DIAMONDS FOR THE BRIDE

Or, a Proposal by Proxy

was being indited in London which

his patients, o rsubjects, a off from outside influences.

"P.S.—I began a letter to my wife Margaret, but have torn it up.

CHAPTER XXVI.—(Cont'd) He ventured to take her hand,

and draw her to the settee in the window, sweeping away the litter to make room for her to sit. Here in this very room Gower had waited for her on Monday evening—waited with his splendid gift of the altered She wondered dully where it was now, and what had become of the wreath of clustered sprays. Those jewels must needs be returned, because they went with Grendon; Gower's other gifts to her she did not see why she should not keep. Mr. May would know about them, without doubt, and about everything else, if she could find courage to ask him.

might an image in water which has been ruffled out of sight by a gust of disturbance.

"Stay-for a little. I have been be written nor received."

so lonely, with nobody to speak (As you have approach the S

"And I hate to be alone."

There had been so much distress in the house, he murmured. Everybody's attention had been diverted from her who should be the color of death. from her, who should have soliciter have in effect to any wish

'I wanted company, and yet I Margaret's inc did not want it. I cannot look in between now and any face, even a servant's, without arrange for her being reminded of my—disaster.
They pity me, and I cannot endure to be pitied. Why cannot people behave as usual? If you talk to me Mr. Man and results to the server of t me, Mr. May, and remember what has happened, you must not let yourself be sorry."

"Then you have the right companion," he said, with a sort of smothered earnestness. "For I am not sorry: I am glad."

not sorry; I am glad."
"Glad!" And now, irrational as

She still looked at him with the astonished question maintained in her eyes, though in truth she understood. She did not care, but this calamity lies heavy on my heart. May she soon forget me with a better man.

"GEORGE CULLEN GOWER. yet her heart beat faster over this

"The reprieve may be only for a I do not know how to write to her rile: they may hang the man, after while the hope of recovering my ril; but he has taken possession of life again, the life that seemed to be ended. I had no thought of grief Colonel is addressed also to her." for you; all that was pushed aside. Hungerford devoted himself I am not such a hypocrite that I can meditatively to toast and bacon. pretend to it, even now. I am and then read the letter for a sec

Ind."

Ind. the revelled in the delight of savagainst the coffee-pot. Approach
the this out to her face—the longthe Colonel Swayne he could not; Gow forbidden expression might be his at last. And she listened, the col-

my way. I would take you away course of post; and Margar from this, away from all that will tainly should be informed. from this, away from all that will tainly should be informed.

Of course, many birds are killed instead of 25, as originally properties, as you know, to the East, into the was wont to be the writing of a level of sunshine, of flowers. It a sermon separation as a level of sunshine, of flowers. a land of sunshine, of flowers. It would be a new world to you. The popule there are frank and kind they worship beauty; you would be a new world to you would be a new world to you. The plural if neglect or interruption threw him behindhand in the week, they worship beauty; you would be a new as usual in his study, and birds kill each other, as witness that fact that an ailing rook is killed off by his fellows.

It is quite possible that those killed off birds are the ones seen dead the possible that those killed off birds are the possible that those killed off birds are the possible that those killed off birds are the possible that those killed off birds are the possible that the possible that they worship beauty; you would reign over them like a queen; and, besides, you would be queen of my heart. Yes, it is trite, I know, and a quotation, but it is what I mean. Dulcie, dearest Dulcie, will you think of it? Will you say one word, the word I long to hear?"

He was still at her footstool, looking up; and now he caught her hand, his grasp closing strongly you it. "Oh, no! no!" she cried. "I can't—can't listen to all this. It is teo soon."

"No," he insisted in rerly: "no, it is the right must look up an old sermon for his case. Later on, he told himself, it would be different; or, if not, he it is not too soon. It is the right

it is not too soon. It is the right must look up an old sermon for his time, because, if you will let me. I congregation on the morrow. He will take you away at once from all would go across now to Fortune's that must distress you here." Court and inquire after Colonel She sprang up, and be rose too. Swayne. It might be possible for but still he held her. "Oh, you hurt him to be admitted to see Margaret

me!" she said. "How can you!

He covered her hands with before. kisses. "Only if you promise to think this over, and think same, he was told at the door. Dr.

promise," she gasped. Gregson said it would be some time yet before there was definite improvement. And Miss Swayne? Then, with a touch of the old mis-chief, as she felt herself released from the grasp which mastered Miss Swayne.

diamonds.

