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## tales from the classics.

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THE ROMAN EMPERORS.
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ing article had become emperor, is asually spo-
ken.of history as Heliogatalus. This is an
adaptation in Greek of the Syriac word Elagabalus. which comes from, two other words, El
meaning the Sun, and gabalus, meaning, the
Creator, or perhaps more correctly, former." The change was made by the substr-
tution of the Greek word "Helios," the name
for the Sun for Ela.
Elagabalus was the title for the Sun for Ela.
under which the Sun was worshipped, but it
was also applied to a black stone, probably a
meteorite, which was said to have fallen from heaven and was regarded as the representation
on earth of the Supreme Deity. This name the Emperor applied to himself, and there is hardly
any doubt that in his supreme vanity he mag imag
ined that he himself was an incarnation of th Ined that he himself was an incarnation of the
Deity, which he had been educated to worship When he reached Rome he made a splendid
procession through the streets, the most con-
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was surrounded with all manner of precious
gems. The Emperor stood
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the sacred object, to ot honor to which he cum-
manded that the streets should be sprinkle manded that the streets should be sprinkled
with gold dust. His installation as Emperor
was accompanied by cerenonies of barbaric
salendor he himself apearie splendor, he himself appearing in gorgeous
robes, with his face painted and his eyebrows
rocken tion with disgust. They had been used to ty-
rants and were only too familiar with brutalrants and were only too ramiliar with brutal
ity : but effeminay was abhorrent to them.
Nevertheless they performed the various meai Nevertheess they periormed the various mean
offces assigned to them by the Emperor in con-
nection with Sun worship, having been necholed by years of experience to accept
schootever happened as inevitable. Elagabalus
whave gave himself up wholly to luxury and licen-
tious iliving Such are the accounts of his life
that historians refuse to accept as wholly true the accounts given by contemporary writers.
He reigned for three years and nine months, during which time he had several wives an
concubines, too many to be enumerated. H
lost all sense of manhood lost ail sense of manhood, at one time caunsing
himself to be known pubticly as his wiffe's hus-
band. His grandother, Julia Moesa, saw that in a very few years he would pay the price
of his horrible life, pursuaded him to adopt his
cousin, Alexandria, as his suiccessor and to concousin, Alexandria, as his sitccessor and to con-
fer on him the title of Caesar. He had
scarcely done this than he repented of it and sought to slay the young lad. His effort was
defated only to be renewed within a fev
months, and the second attempt though unmonths, and the second attempt, though un
ssucessfful so inflamed the Praetorian Guard
Xagainst him that they rose against lim and
slew him, proclaiming Alexander emperor in
his stead in the year 222 ,
At this stage in our sketch of Imperial At this stage in our sketch of Imperial
Rome it may be well to paise and consider for
a little the religious life of the people, for as a little the religious life of the people, for as
we are approaching the time when Christianity
was beginning to was beginning to make its infuicnce felt, and
it is therefore desirable to inquire a little into
the erele the religious ideas held by the Roman people.
Heliogabalus introduced a degenerate form of
sun-worsit sun-worship and it seems to have become very
popular, for its practie was associated with
orgies which commend popular, for its practice was associated with
orgies which commended themselves, to the
passion passions of the dissolute youth of Rome.
Women were at this time held in almost unt
versal contempt by the subjects of the Cest versing the reign of Heliogabalus, one of the
During
Censors in a public speech declared that if in C.ensors in a public speech declared that if in
the economy of nature it had been possible for
the race to be preserved with the intervention
of rim of women, mankind would have been infinitely
happier.: He said that to the influence ot happier. He said that to the infuence of
women all the evil in the world was due, and
declared that the onty riage relation was that the welfare of the
State demanded that men should sacrifice their
pleasure in order that children might be reared pleasure in order that ch
up to take their places.
The popular religious
of Heliogabalus was the worship of Mithras.
Mit Mithras was one of the gods of ancient Persia.
He was oriyinally the god of light, but he was
not identified with the Sun: This was a later idea, but even it was abandoned, and Mithras
became the god of purity, goodness and wis-
dom. He was represented as striving constantly to overcome evil and his priests urged all men and women to aid him in his ceaseless
