ashton sank upon the ground, feel-

ing faint and entirely unnerved by the shock of astonishment and dismay which this unwelcome discovery sent through

He had hoped that she had perished in the disaster which had cost so many others their lives; he had hoped that fate had saved him from the great wrong in Washington. which he had been plotting against her: but instead of that, she had compelled him to work against himself, to save her only to make the task which he had im-But presently he was aroused from these unpleasant musings by hearing the girl babble in a foolish, almost idiotic way of strange things which had apparthe seemed during her childhood.

She seemed to be holding imaginary conversations with her father—talking of games, her dolls and toys, like a child

four or five years.
'Aha!" said Dr. Ashton, in a tone of satisfaction, after listening to her awhile, "the shock of the accident has evidently completed the work of unsettling her brain. She will doubtless have a relapse of the brain fever after this exposure, and that must finish her; or, if it does

not, she will probably remain a lunatic during the remainder of her life. I think I can see daylight through my difficulties He was watching anxiously for the other steamer, hoping that it would pick m as it passed. He saw it soon, rounding a point in the

its lights gleaming cheerfully the darkness, the smoke, which ended from its stack, looking like a rd and ruddy pillars of flame.

watched it with intense interest until it was nearly opposite him, then he sent up a vigorous shout for help. No notice was taken of it, no one anwered back or seemed to have heard

more he called with all his strength It was no use—the vessel steamed eadily on her course, and was soon lost view upon rounding another bend in

Dr. Ashton was in despair. He had not the slightest idea where he was; he

to suffer intensely from their forlorn situation. "It is cold, papa! I am so cold, papa! Why don't you build a fire?" Alice kept moaning, in a querulous, childish voice, until her companion was driven nearly

move.

He touched her wrist, seeking her pulse, distracted.

and laid his hand upon her heart; both were motionless, and he knew that she were motionless, and he knew that she my path," he cried. "I must try to find my path," he cried. "I must try to find my path," he cried. "I must try to find my path," he cried. "I must try to find my path," he cried. "I must try to find my path," he cried. some shelter and help, or we shall both die," and springing to his feet, he began time was precious, for the boat was die," and springing to his feet, he boat was die, which was die, wh

inheritance, and he would have the inheritance, and he would have the handling of her handsome fortune during the next two or three years at least.

He turned and rushed again upon deck, He turned and rushed again upon deck, and bushes, and he fell many times, bruising and scratching himself among thorns and record stumms of trees. It was not an easy matter to climb Ane girl was nowhere to be found.

By the captain's orders the boats were
being lowered, but each was crowded as short distance beyond, a single light
was no chance for him in any of there a short distance beyond, a single light glimmering amid the darkness. Inspired with fresh hope, he pushed his way toward it, but was suddenly brought

should strike its poisonous fangs into his

had been racing when the explosion occurred. In that seemed the only hope for the poor unfortunates who were still upon that doomed craft.

He climbed over it, and a few steps further on discerned the outlines of a house, from one of the windows of which the light had shone.

He made his way south ascertain, if possible, why it was burning at that hour of the night.

The curtain was drawn, but through

the other, which was now doubtless a crevice at one side he managed to see ind some bend of the river.

There is no time to lose," he mutter—
There was a bed in one corner, upon ed. "Alice is nowhere to be seen, and I which someone, evidently very ill or three or four minutes. Then he of the boats."

which someone, evidently very ill or three or four minutes. Then he fifty years was bending over it, weeping was informed with considerable digniand I which

When he arose to the surface he found himself at some distance from the sinking vessel, and saw the door floating not far from him.

He swam toward it, and grasping it, adoor at one end of the house, he knock-

beheld the shivering, dripping, forlorn object standing upon the doorstep.
"Sir, I have come to you for help—"

something of suspicion as well. "There has been a steamboat explosion the physician began to exrobed figure close to his side.

as, as he surmised, the form of a some are wounded; but I have managed in her nightdress, just as she had to save myself and—my daughter. Will brown from her berth; but in the you give us shelter?"

In spite of his desperate situation John

out for himself, but the hope that the might be a spark of life still within it expression of horror still on his face. deterred him and encouraged him to more vigorous effort.

"Lor'! that's mighty bad! Maria, look here," he continued stepping back a pace

The woman whom Dr. Ashton had seen take the occupants on board.

The bank of the river was reached at last, and, with an ejaculation of thankfulness the man clambered out of the water, drew the door after him, and deposited its burden upon the grass, which grew rank and heavy just there.

It was very dark, and he could not, of course, see the woman's face, but from the wealth of hair, from the soft, smooth hands, and the gems upon her slender fingers, he judged that she must be young.

Putting his hand over her heart, he found it beating sluggishly, and this friendly hospitality; "but—we're in sore

thing else we've got, 'he continued, tall'young.