"I promise, you know, to would wait in the morning-room he would inquire. She was quick enough when set free. She fled to the door, and up the stairs to her room. Once shut mission. The room was empty, but mission. The room was empty, but It was the confusion of name in there she burst out laughing, hysterical laughter, a mingling of opened as a doorway into a small of triumph and pain. Her power was opened as a doorway into a small 7 not all gone, though the world had conservatory. There he heard (49)

turned upside down, and in the future there was no Gower. And Two persons were sitting at the | (56 end, behind a group of palms and ferns. A child's voice was speaking, high and clear.

"And there is another man at the care (70). then she remembered she had had her opportunity to question May, and had not used it. The talk had been on quite another subject, and

theatre," the voice said. "who is kind to Polly-Ann. He has to do made her forget the CHAPTER XXVII.

On that same Friday, and about were making ready for the fairies.

Yes, the man thought he could see

should! And there were big paste board cases, painted to look animals, and people got inside them and crawled about. It would be wealth and of New Zealand. lovely to do that for a living. Polly-Ann thought so too.

At this there came the silver ripple of a laugh—Dulcie's laugh, he felt sure; and he was right. Ernest was recounting his adventures with Uncle Brown and Polly fresh listener.

concerns this history. It was ad-dressed to Hungerford, and read her a chocolate stick," the high voice went on. "But Polly-Ann did "I have been to Morden," Gower not eat it all herself. She-

wrote, "and, on hearing what I had What Polly-Ann did remained for to tell, he went into my case very carefully. I have made him see moved into sight; Dulcie gowned in how all-important it is for me that this dormant memory should be revived. He is not altogether hope-type of the marks of ful, as he dislikes Chalmers's forward. methods, but I have brought him "I ask

He closed the door and brought her a footstool, and, on one knee to me at his actabilishment in Course to ask him.

I am now awaiting the reply, and fitting expression was impossible. It was delightful that he had heard be alone? I will go."

It was a handsome face that locked up at her, full of concern of which she was the object. Dulcie's old self began to show again, as might an image in water which has been will be alone? If would be sure I shall not delay an hour, once the intimation comes. I shall not be able to report progress, as I understand it is a condition that, while under treatment in Grez. It was delightful that he had heard her laugh; she could laugh with the child in spite of her grief. That she was pale he saw, though the color quickened in her cheek sight of him, flushing and heard her laugh; she could laugh with the child in spite of her cheek sight of him, flushing and heard her laugh; she could laugh with the child in spite of her cheek was pale he saw, though locked up at her, full of concern of which she was the object. Dulcie's old self began to show again, as might an image in water which has

Mr. Hungerford." And then, deneither termined to bring out the words, and watching his face, "Mrs. Gowto to back to France."

It is said that their sense of influence and subjection to their officers is not yet highly developed; but as the idea wholly the was anticipatbrave of her, so he

the meaning of all was again before her break out on her with abrupt, force-ful wooing like that other—he was

(To be continued.) WHERE DO BIRDS DIE?

A Curious Question for the Natural mates in Parliament the Minister of

History Student. We have countless thousands of

have seen many birds lying dead are astonishingly few-dead birds, that is to say, that have really died, and have not ben shot down. Never-theless, it is obvious that thousands or changing in her cheek.

"You may be angry with me if you choose, but I shall tell you what I would do for you if I had what I would take you away I would take you away of the wedding. But the business on the wedding. Where do they die? That is a question that even the naturalist cannot away the wedding. The wedding the wedding of birds must die each month. Where do they die? That is a question that even the naturalist cannot away the wedding. But the business on the wedding of birds must die each month. Where do they die? That is a question that even the naturalist cannot away the wedding. But the business on the wedding of birds must die each month.

It is quite possible that those killed-off birds are the ones seen dead in woods and fields, but there yet remain thousafds of bird deaths that cannot easily be accounted for.

The most likely explanation is this, that an unwell bird crawls away to cover f some cort and there dies. Without doubt hunaway to control there dies. Without doubt hundreds of birds so perish each month.

And sometimes a bird gets into a corner that he cannot escape from to borrow in the first place.

Cheer up. If it wasn't for the control to borrow in the same to borrow in the first place.

crawl off to some isolated spot and die unseen, and where they die there do their bodies wither to de-cay. We know that an unwell dog gets out of sight if he possibly can-and an ailing cat does the same and an ailing cat does the same thing. They seek to hide, and it would almost seem that the bird and animal kingdoms do not want so he thought, unaware that she had left her father's house the day bers when the time of death com's.

JUST A LIFE.

7 years in childhood, sport, and 7 years in school from day to day

years at trade or college life that they wouldn't even beat a car /If Mr. Hungerford (21) years to find a place and wife

years to business hardly driven years to some wild goose chase

years for wealth-a fearful race years of hoarding for your heir

years in weakness spent and And then you die and go - you

know not where. Shiloh's Cure the time of May's avowal, a letter Wouldn't you have liked to go? I STOPS COUCHS PRICE. 25 CENTS AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE.

