

Then Foster shadowed Conway at every opportunity. He managed to chum up with a man in Conway's office, and from him obtained many useful hints given in a perfectly innocent manner in the course of con-"Who's Who," and probed into his everyday life in a manner that would have done

expected to find it useful.

without success

credit to a detective. At length he decided to test himself. He made up the image of Conway, and de-parted west. He knew that Baker, the man in Conway's office whom he had chummed up with, always went for a walk along the Embankment after lunch, and he timed lumself to meet his acquaintance.

Presently Baker strolled along, and then his glance rested on, as he thought, his chief advancing towards him. Immediately he straightened up and slightly raised his hat as Dick Foster passed

t as Dick Foster passed him by. "That's satisfactory, at any rate," Foster attered. "Will it stand to-morrow's test, muttered or shall I spend the next few months in gaol--it's one or the other."

gaol--it's one or the other." At ten o'clock on the following morning he was in Hyde Park in time to see his "double" on his way to the office. Imme-diately Dick, looking the image of Conway, walked quickly towards the latter's house. Three times he raised his hat to early rising

"By Jove !" he muttered uneasily. "Sup posing anybody wants to talk to me. shall have to be in a deuce of a hurry." But nobody stopped him, and presently he walked calmly up to the front door of Mr. Conway's house, which, as he anticipated, was open. A footman bowed obsequiously.

"Er-has a note come for me s left?" Dick Foster asked in steady for 'me since despite the fact that his heart was beating at such a furious rate that he could hear

pid thump, thump, thump. sir, no note has been delivered, sir.' rapid "All right, thanks. It doesn't matter much

He turned and walked down the steps,

to attempt the game again." "How do you know? Perhaps he's at

ome now; perhaps my wife- Oh, good

A second later Lord Millverton was alone. He lay back in his cherry tor of gymnasia in India. lay back in his chair and laughed. Conway," he murmured,

taken it badly." He would not have laughed had he seen poor old Conway" jump into a taxi-cab,

after saying: "'Morning Trumpet' office, Fleet Street. Drive like the deuce." Inside the cab Dick Foster pulled a flask

rora his pocket and drank.

"That's better," he muttered with a sigh relief. "I believe I should have fainted if I hadn't had it. I'm glad it struck me he couldn't have seen my hand this morning until I proposed to go." He pulled his right glove off and released

an aching little finger that had been doubled up on to the palm.

we'll have it out, and settle once for all who really is cock of this ship." So up on deck walked the big bully, practically a full-grown man, and the little middy, and set Next morning as Lord Millverton was about to open the "Times," Mr. Conway was to. Those who witnessed the fight declare they never saw a better one in their lives, but the corporal was no more cock of the walk on the Marlborough. nnounced.

"Er-morning, Millverton. T want to lear up a mystery. I'm told that I was triving with you in a taxi-cab yesterday." driving "My dear chap, I explained that to you last night," cried Lord Millverton. "Last night!" repeated Mr. Conway in

bewilderment. "Why, my wife and I at the opera."

"You-were-at-the-opera?" gasped the Foreign Secretary, his face suddenly very

red. "Certainly I was." "The papers! The papers!" Lord Mill-verton began to turn the morning papers over, casting aside the penny ones as being out of the question, and then his gaze fell on the "Morning Trumpet's" huge headlines :-

THE TRUTH ABOUT AFGHANISTAN.

LORD MILLVERTON EXPLAINS TO THE wondering vaguely whether the footman would jump after him or shout for the police. But neither of these events took the Romanoffs-the MORNING TRUMPET. elated. SPLENDID BRITISH ENTERPRISE.

the earldom in 1910, he married the same year, and his next heir is at present his uncle, the Hon. Arthur Dalzell, once inspec-NEARLY FROZEN TO DEATH.

OLD BAILEY STORY OF HEROISM.

