"Let me see you presume to be un-civil to her," said the major, knitting his brows in a way that Mrs. Delaford

had never eeen in her late husband's countenance. For to tell the truth, the

late Mr. Judah Flashington had been but a chicken-bearted individual at

Miss Bly arrived the next day-a

cherry cheeked, bright eyed girl, with

lips wreathed in smiles and a brand,

new traveling suit cut after a deal pret-

tier pattern than the bride's own. Mrs.

warning voice, "this is my cousin

Rosamond. I hope you will make her

But Mrs. Delaford only threw a slip-

per at her husband, burst into tears

of her senses. "Had I better go home?" "By no means, my dear Rosamond," said the major. "You see I have mar-ried a woman with a temper. But

she'll be all the more charming when

that fault is rooted out of her char-

"I won't!" snapped the bride

sputtered forth Mrs. Delaford.

with unruffled philosophy.

the outside of the door.

any case. I shan't stay here.'

"What is this?"

The major went upstairs and tried "Justina," he said gently, "It is I.

"Will you come downstairs, then?"

til that woman is out of the house!

"I will not come out of my room un-

"Very well, my dear," said the major

and he returned to the drawing-room

Mrs. Delaford adhered to her resolu-

tion, although it was much tried by

sundry peculiar sounds she heard on

"Major Delaford has carpenters at

work, altering the house," thought she.

"It makes but little difference to me in

At the end of the third day, however,

"Mercy upon us!" cried Mrs. Dela-

"Please, ma'am," said the little maid,

"Please, ma'am," said Hetty, trem-

"Insolent minion," said Mrs. Dela-

upstairs, with Rosamond Bly clinging

"How do you feel now, my dear!"

"I'm well enough," narled Mrs. Del-

"Mad! very mad, indeed;" said Maj-

"Ruffian!" cried the bride. "how

"Getting violent!" added the major,

"Let me out. I say!" persisted Mrs

Delaford, rattling at the bars. "What does this absurd mammery mean?";
"Perhaps a straight waistcoat would

be advisable," said the major. "But as long as she remains tolerably manage-

able, I shall not send her to an asy-

Oh, Felix, how can you talk so

"Poor thing!" murmured the major

Mrs. Delaford shut the door rather

vehemently and began to cry hysteri-

"I'm not mad!" she said. "I won't be

"But how to help herself-that was

the question. The door was barred

effectually-the windows opened upon

the dead wall of an institution of the

Fine Arts, and were three stories above

the ground. She might have shricked herself hoarse in that direction before

anyone could hear her. She sat down

to think. What could she do? What was to become of her? Did that dread-

ful hint of Felix concerning the asylum

really mean anything! For once in her

life the late Mrs. Flashington was act-

Has my temper really been so terri-ble," she asked herself, "that people

mistake it for-I can hardly breathe

It was a new idea; she pondered it

When Hetty came, as usual, with her

"Well, my love," said he, "what is

"Felix," said Mrs. Delaford, bursting

into fresh tears, "I have acted very

foolishly. I beg your pardon. And I beg Rosamond's pardon, too."

Major Delaford opened the grated door at once—Justina flew into his

arms and then there was a reconcilia-

Mrs. Delaford was as sweet as a June morning after that—and if ever she

manifested symptoms of a relapse all that Major Delaford found necessary

was to allude, in a gentle way, to luna-tics and asylums.

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tion after the most approved style.

carefully and cried bitterly over it.

compassionately. "The hardest part of insanity must be when one becomes

partially conscious of its deadly doom.

Mrs. Delaford began to cry.

made a mad woman of!"

ually frightened.

the word-insanity!"

or Delaford, in a sotto voice, turning to

bling all over, "don't you know you're

who had brought up her meals three

times a day, "it's master as had it

"What for?" cried Justina.

ford, "call your master at once." Major Delaford came immediately

aford. "Open the door quick!"

in a frightened sort of way.

he asked, solicitiously.

dare you peak so?"

shaking his head.

Delaford refused to speak to her. "Justina," said her husband, in

welcome to our home.

Let me in.

iron door.

crazy?"

Rosamond.

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cally.

and ran hysterically upstairs.

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Seen a feller down on Broadway, With a shockin' head of hair, An' a lot of tropic garments, An' a most outlandish air;

"Whur's he frum?" a feller shouted, An' before we'd time to say, This yere heathen turned an' ans'rd: "Honeyluluer, U. S. A."

