

said she, when you began to make it impossible."

I took advantage of this to extri-cate myself from the awkward po-sition in which she had put me—i took my hand from her shoulder. "I am going to leave," she an-

"You torgot tast you are my wis, said I.
"I am not your wife," was her answer, and if she had not looked so childlike, there in the moonlight all in white, I could not have held myself in check, so insolent was the tone and so helpiess of ever being able to win her did she make me feel.
"You are my wife and you will stay here with me," I reiterated, my brain on fee.

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"I am you and I shall go where "I please, and do what I please," was please, and do what I please," was please, and do what I please," was please how utterly unsuited we are! I don't ask you to be a gentleman—but just a man, and be ashamed even to wish to detain a woman against her will."

I drew up a chair so close to her that to retreat, she was forced to sit in the broad window-seat. Then I seated myself. "By all means, let us be reasonable," said I. "Now, let me explain my position. I have heard you and your friends discussing the wilews of marriage you've just been expressing. Their views may be right, maybe more civilized, more 'advanced' than mine. No matter. They are not mine. I hold by the old standards—and you are my wife—mine. Do you understand? All this as tranquilly as if we were discussing fair weather. "And you will tive up to the obligation which the marriage service has put upon you." She might have been a marble status possessing to you could have protested to the preacher and he would have sained you. Nou tactify union! I have protested to the preacher and he would have a stained you. Nou tactify marry a dawdling dude chattering, 'advanced ideas' with his head full of libertinism. You married a mea. And that man is your husband." I waited, but she made no comment. "How is the preacher of more.

"You say let us be reasonable," I went on. "Well, let us be reasonable," I went on."

She simply sat, her hands interlaced in her lap, her eyes straight upon mine.
"You say let us be reasonable." I went on. "Well, let us be reasonable. There may come a time when woman, can be free and independent, but that time is a long way off yet. The world is organized on the balsis of every woman's having a protector-of every decent woman's having a husband, uless she remains in the home of some of her blood-relations. There may be women strong enough to set the world at dedance. But you are not one of them—and you know it. You have shown it to yourself sgalland again in the North of the world at dedance. It you are not one of them—and you know it. You have shown it to yourself sgalland again in with the yourself legal and again in mit to yourself sgalland and spain in the high of the service of the world and select the world at the service of t world is organized on the baists of every women's having a protector—
of every decent woman's having a having a husband, unless she remains in the home of some of her blood-relations. There may be women strong enough to set the world at defiance. But you are not one of them—and you know it. You have shown it to yourself again is real knowledge of real life, as additinguished from life in that fash-loadie hothouse. If you tried to assert your so-called independence, you would be the easy pray of a second would a woman like you have?

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"Reasonable — from your stand principle and point," she said.

She gazed out into the moonlight, up into the sky. And at the look in her face, the primeral savage in me transcion—to explore it from attic throught land given over my control of them, but somehow I must transcion—to explore it from attic throught land given over my control of them, but somehow I must transcion—to explore it from attic to underneath the collar flooring. Well

she gared at me without flinching.
"And I suppose," she said radircially, "you wonder why I—why you are repellent to me. Harest 'you learned that, though it may have been made in to a moral coward, irm not a physical to a moral companied to a moral to a mor

THE WEAK STRAND.

No sane creature, not even a sane buildog, will fight simply from love of fighting. When a man is attacked, he may be sure he has excited either fear or cupfidity, or both. As far as I could see, it was absurd that cupfidity was inciting Langdon and Roebuck against me. I hadn't enough to

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"I have asked Alva to stop with me here for a few days," she said formally,
"Alval" said I, much surprised. She had not asked one of her own friends; she had asked a girl she had met less than two days before, and that girl my partner's daughter, "She was here yesterday morning." Anita explained. And I now wondered how much Alva there was in Alva Market and the state of the said of the s

And I nodded carelessly and friend-illy to her, and went away, enjoying the pleasure of having startled her into visible astonishment. "There's a better game than ley hostility, you very young, young lady," said I to myself, "and that game is friendly indifference."

Alva would be with her. So she was secure for the present and my mind was free for "finance."

At that time the two most powerful men in finance were Galloway and Roebuck in Spain I none saw a fight between a ball and a tiger—or,

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THAT SIENDER WITE THROAT AND CREEN AND CRUENT CONCLUSE ROUND conclude that I must possess a strength of which I was unaware, and which stirred even Roebuck's fears But what could it be?