work. He himself was represented. as
performing endessly a sacrifice whereby performing endlessly a sacrifice whereby
mankind, by the aid of fasting, self
sacrifice and the undergoing of certain ordeals, might ascend into heaven
and attain perfect union with God. The soul
after after death did not at once reach this consum-
mation, but pased through nine grades, uttil it
became absorbed finally in the Fountain of Be. ing. Such was the cult of Mithras expressed in
simple eterms and freed from the excesses and
exagerations which its yotaries esgraftel exaggerations which its votaries engrafted
upon it. The Romans became somewhat fam-
iliar with it in the e time of Pompey the Great that is, about 70 B. C. Trajan declared it to be
the established religion of the Emmpre in A.D.
Ioo and Commodus nearly' a huidred years later once more proclaimed it. It was upipon
such soil as this sthat the seed of Christianity
was sown by the was sown by the early fathers, and we may
gather from what has been said first, that the
new faith would be regarded by the priests of Mithras as a mere evariation of that which the
taught, exeept that it assigned to a Crucified
Jew the merits which their Jew the merits which their own deity pos
sessedi; and second, that the transition from the
cult of Mithras to that of Chistith very abrupt. It must be borne in mind that
the Romans were not idolators. The great niad -
 educated classes and those whistians, were wor
liye rightly, when not Chr
ship shippers of an all-pervading Power, which they
did not always attempt to define, Roman pub-
lic opinion was at thist time rapidly ripering for lic opinin waccentance of a new faith. The opposition
the Christaite
to previous articte, was, as as was pointed out in a
origin in the hatred hy the Romans of the
Je the Jewish people, for they reearded it simply as
a phase of the Jewish faith. Roman hostility
to the Jews was not religious , to the Jews was not religious, but aroze out of
the intense devotion of the Jews to their own
nationality and their claim to be in a special way the chosen people out of whom should
come a Prince who was to set up a world-
empire.
$\therefore$ MINERAL, VEGETABLE, ANIMAL In the children's plays the words are put
in this order: Anima, vegetable, mineral; but
in nature the sequence is in this order. A Aquence is as stated above. Firsi
in nature the sed
comes the mineral, then the vegetable, then the animal. It may be assumed, although
cannot be proved, that this was the order in which things appeared upon the earth, but
what we mean when we speak of the sequence
 plants are produced, and from plants anima
life is sustained. Animal life is not so for as
we we know, sustained directly by substances in a
mineral form. It may be that somece of the
simpler forms of animals, such as earthworms and jelly-fish, do not require the intervention
of plant life to convert mineral matter into ma terial that will sustain them; butter int rule ma- that
vegetables are the "middlemen" between in ert matter and conscious lifieme is so general that
it may be regarded as universal. There are four substances, which as yet
have not been shown to be of the same origin or te ne composed of other substances, which
are the support of animal life.
They are carbon oxyen hydrogen and nitrogen. These are also necessary for the support
of plant ife. They are what chemistry calls.
elemental sustandes. sis has not yet shown that they consist of any elementary substances in combination.
such things something like sixty are known.
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metals. It may be assumed that all elementa
thing things are metalite, given such a degree of
pressure or temperature as is necessary to
make them solid. We all now know that air can be liquified, and if it can be reduced to
liquid, it can also-be redued to a solid of the earlier experiments in the reduction of
gases to a solid form may be cited. A cannop
was fitted with a cap in which there was an
orifice, that could be pened or cosed at pleas
ure ure. The vent-hole of the gun was plugge
tight. In the cannon was placed a quantit
of chalk and a cup of sulphuric acid. The of chalk and a cup of suiphuric acid. The
cannon was then closed by screwing on the
cap, and elevated upon its trunions The aap, and elevated upon ts trion the chalk,
acid was thereby precipitated upor
and of course the result was the production of carbonic acid gas. Produced under great
pressure the gas was in liquid form. When
the orifice was opened a thin stream of liquid was emitted, which at a very short distance
from the mouth of the orifice assumed Sorm of gas; but as the expansion of the
liquid into gas alled for heat, some parts of
it took away from the other pats thep heat, and the reresult was that while part of the
liquid went off in the form of gas, the re mainder was precipitated
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White white substance resembling snow, This
