## A FEARFUL VISITOR BY HATTIE TYNG

e made another stride toward me, topped and sang again. How distin errible are the sounds to me yet :

Though your heart is made of steel, Your forehead lined with brass, God himself will make you feel, He will not let you pass.

DY HATTIE TYPESome years ago I was occupying a longh<br/>for the in out of the regions of Northers<br/>of the selection. It was the summer rest<br/>idencies of a friend, who, from as udden direct<br/>time to orgeneral society, had decided or<br/>with to spend the wrinter with them, and<br/>the selection of angle and variety. I do<br/>invisit to spend the wrinter with them, and<br/>the selection of angle and variety. I do<br/>invisit to spend the wrinter with them, and<br/>the selection of angle and variety. I do<br/>invisit to spend the wrinter with them, and<br/>the selection and device the wrinter with them, and<br/>the selection and device the wrinter to quick<br/>endance and study. I soon tired of it, but was<br/>beind to the days. The day after their<br/>divisition when my friends were suddenly<br/>intention when my friends were suddenly<br/>intention and device the wrinter to grant write<br/>to grant write to my write to my write<br/>to make the here of<br/>write to the day after their<br/>division and device the write write write write write write write write write write<br/>write to the days. The day after their<br/>division of the was left to my own write to any write. The room was bright and<br/>here write wr ne years ago I was occupyin in one of the regions of io and at quite a distance

torio ef the ocean. But this day the music pleased me; I was not in the mood for the grand epic of the ocean or the forest, nor for the thrilling lyric of the waters or the wind—but the music of the snow was like a simple love song, without power to move or thrill, just simply to soothe and assist the mind in its listeseness and dreaminess.

thought showed me the full extent of the danger. I was clearly in his power and here was not the slightest possibility of relief coming to me and he held a ter-rible engine of death in his hand : the next he found murdered and mangled by their mangled. Then the whole past swapt over me like a wave : that instant considents was entirely pervaded with that thought by found hurdered and mangled by their me here a wave : that instant considents was entirely pervaded with that thought by hole life was compressed into that on ment and many trifling beenes and events which had long ago been allowed to take their places among the good and the unre-which had long ago been allowed to take their places among the good and the unre-which had long ago been allowed to take their places among the good and the unre-which had long ago been allowed to take their places among the good and the unre-which had long ago been allowed to take their places among the good and the unre-which had long ago been allowed to take their places among the good and the unre-which had long ago been allowed to take their places among the good and the unre-which had long ago been allowed to take their places among the good and the unre-which had long ago been allowed to take their places among the good and the unre-which had long ago been allowed to take their places among the good and the unre-which had long ago been allowed to take their places among the good and the unre-which had long ago been allowed to take the for a second of the possibility of es-tions the sounding doubly ago with this take a the sound and unon the place. It made another stride the the data me, then the data the take the take the data theory double. s and think from the windows and think of the storm, when we were snowed in, agony I suffered on that cold D night. I have never sung since-m was entirely gone, and every one songs I sang that night has grown to me. And Poe's poems-every h lies of them produces in my heart a h horrible throbbing."