Besides Langton and Roebuck and me there were six principals in the proposed Coal combine, three of them richer and more influential in finance than even Langdon, all of them except possibly Dykeman, the lawyer, or navigating effect of the combine, more formidable figures than I. yet and quivered and giared murderously, more formidable figures than I. yet and quivered and giared murderously, more formidable figures than I. yet and quivered and giared murderously, more formidable figures than I. yet and quivered and giared murderously, more formidable figures than I. Yet and quivered and giared murderously, more formidable figures than I. Take the tight of the did the tight of the proposed Coal was an and the coal of the cage. The built yield and quivered and giared murderously, more formidable figures than I. Yet and the tight of the cage. The built open than the coal of the cage. The built open than the coal of the cage is the cage to the cage. The built open the cape the cape the cape that the cape the cape that the cape that the cape that the cape the cape the cape that the cape that the cape that the cape the cape that the cape the cape that the cape

rush, neither de the tiger spring. That was the Roebuck-Galloway sit untion.

How to bait Tiger Galloway to attack Buil Roebuck—that was the problem I must solve, and solve straightway. If I could bring about war between the giants, spreading confusion over the whole field of finance and filling all and the street of the s

applitting the coal, despite Roebuck's carnest assurances to Galloway that the coupline was purely defensive, and was really concerned only with the labor queetion, Galloway, a great manufacturer, or, rather, a huge levier of the taxes of dividends and interest upon manufacturing enterprises, could not but be uneasy.

Before I rose that morning I had a tentative plan for stirring him to settlen. I was elaborating if on the way down town in my electric. It shows how badly Anita was crippling my brain, that not until I was aimost at my office did it occur to me: "That was a tremendous luxury Roebuck indulged his conscience in last night. It isn't like him to forewarn a man, even when he's sure he can't escaps. Though his prayers were hot in his mouth, still, it's strappe he didn't try to fool me. In fact, it's suspicious. In the starting fool me once was fairly before my mind, I have I had let his canting fool me once more. I entered my offices, feeling that the blow had already failer; and I was surprised, but not relieved, when I found everything calm. "Inst.

that the blow had already fallen; and I was surprised, but not relieved, when I found everything calm. "But fall it will within an hour or so—be-fore I can move to avert it," said I to myself. And fall it did. At eleven o'clock,

to myself.

And fall it did. At eleven o'clock, just as I was setting out to make my first move toward heating old Galloway's heels for the war-path, Joe came in with the news: "A general lock-out's declared in the coal regions. The operators have stolen a march on the men who, so they allege, were secretly getting ready to strike. By night yeeling ready to strike. By night overy mine shut down."

Joe knew our coal interests were heavy, but he did not dream his news meant that before the day was over we would be hankrupt and not able to pay fifteen cents on the dollar, Howwer, he knew enough to throw him into a fewer of fright. He watched my calmess with terror. "Coal stocks are dropping like a thermometer in a coid wave," he said, like a fireman at a sleeper in a burning house.

"Naturally," said I, unradified.
"Yes, we must," I admitted. "For "

"Naturally," said I, unruffled, apparently. "What can we do about it!"
"We must do something!" he exclaimed.
"Yes, we must," I admitted. "For instance, we must keep cool, especially when two or three dozen people are watching us. Also, you must attend to your usual routina." "What are you going to do?" he cried. "For God's sake, Matt, doa't keep me in suspense!"
"Go to your desk," I commanded. And he quieted down and went. I hadn't been schooling him in the fired rill for fifteen years in vain.
I went up the street and into the great banking and brokerace house of Galloway and Company. In the fired read banking and brokerace house of the way through the mad he heat of prey way through the mad he heat of prey way through the mad he heat of prey had the street and into the great banking and brokerace house of the company. The street was the street of the street was the street of the street was a small, plain table, in the middle of the room without any article of fursiture in it but his table and his chair. On the table was a small inkstand, perfectly clean, a steel pen equally clean, on the rest attached to it. And that was allmost a letter, not a scrap of paper, not a sign of work or of intention to work. It might have been the desk of a man who had so much to do that his only nope of ecape from being overwhelmed was to despatch and clear away each matter the Instant it was presented to him. Many things could be read from the powerful form, bolt upright is that stiff chair, and from the expincil, masterful old face. But to me the chard-tily out and can have, except and the presence of the presence of the street was a spouth's, though his face was seamed with scars of severent rummit.