white substance was acronic acid gas in a
solid form tuut minutely divided, just as snow s water in a solid form minutely divided.
may be assumed as a working hypothesis tha the elemental form of matter is metallic.
Whether metals are all variations of one ele-
mental substance need not be considered here, mental substance need not be considered here,
and at any rate, while the possibility of this
may be admitted, chemistry is as yet not in position to express any opinion on the point.
From this elementary metallic form of matter our bodies are built up; but as has been said
above we only need a few of the elementary substances. Those absolutely necessary are the
four named; but certain animals, including erable quantity. Other elementary substances also enter into our physieal make-up, but only
in a small degree. Others are needed by our in a small degree. Others are needed by our
bodies to assist in the assimilition of the
things which form our corporeal structure. things which form our corporeal structure.
Common salt is one of the most faniliar of
these As these. As far as is known the body cannot
he nourished by the use of mineral substances.
The case of clay-eaters is sometimes cited proof to the contrary, but what nourishing
material there is in the edible clay is probably material there in in the edible elay is sporabably
of vegetable origin. Synthetic chemistry has
produced articles of food, but we think it is true that this has never been done from ele-
mental substances. This is not very material mental substances. This is not very material
to the subject, for although it may be shown
that elemental substances can be so treated in the laboratory as to be capable of supporting
life, this only establishes that it is possible ar-
tificially to produce the results of vegetable tificially to produce the results of vegetable
action. We are dealing not with the remotely possible a chievements of chemistry, but with
things as they are in pature, and therefore may say without fear of contradiction that animal life would be impossible, if it were not that
vegetables prepared the mineral kingdom so that it is capable of supplying food.
The basis of all foods is carbon, which is pure carbon is very rare. Only the purest.dia-
monds present it in a perfectly pure state. It the snow-like carbonic acid which was seen
when the carbonic acid gas was emitted from the cannon coolld have been preserved in that
form, and the oxygen in it could have been gor rid of, so that nothing but the carbon was left,
and that earbon could have been crystallized, the product would have been a diamons. Th. Th
oretically diamonds can be manufactured, it is said that they can be produced very read-
iiy, although as yet only in very minute form. It is out of this material that the flesh, at an
muscles will not make flesh until vegetables have
treated it in their mysterious laboratries. The
wisest man in all the world cannot do what wisest man in all the world cannot do what a
cabbage can. The cabbage can take carbon out of the air, where it is always present in
combination with oxyyen, and make out of something upon which we can support life.
The fact that flesh is a food only spows that
when once the elant has fitted carbon for the when once the plant has fitted carbon for the
support of life, it remains fit for that purposs
until it has undergone complete transformauntil it has undergone complete transforma
tion. To illustrate the various stages in which
carbon is nutritious take the case of a piece of brbad. The carbon of the wheat is nutritiou
when in the grain, and the only purpose of cooking it is to render it more readily assimi-
lative by the the digestive organs. The mass crust it is further cooked, but it approaches a
state in which its nutritious qualities are being destroyed. If the outside of the crust is
burned to blackness the carbon is reduced to its elementary condition and ceases to be nutti-
tious. The same thing holds true of other food products, their nutritious value may be de-
troyed by excess of heat, which counteracts sthe effect of the process
the vegetable world.
The line of thought touched upon in this
article may be followed with interest by persons, who like to know something about our
life and how it is maintained. It will show
that there is a complete and wonderful circulathat there is a complete and wonderful circula-
tion of matter from the mineral through the vegetable to the animal and then back to the
mineral again. This circulation has been ging on for countless centuries. The carbon in the
world is no more and no less than it was a
million years ago, and for all we can tell the woillion years aro, and for all we can tell th
miaterial which forms the silken cheek of sters which roamed the world in days so long
ago that geoologists cannot state the distance in
time with even an appoach to accuracy White-Have you any trouble in making
both ends meet?
Green-Not areen-Not a bit.
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## Field Sports at Home and Abroad