A characteristic incident of Lord Charles Beresford is related concerning his early career in the Navy. Many years ago, when he was a middy in the Marlborough, there "He is as great a hero as any man in this "He is as great a nero as any man in the country. He has done things quite equal to anything that Captain Scott did," said an old man named May, giving evidence at the Old Bailey, on behalf of John Dicks, was a ship's corporal—a big bullying fellow —whose duty it was to waken the little --whose duty it was to waken the little middies every morning. On one occasion he did this so roughly as to completely over-turn young Beresford's hammock and to up-set him. The boy sprang to his feet. "Now look here," he said, "you're a big chap, and you can box a bit, and so you think you're cock of the walk in this ship. Very well, you come up on deck-no one's about-and we'll have it out, and settle one for all who twenty-three, a typist. Dicks pleaded not guilty to causing grievous bodily harm to Robert Augustus Phillips with intent to murder him. According to the prosecution, he went to St. Katherine's School, Regent's Park, where he was once a pupil, and made an unpro-voked attack upon Mr. Phillips, the butler,

with a sash-weight. Prisoner said in evidence that some Vears ago he was sent to a reformatory, and after wards found that he was spurned by his friends. He tried to lead a straight life, and emigrated to Canada. After he had been there a year he had the misfortune to get lost in a blizzard, with the result that he lost both his feet and his right thumb. When he returned to this country the con always interesting, and Sir Arthur Pinero's are perhaps unique, for he works backwards —that is, he starts with his final scene and curtain, and then works back to the openditions were worse than when he left the did not think he was in his right senses when he committed the assault on Mr.

Phillips. Mr. May then told the Court what he knew of the accused. "He was the only one," said witness, "out of a whole gang of "He was the only men who volunteered to go 128 miles to get the mails. He was quite by himself, with-out any axe or matches to make a fire with. He had got some distance through the ice-water along the lake when he fell exhausted.

with the caricaturists. Originally a "gene-ral utility" actor on a salary of £1 a week, he scored his first big success as a play-wright with "The Magistrate." He was nearly frozen to death. Some Indians carried him four miles to the missionary camp and the missionary resusci-tated him. Then began an 80-mile journey on a sledge to Winnipeg, and there he lost During their 300 years' rule of Russia

ears' penal servitude. Vigers, it was stated, traded as the We the famous Castlereagh room in Dublin dining-room on the ground floor, which is lined with white carved wood panelling. niuster Patent Flooring Company. On May 2 two policemen heard a noise on the premis and they saw a man leave about midnight in Lady Londonderry's boudoir is done in green (her favourite colour), and is filled suspicious manner. They chased and caug tim. Apparently he was an old man with with art treasures, personal beard, but in the struggle the beard came off. knick-knacks An alarm of fire in the meantime had be raised, and it was discovered that the We and a wealth of flowers minster Flooring Company's works were a fire from end to end. In respect to the fire th Queen Alexandra has a taste for old Sun Fire Office had paid Vigers £1,763. Befa the present fire there had been three simil

world flowers, and these are cultivated in a special garden in Sandringham in the form of a horse-shoe. Pansies are a feature of this particular spot. Her Majesty is said utbreaks at premises belonging to Vigers. In addition to disguising himself with beard, said Mr. Bodkin, who prosecuted, to prefer Hermosa to all other roses, a charming free-flowering variety, with very large and exquisite pink-hued blooms. The late King Edward had some twenty thou-sand plants of this delightful Royal rose placed on the terraced slopes of Windsor.

Lady St. Audries is one of Lady Ventry's eautiful daughters. She is a sister of the Marchioness Conyngham and the Dowager Marchioness of Linlithgow. Mrs. Gretton, another sister, is well known in the hunting field as a skilful and daring rider. Lady Vonter, barolic men considered and the Ventry herself was considered one of the most beautiful women in Society during the early sixties, and was a daughter of Mr. Wauchope, of Niddrie

The Duchess of Cumberland is a most accomplished musician, and as warm an en-thusiast for Wagner as Queen Alexandra thusiast for Wagner as Queen Alexandra herself. When the two sisters do meet, they amuse themselves by playing Beet-hoven's and Mozart's and other old-time symphonies as duets on two planos all the morning long.