est power a man can have, except only courage. And jold James Gallieway had both. He plerced me with his blue eyes, keen as a youth's, though his face was seamed with scars of seventy tunultuous years. He extended toward me over the table his broad, stubby white hand—the hand of a builder, of a constructive gendus. "How are you, Blacklock!" asid he. "What can id of for you?" He just touched my hand before dropping it, and resumed that ido-like pose. But although the toward was an in the second of haste, I, like every one who came into that room, and that presence, had a sense of an intermination of men of men and the second of the second

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"The ladies of our congregation," said the minister's little boy, "are very fond," of me. A good many of 'em gave pa some slippers on his birthday—"I thought your pa always used a slipper to spank you with."

"That's just it. The slippers the ladies gave him are the soft kind that's made out o' wool."

Zebra Would Be Useful.
Of all wild animals the sebra would be most useful to man if domesticated. It is not liable to horse fever or tastes fly.

Illinois State News

ent Happenings of Interest in the Various Cities

GETS VERDICT FOR \$10,000.

Fireman's Death Ascribed to Negli-gence of C. B. & Q.

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Virginia.—The Jury which heard the suit of George Powers, administrator, against the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad in the circuit court, gave a verdict for \$10,000 damages. The claiff was set for the death of George Stimson, a freman, who was killed last summer at Jpack.

His engine was wrecked by collision with a freight car which had been blown onto the track from a siding by a windstorm during the night. The contention was that there should have been some sort of safety appliance provided by the company to guard against such an accident, and the company denied negligence.

TO SURVEY ILLINOIS RIVER.

Corps of Civil Enginees in Readiness to Begin Work.

Pekin.—A corps of civil engineers has arrived in Pekin and are now quartered in tents along the pekin and are now quartered in tents along the pekin and are now and the same of the pekin and the same time ago, ordered a surgery of the Illinois river at a time when the deep waterway discussion was at its zenith. Since that time the sanitary district of Chicago has interested itself in the matter and the corps of engineers now here is gathering data for that organization. The government has allowed an appropriation of \$50,000 and the state of Illinois will give a liberal amount to promote the waterway between Peorla and Lockport.

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tween Peoria and Lockport.

Burglars Work at Secor.
Secor.—Burglars visited Secor and entered Clayton Brothers' saloon and Henry Brown's hardware store. They got little at the saloon, but at the hardware store they blew open three safes. Here they secured a little change and about \$250 worth of guns, anamunition and silverware. None of the explosions was beard and the work was not discovered until the morning. This is the work of probably the same gang which has done jobs at Tremont and Deer Creek recently.

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Converted Saloon Keeper to Lecture.
Medora.—Following closely on his
renunciation of the business of saloon
keeping, J. E. Teany, ex-liquor dealer
of Litchfield, has gone upon the lecture platform in a campaign against
intemperance and vice of all kinds.
Teany will appear in a number of
towns and citles in Illinois to fight
the liquor traffic with all the power
that he formerly wielded in its behalf.

Many Take Civil Service Test.
Lincoin.—Thirty-two persons esayed the civil service tests at the A. F. M. C., imposed by the civil service board for the positions of nurse, assistant matron, attendant, fireman and electrician. The examination was in charge of President W. B. Moulton, of the commission of Chicago, and Mrs. Ophelia Amigh, superintendent of the home for girls at Geneva.

Woman Morsewhipe Official.

Dixon—Joseph Wells, street commissioner of La Moille, a village nearhere, was publicly horsewhipped by
Mrs. George Wood, wife of a resident
of the village. The affair is said to
have grown out of certain stories said
to have been told by Wells regarding
the actions of Mrs. Wood and the patter of the Baptist church at that
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Sues Slayer for \$15,000.

Bloomington. — Simeon Elseman, husband of Mrs. Jane Elseman and father of Cora Elseman, who were killed in company with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kennedy six weeks ago because they were instrumental inciding Cora, field twe mistrumental inciding Cora, field twe mistrumental reacting Cora, field twe mistrumental mages against the prisoner.

Rich Man Mysteriously Hurt. Waukegan.—Richard Goodbody, a wealthy land owner of this city, is in McAllister hospital with both legs cut off below the knees as the result of being mysteriously struck by a switch engine in the Northwestern yards. He lived far from the scene and had no business there.

