ENOCH ARDEN INPROVED A Seventy-Four Year Old Man Will Remarry His Wife and Settle Down.

If Enoch Arden had only returned to find his wife unmarried he might have been as happy a man as William J. Cannon-"Bill" Cannon, soldier, scout, pathfinder is today at Kinsas City. Adventures and romances weave around each other like vines from seeds planted in the same hill There are few men in the West who have had more of adventure than "Bill" Cannon, and the romance has not all been squeezed from his lite, even it be has passed the line of threescore and ten. Here is a story that might be told in a volume:

A man 74 years of age applied to Recorder Queal yesterday for a marriage license. What was more he wanted to marry his own wife. He did not get the license for the reason that he had neglected to secure the requisite evidence of the lady's wishes in the matter. He went away promising to be back again today with everything in proper shape, and in that case he will get his license. A wedding ceremony will follow, he says, in short order.

The man who proposes to remarry his own wife at 74 is not a whit less remarkable himself than the project he has in view He is a man that anybody would stop to look at on the street. Hale, hearty, rugged, with snow-white hair, and a face seemed and lined with age, but with a ruddy complexion and an eye that is still as a hawk's; firm of step, an Indian in carriage and composure; a man that has fough' in a hundred bloody battles, and whose sinewy old body is lined with scars till it looks like a map of Texas laid off in countiesthat is Bill Cannon, frontiersman, Indian fighter, Government scout, triend of Kit Carson, James Beckwith, "Wild Bill," James Bowie and the rest of that band of indomitable fighters, who led the vanguard of civilization westward in the '40s and '50s. No man ever had a more romantic story. In the Mexican war he served with distincion, and at its close became a government seout and interpreter, acting as es ort to the long trains of emigrants that stretched away across the plains toward the land of

Cannon's adventures on the plains, in the civic war and later in the mountains of Montanna and Colorado, would require volumes to tell. Finally, he was married and settled down in Kansas city-that was early in the '70s, when Kansas City was a genuine frontier outpost. In 1875 his old restlessness came upon him and he pined for room. He sought it in the Rockies. He left his wife in Kansas City and at first wrote to her occasionally. But Bill Cannon's fingers, nimble enough with the trigger, were all too clumsy with the pen, and the letters became more and more like angel's visits, and then at last ceased coimng altogether.

Mrs. Cannon waited and waited and wondered. Then she thought that Bill was dead, and for a year or so treasured the sorrow of a widow. But after a time rumors came to her that told her she was wrong. Bill Cannon was as much alive as ever; he was only neglecting her. No woman could stand this. Mrs. Cannon burned the remembrance of her husband in her heart, and determined that from that time on he would be dead to her. Some time after this, wishing to dispose of some property, by the advice of her lawyer she secured a divorce on the ground of desertion. That was ten or fitteen years ago. Ever since Mrs. Cannon haa lived alone in Kansas City.

Meantime her restless husband was scouring the West for adventures, hunting, trapping, mining, thinking of everything but wife and home. At last, however, nature cried a halt. She chose rheumatism as an ally, and they accomplished what no man ever did-they made Bill Cannon, ••Old Uncle Bill" now, cry "enough." He was tain to seek the Soldiers' Home at Leavenworth to "rest up" a bit. That was four or five years ago.

A few weeks ago Mrs. Cannon was startled to receive a letter from her recreant spouse. He guessed he'd come home. He said he was alive and well and wanted to be with his wife. She wrote at once to tell him she was his wife no longer, but her woman's heart forgave him, and she acknowledged she was ready to marry him again. He immediately came to Kansas City, arriving yesterday, and he lost no time about getting at the business in hand. If nothing unforeseen occurs, the old warrior will make his wife his bride this afternoon. The old and new couple's meeting yesterday afternoon, after the long years of separation, was a touching one; it was the turning backward of time. Today, if all goes well, they will begin where they left off fifteen years ago, and the time that has passed since then will be reckoned but a day and forgotten.

Divercing the Wrong Man.

A well-known advocate in the Divorce Court in Paris appeared the other day as counsel in a case before a judge who is noted for the expeditious manner in which he disposes of the actions brought before him. In his hurry, the judge unfortunately pronounced a decree divorcing the lawyer instead of the client, having somehow transposed the names; and now all sorts of formalities will have to be gone through before the error can be rectified.

