

of rancor," he told her, "and I am still under glass." "Well, do you fondly imagine you

are all alone in an enjoyment of ran- like one of the rings?"

"Perhaps you thought you would GRAFT IN KING'S PALACE.

of years."

nurse did not have the infant in her ideals of intellecuality. I believe the world will be inhabitable for millions arms when she plunged in the pool.

MISSING FOR THIRTY YEARS.

Furthermore, Prof. McConnell says. the liability to cancer is greater among foreign-born whites than it is among native Americans, but the death rate is only apparently greater among the former here than in their native lands. Women are more subject to cancer than men. In fact, a woman is about twice as likely to have cancer as is a man. Cancer mortality is highest after the sixty-fifth year of life, and after the forty-fourth year is greater among the unmarried of both sexes than the married. The general average age of death from cancer is 58 years.

west.

asperated impatience on his face, the

hotel man exclaimed: "Well, what d'ye expect me t' dokiss ye?"-Judge.

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"My fault-finding is at first hand." he answered, "while yours should be

vicarious only, at the utmost." "Indeed!" she said.

He looked at her sharply and blinked through the smoke of his pipe.

"See here," he blurted, "you were not the Miss Lee Cavendish who was engaged to some fellow from Oxford?"

"You are neither acute nor complimentary, not to know-or to assume so little interest."

"H'm," he mused, "I-I alwave called you Ada. I never supposed that fellow-"

He glanced at her again, earnestly. "You were always a sensible girl." he observed. "Shall I tell you what I've done?"

"Not if you wish it kept a secret." "I've joined the Association of Unmitigated Bachelors," he imparted. "I've taken a solemn vow never to ask any maid, girl or woman on earth to become my wife."

She looked at him oddly, her face slightly reddened.

"I've joined myself," she murmured. "Not the bachelors."

"No, the Bachelor Girls. We have each of us taken a grave and reverend obligation never to wed any lad, youth or man who may, can or must ask us to become his wife, mate or partner for life, if we live to be a thousand."

"You don't say!" he exclaimed, with frank admiration. "I'm mighty glad to hear it. Ada, we shall get along this voyage delightfully. Let us shake hands."

She placed her dainty hand in his. for a funny little second, and the glance that played between them met on neutral ground.

Of all the unstable, neutral grounds that Fate has yet devised for man's confusion, the sea is perhaps the most conspicuous. For the matter of that, any ground whatsoever, when frejuently employed, is perilous to meet apon, especially for people who have protested much against conjugal entanglements.

Ada, however, as the days went by, was confident of her own immunity from danger, and Seton was fortified securely in his own iron mail of determination.

"Wonderful weather we're having after all," he said, pausing at her chair at last, when he had walked the deck by himself for half an hour.

She arose, dropping her rug to the He took it up and adjusted it roughly about her shoulders, as she the graceful birds as they followed

"I love them-the sea gulls," she

"Then love has not been entirely d from your nature?" he venin the second second

"Doy"t be silly, Seton, if you please." "No I won't But-I saw a whale no poison in the Indian's corn.

'Perhaps I did," she confessed. was very young." He suppressed a tentative feeling of excitement.

idea. I said it was woefully silly."

"Of course, you don't wish for anything of the sort any longer?" he inquired, calmly.

"Yes, I know. That was part of the

"How could I, Mr. Lowe?"

"I was trying to think."

"You were trying to think what?" "How we could both get out of it. I mean-how I-we-well, let it go the way I said it first."

She looked at him steadily, and felt herself grow pale and warm alternately.

"Get out of what?" she murmured. "Ada, we can't get out of the fact that we love one another, devotedly," he announced with a boldness that took away her breath. "When we used to play, as children, we used to say we loved each other for the courtship, and that we loved each other for the marriage, and then, after the divorce, we made up and said we loved each other again, so as to begin the game all over. So we can't get out of that, now can we? The only question is how to get around our solemn vows to the bachelor associations."

"But-Seton-"

"I know. I've always said you are a sweet, sensible girl. If you advise it, I'll simply break my pledge."

"But I don't advise it. I don't advise anything. I certainly-" "Don't you love me, sweetheart, just

enough to help me out?" She was silent for a moment. He

took her hand. It was trembling, but it lay in his without alarm. He looked in her eyes, and, even in the moonlight, saw the answer he needed.