### A Story of Prince George-

The January Young Man contains an il-lustrated character sketch of the Dike of York. It is written by one of his Boya Highness's oldest and closest friends, and contains the following story: "When Prince George had the independent command of the Thrush on the West Indian station it fell to his lot to have to convey as prisoner a young blue jacket belonging to another ship, who had been hitherto, as his conduct or conveyance from one part of the station to another under sentence of punish-ment. From his demeanor, however, and by close observation of him Prince George came to the conclusion that there were many seeds of good in the min and the mak-ing of a better carser. When the term of punishment was fulfilled, and the time came for him to rejoin his own ship again. Prince George determined to try and five him the chance of a new start in life. On arriving, in port after calling upon the man's captain, who, naturally, was only too glad to be rid of him, he went to the admiral and asked permission to transfer him to the Thrush. The admiral was atonished at the proposition; it is seemed to him a risky experiment with one who bore own ship, had the man. brought aft before own ship, had the man brought aft before of his judgment. However, he gave his is one the quarter deck, and spoke to him as probably he had hever been spoken to before. He told him that he was hence-for him a risky experiment with one who bore own ship, bad the man. brought aft before is one and good feeling alone. But remem-ber that, by the rules of the service, if you leave, I have no option, but am bound to put you straight back again to that the other special leave men. Your pay has been stopped, and no money is due to you from which I now remove you. Yeur future is in your own hands. You have had no leave for 12 months. Go ashore now wish the other special leave men. Your pay has been stopped, and no money is due to you from wrong. The man was completely overcome. He, focurse, surve et al. file of the forecastle. In the ship in which he Forward again, he was nearing me now, when wilder, more flercely than ever, the horrible death song went on: Then be entreated now to stop. For unless you warning take, Ere you areaware you'll drop Into a burning take. Inte you are aware you in drop Into a burning lake. He was close by my side his breath almost upon my cheek and his long beard touching my face, as he should close in my ear: "Prepare !" I threw my whole soul into my eyes and looked at him as he continued speaking: "Come, God has sent for you, I was tak-ing my ease in heaven, reolining on a couch by a good fire this cold night, and with my lost Mary beside me, when God ekime to me and gave me this knife and told me to come for you at once. He wants you to sing in the choir. One of the singers has got a cold and He wants you to-night; so be ready, quick !" quick !" I summoned courage to speak and answered him : I summoned courage to speak and answer-ed him : "Well, well, don't be in a hurry. I'll be ready soon, and we have a good warm fre here as well as in heaven; sit down and warm you and I'll sit by your side as your Mary did, and you may tell me about her." Here I put my hand upon his cheek and smoothed it, then lifted the hair off from his brow with a caressing touch, and he sat down in a chair almost calm. He commenc-ed repeating snatches of Poe's poems, and there was more pathos than I have ever heard in a human voice in his as he asked the question: If within the distant Aidenn.

## TOO SLIPPERY.

Pirates Given a Smooth R. Shrewd Sca Canta

Sea captains have many adventures and the stories of their wonderful escapes sel-dom lose by repetition. Many years ago pirates cruised up and down the English hannel, to the great peril of the merchant-men. The atory is told of a Captain Davis, who was noted for his quick wit as well as for his skill in navigation, that he was re-turning from Ireland with a cargo consist-ing mainly of batter. He had not been out very long when a pirate was seen coming down upon him. In star all sails were spread ; every moment-brought the pirate meare: The mean were at their wit's end, but the optain knew a trick or two. He ordered his men to take off their boots and stockings, and directed that a score of butter barrels be brought on deck. In a few minutes the barrels had been thickly spread all over the deck and out, side the ahip. Not a rope nor a spar that was not alippery. Even without their boots and stocking the sailors could scarcely keep on their legs. Dat heir legs. The te show the pirate, not dreaming how moothly he was to be received. Captain lowed the ensmy to come alongside quictly. Mu to ! when they jumped over fully arm-dot, with pistol in ose hand and sword in the other, they slipped and tumbled over each other on the buttered deck like so many rate. The fellow shot head formost down into tains have many adventures s of their wonderful escapes

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## A USELESS CEREMONY. len Climb a Dangerous Tower on a Duke Birthday.

Hen Climb a Bangerous Tower on a Duke's Birthany. A most peculiar custom which has been freereved since the middle ages at Fibur-or Bringau is that of climbing the cathe-draft tower npon the anniversary of the birth of the reigning Duke of Baden. This tower is don feet high, and to scale it from the from the tis apex is a very difficult per-formance, attended with great danger. It is done by climbing from one projection to inother, these being on the average one foot are. A single false step means death. To descend is also no easy task. Each mergine vice in the institution of the present and a toket of admission to the annual din-er given in honor of the day. The seventy-that antiversary of the birth of the present bake was recently celebrated, and three was recently celebrated, and three is and indulge in an acrobatic performance, and indulge in an acrobatic performance, and indulge in an acrobatic performance, and indulge in an arrobatic performance, and indulge in an arrobatic performance, and indulge in an acrobatic performance, and indu