When recalling early days, the Duchess will tell of the happy Sundays and fête days that she and her sisters spent at Bernstorff, and how, dressed in their best, they would stand by their mother's side on the iron balconies before the drawing-rooms windows of the palace, kissing their hands and waving to the people below. She and her sister Marie were voted dear little girls, but "Alix" was voted the beauty even with her hair of bright yellow, the then. the com plexion of some delicate shell, and eyes that had the colour of the sea in them. Another recollection of the Duchess is that of going from Gule to Bernstorff on her father's yacht, the Daneborg. After sailing from the Sound, the party landed at Klampenborg, where an old-world coach was waiting to convey them to Bernstorff-that castle in a wood surrounded by miles of deer forest. Here in the gardens Queen Louisa of Denmark and her children spent long days, and the roses, mignonette, and geraniums that grew so luxuriantly in their beds were planted by their own hands.

had occupied for a long time. pever so far been fortunate in his endeavoured to shift the responsibility of fire by placing a copy of the "Suffragette" entative, and had suffered through ing an agent on the spot absolutely his interests. Charlton then wa rominent position in the premises. For the defence it was stated that Vigers h man at the right moment; and he his work well. The satisfaction wh been ill and was highly nervous. He was to have been his in contemplating profits he had bought house property wor is journey was strangely

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THE ORIGIN OF NAUGHTINESS.

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An intimate social observer reports from Tokio to a London journal that under the Japanese theory naughtiness in children is a direct and inevitable product of a disordered stomach

Bad children, therefore, in well-regulated households, instead of being reprimanded and punished, are put to bed and given massage treatment in the region immedately over the abdomen. The idea is not wholly new. There was

time in this country, prior to the day of the "new childhood," when massage we successfully practised in the regulation of obstreperous children.

memory serves however this treatmen If was not applied to the abdomen-in fact her the reverse.

police. But neither of these event place, and Dick walked away highly

'Now for his lordship," he muttered. There was a Cabinet meeting that m There was a Cabinet meeting that morn-ing at which Lord Millverton would be pre-Dick reckoned it would last about two hours, but it was nearer three before walked by Downing Street for about the fifth time and was rewarded by seeing seve ral cabs outside No. 11.

Mustering up all his nerve, he retraced his steps and watched the cabs coming out of Downing Street. Ah! there was Lord Millverton in a taxi-cab. The moment had come—had he the pluck to go through with it? Yes, for it was the chance, though

a desperate one, of a lifetime. He suddenly raised his umbrella. "Er-Millverton!" he called. "Er-Millverton !" he called. He had Conway's rather harsh tones hit off to a "Er." Conway began most sentences with

The chauffeur, seeing an immaculately clad gentleman thus familiarly addressing his fare, at once drew up at the kerb.

"Hullo, Conway, where are you going?" Lord Millverton asked. "With you, if you're going west."

"Good ! I'm going home. Where shall drop you?" "Onslow Gardens."

Lord Millverton produced a large scale map of Afghanistan from his pocket, and, spreading it on his knees, began to study it itently. Then Lord Millverton did exactly tently. Then Lord Millverton at Dick hoped he would do.

There it is," he said, taking a piece of 11 from his pocket and lightly tracing a ..."By the end of the week it will be British property. We have come out of it excellently; I really thought at one time that we should have to fight, as you know." "Er-yes, it seemed highly probable," re-plied Dick.

Lord Millverton went on to refer in detai to the agreement with the Ameer, and told Dick a great deal that would be news to the public

Dick Foster was glad the cab was drawing near to Onslow Gardens. He extended his hand, and then withdrew

saw an odd expression on Lord

Millverton's face. "My dear sir." remarked the Foreign Secretary, "you have amused me considerably during the drive, but I see no reason now why I should not hand you over to the police

"Y-y-you know?" gasped Dick.

"Surely you do not think you had deluded et" inquired Lord Millverton. "Now, which is it, the Press or a bet?" "The Press," muttered Dick in dejected

tones. "I thought so. You make an excellent study of my friend, Mr. Conway, but you failed to observe that the little finger on his right hand is missing."

"The dickens!" gasped Dick. "I had several schemes for punishing you, but the cruellest I'll save you from. I was going to let you go away with a rubbishy going to let you go away with a rubbishy story which you would put in your paper, and in two days you would be the laughingstock of the newspaper world.'

