

AARON BURR'S DAUGHTER.

A Plausible Story of the Fate of the Beautiful Theodosia.

An old resident of Washington said in a recent conversation: "The fate of Theodosia, the beautiful daughter of Aaron Burr, bus been one of the appalling mysteries of sudden disappearances at sea. .

"She was married to Governor Allston of South Carolina, a name distinguished in the annals of that state. She sailed from Charleston for New York in the ship Patriot on Dec. 20, 1812, on a visit to her father. The vessel was supposed to have been either ingulfed or captured by pirates, for it was , hought that no soul had survived to determine the awful doubt as to its tate or that of its passengers. One account particularly arrested public attention, and that was the purported confession of a pirate, Domnick You, whi, h Charles Gayarre incorporated into his brilliant, romantic, philosophic 'Fe dinand de Lemos.' It is so graphleady drawn that many persons thought at last the fate of Aaron Bust's only daughter was known.

"An old sailor named Benjamin F. Burdick died recently a pauper in a Michigan poorhouse. On his deathbed he made the startling confession that he was one of the piratical crew that captured a vessel named the Patriot and participated in the murder of Theodosia Allston at sea. Indeed, he declared that it fell to his lot to pull the plank from under her. She came forth arrayed in white, holding a Bible in one hand and with heroic mien took her place on the slender instrument of death and without a shudder or quiver of a muscle was precipitated into the waves. The noble, unblanched face, erect and airy form, he said, had haunted him all his subsequent life. The date of the vessel's loss, January, 1813, was correctly given by Burdick, and the name 'Odessa' Burr Allston was his only error, and yet this was not an error, for the name of both father and husband are sufficient identification. The corruption of Theodosia into 'Odessa' would be natural to an ignorant sailor and, if anything, tend to prove that he had not been reading up to make himself a sort of deathbed hero.

sible for the reason named."

"At any rate, the confession is plau

Animals Gave Warning. French traveler was taking breakfast at the house of a merchant in Quezaltenango when suddenly a curious thing

happened. The fountain in the courtyard ceased to flow, and from its two orifices came sharp, intermittent sounds. The birds in the aviary, which had been singing merrily, became silent, and two dogs and a cat which were in the room betrayed unmistakable signs of terror.

Hastily rising from the table, the merchant said, "We must hurry away from here, for the animals plainly warn us that some terrible disaster, most probably an earthquake, is at

That very night the city was shaken by an earthquake, and of the merchant's house only the ruins remained.

Strain of High Speed. The question has been raised whether, if it should be practicable to attain to a speed of 100 miles or more an hour by rail, the engineer could stand the strain, says the Philadelphia Record. It has been affirmed by a physician that such fearful going would wear out his nerves in a little while. The question has been answered already by one experienced engineer before a meeting of scientists. Asked as to the probable effects in case of a common accident of a speed of more than sixty miles an hour, he said: "A smashup at sixty miles an hour would make splinters of everything. At 100 miles the splinters might be finer, but the destruction could not be more complete"-that is to say, when an engineer runs his engine at sixty miles he is under as severe a strain as he would be at any

A Woman "Cabby." In the New Zealand town of Nelson woman has been asserting her rights in quite a new direction. A local lady recently secured a cab and horse and entered into competition with the Jehus of the town, who at once took alarm and protested that she had no license. This difficulty was quickly overcome, and the lady "cabby" entered the lists on equal terms in that respect. Now with her smart turnout she is securing all the fares she can find time to drive.

other speed.

The Pen Paramount. A supreme court justice, a diplomatist and a writer were talking of the extent of the influence wielded by each, and the New York Times justly credits the last laugh to the writer. "I can govern by injunctions, as the Populists put it," said the judge. "I can involve nations in war," said

the embassador. "And I could, if I would, make the world laugh at both of you," said the writer.

Chicken or Chickens? What is the plural of chicken? Why, chickens, of course, you say. A recent book says, however, that there is no such word as chickens. Chicken is itself plural. Chick, chicken; hose, hosen -such is the form. A farmer's wife, at least in the most rural districts, says | 50c. per 4 Pound Bag. correctly that she is going to feed her chicken, meaning not one, but many .-London Answers.

CANADA IS EIGHTH.

on's Status in the World's Marine Shown by Figures.

