## PLAYMATE OF A QUEEN.

When she was a little girl, Miss van der Lackshaw lived at The Hague and was one of the children who went twice a week to play with the little royal girl of Orange, who punished her dolls by making them queens. About same family annals, what will they the same age, the two girls were close say of you?" friends from a time they were not old enough to remember till now, for Miss

Miss van der Lackshaw is a sweet- it will begin,-how will it end?" faced young woman, with big gray eyes and quantities of yellow hair and ing school miss. She is just a lovable, | reading last evening." simple-mannered, well-bred girl, whom to know is to love.

About Wilhelmina she said: girl who has been brought up on the continent. She is not really pretty and has no style at all, but she has a sweet face, and no stranger would ever ask which is the queen when she

smooth and she wets it to make it flat, yours; there is something light and with a jacket and she wore a white tween ourselves." shirt weist and a most unbecoming I think she looked every inch a queen | teem. on her black thoroughbred. The court is very formal, because the Dutch peo- some invitation which Vivien had adple are conservative and they like the vised her father to decline, "miladi," royal family to keep up all the tra- on the contrary, was eager to go.

"There is a little house in the Palace Park, where we used to play people, all of them very clever. You and where Wilhelmina was hostess. would not feel at home with them." We had the jolliest possible times there, but it was where the Queen served her ladyship at the close of learned all manner of housekeeping. | the argument, "that you do not wish Oh, indeed we girls in Holland would me to go, because you do not wish consider it quite as great a disgrace them to know me, and you object to Arthur's death; in that case Lancenot to be a skillful housekeeper as you their knowing me, because you do not wood would belong to Miss Neslie. You might for a girl to be unable to read. think me good enough for Sir Ar- would, without doubt, succeed to a "It Wilhelmina were poor to-morrow thur." she could do with her own hands eving to cooking and sewing and nurs- as she turned away.

"For playmates there were chickens, and there were pigeons and rabbits, as well as dogs and monkeys and Lady Neslie forgot her anger in laughcats and the ponies, and we romped ing at the notion.

In time people began to perceive and played, for the Queen was a strong girl, and only just escaped being a that there were really two parties at tom boy in those dear old days. She the Abbey-one headed by its present could be dignified enough, and tried mistress, Lady Neslie, the other by always to live and even play up to the the heiress, Miss Neslie. There was high standard of a queen.

There was one dog I was particuways when I arrived at the park I would run for Daaken, as it was named, and I taught it tricks and it was a very well-hahaved dog. The Queen liked to play with Daaken, too, because he would let us dress him up and he would walk around on his hind legs. One day I had brought him a red cloak and bonnet which I had spent most of my spare time for a week sewing, and I was very excited about trying it on, but it so happened that Wilhelmina had been sewing we were served with cakes and tea.

My mother found it out, too, and I did not go to the palace the next week. I could not hold out against Christmas, however, and I promised to be a good girl and went in the carriage

She had never seen so much of the estate before. At the other side of who would take Lancewood from her! By night and by day she pondered the woods, near the pretty town of Hydewell, she saw a house almost hidder what had come over the bright, and house, very pretty and picturesque."

She had never seen so much of the estate before. At the other side of who would take Lancewood from her! By night and by day she pondered this one idea. People began to wonder what had come over the bright, animated, vivacious Lady; Nestle. She house, very pretty and picturesque."

On What a pretty house!" she said. good girl and went in the carriage "What a pretty house!" she said, to the palace for the Christmas tree. I had some doll things for a favorite doll of Wilhelmina and my presents had been sent before and were already on the tree when I arrived. With the other children I tried to pick out my gifts hanging on the big tree, but I paid no attention whatever to Daaken, although I wondered very much to see that he, too, was guest, for the dogs were usually forbidden to come inside

Queen mother and the court ladies we formed a circle and danced around the tree and sang songs and Daaken "I would not go-nothing should had once believed it wise policy to try course, we were glad when we not told me what house it is " were told to sit down to receive our "We call it the Dower House," he could never be anything but enemies. Blaine, always a favorite with Mr. what do you suppose my present was? Dear, old Daaken, and he is living yet in Africa. I carried one of his greatgranddaughters to Holland and gave ute, and then he said—

skated and raced. When I was 14 my his widow retires to the Dower father went to South Africa and our House." home was there, but I went back to But," cried Valerie, "why could !

were so many things to tell and to She had grown very grave as she hear we did not pay much attention to listened. After all, what were her they were, all shining with costly the other skaters.