Then finally Seton, pressing his fist to his heart, with all his strength, discovered he was gazing in rapture on the moon. He thought what a beautiful plain gold ring he could cut from the splendor of the disk.

Plenty of Industry.

Mr. Quiller-Couch certainly cannot be accused of lack of industry. It is not very long since he brought out "The Mayor of Troy;" he has two serial novels running in magazines; he is preparing to publish a collection of verses and little essays under the title of "A Cornish Window," and he is at work on a school history of English literature arranged on a plan of his own.

Webfoot Humility.

Crocuses are in bloom down along the Columbia. Rose shoots are several aned against the rail and watched inches long. Spring beauties are blossoming in the woods. Farmers are plowing, birds are singing, and meanwhile the unhappy east has a temperature varying from 4 to 26 degrees below zero. Are we worthy of our blessings?

Before the paleface came there was

Merchants Required to Pay Big Commission to Court Officers in England.

London.-Graft in the king's household has resulted in several important bank box which lay for more than 30 officials losing their positions. The king has been aware for some time that certain goods used in his palaces came only from certain dealers, and the charge of favoritism was freely bandied about. The king made a quiet investigation and learned that an elaborate system of commissions prevailed and that unless certain persons were "seen" and "fixed" the articles stood 25 years ago ended a brilliant career no chance of being seen on the king's table.

The king took a severe view of this offense and promptly retired the guilty officials. He has, furthermore, made it had remained in the vault, it is stated widely known that firms endeavoring to gain a foothold in the house by corrupt methods will be debarred from orders for all time. The commissions have been particularly heavy in wines. The privilege of advertising a certain wine as the only one used by the king was so valuable that the favored firms secured the king's patronage by paying out small fortunes.

ONE-ARMED VIOLINIST.

Wisconsin Town Has an Inventive Musical Genius Worthy of Note.

Hudson, Wis .- Hudson has a onearmed violinist in the person of John plated change is the outcome of the N. Schwalen, who, though deprived of agitation in favor of new designs for his right arm, plays the difficult instrument with considerable skill. He has invented an artificial hand, which series seeming to meet with general he fastens to the stump of the ampu- favor. Expert numismatists go so far tated member, and with which he holds the bow so firmly and accurately that the country has it been represented he has just as good command of the by a less artistic set of coins. violin now, he says, as before the arm was lost. So far as is known here, Mr. Schwalen's invention is unlike any other device for this purpose.

Mr. Schwalen is about 50 years old. When a boy he developed much skill in the sands of Florida. More than as a violinist, and was frequently heard in public. When about 20 he lost his right arm in a planing mill at Sauk Center, Minn., the limb being so badly mangled that amputation just below the elbow was necessary.

For 25 years he never handled a violin, but his desire to play never left erection of 48 tenement houses, each of him. A couple of years ago the idea of inventing a device for holding the bow into one, two and three room apartoccurred to him.

Complaints of Insane.

In Belgian lunatic asylums there are securely locked boxes in which any inmate may deposit letters of complaint. These letters are collected three times weekly by outside officials, who investigate every case; and if a person asserts that he is not insane, a prompt examination ensues by medical ex City of the Holy Faith of St. Fran parts.

Wills in Old Bank Vault Brought to Light After Three Decades.

New Orleans .- Three wills, drawn up more than 40 years ago and put in a years in the old vault of the Canal bank building, recently demolished, were brought to light when the old box, which was taken out some time ago, was opened in order that an inventory of its contents might be made.

The bank box was the property of Pierre Chahles Cuvellier, once a wellknown notary of this city, who nearly by killing himself before the tomb of a beloved relative in the old St. Louis cemetery. Though it is not definitely known how many years the old box that approximately 31 years have passed since it was put away and left there in charge of the old bank.

None of the wills was opened and there is still much conjecture as to what was contained in them.

Change in Bronze Cent.

A change in the design of the small bronze cent which has made its appearance each year since its adoption in 1864 is being considered by a congressional committee and experiments are also under way looking to the use of a new metal-either pure nickel on aluminum-to take the place of that now used, which is 95 per cent. copper and five per cent. zinc. The contem-United States coins of all denominations, not a single one of the present as to say that never in the history of

Extreme Poverty in Milan.