The Australian defence system coupled with compulsory training, has been fairly launched throughout the Commonwealth. It follows the lines laid down by Viscount Kitchener as regards the land ser-vice and the plans of Sir Reginald Ann, delighted to have secured a fresh listener.

Ann, delighted to have secured a the budget proposed by Prime Mintensh listener. ister Fisher at Melbourne last month a total outlay of \$22,915,000 is proposed for military and naval purposes, including \$1,000,000 to be paid to the imperial Government under the naval agreement and \$7,575,000 toward the construction

"I asked to see your sister, and gistered as liable for the military methods, but I have brought min round to agree that it is worth attempting, even if attended by a measure of danger. So he has consequence of danger. So he has consequence of danger of the Professor of the Prof the physique and military aptitude making horses fearless, as ignor-of these boys, cadets they call them ance of danger doubtless does in Australia, or "Tommy Corn-stalks" when they desire to be face-battle as well as in the occupations look smart and sinewy and shoul der rifles as if they meant business. It is said that their sense of mili-

Hungerford was There was no difficulty in obtaining the necessary number of volunty many thrilled teers. The naval service is proving the necessary number of volunty many trilled teers. which must still, it unexpectedly popular in Australia. , be dumb.
stead of Margaret?"

When the time comes to man the Australian unit of the imperial fleet no difficulty is expected in getting the necessary number of blueent through and jackets from the existing naval reserve and corps of naval cadets welcome evidence of her pow-But this man was not likely to that it would be diffiult to bring fer to play with.

"I had a letter this morning askof the British navy who have taken "Yes, glad. When that happened—on Tuesday in the church—do you know how I felt? I felt like a man to whom a reprieve has come at the foot of the scaffold."

She still locked at his with the say not have gone very deep. I have no right to ask after her, but shall be grateful if you can tell me at least that she is not ill. Her share in this calamitry lies heave the foot of the scaffold."

Thad a letter this morning ask-ing me to give certain information to her and to Colonel Swayne. To disturb your father is impossible, but I may be able to send word for these fears. They find the Australian reserves to sea on their ships for training say that the foot of the scaffold."

New Zealand is also making rapid progress with her defence plans. During the discussion of the esti-Defence reported that the Govern-ment had decided to postpone for the present the universal military majority of us. have not, and even those of us' who dwell in the country but rarely see a bird lying dead. At a time one may be seen in a wood or field, but the people who have seen many birds lying dead have seen many bir that the force of 30,000 could be raised from the male population below the age of 21 the draft would be made from below that age limit ernment to draft men up to the

It's going to extremes to pull the wool over a man's eyes and then It is better to have a falling out

with a girl in a hammeek than in

hen he dies there.

Small animals as well as birds rain there wouldn't be any hay to make while the sun shines. Some people never kick at a thing unless they are sure it can't kick

> The trouble with most preachers is that they know more about the next world than they do about this. Habits grow on us. A man can't even fight a duel without having a

Few men can govern themselves.

Many a man's knowledge consists largely of the knowledge of lost op-Some men are so fair and square

pet when it was down. years to find a place and wife
Men must work and women must weep, and the women always do their end of the job with more pleasure than the men.

Most of us have promises to

Any fellow is easy to get along with who is never short.

It's no trick at all to pick a winner. He always looks so happy.

SHE'D BE ILL.

"What is the meaning of the verb

'to nurchase'?'

"Well, now. if your papa gave
your mamma \$50 to buv a new hat
and dress, what would she do?' 'Send me after the doctor, There is nothing like a "Tea Pot" BLACKMAIL BY SNAPSHOT test at your own table to prove its

sterling worth!

HORSES UNDER FIRE.

Familiarity With Danger Makes Them Quite Fearless.

Traits of horse character, as well as of human - character, otherwise sented to write to the Professor and introduce me as a patient; and and introduce me as a patient; and find words, and to choose them for in tones of commendation regarding danger probably has its effect in tones of commendation regarding danger probably has its effect in making horses fearless, as ignortious. They are uniformed in khaki, with tunic shirt, wide cut riding breeches and puttees. They on the field of action. There have been recorded many interesting illustrations of the manner of ride

brave of her, so he are that title, when to concher must be so keen. Her courage took him by indeed, throughout the he was more self-he was more self-he was more self
The courage took him by indeed, throughout the he was more self-he was a self-he was more se the limited extent of which showed Others were observed quietly

grazing on the field between the two hostile lines, their riders hav-ing been shot off their backs and the balls flying over their heads; and the tumult behind, before and around them caused no interruption to their feeding. It was also ob served that, when a charge of cav alry went past near to any of the stray horses already mentioned the latter would set off, form them companions, and, though without riders, gallop strenuously al with the rest, not stopping or fli enemy occurred.

enemy occurred.