The car was stopped by a traffic block at this moment, and a desperate idea came to Dick

"They'll be into us!" shouted Dick, point ing to the window beside the Foreign Secre-

That gentleman turned and stared. In second Dick opened the door beside him and sprang out into the traffic which was just on the move.

"Sorry I can't stop, old boy," he cried, and dived under a horse's head, gained the pavement, and vanished down a side street. In the time Lord Millverton's taxi-cab was allowed to stop no trace of the bogus Mr. Conway was to be found.

's a smart chap," murmured Lord Millverton as the taxi-cab ran on. "Ry

Then followed a statement that the "Trumpet" man had been accorded two interviews with the Foreign Secretary, and full details were given of the agreement. There was also a map showing the area in question. Appended to it were these words: "The boundary line was graciously marked on our map by Lord Millverton

himself." It was the last straw.

"Why isn't that chap a Minister?" the Foreign Secretary muttered weakly. Then he commenced to put his visitor through a

catechism, and, having satisfied himself that e really was Conway, he began explana-

Dick Foster is on the high road to suc-

Dick Foster is on the high road to suc-cess now. The daring "coup" made -him. "Any intelligent man might have thought of the first interview," his editor said, "but only a genius would have thought of the second, and only one genius in a thousand would have had the pluck to carry it thereaft." through.

THE PASSING OF THE PIGTAIL.

One of the acts of the Republic in China has been to pass an edict allowing China-men to cut off their pigtails, and adopt European methods of dressing their hair. If tradition speaks truly, the "queue" has been a feature of Chinese fashion for some

wo and a half centuries. Previous to this, the Chinese wore their hair in the same style Western folk, but when, in the war with Tartary, the Chinese got the worst of it, and Tartar emperor came to the throne, th conquerer resolved to humble the pride of the conquered by making them "dress their hair" in the same manner as he himself did hair " shave it all off, except for a single -viz., tuft on the crown. As time went by, the unpleasant way in which the fashion had een set was no more remembered; and the aim of the Chinese dandy was to coax his single tuft to grow into as long, and thick

black and glossy a tail as might be. The working-class Chinaman had to make it a practice to twist up his "tail" in a knot while following his occupation, to keep it from getting in the way; but the rules of respect demanded that he should always le Ne t down when speaking to his superior. Christian convert, we are told, would dream of entering a church with his pigtail twisted

Canon Ernest Morell Blackie, rector of St.

Paul's, Edinburgh, and hon, canon of St. Mary's Cathedral. Edinburgh, has obeen apvicar of Windsor, in succession to Rev. J. H. Ellison, the new rector of St. Michael's, Cornhill. President Wilson has appointed Dr. Henry andyke as United States Minister to the

vetherlands and Luxemburg, and Mr. Oscar s Minister to Bolivia. A rhubarb stick reaching the great height of 8ft, 9in, and measuring 10in. round the stalk has been grown by a gardener named Boughton, of Waltham, near Canterbury.

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been assigned a stated income. The on a sledge Czars have always been allowed to take what they like from the Imperial Treasury. At present the Civil List for the whole of the mperial family stands at £1,600,000 a year but this figure, having been fixed by the Czar himself, could be increased if he so de-Czar himself, could be increased if he so de-sired without any formalities. He has, siterian properties alone bringing in annual revenue of £1,500,000. his an

The methods of famous dramstists

ing. Sir Arthur has ever shunned personal

publicity, and resolutely refuses to be inter-viewed-at least, about himself. Neverthe-

ess, he has had much publicity thrust upon

features make him a favourite subject

him, for his prominent eyebrows and strik-

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An amusing story which shows the value of the passport system comes from Russia. Prince Metchersky, who is a journalist by profession, was commissioned by the Czar to nvestigate certain agrarian troubles. Prince went to Roumania and there ob-tained one of the permits necessary for taking livestock across the frontier. Then he went to a Russian frontier post and pre-sented the document to the official as his warrant to pass. The official could read but little in Russian, and knew no Rouma-nian, but the big document, with coat of arms and seal, greatly impressed him, and he cheerfully put the Russian official stamp on it. His investigations ended, the Prince went back to Moscow, and at the first opportunity presented the passport to the governor, saying: "With this document I entered Russia, and travelled about for five nonths, yet you must admit that the scription of me is scarcely correct or flattering. The amazed governor read that the Prince was "one black sow, full grown, with

one ear partly torn away."

