SHORT STORY.

The Passing of John Perkins-By O. Henry.

"Eighty-first street—let 'em out, please," yelled the shepherd in blue. A flock of citizen sheep scrambled out and another flock scrambled aboard.

The best of the street—let 'em out, loss, of an essence gone, of its soul and life departed. John Perkins stood among the dead remains with a queer feeling of desolation in his heart. and another flock scrambled aboard.
Ding, ding! The cattle cars of the
Manhattan Elevated rattled away, and
John Perkins drifted down the stairway of the station with the released
flock.
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John walked slowly toward his flat. Slowly, because in the lexicon of his daily life there was no such word as "perhaps." There are To surprises awaiting a man who has been married two years and lives in a flat. As he walked John Perkins prophesied to nimself with gloomy and down-trodden syncism the foregone conclusions of the monotonous day.

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The woman's stepping, however, without warning, she was gone, vanished, as completely absent as if she had never existed. Of course it would be only for a few days or at most a week or two, but it seemed to him as the hand of death had pointed a finger at his secure and uneventful home.

Katy would meet him at the door with a kiss flavored with cold cream and butterscotch. He would remove his coat, sit upon a macadamized lounge, and read in the evening paper of Russians and Japs slaughtered by the deadly linotype. For dinner there would be pot roast, a salad flavored with a dressing warranted not to crack or injure the leather, stewed rhubarb, or injure the leather, stewed rhubarb, or injure the leather, marmawould be pot roast, a saids flavored with a dressing warranted not correct, or injure the leather, stewed rimarch, and the bottle of strawbard was dismantied. A quinted may have a dismantied. A quin

to know, Where are you going, I'd like to know, John Perkins?"

"The adouble dyed dub," mused John Perkins in the boys instead of staying at home with the boys instead of staying at home with nothing to amuce her, and me acting that way! John Perkins waiting up, ready to melt in the crucible of her ire a little more gold plating from the wrought steel chains of matrimony. For these things will Cupid have to answer when he stands at the bar of justice with its victims from the Frogmore flats.

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"The adouble dyed dub," mused John The following is a complete and accurate the same that way I've been treating Katy. Off every night playing pool and bumming with the boys instead of staying at home with her. The poor girl here alone with nothing to amuce her, and me acting that way! John Perkins, you're the worst kind of a shine. I'm going to make it up for the little girl. I'll take her out and let her see some amusement. And I'll cut the see some amusement. And I'll cut the McCloskey gang right from this wictims from the Frogmore flats.

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PERSONAL AND PECULIAR

A 15-foot shift of granite and bronze tas recently been raised over the grave of Gen. Benjamin F. Butler in the Hildreth cemetery at Lowell.

On the ground that English is "the most-widely-used civilized language in the world," it is to be an "optiohal" study in all the public schools in Saxony.

The surgeons of Lincoln hospital in

The surgeons of Lincoln hospital, in the Bronx, have succeeded in replacing the scalp on the head of a young girl after it had been torn completely off by a revolving shaft in a mill.

Prof. A. B. Crock of Northwestern

OLD CAB HORSE. Unusual Scene Furnished by a Beautiful Woman in New York.

NEW YORK, June 23.—Harlemite dred and Tenth street "L" station last evening observed an unusual sight in front of Morningside Park. In a cab drawn up alongside the curbing sat a woman so handsomely gowned that her clothes would have caused the Harlem dames to turn on their searchlights of inspection.

The cab horse stood nibbling the grass while the cabby stood looking at the woman, who was beautiful.

EDWARD AND WILHELM.

(From the London Spectator.)

We note that a good deal of uneasiness is being felt in many quarters in regard to the approaching visit of the king to Kiel. It is suggested that the German emperor will take the opportunity of his royal uncle's visit to entangle us in some form of 'agreement with Germany, or that even if things do not go as far as that, the kaiser will manage somehow or other to compromise us in the region of foreign politics. When we remember what happened during the last visit of the German emperor to England, and how girl after it had been torn completely off by a revolving shaft in a mill.

Prof. A. R. Crook of Nowthwestern university has announced that there is sufficient radium in pitchblende to make it possible for a photograph to be taken by it directly.

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> Family Spring wheat makes strong flour suitable for bread only—lacks the delicacy and flavor of the Fall Wheat.

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Beaver

It is the best family flour.

want to fight on June 30, in fact he don't care to run up against the burly miner at all.

