### THE harity Cup Final.

STANLEY JUST FAIL.

'esterday's Match at Ewood.

[BY "FREE LANCE."]

'esterday Accrington Stanley and Black orn Rovers Reserve met at Ewood Park in a final for the East Lancashire Charity p. Stanley entertained hopes of winning the handsome trophy and the gold medals, but they were doomed to disappointment, public esteem than the mere slaughterer of the Rovers winning by two goals to one. of the Rovers, which told its tale on the sonal courage and resourcefulness. heavy going ground. The stickiness of the turf hampered the "Reds," and, of course,

first half. For the first quarter of an hour the capture of young animals is by chasing in the form of a native hut is erected; and they kept the ball mainly in the Rovers the herd, until the young, lagging behind, for several days the daily feed of dours is half without being really dangerous or can be isolated from their parents. They causing Crabtree much anxiety. They are then easily seized and made secure. passed fairly well, but were rather too slow Among giraffes and antelopes, and even place from which he can watch the proceed in their movement, and consequently among buffatoes, which have no qualms ings, and with a long cord attached to the finished weakly. Cunliffe fed Noble well, about deserting their young, there is but cage, the rest of the business is no more inand the latter got across several excellent centres, but Johnston and Suttie invariably intervened. The Stapley halves offered comintervened. The Stanley halves offered com- simple. These great creatures turn fero- the baboons out is more difficult than mendable resistance to the Rovers' forwards, clously in defence of their young, and it is getting them in. The creatures heads are Look here, I don't like it. Murder ain't my hollow of our hands." Yates and Hampson and particularly the only by first killing the parents that the Yates and Hampson and particularly the only by first killing the parents that the latter, doing well. After twenty minutes' young can be secured. The native sword-which the cage is removed, and the "Oh! cut it out, he's dead," said the older baboons firmly bound and wrapped up in man. "Murder ain't my line, but I had to hit magnificent clearance from Orr, who ing with the formidable parent. The cloth, after which they are slung on poles him. It is murder, and you are in it. It was at five. After twenty-five minutes Stanley scored, the exception of one who rides a grey. The thanks to a penalty for some adjudged foul elephant, whose sight is not good, is attractionally and carried off, presenting the appearance of great smoked sausages. upon Cunliffe. Winterburn took the kick ted by the light pony, and he focusses his and drove the ball into the net in the most attention upon it. The hunter acting as a

of giving his side the lead. He dashed past well as his living booty. Though Suttle was closing in on him. vards before shooting.

Resuming. Stanley enjoyed quite as much down their wild brethren, and as the tame can begin second portion, but it was not until and he is moored stoutly to sixteen of the procuring of two or three specimens. twenty-five minutes had gone that they pack, whose combined strength proves irrecored Orr dashing in and giving Wright no sistible to his hitherto unmatched power.

joing having its effect. a it aroused any enthusiasm amongst the adult elephant commands a fancy price. pectators might have been merely a practice same! Stanley strove might and main to ectre victory, but the Rovers, whilst they then indeed the Rovers are in a serious has his work cut out to get the weighty difficulty of procuring fresh water. and vacillating and took no risks.

Wright had little to do in goal, but saved several shots in bustnesslike fashion. Neither Nuttall nor Smith touched their best hippopotamus is malicious and dangerous ness form Nuttall's lack of speed being noticeable. Moreover, he was not as certain in his kicking as usual Of the pair Smith GRAND acquitted himself best. The halves were the strongest section. Hampson got through a tremendous amount of work, his tackling being very effective. He was fine at intervention. Yates also gave a capital exhibition, particularly in the first half, when he frequently robbed the opposing wing and fed the forwards judiciously. Individually the forwards occasionally did smart work. they lacked finishing power. Goodison found Porteous too strong for him, and Cuniffe was very slow. Noble was as successwas below par. Winterburn failed to reproduce the form of which he is capable, and Brogden was, as usual spasmodic, occasionally making a buret which threatened canger which never materialised.