The faculty of war horses of knowing on which side they belong ward for an enemy who ventured to capture one and get upon his back. At the battle of Kirk, 1745, Major

ry fled the horse ran away with its forts to restrain it, nor did it stop giment of which apparently its plated physical training and discipline for all youths between the ages of 12 and 18 years. As the military authorities were of opinion that the ferre of 20 000 and a sented may be easily conceived.

have never been questioned.

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THE SUFFRAGETTE LEADER.

The suffragette leader was born in Manchester, England, and her husband, Dr. Pankhurst, a barrister, who died in 1899, was a memless horses "under fire" and whou ber of the first Women's Suffrage ces of the Mormon sect. wounded.

War horses, when hit in battle,

M. N. In 1886 Mrs. Pankhurst went tremble in every muscle and groan to London, where she was an ac-deeply, while their eyes show deep tive member of aggressive societies



MRS. PANKHURST.

of women. She "remained a Liberal" until 1892, when she "joined the scandal,

Social and Political Union, the organization now so strenuous in demanding "Votes for Women."

The unfortunate victim commitmanding "Votes for Women."

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Twenty thousand pounds is a big um to offer for a series of sixtyeight photographs, It works out at about three hundred pounds

apiece, says London Answers.

The photographs in question represent different parts of the interpresent of the wonderful Mermon Temple at Salt Lake City. This temple, which is outwardly shaped like a

upon them, keeping their places as guards. who is a who is a German, managed to take the pictures no one knews, but there they are, and the man de-mands from the elders the sum of £100,000 as the price of the nega tives. If he does not get his money, he vows that he will publish the photographs, and reveal to the world the long-hidden extravagan-

A DANGEROUS WEAPON

The instantaneous picture taken by a modern camera is a very dang erous weapon in the hands of the

a member of the Hungarian Cham-ber of Deputies with a negative which he offered to sell him for four hundred crowns, Not unnat-urally, the M. P. demurred, but when a proof was shown him, he could not pay up quickly enough. The photograph showed the presiding officer of one voting district keeping a number of voters in close confinement, in order to prevent their counting for the rival candidate.

The deputy, as we have said, paid up, and smashed the plate. But the blackmailer had made about half a dozen different exposures, and whenever he wanted money would return and offer to sell one The badgered deputy at saulted the blackmailer. the whole story came out. Rome was the scene of a similar

Independent Labor party.' In mailer's victim was a lady well 1892 she returned to Manchester. known in society, and the picture When her husband died she was represented her on her knees beappointed city registrar of birtis fore another lady, who is wife of a and deaths, was elected a member minister. The inference was clear McDonald, having unhorsed an English officer, took possession of the National Demonstration the other to get her lord and mas-

English officer, took possession of his mount, which was very beautiful, and immediately jumped upon its back. When the English caval-ry fled the horse ran away with its Christabel, formed the Women's on his wares. The lady, who was

vice? Tommy's Pop—Sound advice,
my son, is generally nine parts
sound and one part advice.

CATCHING THE CONTRACTOR.

A contractor bidding for street
work under the notoriously corrupt municipality of Pittsburg, got the following letter: "Christmas is coming. We need money. Bring

> He was given ne would have to pay ten thousan lollars as the price of renewal of

his contract,
It occurred to him to try a little
blackmail on his own part—a sort
of fit for tat. And with this idea in view he arranged a meeting at the Fort Pitt Hotel.

The leader of the corrupt councillors turned up at the agreed rendezvous, and the contractor was in the act of handing over the notes, when there was a blinding glare. A flashlight had been exploded, and by its aid a confederate of the con-tractor got a capital photograph of councillor actually receiving It is said that the contractor had

no further difficulty in getting all the work he wanted.

WASH THEM WELL.

120,000,000 Germs in Teeth Even After Paste. Everybody knows in a general

way how important it is to give the teeth a good cleaning and to rinse the mouth out first thing in the morning. The object, of course, is to remove the accumulation of bac teria, which gather on the teeth, gums, tongue and palate during the hours of sleep. How many germs do you suppose accumulate during the night's sleep?

In answer to this question E. C. Bousfield, writing in The Lancet, gives some interesting and rather startling figures, which are worth quoting. He states that he has found the mouth on waking in the morning to contain about three thou sand million bacteria capa ing removed by a five-fold rinsing with twenty-five cubic centimeters of water each time. After ordinarv washing of the teeth with a hard tooth-brush, about one-fourth the number could still be rinsed away. After using tooth paste only one hundred and twenty millions were left.

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