THE DRY FLY By Walter McGuckin
The pleasant'st angling it se the fis with her golden oars the silver stream,
d greedily devour the treacherous bait. -"Much Ado About Nothing."

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I predict that in a short time the small-mouth predict that in a
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lure.-Recreation.

## A CALIFORNIA DUCK CLUB

 The State of Calfiornia is celebrated for itssportitig advantages, and there is probably no
place in the world where duck shotity place in the world where duck shooting has
been brought o such perfection. The suisun
marshes are situated forty miles below the mouth of the Sacramento and San Joaquin
Rivers, the area covered being about thirty
miles by ten. Many clubs rent portions of miles by ten. Many clubs rent portions of
these marshes. Most of them comprising from
three to 6 oo acres. The club to which I am fortunate enough to belong is composed of about 1,400 acres on the north shore of the
Suisun Bay. The tidal waters are brackish
and intersect these -marshes, being controlied and intersect these- marshes, being controlied
by flood-ates. Sloughs or wide streams, pro-
nounced "slews," traverse the entire area, and the island is surrounded by "Ievees, or em-
bankments about 15 fit. high. The shoting
season runs from October Ito February season runs from October I to February I, and
in September the dicks. begin to arrive in
flocks fromi their northern breeding haunts.
Soce form Some remain all the year in the swamp, but
the northern birds may atways be distinguish-
ed at the beginning of the ed at the beginning of the season by their
finer pliumage, and altogether look much bet-
ter than the native birds. The island in question is reached by the
Southern Pacific Overlind railway, which tra-
verses the marshes. This was built' terses the marshes. This was built a long
time ago and is maintained at the cost of mili-
lions of dollars. It was a most difficult job to
construct this construct this part of the line. At first piles
were driven in to the depth of ooot., but as
the swamp was. practically bottomless, they
proved useless the proved useless, the road bed constantly sink-
ing, owing to the soft nature of the mud. In
thre end a more or less stable foundation was
formed by bundres formed by bundtes of grushwood laid on
frames and sunte, but even how the grourd
shakes distinctly as the train passes over itit

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ne bo the heaviest itemis, and tons of stulf also considerable tivalry ariongst the duere
bs in dise lubs in discovering the most tempting cereals.
and if a new and sutce thist the it is kept an inviolablecesstul club secret. At the commencement of the season every-
body is at at an. for some of the ponds lie
at a considerable distance. The steam launch conveys the shooters to the different landing
places, where narrow planked walks laid be-
tween the tules fead form an impenetrable barrien about Ifft. high,
and grow in platede at the tanding places, which grow
higher than the tules, and can be seen from higher than the tules, and can be seen from
some distance, so are of assistance as a guide
to the launch. Burrashes or flags preponderto the launch. Bulrashes of flags preponder-
ate in the marshes, and form good covert
round round the ponds, they grow to an immense
size, the head being as much as 8 in. long.
ni arriving at the particula to yours you proceed to put out your decoys,
already already placed in the thoat ty the keeper. This
requires some knowledge the position cinosen deper. circumstances. The duck generally circle around a pond until satisfied that no dan-
ger exists, and then come towards it up wind.
It is therefore advanto Ier exists, and then come towards it up wind.
It tiserefore avantageous for the shoote to
be concealed on that edge of the pond from be concealed on that edge of the pond from
which the wind is blawing. The decoys, must
also be put out with discretion, that is, suffie ciently in sight to attract the attention of the
birds, but not right in front of the shooter,
where a nice pied by decoys which the birds may a approach
with the ultimate intention of alighting. platform which is is plated on slanks dused-the
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thoat which is run in between the marsh, the boat which is run in between
two thick screens of tule, and the barrel, which
is the one I much prefer. It consists in sinking wo thick screens of tule, and the bar in sinking
is the one I much prefer . It consists in stor
a barrel level with the mud in which you can a barrel level with the mud, in which you can
sit comportaly out of the wind, and a little
marsh grass placed of tound the edge completely disguises your positron
At the first streak of dawn you anxiously peer out, and great is the joy when you per.
ceive the first ducks approaching. You are
fortunate if they cotie in by twos and threes, ortunate if they come in by twos and threes,
butt the flocks vary considerably, some num-
bering three to four hundred. The law allows only thirty-five ducks to be killed by each per-
son daily, having reduced the number fron
fifty with a view to's stopping the destruction caused by "market-hunters." As the bag is
limited, the sportsmantis careful, on days when