The teams were: Rovers: Crabtree: Johnston and Suttie: Dewhurst, Porteous, and M'Grory: M'Ghie. Bryom, Goodwin, Orr, and Authony. Stanley: Wright; Nuttall and Yates Mockett and Hampson: Noble, Cunliffe, Goodison, Brogden and Winterburu.

### MR. VICTOR GRAYSON'S AFFAIRS.

No Available Assets.

## Money Lenders as Creditors.

Mr. Victor Grayson, the well-known of his creditors, held at the London Eank-

ruptcy Court yesterday.

address being unknown. Two moneylenders' proofs for £375 were direction of Mr. Frederick Rosse. put in, and the chairman, Mr. Bowyer the Official Receiver, stated that the debtor had surrendered to the proceedings, and had filed accounts showing debts of £491, and no Hofer, Mr. Miles Clifton as Prince Nicola, Mr. available assets. They were not in order,

and would have to be amended. He had stated in his preliminary examination the chairman said, that he had no fixed residence, but that his telegraphic address was "Harpenden Lane, Bolton, Lancashire." For some time he had been engaged as a political lecturer, but he broke down in health in 1912, and, with the exception of occasional public speaking he had done

little or no work. His earning had been roughly £250 a Nelson, at Moorhead on Saturday, is:year while his average expenditure had Wright; Nuttall and Smith; Yates, Mockett if necessary, by leading in London such a been \$275 which included travelling. Owing to ill-health he had been in Italy and America. He had only £30 owing to him Brogden and Winterburn. The outside right which was unrealisable. For some time he position is still left open, but for Saturday's had been residing with various friends his game it is anticipated that a capable new furniture being sold up last year. He hoped player, who has had some experience of the our own class are to be made slaves by Boers out, his well-shaped pants were a shade

to be able to make a proposal to the Second Division, will fill the position. Al- or Britons." (Cheers.) creditors and would not consent to adjudi-It was pointed out by the chairman that no proposal of less than 7s. 6d. in the pound would be accepted.

The meeting was closed, the chairman stating that he should not apply for adjudication of bankruptcy against the debtor in less than fourteen days of which full notice would be given. The main cause of Mr. Gravson's failure was the breakdown in his health, domestic trouble, and bereavement. The public examination is fixed for ally sympathised with the trading and travel-February 26.

An interesting scientific query has been raised as to whether there is any connection between the volcanic eruptions and spells of extreme cold. The recent eruption in Japan coincided with a period of intense cold in France and elsewhere, and it snowed and hailed in Paris the day after the Mont Pelee eruption, which occurred in May. Other eruptions have occurred during notably cold and even unseasonable weather.

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Wild Animals are Captured.

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The traveller who trades in live animals from the day of his birth, and becomes reoccupies a rather curious position in the conciled to captivity only after many ranks of those adventurous beings who go months; the rhinoceros, on the other hand, forth seeking gold or fame, carrying their keeper about the camp like a dog. after a few days, will learn to follow his lives in both hands. Some way behind the A very special trade is that of the waternaturalist and ecientist, though he must inhunters whose quarry is the crocodile and deed partake of the characteristics of both hippopotamus. Being expert swimmers, the Havati of the Soudan attack these creatures in their own element. the Rovers winning by two goals to one. big game, since his mission is not to destroy, so as to disable the young animal without but in many cases to preserve specimens of causing a serious wound. The soars of harweapon is the harpoon, which must be used giving their opponents a hard game. Indeed, they almost deserved to win for their
extinct, either for horns, ivory, or hides.

The scars of harare animals which are being rapidly made poon-wounds are to be found on many of the captive crocodiles in European collecthe captive crocodiles in European collection of the police proceedings, and they will at the time of the murder.

The elder of the two men drew in his come out on Friday morning, when you put proved it. One man was you.

He pointed to Plumb, and as persistence. Stanley were not less skilful Certainly the capturing and conveying over tions. The creatures have wonderful heal- dry tongue formed his words huskily. than their opponents, their defeat being great distances by land and water of savage ing properties, and when muzzled and contact their due to the greater pace and stamma beasts is a matter for a good deal of per-fined in trap-pools, soon become fairly manageable. THE MENAGERIE HUNTER.