The Earl of Mexborough is a Buddhist by belief. He has travelled much, written books and pamphlets which include translations from the classics, and is a prime authority on Italian literature. He has been married twice, and the present Lady Mexborough is by birth an Italian. Lord Mexborough's chief amusements are reading and gardening, and his large income is mostly derived from coal-mining properties in Yorkshire. Methley Park, the family place, is a fine house, but too near the smoke of Leeds, and Lord and Lady Mexborough spend most of their time either abroad, in London, or at Cannizaro on Wimbledon Common.

Lord Chesham, who is only nineteen

draws an immense income from ground rents in Piccadilly. His estate includes the free-hold on which is built Burlington House, the home of the Royal Academy. This was once the residence of an ancestor of his, a son of the fourth Duke of Devonshire, who became Earl of Burlington and Lord Caven-dish in 1831. Young Lord Chesham suc-ceeded his father in 1907, and his mother (who re-married and became Lady Beatrice Moncrieffe) died in 1911. He is a cousin of the Duke of Westminster. The family house at Chesham, in Buckinghamshire, is noted for its fine inlaid tables, on one of which stands an immense Dutch family Bible—a relic brought back from the war by the late Lord Chesham. Near the house in the park is a Roman villa which dates from the

s a round century. Mr. Joseph Choate, President of the American Pilgrims, was at one time, of course, American Ambassador in this coun-try. He says he was amused at the rules in try. He says he was amused at the rules in certain London clubs, and he tells a story of four London clubmen who were caught by the veteran waiter gambling in the club, a serious offence against the rules. "We are only having a quiet game, Joseph," pro-tested one of the offenders. "You know the rule, sir," replied the waiter. "But, after all," remarked one of the others. "I don't suppose this is the first time you have seen the rules of the club broken." "Sir," said Joseph, "I have been in the club for twenty-seven years, and I have seen every rule seven years, and I have seen every rule broken except the rule against tipping the

both his legs. He has made a great effort, poor fellow, but just as he was on the point of getting something this dreadful thing hannened." Witness was overcome with emotion in making the statement, tears rolling down

his cheeks. Dicks was found guilty of committing rievous bodily harm, the jury adding that e was insane at the time. Mr. Justice Darling ordered him to be

detained until his Majesty's pleasure should be known, and said he would forward a re-port to the Home Secretary.

THE KING AND METHODISM.

A portrait of King George, presented by A portrait of King George, presented by Sir Robert and Lady Perks, was unveiled at the Central Hall, Westminster, in the presence of a notable gathering. The Rev. Marshall Hartley, who presided, said it was one of the ambitions

the trustees gradually to build up a portrait gallery of illustrious people in Methodism and the State. In presenting the picture to the trustees, Sir Robert Perks said he thought this was the first time in the history of the Metho-dist Church that the portrait of any reign-

ing monarch had been presented and anybody in one of the public buildings of Methodism. The Rev. F. L. Wiseman, President

the Conference, expressed appreciation of the gracious act of the King in sitting for the portrait. Speaking of loyalty, he said there was at one time a charge against Methodists of want of loyalty. This was taken into the law courts and blown into thin air as soon as over it was investigated thin air as soon as ever it was investigated. The portrait, which was painted Malcolm Stewart, shows his Majesty uniform of an Admiral of the Fleet

CAUTERISED BY CIGARETTE.

A remarkable snake story comes from Pontypool, Monmouthshire. As Mr. A. J. Burgoyne, a contractor, of

Pontypool-road, was mowing a hayfield he noticed something which "appeared to be a tennis ball." When the mowing machine assed, however, the object uncurled and

disclosed itself as a snake. Probably angered by some injury, the snake darted at Mr. Burgoyne's legs and punctured the skin. Mr. Burgoyne at once made a tourniquet round the limb, and, lighting a cigarette, coolly proceeded to cauterise the tiny wound with the red-hot end.