Canada stands eighth in point of ownership of vessel tonnage among the nations of the earth, leading Spain, Sweden, Holland, Denmark, Greece, Japan, Turkey, and other ountries. As of yore, Britain heads the list, the United States being second, then Germany, France, Italy, Russia, and Canada,

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port shows that the total number of vessels remaining on the register books of the Dominion, on the 31st December, 1901, including old and new vessels, sailing vessels, steamers and barges was 6,792, measuring 664,483 tons register tonnage, being an increase of 57 vessels, and an increase of 4,949 tons register, as com-pared with 1900. The number of steamers on the registry books on the same date was 2,177, with a gross tonnage of 297,421 tons. Assuming the average value to be \$30 per ton, the value of the registered tonnage of Canada, on the 31st De-

cember last, would be \$19,934,490. The number of new vessels built and registered in the Dominion of Canada, during the last year was 335, measuring 34,481 tons register tornage. Estimating the value of the new tonnage at \$5 per ton, it gives a total value of \$1,551,645 for

new vessels. By provinces the record stands:-Sailing Steam—Steamer Vessel ships—ers. ton'ge. ton'ge.

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A well known lady in the town of -, whom we will call Mrs. A--. upon retiring, found the air to oppressive that she could not endure it sleep being out of the question, in such a close atmosphere. She insist-Several hours before the recent earth- ed that Mr. A-- raise the window. quake took place in Guatemala a He replied that he thought it quite able. "Oh myt no," Flic could not survive the night if the window was not raised. "Whew! my do, please raise it, or I will suffo-He being a devoted slave, cate. and willing to do anything to add to the comfort of his better half, arose and went to the window, that she might be happy. After returning to bed and waiting a reasonable length of time, he remarked. "I do not notice any change, it was quite com-fortable before." "Ch," she replied, fortable before." "(h," she replied, "indeed I do," But he insisted, "you just imagine it; this was not a bad Well the could notice quite a difference. And you know I cannot endure a close sleeping room, "Well, little wife," said the great bear of a man, "the window is close shut: I only rattled it a little." Brome, Que., cor. of The Montreal

Young Lady's Fine Catch.

Miss Clara Clarke of Avenue road, Toronto, last week at Hay Bay captured and landed unaided, a maskinonge weghing 11 lls., on a Bristol club rod, with light line. The same young lady caught the full legal number of 12 black bass at Massassaga Park the other day, and intends test ing her tackle on some of the 40pound 'lunge said to be lurking in Mosquito Bay .- Belleville Intelligenc-

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By Charles G. D. Roberts.

When the grey lake-water rushes Past the dripping alder bushes.

And the bodeful autumn wind In the fir-tree weeps and hushes-

When the air is sharply damp Round the solitary camp, And the moose bush in the thicket Glimmers like a scarlet lamp-When the birches twinkle yellow And the cornel bunches mellow, And the owl across the twilight

Trumpets to his downy fellow-When the nut-fed chipmunks romp Through the maples crimson pomp And the slim viburnum flushes In the darkness of the swamp-

When the blueberries are dead, When the rowan clusters red, And the shy bear, summer-slee In the bracken mawkes his bed-On a day there comes once more

Down the wood-road, striding silent, One who has been here before. Green spruce branches for his head,

Here he makes his simple bed, Crouching with the sun, and rising When the dawn is frosty red. All day long he wanders wide, " With the grey moss for his guide, And his lonely ax-stroke startles

The expectant forest side. Toward the quiet close of day Back to camp he takes his and about his sober footsteps,

Unafraid, the squirrels play. On his roof the red leaf falls At his door the bluelay calls, And he hears the wood-mice hurry

Up and down his rough log walls; Hears the laughter of the loon Thrill the dying afternoon— Hears the calling of the moose Echo to the early moon.

And he hears the partridge drumming, belated hornet humming-The belated not prophetic All the faint, prophetic

That foretell the winter's coming. And the wind about his eaves Through the chilly night-wet grieves, And the earth's dumb pattence fills him Fellow to the falling leaves.

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## RAJPUT CHIVALRY. .