South-West Africa affords the happy

WILD MONKEYS

The capture of monkeys is effected by means of cage-traps. closure was considerably larger than the hunting-ground for the menagerie-man. He trict is searched for watering-places, and all enes Stanley generally operate on, too, journeys into the wilderness with a little but one are stopped up. Around the selecdiminised the effectiveness of Stanley, the camels for transport, and a large cavaleade and accustoms the unsuspecting tribes of of native hunters and trackers. The method Stanley defended the Darwen end in the by which these cavalcades generally effect daily to drink and feed. Later, a big cage, partaken of with impunity in the open cage. The hunter has already arranged a hiding-

A ZOO IN THE MAKING. Grevy's zebra is captured by driving. decoy, rides a few yards ahead of the at- huge army of hunters being employed. They did not enjoy the lead long, for tacking elephant, and it is now the business great tract of country is guarded in a circle, within five minutes the Rovers had of the first of the pursuing riders to sever inside which the zeoras are known to be His hand again searched the waistcoat. This equalised. McGhie who was the Rovers with his sword the Achilles tendon of the grazing. The herd is driven towards a dried, time the search yielded a sovereign purse. most dangerous forward, sent the ball goal-wards and Nuttall, instead of leaving the avenge himself, a second hunter lames him which the animals jump and are unable to em, and notes, I think. Let's get away now, ball for Wright, attempted to kick it away, on the right also, and his end is then a escape both ends being guarded by the and make what we've got do. I don't like who had no difficulty in scoring. Just before methods are employed the hunter carries into the ravine where the zebras are penned, ing look behind him. "You take the bag." the interval Goodson had a splendid chance back a goodly load of ivory and hides, as quite worn-out with the long hunt, and proceed to thrash them unmercifully with breton and had a clear course for goal, The Keddah the Indian method of taking their long raw-hide whips until the flery but he shot too soon and sent the ball captive adult elephants, is less destructive, spirit is tamed, and they are exhausted into weakly on the wrong side of the post. but only a very limited number of Indian submission. They are then tethered princes own "packs" of fighting elephants ropes attached to each of the four legs, and Goodison ought to have gone on several for the purpose. In this sport, the tame tied to pegs. In a few days, they have be-

was not often in evidence. The Rovers him. A great cable is then thrown over his panthers, wild pigs and baboons. The exmost of the pressing in the head from the back of the nearest elephant, pensive journey is not undertaken for the