Mr. New-come Fishanshoot-Great Sott! Der and grouse all over the hills, ducks,
and snipe in the flats and marshes, salmon in millions all over the coast, and the best
month in the year for trout; what the deuce is a fellow to go for first?
fored up on each side of the line by the pres-
Sure o t the railway. We shoot two dyy in ithe week, We.dices over the marsh, as it gives the birds. time to
rest in the meantime, and they are not other-
wise disturbed The wise disturbed. The keeper's work on these
marshes is most onerous, and it needs much marshes is most onerous, and it needs nuch
experience to understand the habits and re-
quirements of the different ducks which vary considerably. Great care is needed in making
and maintaining the ponds, which must not only be of the necessary depth and confornity
to attracct cettain kinds of fowl, but must be so arranged that
divert the flight from the other ponds. Fo
canvas-canvas-back ducks a depth of from 6 ft . to 15 frt.
is best, as these birds prefer to dive dep for
their food. The sprig-tail or sprig better known as the pin-tail, prefers to have its head at the bottom and its tail in the air, and for
this duck the ponds have a depth of about 8 Inin.
The clever old mallatd is suspicious of much The clever old mallard is stispicions of much
open wate, so does not often trust himself on
the ponds, but will generally dro the ponds, but will generally drop int pot
holes.or small natural pools amongst the tules
and for him the grain is placed near the edge and for him the grain is placed gear the edge
of the water. The baiting with grain is natur-
ducks are plentifinl, to select the better sorts,
such as sprig, mallard, and canva-sback,
though for the table the little teal holds its such as sprig, mallard, and canvas-back,
though for the table the little teal holds its
own with any other duck.
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flock :ppears, circling round three or more
times, high above you, before pitching, during which time you must not move a finger,
for they are examining the fully for danger, and at the pond most movemenent
are off. As before mentioned, the mallard is the most cautious of all, and it is my custom to
mark the pot-holes into which I have seen sundry pairs drop. When sport is slack, I steal to bag a fair number. Some ducks, of course, continue their
fight overhead, their goal being other ponds.
When the dont water-hole their fight is direct, and not
wheeling. Now is the time to take a right and
left left, and it is not an unknown occurrence for
a man, while his attention is occupied with the second shot, to be knocked over by the
first duck he has kilied, which falls with tre-
mendous impetius. mendous impeturs is yery windy the large
If the weather is
ponds called waterholes sometimes become
extremety roingh, and shooting is carried
under dificiculties. I remember two membe of our clint, both exceptionally strong men
periencing a most unconfortable time.
had had some extraordinary fine shooting periencing a most uncomfortable time, W
had had sone extraordina $\begin{aligned} & \text { fine stooting on } \\ & \text { Wednesday morning, and, contrary to our gen }\end{aligned}$ eral rule, had decicided to stop over the next
day, as ducks were so very plentiful. We had apportioned the best pond to one member whio
had a guest staying with him, betaking our-
selve to some we had excellent the smaller ponds, where limit bags, we hopped to hear gord netws of the
rest of the party, but were disturbed to find raised a a verfect horry plight. The wind had
hole, and they found one on targe water small boat with about twenty couple, the
were in danger of foundering. They anly sur ceeded
by cas close to the side of the tules, one of the part
having to wade in the soft mud and pist hoving to wade in the soft mud and push. the
boat in front of him. The unhappy sports. men arrived at the club house soaked to the
skin, having lost even the fey ducks they shot.
The morning fight generally lasts from daylight morning flight generally lasts fron birds retire to the open water for protection
At the time of the evening meal they return to the marshes. Lasvening meal howey return
teason the best flight took placer, for, somie
tor reason the best flight took place at II o'clock.
I have seen teal, which have an extraodrdinarily swift filight, come in at dusk like hail upon
the ponds. "Mud-hens" are a reat pest eat. Ing up three-quarters of the ducks' grain. They
are a bigger bird than our English moor-hen with dark, , bue-black plumage, green legs, an
white round the lets. Drives are institute White round the legs. Drives are instituted
in some clubs to keep them under, and they
are also destroyed by poisoned wheat, whilit is are also destroyed by poisoned wheat, whith is
placed in a boat; this method is quite safe as
tegards the dus placen in a boat; this method is quite safe a
regard the ducks, which are too shy and
suspicious of a trap to medde suspicious of. a trap to meddle with it. Carp,
also, unfortunately introduced by some idiot,
are a terrible pest, and very plentiful, eating are a terrible pest, and very plentiful, eatin
most of the natural food, which the ducks pre
fer to artificial bait of the root of a wild celandine throw out ortte buiblets from , the root plants
and are eagerly
aldoured by ducks. They are and are eagerly devoured by ducks. They are
especially appreciated by the sprigs or pinn tails, whlich, apprectiated clearing a pond, move on to
other places in search of it. As you wade through the water, huge carp swim out from
under your feet; they grow to an under your feet; they grow to an inmenise
size here. There is a plan on foot which it
is hoped may be successul, and oo to be tried is hoped may be successful, and is to be tried
next summer, when the ducks are away from
the marthers. It is believed that the carp may the marshes. It is believed that the calp may
be exterminated, or at least much reduced, by placing permanganate of. potash in the pondss
wwihch, thoumh killing the fish, loses its deadly
effects in a few days. The difficulty of geating effects in a few days. The dificiulty of getting
rid of these pests is much increased by reason
of the entire area being very often completely of the entire area being very often completely
submerged, allowing the carp to move freel Irom place to place through the tules.
But is is not only the shooting which forns
the attraction of the autumn season. the attraction of the autumn season.
Amongst my most pleasant memories are the
cheertul gathering at the club house, where
the friendly the friendly members discuss presenta and pare
sporting experiences. The club house is not sporting experiences. The club house is no
in any way luxurious, everything being plain
but comfortable, the centre of interest being kut comfortable, the centre of interest bein
the big gun-rack which adorns the wall.