"I had had no skating and Cousin Tom was chaffing me and saying that I had become a foreigner and forgotten how to skate, when some man skated up behind us.

'and away we went, and such a race! Lady Neslie thoughtfully pondered the After about ten minutes he caught us, words. and we were not so jubilant when we discovered we had been racing the ed that, in the words of the marriage Queen's equerry, whom she had sent to service, he had endowed her with all ask us to come and speak to her. She, his wordly goods. She had never heard too, was on the ice, and, seeing me, of the English law of entail; she wished to ask me to court and renew never thought of the possibility that cur friendship. I should have, of the estates might descend from fathcourse, been presented anyway, but I er to son, or from father to daughter; was very glad indeed to find her the all she knew was that she was to same little Queen I had known so share her husband's wealth. The dis- looked up at him. with an expression

escape, and she said she was glad I was hour, but Lady Neslie had al-

Mollie Biddle, came over to visit us. or anger to escape her, and it had butterfly," said Sir Arthur, laugh-she is my mother's niece, and she had been easy when the victory seemed ingly. "My dearest Valerie, we know pulse?" never been away from home before, all to lie in her own hands—when Vi- how uncertain life and death are; still and it was her first winter in society. vien Neslie appeared in no other char- I hope to spend many years with you She wanted to see everything, but acter than that of the deposed mis-most of all the Queen. She was in-tress of the Abbey. Things would be It was wonderful how solicitous she vited with the rest of us to the Christ- quite different if in process of time became about his health. His looks mas court ball, and what an excite- Vivien should again be mistress-if it were a barometer of her spirits. When ment she was in! She had a gown should be in her power to send her he seemed perfectly well, she was gay, especially for it, as she did for almost rival away.

royal quadrille, and danced with the to Miss Neslie-stood in awe of her: thought it concern about his health, Russian Ambassador, and the other I can understand it all now. I am arising from her great love. Vivian couples in the set were those highest | mistress here only for a time; she will | understood it better; she knew what there was room, but it was too great a crush to be as pleasant as the small "that I should have married, had I no more cause for anxiety or dread!" ship. dinner dances we often had at the known this." palace. Cousin Tom told the Queen Then she comforted herself by think- been such gayety at Lancewood. One that Mollie wanted to dance in her ing that, even if she were compelled, of Lady Nesile's wildest caprices was set, and it was arranged, and they had in the event of her husband's death, a masked ball; nothing else would sata nice little chat between the dances, to leave the Abbey, still there must isfy her. In vain Sir Arthur said that and the Queen was as much interested surely be a fortune for her. She a masked ball was all very well during in Mollie as Mollie was in the Queen. wished to be mistress of Lancewood, a carnival, but that it was not a fav-Wilhelmina said she thought it must that gave her the position she had al- orite amusement amongst English be so delightful to go to college, and ways longed for—the position that she people. when another time Mollie told her now enjoyed so thoroughly. about some of her schoolgirl larks the During the remainder of the ride all balls in the world a masked ball is Queen was as interested as any girl, home Lady Neslie was thoughtful, the the most enjoyable." school just the same way. They talked | laugh died quickly away. Nor did she | think so, Valerie. I am doubtful whe-

## Through Storm and Sunshine

CHAPTER VIII.-Continued. "I knew they had all done something or other very famous," said Lady Neslie laughing. "Now, when your story comes to be told in those I do not know," replied Miss Nes-