Met a feller here on Olive, With a somber-e-ro on; Had a lot of shaggy whiskers, Nearly all his clothes wuz gone. Stopped an' ast me fur a qua'ter; Says "My home is fur away."
"Whu; you frum?" The varmint ans

"Santiago, U. S. A." Seen a feller at the Southern. With a heavy iron box, Overcoat was lined with bearskin;

Wore a dozen pair of sox. Sized him up to be er miner, Judgin' by his awkward way; Seen him write in big char-ac-ters "Circle City, U. S. A."

Seen a saddle-colored heathen, Wearin' earrings in his nose; Linen cuffs 'round his ankles, Most indecent lack o' clothes. Where'd this heathen guy here spring

I inquired in lofty way; An' he had the nerve to answer:
"From Manila, U. S. A."

"Hully gee," says I. "I never heard These here cannibals before. Air these heathens yere all voters? Will we stan' fur enny more? Nex' you ask a feller

Whur he's from, an' he'll say With a lordly kind o' flouris, "All Creation, U. S. A." Consul General James T. Du Bois, St.

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#### -----HOW HE TAMED HER.

"I haven't the least fear," said Major Delaford.

"Then you're a man of unbounded courage," retorted his friend, Mr. Ulysses Crinklethrop. "For-may I ven-ture to be frank?"

"Oh, certainly, certainly! By all means. Well, then, they do say that Mrs. Flashington drove her first husband

into his grave by her ungovernable temper. "I've heard of that before," said Delaford, pulling complacently away at

his cigar. "But, of course," with a little sarcastic laugh, "you don't believe it?"
"Excuse me," said Major Delaford, severely, "I do believe it. I have seen

now and then, expression in Justina's eyes which fully carries out any theory of that nature."
"And yet you are going to marry

"And yet I am going to marry her." 'Felix Delaford, are you crazy?'

'Not that I am aware of.' "Will you be honest with me?" "To be sure," nodded the major. "Then, why do you marry Mrs.

Flashington?' "Well, from a variety, of reasons. One is that I like her. She's a pretty, Intle gypsy, with a skin like white velvet and delicious long lashes to her

"Proceed!" "A second is-mind, now, I never did pretend to be one of the disinterested lovers one reads about in dime novels-that the dear, departed Flashington left her remarkably well off. And I have more merit than money." "I think you will repent it," said Mr. Crinklethrop, "for by all accounts, the black eyed divinity is neither more

nor less than a virago. There are very few actions in this world that one doesn't repent, in a greater or less degree," said Major Dela ford sententiously; "but averaging things, I'm willing to risk it."

And Major Delaford was married the

next week to Mrs. Flashington. It was not so long, as Mr. Cringle-throp had foretold, before the claw began to peep from under Mrs. Flashington Delaford's velvet sheath.
"Felix," said she, one day, "I don't

like this location." "Don't you, my dear?" said Major Delaford. "I've lived here two and thirty years and always found it very

"I don't like it," said Mrs. Delaford.

"I prefer a house nearer the park."
Major Delaford went on reading. "Felix, I say!" The bride's voice was raised a degree or so higher—the dangerous sparkles had come into her

"Yes. Justy."
"I mean to move uptown."

"And at once!"

"Very well," said the major, "then you will move alone. I shall remain where I am." "Major Delaford, you are a brute."
The major bowed. Justina burst in-

to tears. "Yes, a brute, and I'm sorry I ever

narried you!"

And after that Mrs. Delaford did not speak to her husband for two days. But as the latter appeared in no wise affected by this taciturnity she adopted another plan, and scolded steadily for

"Look here. Justy, this won't do," said the major, at the week's end, "I don't fancy either a dumb woman or a

"That I should live to be so spoken "So," went on the major, "I have written to my cousin, Rosamond Bly, to come and spend the summer here."

I won't have her in my house," shrieked the bride.

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"What are you going to do?" asked the schoolmaster. "I am going to strike away from the

beaten path. I'm going to leave foot-"Well, you want to be careful."

"I have energy and ability." "Yes, but you want to be careful too. Trying to leave footprints on the sands of time has been the cause of a lot of people getting stuck in the mud."

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Very Sharp. Teacher—Now, Johnny, if the earth were empty on the inside, what could we compare it to? Johnny-A razor, ma'am

Teacher-A razor? Johnny-Yes, ma'am; because it would be hollow ground.—Brooklyn napkin covered tray, Mrs. Delaford's

face was pale and tear swollen.
"Hetty," said she, "will you ask your master to stop up here for a few min-An Ohio man who admits he is superstitious attributes it to the fact that he was once caught in a rainstorm Major Delaford obeyed the summons while arayed in a \$13 suit of clothes .-Chicago News.