Milan is a city of 500,000 people. There is no such thing as race suicide in Italy. Children are as thick as fleas 40,000 families in Milan live in one room each. Seventy per cent. of the total population, or \$50,000 persons live in 172,000 rooms. Thousands of these rooms have no light or ventilation except through the entrance door. A million dollars is to be spent in the which will contain 500 rooms, divided ments. There are several sanitary lodging houses which furnish good

The original Spanish name of the

INDIAN WANTS TELEPHONE

Creek Fullblood Presents Perplexing Problem for Exchange Managers.

Muskogee, I. T .- John R. Goat, a fullblooded Creek Indian, who lives six miles south of Holdenville, has from the Holdenville exchange to his home in the country. Now the Holdenville exchange management - is up against the proposition of either putting on a Creek interpreter in its central office or cutting Mr. Goat off the exchange, as the Creek speaks only his native tongue, and cannot make central understand what number ue

wants. Goat is the man who last summer. as a delegate to the Sequoyah convention, at Muskogee, got up and made a speech on some question. He commenced to talk in Creek and when he got through no one knew whether he was for or against the matter in point.

A Creek Indian was asked what Mr. Goat's occupation is, and he replied: "Oh, nothing but being a fullblooded." This answer indicates that so long as an Indian is a fullblood there is a living in it for him, until by chance he signs a warranty deed to his allotment when he thinks he is signing a one-year lease contract.

Learning White Man's Ways,

"Lo, the poor Indian, whose untutored mind" makes him the easy prey of the white sharper, but whose mind tutored in a law school and stimulated by the atmosphere of the national capital is capable of attaining contingent fees of unprecedented dimensions! Robert S. Owen, a Cherokee, has won a suit for his nation for \$5,000,000 against the United States, being the cost of the tribe's removal from Georgia to the Indian territory 68 years ago. Of this he is to receive 15 per cent. For winning another case this same copper-hued attorney got \$265,000 from the Chickasaws and Choolaws.

Judge Spent 98 Cents.

The nomination and election expenses of A. J. Vinje, judge of the Seventh Wisconsin circuit court, amounted to 98 cents, all used for postage for sending out and filing no tion papers.

TORTURED WITH ECZEMA.

Tremendous Itching Over Whole Body -Scratched Until Bled-Wonderful Cure by Cuticura.

"Last year I suffered with a tremendous itching on my back, which grew worse and worse, until it spread over the whole body, and only my face and hands were free. For four months or so I suffered torments, and I had to scratch, scratch, scratch, until I bled. At night when I went to bed things got worse, and I had at times to get up and scratch my body. all over, until I was as sore as could be, and until I suffered excruciating pains. They told me that I was suffering from eczema. Then I made up my mind that I would use the Cuticura Remedies. I used them according to instructions, and very soon inordered a private telephone line built deed I was greatly relieved. I continued until well, and now I am ready to recommend the Cuticura Remedies to any one. Mrs. Mary Metzger, Sweetwater, Okla., June 28, 1905."

MEANT FOR MERRIMENT.

A cynic is a person who has been dieting and leading the simple life.

In these days of incubators, it's a wise onielette that knows its own father.

A diabolically ingenious way of revenging yourself upon your enemy is to give him an automobile.

"It's funny that undertakers should be so called." "Why so?" "Because they're the final overtakers of us all." Dressmaker-And would you have leg-of-mution sleeves, madame? Customer-Most certainly not. I am a vegetarian.

"What happens when Greek meets Greek?' asked the teacher. "Dey ax each udder how's de peanut biz," answered an observant youth.

"The road to success is a slippery one," remarked the man who comments on things. "True," replied Senator Badger. "It needs plenty of sand."

When physicians prescribe automobile riding as a cure for insomnia they mean, of course, riding in some other fellow's automobile, so you won't be burdened with the thought of installments to come.

Renewing Youthful Joys,

"Jigley says he enjoys watching a ame of baseball now just as much as e did when he was a boy." "Yes; clever scheme of Jigley's."

"What's that?" "Why, he always carries into the

grandstand a piece of board with a knot hole in it, and he peeps at the game through that." - Philadelphia Press.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syray ing, softens the gums, reduc for of llayapa

Talking causes more regret than

quarters for 60 cents a week.

San Francisco's Real Name.

now stricken city was "Mission de los Dolores de nuestri Padre San Francisco de Asis," just as Santa Fe's full-name translated into English, is "The True