"I can foretell some part of it. It. van der Lackshaw spent her last even- will read after this fashion-This lady ing in The Hague with the Queen, who was very beautiful, very accomplishsorely regretted that her friend must be and is chiefly to be remembered for him for the sake of being at the Ab- beautiful face he only read contempt ber great distillation. her great dislike to Valerie Neslie,her father's second wife.' That is how "You are a generous foe, Vivien; found you would not push me into the mill-

dam, like the jealous sister of Birnot half the airs of an ordinary board- morie, of whom Colonel Hetley was morning, colonel, and it turns on what counterbalance your indulgences." "No," replied Vivien. "I should never do anything of that kind. You should not say such things, Lady Neslie; they are not only absurd, but

said "miladi," dauntlessly, you are better than I am. If I had been mistress of a home like this so long as you have been, and a stranger were brought in to take my place, I should hate her with a mortal hatred-I admit that frankly. You do not waste much love upon me, Vivien. "She wears her hair combed back I like my name Valerie better than and does it in a tight little flat knot fanciful about it. There is as much at the back. Her dress was made difference between our names as be-

But, talk as she would, flatter, ca-English sailor hat. Of course, any jole, praise, no matter what-Lady one who ever wore a duck dres knows | Neslie could make no impression on how it sets when it has been laun- Sir Arthur's daughter. She could not dered half a dozen times. But Queen win from her any token of interest, Wilhelmina rides very well indeed, and any mark of liking, any sign of es-

One day when they were discussing "You will not enjoy it," said Miss his wife?" she said, slowly. Neslie to her, "they are stiff, formal

"Your ladyship has for once superything in the household from buy- posed the exact truth," said Vivien. "I am afraid," remarked her ladyhousekeepers we have no poor in Hol- ship, looking after her, "that some day I shall forget my good manners, and shake that proud young lady How astonished she would be!" And

no open dispute, no ill-bred wrangling, no strife. Vivien was always larly fond of, a black poodle, and al- proud, calm and self-possessed; Lady Neslie was always the perfection of Neslie was always the perfection of self.

good-humor. Nevertheless, two parties "I was but a child when I was in rible agony. The pains were not alblush fool you. one or the other, according to their ages and tastes. All the light, frivolous, gay, young girls of the neighborhood, ranged themselves by Lady Neslie. She was fond of life and gay-

ety; she loved dancing, flirting, all that they loved; she delighted in friv-Lady Neslie was very happy; her hours passed gayly and brightly; she "but, ah me, how dull, how quiet! I

thur."

"I shall never go there," she said. decidedly. 'Do you think I could live Something more like hatred than she there amongst those trees? I should had ever felt before crept into Valdie of ennui in a week." "Nevertheless, my bright, happy mind with true feminine resolve that love, you may be compelled some day Miss Neslie should not enjoy more

that?" she asked.

so cross, I hope that you may never live there -at least, not for long."

not live at the Abbey ?" passing triumphs, if Vivien should gems.

some day or other supplant her? CHAPTER IX.

like between herself and Vivien Nes- of devotion in her brilliant face.

still a good skater, as all her subjects ways preserved the utmost if I were to lose you, what happiness his wrist all night long." good-humor; it was part of her policy | could I ever know again?" "It was that winter that my cousin, never to allow any sign of impatience

every occasion, and she looked so very "Now I understand," thought her ment; if he looked pale or ill, if he certain other military duties on deladyship. "I could not imagine how complained even in the least, she was mand of the governor of the district in "The Queen opened the ball with the it was that so many people paid court all anxiety and solicitude. Sir Arthur which they live, in return for which

lighted in long and pompous argu- ball. ments. She would not say any more suspicious, and think she had married

She found an opportunity of talk- wife. ing to Colonel Hetley, as she always found for whatever she fancied or de-

is called in England, the law of entail.

ed to be consulted by his young and ball. lovely hostess, entered into a complete exposition of the matter. She that flattered him. "I understand," she said; "then this beautiful Lancewood of ours is

"It was entailed once," replied the colonel. "I remember hearing why the entail was destroyed, but I have forgotten the reason now. Lancewood, like many other large estates in Eng- her glee. land, can be inherited by son or daughter; but it must be in the direct line. | the world!" she cried. No lord of Lancewood has power to

"Then no master of Lancewood could leave his estates to his friend or

"No, that would not be possible," answered Colonel Hetley, who began to preceive a drift in these inquiries. "Take yourself, for instance," he said, "though personal applications of generalities should be avoided. Sup an event we should all deplore- Sir of thing is generally arranged in the marriage settlement. Miss Neslie would succeed to Lancewood; and it From the Advocate, Exeter. would descend again to her son or daughter. Do you understand now,

and looked up with a laughing air. me. I thank you, Colonel Hetley. It Walters said—"In justice to Dr. ognized as pastmaster. I have yet to seems hard at times to comprehend your English customs."