Pana Miner is Killed.

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Pana.—Anton Wullner, a coal miner employed at the Springside mine here was almost instantly killed by falling

Athletic Authority Dies. Chicago.—Charles O. Duplessis, widely known authority on athleti is dead, aged 53.

Young Man Drops Dead.
Havana.—Newton O. Draper, aged
33, a prominent young man of Kilbourne, dropped dead on the street in
front of his home. The coroner's jury
attributed death to natural causes and
heart disease.

New Club House at Peoria.

Peorta.—The local organization of the Knights of Columbus, with a membership of 450 in Peoria and surrounding towns, will start work in the sear future on a new \$44,000 -club-

"GERTIE" NOW IN PRISON

Wife of Eddie Tate Finally Reaches Bedside of Husband. Peoria.—In his room at St. Francis hospital lies Eddie Tate, and by his side sits his wife. The much expected and widely-heralded young woman arrived at police headquarters somewhat unexpectedly and was at once executed by prominent officials to the hospital, where her husband was anxioust a surface of the contract architecture.

hospital, where her busband was anriously awaiting her.

She was received with much enthusiasm by the celebrated patient.

"Why, I feel better already," said he a few minutes after her arrival. The little woman seems deeply attached to Tate and said her one desire in life was to make a man of him and win him from the troubled life he has been living, "I cannot stand it to have him always in trouble this way," she said pathetically.

NEW RAILROAD FOR STATE.

St. Elmo, Springfield & Northern Line Incorporated.

Carlinville—Articles of incorporaties were filed at the office of Circuit
Clerk George L. Tipton at the court
house in this city by the St. Elmo,
Springfield & Northern railfoad with
a capital stock of 45,000.

The road will be used to haul coal
and will gass through the counties of
Payette, Shelby, Montgomery, Christian, Macouph and Sangamon. The
survey of the railroad has been completed from St. Elmo to Girard and
will was the Chicago & Alon
will mass through the Chicago & Alon
will pass through the towns of Witt,
Raymond, Harrel, Waggoner, to Girard, and will connect with the Big
Föur, Wabsah, Illinois Central and
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroads.

Dies After Night's Revel.

Ottawa.—Fellowing a wild night's revel in a local hotel, L. H. Jones, past exalted ruler of the Elks, and for years prominent in society here, died suddenly. With him at the time were his wife and W. F. McLeon, a Minneapolis traveling salesman, he conseption of the control of th

Celebrates Eightleth Birthday. Carlinville. — David Goro of this city, one of the earliest settlers of Macoupin county, celebrates his eigh

Macoupin county, celebrates his eighteth anniversary.

Mr. Gore was born in Trigg county, Ky., April 5, 1827, and moved to Madison county, Ill., in 1833. His parents died before he became of age.
He enlisted in the United States army He enlisted in the United States army during the war with Mexico and serv-ed one year. He was a member of the Illinois state senate for two terms and served as state auditor from 1892 to 1896, and was for 20 years a mem-ber of the state board of agriculture.

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Defend Park Bequest.

Galesburg.—At a banquet the real estate men of the city organized a movement to defend the will of the late Capt. W. C. Hooker of Rochester.

N. Y., which bequesthed a tract or land just south the control of the co

Finger Sore Lets in Death.
Monmouth—Dr. J. C. Kilgore of
this city died as the result of blood
poisoning. The case was contracted
at an autops held receasity by Dr.
Kilgore over the remains of a persos
who had died of cancer, inoculation
occurring through a pimple on the
finerer.

Fined for Snoring.

Taylorville.—For snoring while the Free Methodist church was in progress. Lloyd Gensler, one of the congregation, was fined three dollars and costs by Police Magistrate Weaver upon a plea of guilty to a charge of disturbing the peace.

Coal Train in Creek.
Christopher—A coal train on the
Illinois Central went through a treetle
three miles west of here. Engineer
George McFariand and Fireman G. B.
Jones were dangerously Bidured. The
breaking of a treetle pile let the engine and four cars into the creek.

Will Make a New Start.
Virginia.—A marriage license was
issued here to William H. Langford
and Mrs. Addie Redshaw, both of
Beardatown. Poth were divorced a
year ago in the circuit court.