American Woman, Wife of British Governor in India, Caps the Climax With Guard of Princes and Nobles. According to the statement of a

London journal it is owing to a suggestion of Lady Curzon that the guard and escort of Lord Curzon and herself at the forthcoming magnifi-Imperial coronation festivities at Delhi will be formed of Rajput Of all Asiatics the Rajputs, or

Hundus, of the warrior caste have been by far the most chivalrous in their attitude toward women. Of this no better illustration can be given than the romantic custom known as the "gift of the bracelet. This custom prevailed among the Rajout nobles until the security of British dominion in India made it unnecessary. Whenever a Rajput Princess believed herself in danger, she chose some noble renowned for his valor and sent him one of her bracelets. By this act she constituted him her adopted, or "braceletbound brother," her cavalier servant. It mattered not whether she happened to be maid, wife or widow, was bound by that which he held most sacred to relinquish all other

pursuits and fly to her succor should she be in distress. The acknowledgment of the pledge on the noble's part was the return of a silk waist, richly embroidered with pearls or jewels, as his means would permit. If a King were in this way the recipient of a Rajput lady's favor he accompanied the waist by a further gift of splendid gems, a fortress, or even a promise. The significance of this return gift of a waist lay in the chivalrous sentiment that as, in his eyes, the garment protected her heart, the most tender part of her body, so his sword was ever ready to defend her life and honor. The sentimental relationship established by this unique custom was made all the more beautiful because no breath of scandal or no hope of reward on the Rajput cavalier's part ever entered into the compact. It was only at the festival of the bracelet held in the spring, which somewhat resembled the tournaments of our middle ages, that he could hope to catch a glimpse of the fair lady to whom his service was dedicated. Otherwise he only knew her by name, perhaps by a miniature, or the bracelet which encircled his sword arm in the press of battle. But to cherish this devotion to the unseen mistress of his otherwise fierce nature, and to perish fighting in her cause beneath the walls of her beleaguered fortress, were, in the Rai-

put warrior's belief, the noblest aim and fate which could befall a mortal. In such high esteem did this "gift of the bracelet" come to be held that even the Mohammedan Emperor, Humayun, upon one occasion relinquished the spoils of a victory to hasten with all speed to the rescue of the beautiful Hindu Queen of Chitore, who had made him the proud wearer of her bracelet.

Regenerating Rengal. It is a curious anomaly that such

a rough and manly game as football should have become thoroughly acclimatized among the effeminate Bengalis. There is no longer any question about this remarkable fact every little vollage now has o more football clubs, and so pois the pastime that even the most uspiring college students scamp their cramming in its favor. Odd to say, too, their parents raise little objection to this encroachment of physical development on book learning. Experience has probably informed them that the attainment of university honors does not by itself, consti-tute full equipment of youths with the whole battle of life before them. Graduates have become such a drug in the Indian market that many have to be content with very humble posttions, instead of at once filling wellthe singular thing is that the young paid posts, as they had expected. But Bengali should give preference to football before all other English games. Lawn tennis, and even golf, would also seem to present attractiveness to a race supposed to abhor any and every risk of personal injury. Instead, however, of devoting his energies to these comparatively gentle pastimes, Young Bengal now faces fast bowling at cricket without the slightest flinching, and accepts the rough-and-tumble of football in the same courageous spirit. It is hardly going too far to say that the physical regeneration of seventy millions of British subjects has been started by a couple of English games.-London Globe.

The Exact Truth.

Mr. Douglas Grand, who was the principal witness for the Crown at the remount trial at Ennis, tells a good story regarding the examinaion of one of the witnesses. "Did you sell Major Studdert

asked the counsel 'No, sorr," replied the witness. "Did your father sell Major Studdert a horse?"

"No, sorr."
"Well then did your grandfather sell him a horse?" "No, sorr."
"Did any member of your family ell Major Studdert anything?" "Yes, sorr, I did," replied the wit-

"And what did you sell Major Studdert?' "I sold him a mare," replied the witness, to the chagrin of counsel and the delight of the court -London Express.

Madame de Maupassant. Madame de Maupassant, mother of the late novelist, lives at Nice in a large, quiet house. She rarely receives visitors, but recently made an exception in favor of Eleanor Duse, the Italian actress, who is a great admirer of her son's work. When the two women were about to part, Madame de Maupassant said to the ac-Hog Cholera is less prevalent where it is used. Price, tress: "You have everything-genius, fame and wealth. What is there left for me to wish you?" "Rest." the tragedienne's reply. She was then trying to make the world ac-cept the dramas of D'Annunzio. GEO. STEPHENS & DOUGLAS.

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