Putting his hand over her heart, he ing again to Dr. Ashton with true and found it beating sluggishly, and this spurred him to vigorous efforts for her spurred him to vigorous efforts for her just gone over the river of death, and He treated her as he would treat any person half drowned, and was at last person half drowned, and was at last to his eyes as he explained the rewarded by hearing her heave a deep again to his eyes as he explained the scene which Dr. Ashton had witnessed through the window a little while be-

"Mamma!"

weak voice called: through the window a little while be fore. fore.
"I regret, sir, being obliged to intrude Ashton upon you at such a time," Dr. Ashton gravely returned; "but I knew I must have help at once, and seeing a light here

I made for it [To be continued.] Lever's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap

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was arrested in Montreal on a charge

of stealing a large amount of jewelry

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## THE PASSING OF A PRINCESS

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I came across her one night when I was slumming. No. I was not exactly slumming. As a journalist the dives and dens of the tenement district had been familiar to me for years. It was on one of my tours, for now and then when too well satisfied with life I take a trip amid crime and degradation and

poverty as an offset. I found her in a little room on the top story of a tenement, the Princess. It was a winter's night, and the fire was out for want of fuel, the cupboard empty for want of money and the girl and her grandmother huddled up to each other on an old straw mattress to keep warm. On the floor below them

a woman had said: "Thanks, sir, and God bless you, but if you have a penny more to give look in on the old woman and girl upstairs. I know they haven't had a fire or a mouthful of food for two days."

It wasn't good manners to walk in on the pair without knocking, and with a lighted candle in my hand in addition, but that was the way I entered. They were both awake. The girl fastened her big blue eyes on me and uttered no word while I deposited the packages and lighted a fire in the old stove. When I had taken a seat on the corner a standstill by running against a of the rickety old table, she quietly

observed: "I hope the gentleman will excuse

"The gentleman will do so." I re-"And will the gentleman withdraw

while me and grandma get up?" The gentleman passed out into the ice cold hall and stamped up and down was informed with considerable dignity that the ladies had finished their toilet and were "at home." A few minutes later we sat down to a feast, the trio of us. I expected to hear a tale of want and wee, but none was told. There was no inveighing against the rich; no criticism of the world at rested a moment before attempting to strike out for the shore.

There were bodies floating all about next moment the bolt was drawn and they were there in poverty's clutch. large: not one single complaint that Grandma was a woman of seventy. She had a soft, gentle face and the dig-

nity of old age. It was hard to connect her with poverty, although one saw the wolf of starvation sniffing at the door. The girl was not over ten. but she had the face of one double that age. Her clothes were ragged, but clean; her hands had been used to toil, but they were shapely and clear of dirt. Her face wore a smile, and yet there was dignity behind it. No blessings were showered upon my head, no exultation. If I was a benefactor, was also a guest.

"I thought some one would come." said the girl as we stood around the table, with its miserable showing of crockery.

"And why did you think so?" I asked. "Because I shall be a princess some day."

"And how will that come shout?" In quiet tones and with an earnestness which made me wonder she told me that over and over again she had dreamed that she was a princess. The idea had become firmly fixed in her mind, and, even had I cared to combat it, arguments would have been useless. She had read story books, too; she had read of princes and princesses and knights and chevaliers, and to dispel her illusions would have been almost wicked. I called her Princess in a spirit of levity. She accepted the title with such dignity that I bestowed it upon her in earnest. Grandma's mind was not in its second childhood, yet she had fully accepted the situationthat is, she firmly believed that it would come to pass some day that her granddaughter would wear the purple and ride behind proud stepping horses. I encouraged her to think so, and I encouraged the Princess. This was deceit on my part, but God help those men and women and children of the tenements who sit in cold, darkness and hunger and have no visions to keep back their wails or curses.

Old as she was granny had a little work now and then, and young as she was the Princess earned a few shillings per week. I should have been glad to do more for them, for I had become knight to a princess, but they drew a line and entered a pretest. To go beyond that line was to hurt their feelngs and offend their dignity.

Sometimes in my knocking about I found the Princess on the street, and I had no cause to wonder that the half drunken women and rude boys treated her with respect. It had somehow got about the street that she was a real princess who would come into her own some day, and she must be treated different from the other girls. There were weeks and weeks at a time when the faith of the Princess in her future would not let a doubt creep in. Then there would come a blue day, and after sitting with her chin on her hands for a long hour while I talked with grandma

she would earnestly inquire: "Do you think I shall ever be a real princess? Won't some other girl get the place ahead of me before I am old

enough?" Then I would look around at the evidence of poverty, I would feel the pinching, the grinding, the bitterness hemming her in, and I would reply with deceit on my tongue. I would encourage her to keep fast hold of her ilraious, to drive nay menacing doubt way. She believed in me and was the ppier for it, and it was also worth e sin to receive the grateful looks of

Distance office college balables on and onela, which Heod's Sarsaparille alware

he poor old woman whose span of life

KING EDWARD OF ENGLAND.

tell me of her plans when she should In that eclipse of noon when joy was come into her own. There was never hushed Like the birds' song beneath unnatura a plan that did not include the better-And night. ment of humanity. There would be no Terror's footfall in the darkness enemies to punish, no laws to oppress,

The rose imperial of our delight. Then, even then, tho' no man cried, "He And no man turneth to greet him passing there, With phantom heralds challenging re

nown And silent-throbbing drums, I saw the King of England, hale and fair, Ride out with a great train through London town.