- A. D. H.

A CHINESE SPORTSMAN'S GUN. The gun is a match-lock made of welded
telegraph wire; the barrel measures zin.. and
the 'stock, which is shaped like an old horse the 'stock, which is shaped like an old horse
pistol, measures perhaps another I2in. The pisto, measures perhaps another I2in.
triger in worked by two slips of banboo for
springs, and what would correspond to the springs, and what would correspond to the
hammer is an iron clip on a grotesque stalk, lighted incense-stick whenever he views a hare
squatting. That gun is the pride of his life squatting. That gun is the pride of his life,
but what especially pleases him hare two alter-
ations carried out by the local blacksmith to ations carried out by the local blacksmith
his instructions. At least att have theen
added to the barrel quite recently, and if thie welding had been done by a blind man that
would account for some inequalities and also
for fould account for some inequalities and also
for a goo zin. twist in the bartel, but the
proud owner stoutly maintains that now she shoots better than ever. Nobody in his senses
would worry about a little matter like a twiss
in the barrel and in the barrel, and if a man can shoot with this
gun what could he do with a straight one-乌un what could he do with a straight one
three perfectly fair contentions which I for one
would not venture to dispute. Then I tioned him aboure the other atte. Thation, and here
he waxed more enthusiastic than Pointing to a rough, scarred blotch at at the brech, he showed me how the old hole for the
priming had become soincrusted with charred
powder ash and rust that the wind priming had become so incrusted with charred
powder ash and rust that the incense-stick
Weuld no longer ignite the charge, so a section was cut off the breech, which, from alt ac-
counts, then received its one and only clen ing. Next a heavier piece was welded on in
the same place and a new hole drilted for the primine. Thace and a new hole wrold have dritited for the
grate fitter in Europe, baven a grate fitter in Europe, but the proud owner
thoughtit was the finest obb had ever sen
and he assures everybody that his ftiend the and he assures everybody that his friend the
smith is the cleverest one of his trade north of the Yellow River. His powder is, the usial
Chinese sort, very black and full of impurities.
He rests the stock of his He ese sort, very black and full of impurities
then walks to the of this gun on the ground,
thezle and pours the chargo down its bff of lengzth, and pours the char, shor
straight on top of the powder. He uses no wads, and considering the state his gun-barre!
must be in after years of neglect, perhaps it is
 Even as He let me.
Pale as the white-walled cell,
That I've.labored in, till $\Gamma \mathrm{m}$ wan and thin
Where once I was strong and well. Once I lived in the same, small house,
On the same, small, sunny hill; And I dreamed a dream of the winding stream
That you are dreaming still. I trod the path that the cows had made:
The trail that the sheep had trod.
But I had my say, and I had my wayBut had my say, and I had my way-
And wann't the way of God Above the cow bell's sinkling sound
There clanged a city's call:
And I dreaned a dream of the hiss of steam
And the roar of the train, and all I dreamed a dream that carried me far
Far into Far into the din and strife;
And I know full well that the white-walled cell
Has stolen the sweets of my life. So, Donald, I'd rather be you, my boy;
Rather be you by far Than the one so bold he will search for gold
Neath the rays of a phantom star. For the rays grow faint, and the rainbow fades,
And the gold it melts away.
And the dreams of a street with its hurrying Are the dreams of another day.
And I'm longing now for my forest home With its wonderful skies of blue.
If I had my, say and I had my way,
Donald, Id rather be you.
ALLEN AYRAULT GREEN
A PARTNERSHIP

