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side them. Some Natal Dutchmen of horses have been washed down Intorrent during a heavy thunderstorm. ON WOOD, LINEN, COTTON, OR fired on by Boer artillery and several PAPER WITH EQUAL FACILITY, of them were hit. Soft-nosed bullets teers carried the Boer dead off the poor tramp being picked up dead. the most solemn oaths that lips could brutal one. Do you know of any rea- touching gift." At Stellenbosch, a hill and handed the bodies over to Younghusband-I can just imagine utter that he would deliver them up son why I should not send you to very hot Bond centre, the coloured

Notwithstanding the outcry in Germany against the seizure of the Bun-

desrath and the Herzog and the searching of another German vessel at Aden, we find it hard to believe that Kaiser Wilhelm II. will depart from the position of neutrality which he has deliberately adopted. Suppose, however, for the sake of argument, that he were driven by popular clamor into an alliance with France and Russia, what could such a combination accomplish against Great Britain? battleships than does Great Britain, day in question after having been abbut they are not ready for action, as sent on a sketching tour in the south roy, the ex-Minister of Marine, has teen months. He came with the lately admitted that the French ves- traordinary announcement that fleet would prove invincible, so far as facts :-

mainly upon neutral vessels.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

On the other hand, it is probable that Germany would lose not only the whole of her ocean commerce, but also all of her transmarine acquisitions. The same fate would befall the French export and import trade, and all of he French insular possessions, with the possible exception of Madagascar. France, however, would be in a better defensive position than Germany, because a large part of her colonial empire is continental, and shielded from invasion, and England has no land force available for the conquest of Algeria, Tunis, West Africa, Siam and Tonquin. The loss, however, of the Frenct West Indies and of the islands in other parts of the globe, upon which France has relied for coaling stations, would be a sufficiently grave disaster, his premises and connection he could French and German merchant navies. which have been fostered by subsidies, would be an economic catastrophe.

would attempt to deal a blow at her commercial interests in China by a further and sweeping mutilation of the Middle Kingdom, for, by such an act, they would be likely to arouse the enmity of the United States, There are two points, however, in which England is vulnerable, We refer, of coarse, to Egypt and India, both of which countries may be reached by land. An anti-British coalition could undoubtedly count upon the subservience of Turkey, and a Franco-German force could be despatched through Asia Minor and Syria to the Nile Valley. That a Russian invasion of India would severely strain the resources of the Calcutta Government no military expert would dispute, especially at this time, when a large portion of the white troops has been withdrawn from the Anglo-Indian army for service in South Africa and cannot be replaced. As regards the success of such an invasion, much. course, would depend upon the attitude of the Ameer of Afghanistan, of the Indian vassal States and of the subject populations. For the moment, those quarters, and should this propitious state of things continue, the back the Russians. That the small British force in the Nile Valley could make head against a Franco-German army is certainly improbable; a t all this way, Charley?" shouted Conway of the Suez Canal would be, for a considerable time, suspended.

HOW BOER TRAPS ARE PRE-PARED.

An Afrikander in the Paris Matin,

will want it shortly.

I do not know if my dear friend, Jack Conyers, will pardon me for makhis lips some few weeks ago. then I have to plead as an excuse that he ought not to be so indiscreet as to confide in a struggling journalist er they proceeded to O'Neil's abode. who is ever on the lookout for inter- They were courteously received by An introduction is necessary. Suf-On paper, the three great Continental fice it to say that Conyers, who is an powers possess a larger number of artist, had entered my diggings on the

most of England's are, and M. Lock- of Ireland for a little more than fifsels at all events could not be made was going to be married to an Irish ready in time for effective co-opera- girl-Kathleen O'Neil by name. I betion. We may, probably, take for came shockingly interested. My eager grapted, therefore, that England's questioning elicited the following been pebbles.