This emergency method of treating snakestates is well known in countries where snakes are very poisonous. In Africa, for in-stance, the red-hot glow of a pipeful of Boer tobacco applied to a leg, after a piece of flesh around the fang puncture has been hurriedly removed by a pocket-knife, has often proved efficacious.

Towards the completion of the Applied Science Department of the University of Sheffield an appeal for £40,000 is shortly to be

made. With pork as a bait, an angler in the Newbury Borough free waters caught two finely marked trout, one 5lb. 13oz. and the other

In order to show their sympathy at the death of the firemen in the Kensington sewer catastrophe the Gas Light and Coke Company have agreed to contribute £105 to the Fire Brigade Widows and Orphans' the

Fund While being driven along the road at Gosforth (Newcastle) half a dozen sheep bolted into a chemist's shop and butted the mirrors and

Lady Arthur Grosvenor is fond of touring the country with her caravans. This she does under the cognomen of "Syera Lee, licensed hawker, Broxton," which appears on a shining brass plate. Her caravans are marvels of comfort, considering the avail-able space, every inch of which is cleverly utilised. Lady Arthur uses horses, though everal wealthy "caravanners" are showing preference for motors for haulage.

Princess Mary, the golden-haired daugher of a long line of sea kings, is just over ixteen years of age. Although the only girl in a large family of boys, the Princess has ot been at all spoilt in her upbringing. Her mother believes in home training, and all the Princess's tuition has been under our Queen's own supervision. A splendid horse-woman, Princess Mary has another ambition-to be allowed to drive a motor-car. She once asked the late King Edward to allow her to drive one of his cars in Wind-sor Forest. "Certainly," was the smiling reply of the late King; "only you must wait a bit until we have time to clear the wait a bit until we have time to clear the trees away." It is a well known fact that King Edward would not have a tree touched. Princess Mary was the first Royalty to open an account at the Post Office Savings Bank, which she did on her tenth birthday.

Queen Mary does not approve of smoking ladies, and none of the ladies in the Royal entourage smoke in the presence her Majesty. On one occasion, when well-cess of Wales, she was dining with a wellknown American hostess, and after dinner the Royal assent was obtained to the ladies present smoking. During all the time the smoking proceeded, however, the Queen remained standing, and necessarily every other lady in the room had to remain stand ing also. Then it dawned upou the hostess what was the cause of her Royal Highness's attitude, and in a few minutes she quietly passed word round to the ludies present that they should throw their cigarettes away. This they did very quickly, for they also had guessed why they had been kept standing in this way. No lady has ever smoked in the Queen's presence since.

Although Prince Olaf of Norway is ceu little motorist, he is to cultivate orsemanship as well. His mother, Queen Maud, has presented him with a Kerry pony. This kind of pony is popular at all Courts of Europe for the children, and the little Princes of Spain and the Imperial

children of Russia have all ridden them.

Lady Weldon, wife of Sir Anthony don, State Steward and Chamberlain to the Lord Lieutenant, is a popular leader of She is interested Irish society. work, and is a member of the Athy Board of Guardians and District Council, to which position she was co-opted unanimously.

During her yoyage from St. Vincent Cape Verde, to Glasgow, the crew of the Shields whaler Sound of Jura were stricken the Newcastle steamer Uskmoor in mid ocean in a helpless state and towed to St. Vincent. Four of the crew were dead and the rest ill. It is stated that nine detectives watched

the house to which the Suffragette, Miss May Dennis (said to be Miss Lilian Lenton) lowing a hunger-strike, but she walked out dressed as a parcel van boy and was driver away.



A BRILLIANT MADMAN.