Williams' Pink Pills I think it my duty, in view of what they have done for me, to add my testimonial to the lay 'em down quicker when he's beat,

France. I remember nothing of such ways confined to the back, but would things; they had no interest for me. shift to other parts of the body. As You have told me all about it, col- a result I got little rest, my appetite

was often to be found now with a Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cure by go- has ridden the upper levels of the at-

searene, self-possessed, self-reliant. erie's heart, and she made up her friend, but she saw now that they among whom was Senator James G. She ceased all efforts at conciliation. Phillips. It so happened that a few "And now I am no wiser. What is She made irritating little speeches. weeks before this time Mr. Blaine, in She took every opportunity of exer-He looked half surprised for a min- cising her authority. She never con-

is too grave to care about such non-

round Sir Arthur's neck, and, laying her bright head on his shoulder, ask speech was made Dawes and Hoar

I tried to be grave and wise, like your impromptu reply thereto, but did them beautiful daughter?" "No, Valerie; I like you just as you "Nonsense and gayety included!"

she asked with a wistful smile. "Just as you are, my darling, without change," replied Sir Arthur, ber of this body for about an hour

"Now I shall never try to be wise ready wit which never deserted him again; after all, I am but one of the | "if you had been here I shouldn't have butterflies of nature, I shall spread made that speech!"-Harper's Maga-

"When I die, the Abbey passes to my winds in the sunshine, and enjoy Vivien," so Sir Arthur said, while he it while it lasts, without thinking of "Do you think of rainy days, my darling?" asked Sir Arthur. "Not often; but I do not expect to be always as happy as 1 am now." "I do not see anything that could

I am queen now-the fact that I shall have to give way to her;" but she

"That is but a gloomy idea for

it was, and called it by its right name. For many long years there had not

"But I must have it," she said. "Of wished she could have gone to sunny face was clouded, the ringing "I am afraid our neighbors will no a great deal of tennis and golf, both take so much interest as she had in ther you would even find your invita-of which games the Queen plays very the various views of the estate which tions accepted. There are hundreds of well, as she does everything else she Sir Arthur pointed out to her. What

"We will try them," said Lady Nes-"Masked balls are enough in Paris."

"There are many things common in Paris that I should be sorry to see here," put in Vivian, "Lancewood is an ancient building, but I do not think such an entertainment as a balmasque has ever been given in it." "There is no record of one in the family annals," mimicked Lady Neslie. "Surely some of your ancestors must have had a little notion of enjoying

Sir Arthur looked at his daughter. to her husband, or he might grow as though he would fain have asked her to help him; but in the noble,

Valerie quickly noted his glance. "It is of no use looking at Vivian Sir Arthur; she will be quite sure to "I have been reading a story this oppose me; she does it on principle, to "I think, Valerie, you must defer a Will you explain what that means to little to English prejudices. I assure you the whole neighborhood would be "And the colonel, only too delight- startled by the notion of a masked

"I should delight in startling it," listened with a profound attention Arthur, instead of my deferring to into two parts, one set of halves going English prejudices, let English pre- to the secretary's office and the other to judices defer to me. She looked up at him with one

> ly powerless to resist. ever you like.' She laughed aloud in the fullness of "You are the kindest husband in

daughter retains the name of Neslie ther too far; but the gay young girls when she marries, and so the name and gay young wives applauded the

FREQUENTLY DUE TO SLUGGIS LIVER OR KIDNEY TROUBLES.