A Postponed Wedding

A curious interruption to a wedding occurred one Saturday in a village not a bundred miles from London. The bride and brid groom had made all their preparations, and were about to start for the church, when a note arrived from the vicar to the effect that the wedding could not take place that day, as he was engaged to join a hunting party.

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The Mazamas of Portland, if they can secure the assistance of any of the university and sci ntific organizations, military signal corps, or at letic and outing clubs along the coast will andeavor to send a heliogr ph message trom Washington to M xico. The Mazamas are a club of mountain climbers at Portland, Ore., and bay selected July 10 m xt as the date for the transmission of the sun flashes. They will begin signalling from Mount Adams, using the Morse system for the purpose. T. Brook White, secretary of the Mazimas, has recently organized classes in land, which have begun the preliminary study and work necessary to the successful manipula ion of the instruments.

If successful, it will be the longest distance a message has ever been transmitted by sun flashes. The Mazamas have invited the government officers and various state military organizations to arrange details Prot. Davidson of the coast and Geodetic Survey, who has had considerable experience in transmitting beliographic messages, was asked last night if he thought the Mazamas' undertaking could be successfully acomplished. He said:

"Prof. S S. Hawkins of Portland, formerly of the University of California. bas written to me to interest me in this matter, and I have been preparing a letter in answer thereto. Of course the subject presented by the Mazamas, or mountain goats, is a very interesting one, and some season it may be accomplished; but there will be much to learn and systematize before they

In the first place, the mountains named by the Mazamas along the crest line of the Cascades and Sierra Nevada are not in all cases intervisible. For example, south of Shasta the line adopted by the Coast and Geodetic Survey is Shasta, Lassen, Butte, Lola, Round Top, Conness, and possibly Whitney; or, by another route, Shasta, Snow Mountain, Mount Helena, Mount Diablo, and possibly Whitney. I am convinced that I have seen Shasta from Diablo, 224 miles, and Whitney, 222 miles. But besides determining beforehand the best lines to follow a full season with well organized parties will be necessary to determine the intervisible line and that freest from clouds. The latter is one of the great drawbacks in the work of the Coast and Geodetic Survey. Where a station could readily be finished in fitteen days, the parties have sometime been fighting for sights through two months and more.

"As to the distance to which these signals may be sent little is known by actual experience outside the Coast and Geodetic Survey, which has used them over a line of 192 miles-Mount Helena to Mount Shasta. and over a 183-mile line to Arizona lately repeated by the Signal Corps of the army. I have seen the heliograph signals 160 miles with the naked eye in rare cases of fine weather. For all the cases of intervisibility I have gotten out a formula determining the size of the mirror for any distance. In example, the line from Diablo to Shasta requires a mirror a little more than eleven inches square to give signals that will be visible in a telescope of three inches objective. With a mirror twenty inches square I expect to see the signal with the naked eye. Moreover, the character of the mirror must be of the very best plate glass and pure silver back surface, with an additional reflector, if the sun is behind the sender.

"There is no part of the United States where this experiment can be so well tried, and tried successfully, as on this seaboard, but it will take time, system and organization to make a sure thing of it. The sooner the Mazames get the matter in line the sooner will the successful season come."

A Strike of Beer Drinkers.

A remarkable strike against an increase in the price of beer has occurred at Bamberbridge, near Preston. The publicans held a meeting, and decided upon an increase in the price of ale retailed for consumption upon the premises. But the extra charge of one halfpenny which has since been levied is fiercely resented by the customers, who refuse to patronize the public-houses again unless ordinary prices | CHARLES A. DANA Editor are reverted to. The affair has occasioned considerable amusement, and the strikers contemplate issuing a notice in the approved trades union fashion, requesting beer drinkers to keep away from Bamber- last, and all the time, forever bridge while the dispute lasts.

Water-Power for Ship. According to some very interesting experiments lately made, we may yet ride the sea in ships without whee! or screw. Powerful pumps are arranged to throw jets high pressure and tremendous force of the jet as it strikes the water of the sea are said to give promise of most effective action as soon as the jets can be made sufficiently torceful. It is the opinion of certain engineering experts that hydraulic propulsion will supercede the screw of some classes of Address THE SUN New York. crafts, and may, in time, prove a formidable rival to existing active power.