The Manchester Ship Canal-

The Manchester Ship Canal. Work on the Manchester Ship Canal has for some time past been carried on rapidly and with great energy. The Morris Brook is the latest of the sections of the under-taking to be completed, and from Latch-ford locks to past Irlam there is a finished length of cutting. Most of the men and machinery that have been employed on the Morris Brook section have been transferred to the sections least advanced, and the large wooden buildings which have been used as offices are to be conveyed to Salt-port, where they will be used as temporary to convey the London and North-Western Railway over the cunal at Latchford and Acton Grange are also completed, and, together with the locks at Latchford, form the most conspicuous features of the under-taking in the neighbourhood of Warrington. It is anticipated that early in the new year traffic will commence to pass over the diverted portions of the railway. For six months only good trains will be allowed to pase over the new lines. The diversion of the railway st Latchford and Acton Grange traffic will commence to pass over the diverted portions of the railway. For six months only good trains will be allowed to pase over the new lines. The diversion pase over the new lines. The diversion the is length, lead up to the viaducts, which are fine specimens of engineering. The Latchford viaduct is 280 feet in length; it has three spans, the main span covering 261 feet, and the side spans 75 feet 3 inches

year. The Latchford viaduct is 280 feet in length ; it has three spans, the main span covering 251 feet, and the side spans 75 feet 3 inches each. The height of the rails above the road level is 48 ft. above the water level 78 feet 6 inches, and above the foundation 108 feet. The Latchford locks were completed some time ago, and swing bridges at Latchford and Moore are also ready for use.

## About Slang-

About Slang. "Slang is no good," remarked the drum-mer, "and a man is clean off his base that monkeys with it." "As to how "inquired the hotel clerk. "Well, this is how," continued the drum-mer. "Two weeks ago I went into Boston with a traveller from Chicago who couldn't speak ten words of English pure and unde-filed. At the railroad station he tackled a hack driver. "Say, hackie, what's the damage to take me to Parker's ? "Sup, ackie, what's the damage to take me to Parker's ? "Sup, ackie, what's the damage to take me to Parker's ? "Sup, ackie, what's the damage to take me to Parker's ? "Sup, ackie, what's the damage to take the Sup, ackie, what's the damage to take me to Parker's ? "Quite supe, sir, if you go with me.'

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hotel. " 'Two dollars, please,' said the driver

"'Two dollars, piese, and detaining him. "'I thought you said there was no dam age?' he said in surprise. "'There wasn't, sir. Haven't you jue? said everything was all right and you were in avcellent condition.'

De ath Expectancy. The Mutual Underwriter quotes from a Spanish exchange, under the heading, "At What Age Does the Greatest Danger of Death Occur?" and therein gives the results of the investigations made by Mr. Delanney who, after having minutely investigated the data of mortality in the case of a million of individuals, has published the rules to which life and death appear to be subject, in the perpetual struggle maintained over the tindividual body. "From birth to the twelfth month of age, the probabilities of death are much greater than those in the life of the human race. Starting at one year, the mortality gradu-ally decreases until treaches the maximum of vitality represented by sixteen years. At that age commences a new increase of mortality, which continues up to thirty. two. years, and again dimiorishes again from hirty. two. up to fifty form a und immered the trans the same in the life of the human race. At that age commences a new increase of mortality, which continues up to thirty. two. years, and again dimiorishes again from hirty. two. up to fifty form a und immered the trans the same again from thirty. two up to fifty form a und immered the trans the same again from thirty. two up to fifty form a und immered the trans the same again from thirty. two up to fifty form a und immered the trans the same again from thirty. two up to fifty form a und immered the trans the same again from thirty. two up to fifty form a und immered the trans the same again from the trans the fifty form a und immered the trans the same again from the trans the fifty form a und immered the trans the same again from the trans the same again from

# Her Aged Father.

A Russian Romance.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Ireland has thirty co-operative dairies. Chicago has about three hundred million

One tenth of the world is still an iplor The four ocean routes employ 1,100

The best parchment for banjos is made of wolf-skin.