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This is the story of a bold hoax which used much anguish to one learned man. who was falsely represented as failing a victim to the joker, and which aroused to a high pitch of expectation the hopes of historians in this and other countries only to cruelly dash them to the ground The hoax began with the placing, in the neighborhood of Kensington, Douglas ounty, Minn., of a stone on which were chiseled certain mysterious characters that no one in that vicinity could deci-

Whe cut the mysterious characters in the stone and placed it where it could be found has not been discovered and probably never will be, for the practical joker stirred up such a hornets' nest that if he as clever as his jest indicates he will is as clever as his jest indicates he will continue to enjoy the situation in silence. Practical jokers have been lynched be-fore now. The man who found the stone has also dropped out of sight for the good of his health. The story therefore begins with the reception by Professor O. J. Breda, University of Minnesota, of copy of the hieroglyphics that were carved on the stone. The "discovery' was laid before the learned professo with the eager request that he carefully examine the characters and, if possible, decipher them.

rofessor Breda recognized at once the mystic writing known as "Ranic," and would fain have reported that the Kens-ington people had in their possession the first "Rune stone" ever discovered in America. To be in a position to make such a report would have made both his which the stone was found famous throughout the world, for the characters, f genuine, could not have been cut less han many centuries ago, and the fact of men possessed of a knowledge of Runic writing having been in Minnesota at this

writing having been in Minnesota at this period might have changed the record of early American history.

Translated by Professor Breda, the inscription ran, with certain undecipher-

able words omitted:
"Swedes and — Norsemen on a journey of discovery from Vinland west we camped — one day's journey north from this stone. We fished one day. After we came home we found — man red with blood and dead. A. V. M. save from — have — men at the ocean to look after our ships — day's journey from this island. Year — "

All very pretty and deeply interesting. The only damper thrown on the discovery was Professor Breda's emphatic decaration that the whole thing was a na, perpetrated by some Swede with knowledge of Runic characters. The cople of Kensington pouted over the ed the rune stone to make them all faus. They had glorious visions of mingling with the residents of rival towns and grandiloquently announcing to these envious neighbors that they lived in the city where the famous Runic stone was found. If Professor Breda was so ob-tuse as to fail to see that the Runic stone was genuine, they would go to another learned professor and insist upon his see-ing it in the light that pleased them So the Kensington delegation most. So the Kensington delegation turned their backs on Professor Breda and communicated with Professor G. O Curme of the Northwestern university, Evanston, Ills. Professor Curme was inclined to think that the find was a genuine rune stone, and he even deciphered

the date of its inscription as 1362, make ing it out to be a very venerable relic. By this time the learned men of the old orld got wind of the discovery, and the cable brought eager requests for details. tlashed back the fullest particulars at the urrent rates for submarine lightning messages. Then must the joker have chortled with glee, for the archaeologists of the old world swallowed the stone with avidity and eagerly waited for more, hoping that the investigations that Kensington citizens were then making in the mud of the neighboring marshes would bring forth further discoveries. Soon came the disquieting news that Professor Curme, after more careful inrestigation, had given out a statemen

that the inscription "had all the marks of a fake." Following immediately on this statement came a cablegram from Professors G. Storm and O. Rygh of Christiania, Sweden, declaring that the so called rune stone was a "grand fraud, perpetrated by a Swede with a chisel and a slight knowledge of Runic characters and of English." Professor Breda had reason to gloat over this vindication of himself, and he would have gloated accordingly, but for the fact that the fake had enmeshed him in its sweeping whirl. In telling the story Professor Breda said to the writer:

"After my views that the stone was a fake had been confirmed by others to whom it was submitted, I found to my grreat surprise that some liar in Chicago grreat surprise that some liar in Chicago had telegraphed to England and Norway that I had pronounced the thing genuine. I was compelled to write to papers in Norway to correct this entirely erroneous report. I do not know whether I was reported correctly in our own papers. If you refer at all to the matter again, will was the price the subyou kindly set me right before the pub-

Setting the worthy professor right before the public is not an easy matter. Fakes travel faster than facts, as any newspaper man knows. The story of the rune stone, with the indorsement of the incorporation. rune stope, with the indorsement of the inscription's genuineness ascribed to Professor Breda by the "liar in Chicago," has been read by the students of ancient lore in Hindostan, pored over by bespectacled men of learning in Europe, Asia and Australia, and will bob up in unexpected places and with the most extraordinary vitality for a long time to come. The joker certainly did his work well.

For the benefit of those to whom the term "runic stone" is as much a mystery as world be the characters it may be well to state in conclusion that the runes were the earliest alphabet in use among the Teutonic and Gothic nations of northern Europe. The exact period of their origin is not known. No genuine runic inscriptions have ever been found in this

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