Unarmed he rode, but in his ruddy shield The lions bore the dint of many a land And up and down his mantle's azure field Were strewn the lilies plucked in famous

Before him went with banner floating wide The yeomen breed that served his hon-And mixed with these knights of noble

But in the place of pride. His admirals in billowy lines close abreast Convoyed him close like galleons on the

Full of a strength unbroken showed his face, And his brow calm with youth's unclouded dawn. But round his lips were lines of tenderer

Such as no hand but Time's hath ev Surely he knew his glory had no part n dull decay, nor unto Death must bend, Yet surely too of lengthening shadows

dreamed With sunset in his heart, So brief his beauty now, so near the end, And now so old and so immortal seen-

"Very bad," was the reply as a soft O King of men that dies, tho' we must fail Sons of thy dust that shall inherit thee: "If-if it's too bad, then I won't nev-O King of men that ile, the we must fail Thy life is breathed from thy triumphant "It's years and years," said the girl O man that servest men by right of birth

Our heart's content thy heart shall also keep, Thou, too, with us shall one day lay thee down n our dear native earth.

Full sure the King of England, while we Forever rides abroad through London -Henry Newbolt, in Independent.

Some Rather Good Ones From Britain and Australia.

JOKES OF THE DAY.

Hard of Hearing-Curate (for third time to very deaf parishioner.)-I say what induced you to send for me? Deaf Parishioner-What's he say, Margaret? I can't understand him! Margaret-He says, why the deuce did you send for him?-Moonshine.

by men. Half an hour before death came the delirium passed. Then she First Hunting Man. - So. I hear looked at the nurse with her big blue you're engaged to three girls at once, Tomson. You'll find it rather difficult to get out of it. Second "You may never get well," replied the Hunting Man .- No-o-o, I shan't. The real difficulty will be how to keep it There was a long silence. The gates going!-Pick-Me-Up.

Violet-I never had such a streak of luck. He fell in love in Rome, proposed in Naples, and bought the ring in Paris. Daisy-Did your luck end there? Violet-Oh! no. While we were at Monte Carlo he won enough from papa for us to get married on.-Illustrated Bits.

The Profession Again.-Patientcan't possibly put any flesh on; what do you recommend? Doctor-What are you? Patient-An actor. Doctor-Here's sixpence, go and get a meal.-Moonshine.

A Secret of the Sea .- Passenger-Look here, Steward, if this is coffee, I want tea; but if this is tea, then I wish for coffee.-Punch.

Bobby-What's a despot, pa? Pa -A despot, my boy? Oh, a ruler Why an elephant should be afraid of whose authority is unlimited, and a mouse is a mystery. Some have who does just as he likes without doubted the generosity of the elephant consulting anybody. Bobby-Is mambecause of his aversion to small anima a despot, then?-Judy. mals, but none can doubt his intelli-Spectator-Well, a man needs gence. Buffon, notwithstanding his

tience when the fish ain't bitin'. Angler-Yes; or else some good liquor .-Melbourne Weekly Times. Mother-No, Johnny; you have had pie enough. Johnny-Mother, it is impossible to have enough of your

ple! (He got another piece.)-Sydney Town and Country Journal. Did the sermon produce much fect? Well, it was followed by what you might call "a great religious awakening." - Melbourne Weekly

Times. Swindler-I've embezzled ten thousand pounds. Can you clear me if I'm prosecuted? Lawyer-Yes, if you haven't spent the money .- Mel-

bourne Weekly Times. "What is heredity, mamma?" asked the little girl, spelling the word out through her falling tears, and waiting to write down the mean-"It is-'m, how shall I exing. plain it? Oh," said the mother, 'something you get from your father or me." And the small child wrote down on her paper of home lessons: "Heredity-spanking."

Sydney Town and Country Journal. 'Why should victory always be represented by a female figure?" "You don't see the appropriateness now, but you aren't married yet."-Melbourne Weekly Times.

She-He thinks she could learn to love him. He-And she does not? She-Well, she thinks it will be easier for him to learn that she can't .-Melbourne Weekly Times.

Pigeon Flies 1,100 Miles.

The exhibition of racing pigeons at the Royal Aquarium, London, included 113 homers, the largest number ever shown at a single exhibition in England. The birds that completed in the recent Trans-Alpine race from Rome attracted much attention; the difficulties of their long fight may be appreciated by the fact that only 10 per cent. of the pigeons entered in the race succeeded in reaching home. The world's champion, which has flown from Lisbon to Brussels, a distance of 1,100 miles, was on view, as well as the double-breasted champion, who has won the 600 mile race from the Shetland Islands two years in succession. This bird holds the record for a speed of fifty miles an hour.

The Subtle East Indian.

It is told of an East Indian law student that he once threw his examiners into confusion by declaring matrimony to be an illegal state 'How so? How so?' he was asked by the perturbed examiners, many of them married men. The student smiled beatifically. "Marriages, quoth he, "is a lottery, and latter, tes are forbidden by law."

not believe the report of an Indian ris-sundars: Blair declines to state who gets it un-

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