An inch of rain means one hundred ton of water on every acre.

The linen manufactured yearly in Eng-and could be wound around the earth seven

times. Artificial grass for the grounds of seasida cottager is one of the industries *rt* Man chester, Eng. Weaving cigar ribbons into mats is the latest fad of the girl whose best masculine friend smokes.

State secrets rarely leak out in Russia Any person who divulges one if discovered, is whiled off to Siberia.

is whiled off to Siberia. Canada and the United States have a less percentage of blind people than any other country in the world. Jerusalem is still supplied with water from Solomon's Pools through an aqueduct built by the Crusaders. Fifty pounds of honey are annually pro-duced by a hive of 5,000 becs. In five years the bees will have increased to 50,000. It is estimated that there are in Japan workable mines containing 700,0000 tons of coal equal in commercial value to Austra-lian coal.

The hairspring of your watch weighs but one-twentieth of a grain per inch. One mile of such wire would weigh much less than half a pound.

All a pound. Golden shoes are worn by a Shetland pony belonging to the Shah of Persia. This expensively shod animal is only twelve and one half inches high. Bussia has enacted further restrictions on Hebrew mechanics. They can exercise their caling only in cities where there are Government Boards of Trade.

The tresses attached to the heads of dolls are the hair of the Angora goat. Its prod-uct, which is controlled by an English syndicate, is said to be worth \$40,000,000 a

A French-metallurgical company asserts that it will be able to sell aluminium at less than fifteen cents a pound, provided it can dispose of a yearly output of 3,000 tons of the metal.

A new procelain has been obtained by grinding asbestos to a find powder, dissolv-ing out all soluable matters with hydro-chlorio and, making the powder into a paste with water, and baking it in a por-celain furnace for 18 hours at 1,200 deg.

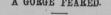
The Russian Railway Department has or-dered all station-masters, chief clerks and head guards to learn how to use the tele-graph apparatus in case of their services being required at a time of military mobil-instica. zati

The Weather Bureau at Washington is The weather Bureau at Washington is making a new collection of weather prov-erbs. Any one who has heard a wise saying on the subject is requested to report the same to the bureau. Give the origin of the saying, or name the region where it is in

The original control of the second of the second of the industries in connection with the tea trade is the collection of the lead with which tea cheats are lined. China has been noted for many centuries for the purity of its lead, and this tea-cheat lead, as it is called, is regarded as the finest in existence. There are many uses for it; it is found very valuable in making the best kinds of solder. Among trees the elm reaches an age of three hundred and thirty-five years; the ivy, four hundred and fifty; the cheatnut, six hundred; the olive, seven hundred; the oak, one thousand five hundred; the oak, one thousand five hundred; the oak, one thousand seven hundred the age of a baobab-tree, a species of banyan, to be five thousand seven hundred years. years.

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effects as was the great cold spell of two years ago. The River Scheldt, in Belgium, is almost completely closed by ice. A des-patch from Fiume, Austria, says a railroad train was stalled in the snow near there for eighteen hours, and that the imprisoned passengers were famished and half frozen to when rescued.



to-day.

years, and again dimiorishes again from thirty-two up tofifty-four, and increases from fity-four up to eighty-two. After eighty-two the resistance of death seems to be extraordinary. The maximum of death occurs from sixteen to thirty-two years, and the minimum from thirty-two to fifty-four years.

May a sound prime area arrought sorrow to Her Aged Father. A Jackson, Mich., despatch says:- A pathet-ic story of a life ended the other night with a sceneina house of ill-fameon Mill street, where Paul O'Hamlan, of Dublin, Ireland, found his, daughter. Three years have passed since Maggie O'Hamlan left her father's bookstore in Paternoster, Dublin, and ran away with a student who made love to her and coaxed her to abandon all for him. He left her soon, made confession to the wronged father and committed suicide. Then the latter be-gan his weary search, which ended last night when the father and daughter were again united. The girl was first traced to New York, then to Detroit, and from there to this city, where she has been some months. The father is old and bent and whitened by age, and a great sufferer. All the inmates wept when Maggie and her father met. The two left last night on a train for the east. In the minimum from thirty-two to fifty-four years. It would seem necessary to state that this law of mortality is solely an average; but it is no small matter to have it within one's knowledge. One of the most curious things observed in it is that the periods which seem more or less dangerous in life, correspond perfectly with the ages which divide the four principal phases of human life. In fact, infancy lasts until sixteen years; youth from sixteen to thirty two; mature age from thirty-two to fifty-four years, and the senile age from eighty-two upwards."