naval operations on a large scale are He had first come across Miss O'Neil concerned. It seems equally certain in the vicinity of Lismore, it appears. more miserable than ever? But her that England's carrying trade would Curiously enough, the cause of his be seriously obstructed by hostile original interest in her was an exprescommerce destroyers, and that, for her sion of haunting sadness which was food supplies, she would have to rely ever on her face; nor had he known her long before he experienced an en- yers?" she asked, earnestly. thusiastic desire to have a hand in clearing the sadness away. But how could he learn the cause? By good story from her own lips, although she had spoken to no man before about

He had never entertained that pos-No wonder the poor girl was sor-

rowful. But how had it happened? "We lived until a year ago in Dublin," she answered. "My father was a merchant there. He had had a hard struggle, but at last success came sufficient of itself; but if he could sell retire, which was what he desired, for Irish baronet, Sir Patrick O'Connell by name who wanted it for the purpose of establishing his younger sons How could the allies strike back at in business. An agreement was sign-England? We do not believe that they ed. Sir Patrick could not pay cash down, his money was tied up; but he to lodge with my father as security in the meantime, the family diamonds, valued at £60,000-father, you must

understand, had an honorable name. "The pity of what followed, It was at the place of business, on a certain afternoon, that the jewels were handed over, and father, for one night only, locked them in his eschitoire, intending next day to take them to the bank Alas! the self-same night the premises were burnt to the ground-nothing was rescued. The sudden shock turned my father's brain. As for mother and I, after we had paid to the baronet money equivalent to the value of his diamonds, which the insurance, banking account, etc., enabled us to do, we had just sufficient left to live in simplicity. So we came down to this quiet place. We are allowed to keep father, because the form of his disease comes under the heading of melancholia. He is not dangerous, but

ne does not know even mother and Such is a brief outline of the sad

Well, this life, they say, is made up dential agent in the employment of Gray & Helmsley of Lincoln's Inn Fields.

"Hallo! What are you doing down "Searching for a needle in a hay-

stack, my boy. I want Daniel O'Neil, supposed to be residing in this quarter, formerly a merchant trading in Dublin. I say, though, what makes you look so excited?" Conyers took his arm and led him o his "diggings," which were conven-

Daniel O'Neil," he said. "But, first, what do you want him for?" "Well, that's cool. Supposing you make a start by telling me why you are so mightily interested in him?" There are times when you can gain a great deal by reposing confidence in had succeeded; but barely by the skin one. Therefore he told all he knew. "In an experience extending over consciousness. ten years," said Manton, "this is the most extraordinary affair I have ever

Taking his brown brief bag, he open- - Well, the sequel is to happen in six ed it and extracted a flat, oblong lea- months' time. ther case. Raising the lid he displayed to Conyer's astonished eyes a collection of gems of the finest water. writes :- "Just you wait until after the Really, he confounded the latter when capitulation of Ladysmith and Kim- he remarked that they were the iden-

"But wherever in the world have you got them from ?" cried Convers. "Kindly give me your attention and

ed him. He was stricken down with a Buller carry their cables in specially-You mustn't play with Mr. Borum's fever. He was told that there was no constructed carts, each containing, if was entertaining a caller, to her small to purchase peace in his dying mo- drums, so that in open country they brother. Why mustn't I? asked the ments by restoring his ill-gotten can lay it at a gallop. The current is The British while digging graves were youngster. Because you might break or friendly wealth to its owner. He had got rathit, replied his sister, and, besides, he er friendly with a sailor during the the cart. Her Horrible Suspicion-Mrs. Young- together with a confession of his Magistrate-The assault you have wounded Imperial troops. Sir Alfred husband-It's awful to think of that crime, bidding the fellow swear by committed on your poor wife is a most Milner has thanked them "for their

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With something of a frown,

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BRITISH GUNS PLAYED HAVOC.

were recognized among the dead. A number of Boer bodies and carcasses tomb Spruit, which became a raging and dum-dum cartridges have been found on wounded prisoners. Volun-

Press visited Saturday's battlefield, ly and rapidly change their positions at midnight to Liverpool - this he and saw large numbers of Boers dead_ after the British scouts have passed, took. Now, don't you see, the building The British guns seemed to have work— and to mass in force in spots that were took fire, as in many cases, from some degreat havoc. One Boer was compreviously unoccupied. The result is cause unknown, after the valuables.