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What a Woman Remembered of the Famous

"In my early days I knew a lady who happened to be in Brussels that memorable June," says Mrs. Newton Crossland. She was then newly married, and only three and twenty years or age. So little certain of victory did the English on the spot feel, that her husband insisted on her dressing like a Normandy persant, thinking such

a costume would be a protection. "Vividly have I heard her describe the partings she witnessed at the door of the hotel where she was staying, and the despair of wives who were left behind--wives soon to be widows.

"Very graphically, too, did she describe the next day's events, when women-many of whom, too agitated to change their attire, were still elegantly dressed-made thera way somehow towards the field of battle, returning in the army wagons, supporting the heads of the wounded on their knees, bathing their brows, and binding up their wounds, white a steady rain poured down on the faces begrimed by powder which yet allowed their pallor to be seen.

"I once met at a dinner party the widow of an officer-I forget the name-who fought at Waterloo, and the lady narrated her experience of the 'afterbattle' scene. For some reason she had to cross the field of Waterloo while it was still strewn with the dead, and for this purpose she was blindfolded and placed on horseback, the

steed being led by a trooper.
"She held a handkerchief to her nose steeped, I think she said, with vinegarand not until she had reached an acclivity nearly a mile from the scene of carnage was the bandage removed from her eyes. Then she looked back. The field of Waterloo appeared like a field of tombclothing, and shone white in the sunshine (3) like stones. The camp-tollowing ghouls

Playing or Praying.

A raid was recently effected on a novel kind of gambling den in the Calle Mayor, Madrid. When the police entered the place they discovered a small chapel or oratory; a gentleman was standing at the altar, preaching a sermon, whilst the rest of the company were kneeling and praying. The police were, however, not to be baffled in this way; they made a thorough search of the premises, and found that by pressing a lever the chapel could be transfromed into a gambling saloon and vice-versa in an incredibly short space of time. The gamesters were recuited from the cream of Madris society, and interesting particulars are likely to come out at the trial.

Parisian Cooking Parties.

The latest excitement in Paris society is the pursuit of cooking as an accomplishment, cooking soirees being far from unusual. At a recent reception at the mansion of a princess, a refreshment bar was fitted up in the drawing room, at which the guests were supplied, with warm dishes, broiled, roasted, and stewed on elegaut cooking-stoves by very aristocratic young women. The men, it is said, could not eat enough, in their anxiety to show their appreciation of the novel institution and its charming promoters.

Learning the Business.

A Spanish millionaire is at present employed as a common workman in a Berlin soap manufactory. He is the proprietor of the largest establishment of the kind in Madrid. His present object is to ascertain the difference between the German and the French methods of soap production, as he is not satisfied with the French process adopted at his own works. The man does not speak a word of German, and always keeps an intrepreter at his elbow.

By a Shorter Route.

Time seems to be the most expensive of luxuries. All the world is trying either to save as much of it as possible or to kilı as much of it as they can. They have determined to save more in Germany, where there was recently finished and opened another canal, so the vessels can get more quickly from Kiel, or Kiel Bay, to Brunsbuttel, on the Elbe. Hitherto ships have had to make the circuit of Denmark, a dangerous voyage, in which some 200 ships were lost annually.

Not one of the "400,"

The Duke of York is generally considered to be the least particular about his dress of any of the members of the Royal Family. He revels in the comfortable "bowler" hat and equally cosy short jacket whilst one of his best friends is the same brier pipe from which he used to get an occasional whiff when a middy. It is religiously preserved, together with the old pouch out of which His Royal Highness probably got his first pipe of tobacco.

Gold in the Sea.

Professor Lobley believes that all the gold now found in the rocks and sand was deposited there from solution in sea water. In support of this theory it is said that sea water contains less than a grain of gold por ton-according to which estimate the sea contains five million times more gold than has ever heen extracted from the

An American's Distinction.

An ex-member of Congress, who has just died in New York, claimed the distinction of being the only American who ever danced with Queen Victoria, having done so many years ago when he acted as secretary to Mr. Stevenson, when United States minister at the Court of St. James.

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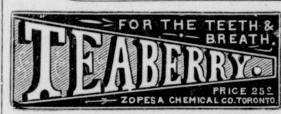
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