Mr. Frank Walters, of Exeter, Tells of Suffering and How Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Cured Him After Other Medicines

Mr. Frank Walters is a young man personally known to most of the re- look about his face, but he can hold sidents of Exeter, where he has lived his own with the shrewdest. Naturally nearly all his life. Talking with the warm hearted, he is as cold at business "Yes, you have made it all plain to editor of the Advocate recently Mr. as Russell Sage. At poker he is rec-France. You have but to look thousands of others that have been bet 'em harder when he's got 'em, and through the history of your own fam- printed. For some months I suffered gather in the pot with a more regretily-the D'Estes-for numerous ex- most severely from pains coursing up ful air. His skin being clear and his and down my back. It was thought blood clean, he can blush like a sensi-She looked slightly confused for a that these pains were due to liver tive girl still tied to mother's apron moment, but quickly recovered her- and kidney trouble, but whatever the cause they frequently left me in ter- strings. But, brethren, don't let that

became impaired, and I fell off great-

should not like to live there, Ar- her face, she was thinking how sure renew and build up the blood, and she would be of the fortune if she had strengthen the nerves, thus driving disease from the system. If your

Brockville, Ont.

Wendell Phillips and Blaine. When Wendell Phillips was last in Washington, he was for a few minutes on the floor of the United States senate, surrounded by a group of senators, presenting to congress the statue of Governor King, first governor Of this party the father of Wendell Phillips, John Phillips, was a conspicuous member. When Blaine's were senators from Massachusetts, and selves little credit in parrying the thrusts of Biaine's glittering rapier. So, when Wendell Phillips met Blaine on this occasion, he said to him laughingly, "I wish I had been a mem-

the other day when you made that speech attacking the Massachusetts Federalists." "Ah." said Mr. Blaine with that

A Burglary Story. They were telling "burglary stories" on the veranda in front of the grocery

store in a down east town. "The man's hand was thrust through make you less happy, Valerie."

She did not say, "You have overlooked the loss of Lancewood—the fact ed the wrist and held on in spite of the that my rival will reign one day where struggles of the man outside. In the morning the burglar was found dead.

"Huh!" growled the skeptic in the corner. "Why didn't she feel of his

The Cossacks. Cossacks form the volunteer cavalry troops of southern Russia. They service they are relieved from taxation to a certain extent. Their costumes are picturesque, and they have "Oh, if I had but a son," exclaimed a worldwide reputation for the excel-

JAPAN TEA DRINKERS

through the treasury is sorted, and the bundles of 100 notes each.

A great canceling machine then drives four holes through each of these bundles, of which a careful record is she said-"no one more so. Now, Sir kept. The piles of bills are then cut the register's office.

those winning smiles he was so utter-1 'You shall have your own way, Val- by machinery into fragments. Not erie; send out your invitations when- satisfied with this, the bits are then But Sir Arthur was right; the novelties, who make it into little modwill his estate from his own children. neighborhood was startled. The more els of the capitol and the White House. If he has sons, it goes to the eldest; serious portion of it looked grave, and which are sold as souvenirs in the if daughters to the eldest; then the said Lady Neslie was really going ra- Washington stores. New bills are issued in an amount equal to those is kept up from generation to gener- idea, and the masked ball was a suc- destroyed.-Youth's Companion.

> of Hugh J. Grant, ex-mayor of New been chums at college. Names often draw men together. One day, long after they had cut their political eye teeth, after Hugh was sheriff, "Buck" said as they strolled down Broadway:

> in politics.' Hugh Grant may have an "easy"

Flowers know the difference between "Yes. I do not remember any de- ly in weight. I tried different reme- a rainstorm and a drenching from the tail left unexplained. Miss Neslie is dies suggested by friends, which have heiress of Lancewood; but, if Sir Ar- ing no effect almost disgusted me with barrels from the hydrant, and thur should have a son, that son with medicine. Then a personal they will at best simply hold their own. would succeed him." From that moment the one passion- Pink Pills. I was not easily per- dry seasons and that without regard to for Daaken, too. I was very naughty and brightly; she for Daaken, too. I was very naughty and brightly she for Daaken, too. I was very naughty and brightly; she for Daaken, too. I was very naughty and brightly she for Daaken, too. I was very naughty and brightly; she did not relieve me, that medicine would not relieve me, the artificial wetting they may rethe artificial wetting they may rethat medicine would not relieve me, the artificial wetting the sould not relieve me, the artificial wetting the sould no the artificial wetting they may re-

and liquid and has tumbled down the spring tailor frock. ed. "But no, I am selfish; I must not say that. I mean that I hope it may be long years before you go there."

a little son.