As along through life you go;
There are weary ones around you pletely disemboweled, another had his the British columns inevitably walk had been stolen. Of course, Clark, There are weary ones around youhead shot off, and a couple of others into the trap and find themselves met knowing nothing of this, but imaginwere killed by the same shell, evident- with a murderous fire where they ing justice to be hot on his heels, got ly, while eating their luncheon, as thought there was nobody." half-eaten hard-boiled eggs lay be-

pie to.

berley, and then you will see. Until tical stones concerning which the the British adopt our way of fighting story had first been told. they will never be able to do anything against us, and we are firmly convinced that they will be killed or captured I will briefly relate to you an interto a man before forcing us back over esting episode. News to you is the our own border. They little know fact that when O'Neil and Sir Patrick what January has in store for them. were in the former's office arrang-We have no more fear of Roberts or ing about the transfer of the stones Kitchener than we have of Buller or their conversation was overheard by Methuen. They only make two gen- the cashier, one Jonathan Clark, who erals more. We shall hasten to capture happened to be behind an exceeding-Ladysmith and Kimberley before they ly thin partition. That night, by a arrive, and then we shall have our cunning device, he managed to be left hands free to deal with them each in last in the office. What concerns us turn as we did with Methuen and Bul- is that he also managed to extract this So, as up life's hill we journey, ler. What the Boers do is to secret- case from the escritoire. A train ran

hat. Bobby,' said a young lady who hope of recovery. Therefore he sought

there are no signs of disaffection in story. Anglo-Indian arm, having the advan- should he run up against but his old tage of position, might be able to beat | chum, Charley Manton, who is confievents, communication with India by yers In the worst event for England, it

seems evident that Russia and France would be the only gainers. The two powers last named might console

themselves for the ruin of their commerce, the one with Egypt, the other could be no compensation commensurate with the loss of her highly prized colonial possessions and her hard-won ocean trade. That is why we cannot a man. Convers felt that this was of his teeth. A mist rose before his believe that Kaiser Wilhelm II., will

on a boat bound for Africa without delay. Hearken how retribution awaitpassage; to him he intrusted the case,

is why I am here to-day."

"What shall you do t" asked Conyers "I don't know. If, as you say, Mr. O'Neil is a lunatic, what will be the good of giving him the jewels? certainly will not recognize them. Can't you suggest something?" They do say that when a man has been robbed of reason by a sudden

shock, a sudden shock will also restore it. Come, let us test the truth of that theory." Manton assented eagerly, so togeth-Mrs. O'Neil and her daughter. Manton told his story. The ladies were amazed, electrified.

"You inspire a hope undreamed of," cried Mrs. O'Neil. Without another word she upstairs to her husband, and was followed no less quickly by the others. O'Neil was found sitting in an armchair gazing into space. When, however, Manton offered him the jewel case he took it readily enough. turned it over gravely, opened it, and hen, alas! looked at the jewels with lack-luster eyes. They might have Mrs. O'Neil sank into a chair with

brightness come here to make her daughter had approached Conyers, and was putting her hand upon his arm. It gave him joy to think that in the time of crisis she turned to him. "Can you do anything, Mr. Con-"Yes. I have a plan. I will merize your father, if you will let me,"

a piteous moan. Had this momentary

his voice. Mrs. O'Neil sprang from her chair aghast; Manton stared at him with his mouth open. Convers had not time to think of them. "It is a great risk," he continued "but is not this a desperate case which demands such ?" "But how can you do what you say? asked Mrs. O'Neil.

prevent a tremor from creeping into

'You certainly can't be successful 'His mind is deranged." 'All the better." explained Conyers "his resisting power will be absent will be of considerable assistance to one and the cost of the product is The activity of the ganglion cells therefore small. he was growing old. Fortunately, a of the brain, with which the functions has already been demonstrated in many different ways. In the first Mersereal's Photo ited in his case. You must know that place the material is fire-proof, is a

make preparations."