## Still Persecuting the Jews.

Still Persecuting the Jews. The persecution of the Jews and the in-humanity of the Czar's officials toward the unhappy race are greater than ever before. Six edicts have been issued aiming to dis-perse the Jewish subjects of Russia, weaken their position and trading centres, and crush out their religion. These edicts are enforced with the utmost rigor in many parts of the empire, and with severity everywhere. The Moscow papers boast that, since the begin-ning of 1891, 20,000 Jews have been con-verted to orthodoxy. The unhappy converts who have been driven to a pretended denial of their religious faith in order to escape intolerable persecution, have been deported to the district of Tcharkasovo, about five miles from Moscow. There they are rigor-ously governed by priests of the Russian Orthodox Church. A Russian Romance. During the last war, in which the Kok-holmsky Regiment was engaged, the soldiers found a woman dead in the snow on a bat-tlefield with an infant girl in her arms. By common consent the regiment adopted the child, who was christened Mria Kekholm-skaya, and sent to school at heir expense. As she grew older she followed the regi-menty-and last week Lieutenant Shlemmer, of the Tzumsky Dragoons, demanded her hand in marriage. A meeting of the regiment was held, under Colonel Keichenbach, who laid the proposal before "the fathers " of the girl. He gave the whole story of her life, and of her acquaintance with her lover, and added the highest testimony from Gen-eral Panintin and all the officers of Lieuten-ant Shlemmer's regiment as to that young

eral Panintin and all the officers of Lieuten-ant Shlemmer's regiment as to that young officer's character. This extraordinary meeting unanimously consented to give away their "daughter," and the marriage will take place immediately. The incident shows a curious side of Russian army life entirely to the credit of all concerned. At the recent Oriental Congress in Lon-don there was exhibited a collection of tools need by workingmen in building the pyramids in Egypt. Some of them, notab-ly circular saws and corundum-tipped drills equal in durability, effectiveness, and artistic finish to anything of the kind made to-day.

Greek infantrymen are trained in stone throwing.

not accompanied with gloom. The Bishop of London is a total abstainer, He expresses the opinion that the tide of intemperance is getting steadier, stronger, and swifter. The result, he considers, is mainly due to the conditions of the liquor traffic and to our social customs, according to which many Englishmen cannot meet to transact business without drinking, whilst Scotchmen cannot realise a really friendly gathering unless they are taking "a cup o' kindness yet for the sake of Auld Lang Syne."

Syne." It is estimated that there are to-day in the United States and Canada about 600 young men in every 1,000, having reached the age of thirty, who are single. The con-jugal condition of the people in other coun-tries is vastly different. In Russia 373 men and 573 women in every 1,000 who marry are married under twenty years of age, while in England 766 men and 829 women in every 1,000 are married between twenty and thirty. In all countries, but particu-larly in Russia and France, the marrying ages of women are much below those of men.

men. The women of a certain African tribe dis-tort their countenances by thrusting pieces of wood and crystal into their upper lips. They bes n with small pieces and gradually increase the size until pieces of incredible dimensions are thus carried, and their lips are transformed beyond recognition. The muscles are so affected that when they smile the lip is drawn upward almost to the eyes, producing an effect that is most bolicrous. The Mohaves believe that all who die and are transformed bernet that is most bolicrous. The Mohaves believe that all who die and when they hear an owl hooting at min they think it is the spirit of some dead Mohave returned. After any one dies they do not eat salt or wash themselves for four days. They had formerly an annual burning of property, and all would contrib-ute something to the games in expectation of its going up to their departed friends in heaven, or "White Mounted," ar they call it. The women of a certain African tribe dis-