She began to observe Vivian more closely. She could understand now why, despite all the victories gained or six boxes for \$2.50, by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., and recognizes it, as the first field A BOARDING HOUSE EXPERT.

A Fighting Swan. shown by an exciting struggle be | can't tell them from prunes. tween a swan and a park policeman on the upper lake in Waterlow park, England. Some india rubber balls had rolled into the water, and to get them the constable paddled out in a punt. Hotel Carslake, European Plan. Rooms
This drew the notice of the male swan,

O.T.R. Station, Montreal. Geo. Carslake & Co., Prop's. which deserted its consort and the brood of cygnet and went for the conit to the Queen, and we had such a laugh over our quarrel.

"After all the presents were given to us the Queen came up and she said the friend of the family; that is why I say ing his legs from the bird's beak. It think, said the friend of the family the Federalist party, during the proposite G.T.R. Depot, the Constable to overbalance it in say ing his legs from the bird's beak. It the proposite Q.T.R. Depot, the Constable to overbalance it in say ing his legs from the bird's beak. It think, said the friend of the family.

I think, said the friend of the family the Federalist party, during the Constable to overbalance it in say ing his legs from the bird's beak. It the proposite G.T.R. Depot, the Constable to overbalance it in say ing his legs from the bird's beak. It the Constable to overbalance it in say ing his legs from the bird's beak. It the Constable to overbalance it in say ing his legs from the bird's beak. It the Constable to overbalance it in say ing his legs from the bird's beak. It the Constable to overbalance it in say ing his legs from the bird's beak. It the Constable to overbalance it in say ing his legs from the bird's beak. It the Constable to overbalance it especially the Federalist party, during ing his legs from the bird's beak. It vas only with difficulty and risk that the balls were recovered. The swan then followed the punt to the bank, making vicious darts at the constable.

Taking the Cowboy's Picture. pher, pulling his gun and leveling it across the camera at the man in the chair, "will you have the kindness to

look pleasant?" Much amused by the cheek and the cool nerve of the request thus conveyed, the bold cowboy smiled broadly, and at that instant the border photographer pressed the button. - Chicago Inter

A Terrible Threat.

"George," said Mrs. Younglove, "do you know that you have kissed me only once during the past three hours?" any more onions I may make it three hours and a half next time.'

She could only tremble and wonder if it were to turn out that her love had

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The eighteenth annual meeting of the shareholders of the Federal Life Assurance Company of Canada was held at the head office of the Company in Hamilton, on March 6, 19 o. The managing director, David Dexter, presented the following reports and financial statement. DIRECTORS' REPORT. The directors have pleasure in submitting for the information and approval of the shareholders the following

The directors have pleasure in submitting for the information and approval of the shareholders the following report of the business of the company together with a statement of receipts and disbursements for the year which took does not be also for the assets and itabilities in that date. New business consisted of eighteen hundred and fifty-seven applications for insurance, aggregating \$2.6.9.700, of which seventeen hundred and ninety-five applications for \$2.49.90 were accepted; applications for \$141,800 having been rejected or heat for further information. Annuity premiums to the amount of \$4,003 were also received.

During the year, as in previous years, a or 190 per cent, of the new business of the company was on its investment plans, showing that investment insurance still holds favor in company so, with other forms of investment—on which interest cornings are depreciating steadity. The feature of profit accumulations for a term of years is indicated by the large increasing prosperity of the country has extended its influence to life insurance, as indicated by the large increase in the premium increase over previous years, and the addition of \$194.377.

as indicated by the large increase in the prem um increase and assets of the comp ny.