"Munroe has got him scared to death and all his talk and furs about the champion's knee being out of gear was inverted on purpose for the champion to back down at the last minute and have some sort of a half decent excuse to put forth for so doing.

"The last week in August has been selected in which to pull off the battle, but no definite date has been set. And when it comes to fighting that time, I'll bet that Jeffries will be ready to ask for a postponement."

"I'll fight on the 30th," declared the "Through it you will gradually ac-"

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"But I hope," said the lady, whom

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nursery?"
"Yes, ma'am." "I am so worried about my little

"Oh, not so very much, perhaps, but just a little listlessness and lack of "Ain'd growing right, eh?"

"Vell, I dell you vat you do. You take der skissors und cut off opoud two inches vrom der limbs, und ——"
"Wha-a-at?"

"I say, dake der skissors und cut off apoud two inches vrom der limbs, und ten turn der garten hose on for apoud four hours in der morning —,"

"Turn der garten hose on for apou four hours in der morning, und den pile a lot of plack dirt all around, and shpringle mit insect powder all over

"Sir-r-r"
"Shpringle mit insect powder all over derd top. You know usually id is noddings by the pugs dot —."
What do you mean

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Gen. William Fouche, Boer patriot, has bought a quarter-section of land near Geneseo, in Ell-worth county, has a possession of the property. The purchase by Gen. Fouche is said to mean that a Boer colony will be established there. Gen. Fouche is in correspondence with former companions in arms who are still in South Africa and who have been waiting for Gen. Fouche to find a suitable location before they, came to

WIFE CLUNG TO A CONVICT. Became A Servant Near the Prison.

JEFFERSON, Ind., June 23.—It was a happy woman who greeted Melvin Beavers on his release from the Indiana Reformatory last week. Before his marriage, nine years ago Meivin Beavers was addicted to the liquor habit. William Browning, a wealthy farmer at Heltonville, eight miles east of Bedford, objected to his attentions to his step-daughter, Miss Maggie Hunter, and gave orders that

Tommy, aged five, was a very sympathetic little fellow. One day upon his return home from a visit to an animal show he found his mother suffering with a severe case of throat he said, "but I'm glad you ain't a Jones-Jugiraffe."

Jones-Jugiraffe."

Notable Sieges of Recent History.

Gibraltar Stood Out for 874 Days and Never Capitulated—Russians Have Been in Well-Defended

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THE SUNNY SIDE OF LIFE.

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Jones—Just work, little, old everyof the British fleeet.

attentions to his step-daughter, Miss Maggie Hunter, and gave orders that they break the engagement.

Miss Hunter refused to obey the dictates of her stepfather, but instead saw more of Beavers than ever, and they were married the day before her sixteenth birthday.

So great was her influence over her husband that she obtained from him a promise to refrain from further use of intoxicants. The promise was kept for six years. With the breaking off of the drink habit, he entered the lumber business, and was doing well.

But one day, three years ago, Beavers had been out buying lumber and had become chilled from exposure . He yielded to the temptation to take a drink of whiskey, and this called for more, until he became intoxicated. In this state he forged the name of his brother to a cheque for \$\$ and passed it on a saloon keeper. The brother later made the amount good, but prosecution was started and Beavers was sentenced to serve from two to twenty of the protect the batter later.

After sentence was pronounced Mr.

Japanese troops, now in progress, promises to be one of the most notable occurrences of the kind in modern history. If propris are true that the kussian garraion is provisioned for a pear year, thep lace will not be easily taken, for its defences are well nigh important to be difficult to beat the record of Al-exandria, every gun of which was effectually silenced within ten hours by mour later and allowed the white flag to flutter from throof of the was lying mutilated and in agony. Khartoum withstood the Madhi and his hosts for 341 days under the brave and its hosts of 341 days under the brave work mours lead to be difficult to beat the record of Al-exandria, every gun of which was effectually silenced within ten hours by mours. But these few hours withessed when the British fleet under Admiral Seython and the mours by mour la

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"Till fight on the 30th," declared the champion, "if I have to, but I am satisfied that I will not be in the proper trim for the battle."

Pollock agreed to the long postponement: "The native was still unconvinced. The matty was still unconvinced. The matty was still unconvinced. Si,5000 by next Monday night, guaranteeling his appearance in the ring late in August. Jeffries sagreed to post the \$5,000.

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Of occasional repose. Steel is slowly but surely displacing hemp as the material of which all haw-