In the lunatic asylum at Nantes is an terate inmate who has been discover the chief doctor to be a remarkable ning calculator." Asked what would age of a person who had lived a milliar econds, he took only 48 seconds correctly. In 23 seconds he supplied correctly. In 25 seconds we supplied correct answer to the question, what we be the age of a person who had lived million seconds. He required only 32 sec-to find out how many seconds there we a 39 years 3 months 12 hours. Having told the square mileage of the gloke, i asked how many hectares that repres and gave the correct reply in four Asked how many seconds there are Asked how many seconds there are in years, he replied in fourteen seconds, explained that his calculations had invo our multiplications and one addition mental arithmetic.

FIRE-FIGHTING TOBY.

The Surbiton Fire Brigade have dog. Toby, who has been thoroughly in every branch of firemen's work an alarm of fire is given Toby turns once, and as soon as the engine is ready he climbs the ladder and takes

seat by the side of the firemen. He will run up an escape when placed the side of the house and go in by the will dow to see what he can find. When a junij ing-sheet is held out below Toby kno once that he is to jump into it. been trained how to put out fire newspapers are set alight Toby He l fire. Toby will tinguish the flames with his mouth and paws. He jumps into tanks of water also rescue articles lying at the bottom. There

Far East, a large number of British steamer have been bought by Japanese firms during the

On the application of Lord Alfred Dougla in the Court of Appeal the appeal entered in the action he unsuccessfully brought against Mr. Arthur Ransome was dismissed. It was stated that Lord Alfred was not in a positical to comply with an order for security for costs.

is no other example on record of similar canine fire-fighting accomplishments.

consequence of prosperous trade in the past few months, and negotiations for other-are in progress. The sales include three P. and

"I have had a very busy tunner resurced quite long." "I do not go by the boat traisaid doubtfully. "Why, no; tell them to bring the hotel. We slept there last think Mr. Currie will not retur antil to-morrow. Perhaps not e you know, we have got quite set ham, and we came from there y "Mr. Currie wrote to me. of "Mr. Currie wrote to me, i the had bought the place, but Park-square house been given "Oh, dear, no; we are goin for the winter. You will love it is the most beautiful place England, and we are in the Mardy's control of the taking a

"giand, and we are in the of lardy's country. I am taking a c a consequence. But you have ac how you are, after all your ordnous labours." Charlton only paused to give ions to the man handling his hea turned to walk by her side.

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of Katherine Wrede, with a stran of pleasure and pain. Neverthel pression remained. He was astoni magnitude of the crowd, and wor dismally how long it would be befor train whould get away. He travelled with very few em-indeed it would be possible for him walk with all his belongings in his there were mountains and stacks in the hold, many rich women par-by the very name of war were has to England, and appeared to have they possessed in the way of person goods with them. Charlton, unencumbered as he w

Charlton, while to leave of the earliest to leave stepped from the gangway, his and the hand gripping his heavy distinctly trembled. For his even Katherine Wrede. Spa

distinctly treashed. For his even face of Katherine Wrede. Size a alone, an immense thrill shot th and his heart best. What could For what reason should she take

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She was looking well and it in a long, close-fitting coat of small coquettiah felt hat with a Her speaking eyes were aglew she welcomed him back to Eng felt really glad he had come. "Of course, you are surprise here alone? Uncle Archibaid is The gout is had this morning, of the character of the working.

of the character of the weather would be safer indoors. Oh,

Yes, and spirits, they have been at the prospect of your return idea how he has missed you."

Chariton smiled, and strained tension of his feature

"And you, I hope, are quite with a glance at her glowing

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Yes, don't I look it? I We have had a very busy sum

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am quite well, thank you You look well, but like strenuous life. I have hie how hard you have w narvellous results you have a o enthusiastic about it, you That is why we are here. that we have come to meet y. A little shyness seemed to clear voice as she spoke the once more Charlton permi

Nok at her face. "You can imagine what it fore I saw you I was contin before I saw you I was conten great impatience, I must confi-able length of time such a we would take to be satisfied." "Uncle Archie thought you and he said we owed it to you duetly. "Well, do tell me Did you see anything of it?" He shook his head. "I pre-than fifty miles from the from aftermath has come over with y explains the size of the crowd, Her eyes grew large and compassion.

You mean that there are

"Yes, about two hundred, the Modder River. What a about it here in England?" "The interest is getting ker I believe that people are begin that it may in the long run p