The gross income of the company shows a gratify ng increase over previous years, and the addition of \$194.377, 39 to the assets he ecially noticeable, the total essets having ris in to \$1,060,660 80, exclusive of guarantee capital. The security for Policyholders, in lading quarantee cap, al, amounted to \$1,669 60 80, and the liabilities for reserves and all outstanding claims, \$946,403.03—showing a surplus of \$723.257 77. Exclusive of uncalled guarantee capital, the surplus to policyholders was \$114.257.77. Assurances for \$106,000, on forty-five lives, because claims through death, of which amount the company was recinsured for \$4.000. Including cash dividents and the death, of which amounts \$21,460 £2, with annuities \$2,572.07, the total payments to policyholders amounted to \$125,454.89. As foreshadowed in last report, the securing of the special act of incorporation from the parliament of Canada has area by increased our investments in the other provinces, much to the advantage of the company. The investments of he company have been carefully managed, and have yielded relating confidently above the allocation of the companies doing turiness in Canada. Expenses have been kept within reasonable limits while due of or thas been made for new business. The chief efficers and agents of the company are entitled to much credit for their able representation of the company's interest. The office staff have also proved faithful in the company's service.

also proved faithful in the company's service.

The accompany ng certificate from the auditors vouches for the correctness of the statements submitted here d vouchers have been examined by them.

JAMES H. BEATTY,

President, DAVID DEXTER. AUDITORS' REPORT. To the President and Directors of the F. deral Life Assurance Company:
Gentlemen: We have made a careful audit of the books of your company for the year ending Dec. 31, 1830, and have certified to heir correctness. The securities have been inspected and compared with the ledger accounts and found to agree therewith.

The securities have been inspected and compared with the least by the accompanying statement. The financial position of your company, as on D.c. 31, is indicated by the accompanying statement. II S. STEPHENS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1899. 410,289 14 Paid to policyholders for death claims, endowments, surrender values and Extenes, taxes, dividends and re insurance premiums.......

181,260 11 ASSETS 31SI DECEMBER, 1899. 491,213 6 Cash in banks and other assets..... \$1,060,660 89

The medical director, Dr. A. Woolverton, presented an interesting report, of which one of the most gratify-The medical director, Dr. A wooderton, presented an interesting report, of which one of the most gratifying features to that cholders and policyholders alike was the item showing the death rate for the year to have been the lowest experienced by the company in the past ten years.

An excellent of portrait of the president, James H. Beatty, by the well-known artist, J. W. L. Forster, was placed on the wall of the board room, as a token of the esteem in which Mr. Beatty is held by the directors and

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the house. "When the Queen came in with the

and I said I was a bad girl, but was sorry, but she said, 'I should have let "I do not understand even yet Ar- sense." you played with Daaken. I can have thur," she said, looking up at him him every day and a Queen must be gravely. "Do you mean that, if you good.' It is no wonder we all love should die, I must live there?" 'Our Wilhelmina.' In the same park "That is the custom," he replied. there were ponds and in the winter we "When the head of the family dies,

The Hague when I was 17. "The old play times were over at | "When I die the Abbey passes to the palace, but I was very, very hap-py to be at home again. It was in the it to you. It is only mine during my winter time, and my cousin, Tom, and life time. If I had a son, it would be I went to skate in the park. We skat- his; as I have not, it will be Vivien's. fondly. ed with our hands crossed, and there It is not mine to will as I like."

"'I can beat him,' I said to Tom, and his wife rode slowly along; and the coming rainy days."

at court, mostly foreign diplomats. | be mistress forever." "After that set we all danced when It must not be.

she feel if Lancewood was to pass away from her into the hands of the girl whose calm superiority angered her. She resolved, when she reached the Abbey, to ask some one to explain this law of succession to her-some themselves. All argument is useone who would not guess her motive, less, you know. Sir Arthur, you can--Colonel Hetley, for instance, who de- not refuse me; let me give a masked

not what you call entailed-it does not pass to a male heir?"

Lady Neslie?" She tried to throw off her gravity,

ed to be consulted by this young and suaded because I had about concluded

"It is of no use asking Vivian; she the war with Great Britain in 1812.

Then she would twine her arms "Would you love me better, dear, if they both essayed some sort of an

She clapped her hands with the glee of a child-such little white hands

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