he went into the adjoining bedroom nd found there a writing desk conwould have sufficient free in six taining drawers-four in all. He placmonths' time. He, however, proposed ed the jewel case in the bottom drawer, closed it, then returned to his sub- warm in winter and cold in summer. ject. He gazed straight into his eyes | Heat cannot penetrate it, neither can | 18118 for a few moments, and then com | cold. menced making passes with his hands before his face, backward and forward. O'Neil watched him with a kind of grave curiosity for a little while, and then he put his hands up to his face and rubbed his eyes. Suddenly he winced slightly and straightened him-Gradually his eyes became intent on Convers' until he had lost the power o draw them away. The pupils began to dilate, then the eyeballs to protrude, then the eyelids to droop. Respiration and circulation became conderably accelerated, until at length perspiration set in and complete stup-

> or soon followed. While in this state of coma the more powerful will could do with him what it chose. Convers threw his head back in exultancy. But he had reckoned withevery faculty overstrained became al- even more numerous. most unbearable. He would not be able to keep up long. He must be designs and colorings as the builder

of curious chances. As Conyers was ped on his knees before the writing the embossing is done. him with eager, excited faces; And now he was opening the third ing made in exact imitation, of all the drawer, His nostrils were quivering. finer ornamental woods, also of mar-He hastily closed it: then literally dragged open the fourth drawer and captured the jewel case. And then Conyers waked him. It took many moments and all watched with fearful anxiousness. What would happen? It was pleasant to see what did hap-

pen. O'Neil snatched up the case, tore it open, laid hold of the jewels, and ran across the room to a far corner, clasping them to his breast and uttering little shrieks of joy. It was "Now, I know where to find Mr. pitiful to behold! Not long, and Mrs. O'Neil and Kathleen had darted to his side and were holding his hands and murmuring soft words of comfort. He looked into their eyes and recognized them, and great tears stood in his eyes. Then Conyers knew that he

eyes; he tottered to a couch; he lost

He awoke to find Kathleen bending

over him with a wonderful look in her

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> der of the brain. However, let us being air-tight, neither warps nor Convers' plan was very simple. Ob- ITS ADVANTAGES IN CONSTRUC-Employed as a top flooring and as a ceiling, a room so constructed is not

tion. It gives back no echo, In pub lic halls where it has been used the Box-Shooks acoustic advantages have been mul plied three fold. It has been found by builders tha the employment of artificial lumber self in his chair. Ah! What was that? in the wall construction of office buildings and dwellings obviates the use of lath and plaster. Boards of the ma- Matched Sheathing terial are pinned directly to the stud-

wall that is considerably stronger and more durable than if made of ordin-As a building material artificial lumber has even more uses than natural wood, because of its many peculiar qualities and its cheapness. But out his host. The tense feeling of in other fields of commerce its uses are

mizes in space, but makes a compact

Accordingly he commanded O'Neil to at a cost of from one-third to onerise, who did so. Step by step he led half ot other decorative mahim to the writing desk. He had no terials. The reliefs in artificial need to speak-he had only to think, lumber are also much sharper in outand the subject obeyed. O'Neil drop- line, as the colors are laid on before nearing his "diggings" afterward, who desk. He opened the first drawer, and In durability artificial lumber rivthen the second; all was still in that als mahogany and oak, and is equally little room; all four were bending over susceptible of beautiful finish. The process of manufacture permits its be-

> ble and of onyx. In addition to its being available in the making of all kinds of furniture. it is used in the manufacture of piano cases, of embossed panels, and medallions, for advertising purposes, for picture frames, blackboards, store fix-

railroad cars it has been employed to great advantage.

Named by Her Rich Owner Who Got Hi Start Peddling Bananas in Liverpool. A British steamer now at Lambert's Point is named Banana. Her owner is Mr. Alfred L. Jones of Liverpool. He began years ago to import bananas in a very small way and peddled them eyes. She was holding his hand, and from a wheel-barrow along Castle street in Liverpool. The business grew and Mr. Jones became rich. The seas are now spotted with his ships. The story is told that when asked what name should be given to a new

Smith stole his goods from Brown.

hospitals with strawberries.