Woggs-So young Saphead and his father
are carrying on the business? Bogs- Yes. The old man does the busi-
ness while young Saphead does the carrying
on.- Puck.
Agent-D
your own?
your own?
Knicker-No, I'd rether own
somebody else.-Harper's Bazar.

Sportsman's Calendar
5. SEPTEMBER

Trout-fishing at its best this month.
Bass in certain lakes. Sass in certain lakes, Cohoes all over th September Ist, shooting season opens on
the Mainland for grouse, duck, snipe September 1 tht, shooting season open
oniVancouver Island for grouse, duck, snipe and deer, except for grouse in
North and South Saanich Municipalities.
Wild Pigeons plentif
many localities.
as well fo rthe safety of his head, and the re
sult in that when he fires his gun, directly afte
she fute the fuse is applied to the touch-hole it fizze
and splutters for several seconds before it fin ally goes off with a noise like a badly-mad
squib. unusual. He grips the birrel with his lef hand somewhere near the middle of the gun
with his right hand on the stock, which pro
ject jects some 2t. straight out behind him, hen
lays his chek bone along the barrel of the gull
and pulls the trige and pulls the trigger. Thie reaylt is that after
shooting six or even times he has a large raww
bruise on his sheek hone be shooing six hor seven bone: but this toes no
bruise on his chek bery
worry although . have seen hirm shooting with the
blood trickling down lis cheek from the
wound

DONALD TD RATHER BE YOU. Were I. to have my choice today,
Donatd. l 'd rather be you. Your smile is a smile that is well- w
And your eyes are the truest blue You haven't the air of a city youth,
And you haven't the clothes to wear
But vour dress is sood for the good, But wour wood, he put you there. He put you there for a purpose, too,
Where the beasts and birds are free.
He let you roam round your forest home


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real furs, in fatt they have the advantage of not shedding hairs in their favour and we
guarantee that for beauty, comfort and duraguarantee that for beauty, comfort and dura-
bility they will give the wearer absolute satisfaction. velvets with large shawl collars, in variou styles. Some are trimmed with, extra wide
siik braid bands of satin and heavy silk cord, hile others are richly trimmed with watered atins, etc. All these coats are lined
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ory. Put up in envelope with lesson sheet-
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mart suit We are offering some ver tian cloths, in a veerieny of of oppular Colors
The coats are plain tailored ,28 inches lo and lined with good sikurerge, while the
 Costume we can show some splen did modelis
at this price-they are beauties and mustbe seen to be appreciated.
rge and interesting choose from a very ade of hiyh-rrade tweets Ventetine Cheviots and diagonal serges in alt the new. bout these costumes that is not usual
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 costumes have a smart sailor collar witl
square cut reveres, and the skirts are mad

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th far below the cost of the specially tailo s far below the cost of the specially tallor
arment, we do not consider that bett alue could be given than these suits repre sent. This line includes the smartest model
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