A MODERN NOAH'S ARK PROCESSION. chance. But the goal seemed rather of the Struggling, trumpeting, throwing himself The caravan travels by night, as the poor gift variety, the backs being at fault. Stanley on the ground, alike prove unavailing, and captives suffer greatly from heat, and a nothing." made a few fleeting attempts to break the captive monarch, after the first few serious undertaking it is, as will readily be been taken out of their efforts, the leavy the spirit gone out of him. Under thirty three attendants being allotted to each. The and follow me. years of age, an elephant can be tamed in smaller specimens, and such undrivable The match was rather disappointing, reshout twelve months, and thus captured in monsters as hippopotami are slung in litters the pride of his untrammelled growth, and and cages between camels. The hippopotame tamed in the company of his fellows, an tamus is a most troublesome traveller, as besides his two litter-camel, six or eight more are required to carry the water he demand on the journey, and for the bath of ox-hide Traps of different kinds are sometimes in which he takes his pleasure at frequen did not appear to over exert themselves, used for the capture of young animals. Pit- intervals. Hundreds of sheep and goats are twee too fast and sturdy for them. In the falls are dug for the hippopotamus, which driven along with the procession, the nannypace. A forward frequently beat an op. to its child. The young creature appears to at every drinking-place, a day of rest is shadow of some trees. soment but failed to press home the advan- vanish into the earth, through the branches taken, these cases being often more than The road was silent and they ventured out. His eyes lingered on the thumb prints left receive £1,000,000, paying £36,000 in duty. tage. The one goal victory was quite as which cover the pit, and the terrified much as the Rovers deserved, and if the players on view are the only ones available posing that he can remove his prize before the pit, and the terrified sixty miles apart. Seals, sea-lions and croco-diles cross the sea in great water-tanks, the thought uppermost in their minds found to bang his fresh-water creatures being especially diffier the pit, and the terrified sixty miles apart. Seals, sea-lions and croco-diles cross the sea in great water-tanks, the thought uppermost in their minds found to bang his fresh-water creatures being especially diffier to the posing that he can remove his prize before the pit, and the terrified sixty miles apart. Seals, sea-lions and croco-diles cross the sea in great water-tanks, the thought uppermost in their minds found to bang his fresh-water creatures being especially diffier the pit, and the terrified sixty miles apart. Seals, sea-lions and croco-diles cross the sea in great water-tanks, the thought uppermost in their minds found to bang his fresh-water creatures being especially diffier the pit, and the terrified sixty miles apart. Seals, sea-lions and croco-diles cross the sea in great water-tanks, the thought uppermost in their minds found to bang his expression. o take the places of the League players, the lion or tiger strips its bones, the hunter cuit to carry far by sea, on account of the plight in case of mishaps. M'Ghie was youngster out of the pit. A noose is passed | Certainly the animal-trader is worthy easily their best forward. Bryom did well, over the neck and forelegs, and the legs are rank high among the merchant explorers of and Goodwin in centre was very cool and bound securely together. Then a sloping wild places; he must be possessed realised the duty of a centre, inasmuch as pathway is dug out of the pit, and the baby- of pluck and hardihood not a little; of he kept the line together, Anthony was weak hippo, a weight of about half- a-ton is plenty of resourcefulness and organising out. hauled upon a stout litter through the bush skill, and, let us hope, at least, for the sake he to the nearest river, where he continues his of his unhappy charges, of more than an nearest journey on a native barge. The ordinary share of the milk of human kind- ment at the moon and the silvery clouds scud- the thumb.

### THEATRE. ACCRINGTON.

TRAPS AND TRAPPERS.

"Princess Caprice."

of admirers in Accrington. Their number will not be lessened by indulging in the opportunity of witnessing "Princess Caprice," which ful as any of the quintette. The left wing appears at the Grand Theatre, Accrington. and his company (which includes Miss Hilda office. this week. The story itself has the merit of simplicity and cohesion. That it is interesting Music" is well calculated to enhance his repuis demonstrated by its success at the Shaftes- tation. An artistic spectacular production is his secrets. bury Theatre, London. "Princess Caprice" is that of Betty and Louis Rousby in their In George Ware's life there were many the somewhat bizarre but admirable title bes- scenie review of "Greater London." towed upon the charming girl destined to rule Brothers Webb appear in a lively and enter-Theesalia. Unfortunately, however, for that little-known kingdom, Helen has no aspirations his own words, reduced the unhappy state to mobil-bar novelty. Dick and Dorothy provide a perambulation on its uppers. He pursues his course with recklessness, basing his confi- Lupino, is in this connection, admirable as a

to take burriedly upon herself the burden of government, and leaves the power in the hands of her uncle, a cynical reprobate who has, in dence on the marriage of Princess Helen and Prince Nicola, a wealthy but rather impossible suitor from a neighbouring state. Helen introduces complications, however, by discovering that she is deeply in love with a handsome musician, and that she is not at all intent on immolating herself on the altar of self-sacri- SUBSCRIPTIONS IN POSTAGE STAMP fice. The position is all the more grevious in that her sister Anna seemed a much more suitpealed to the tastes of the Prince. She, how- voluntary contributions weekly by means of ever, is contracted to the music-master. Such ordinary postage stamps. The executive Socialist and former M.P. for the Colne is the position when the deus ex machina is Valley Division, attended the first meeting called into play. Helen and Anna, it is found, had been exchanged in infancy, and Princess Caprice has no more serious title. A re-adjustment of partners serves to put everything in tributions, and that, to a large extent, these

> cheetra, and a full operatio chorus under the the scheme into practical effect, The piece is prettily staged and presented The parts are well upheld by Mr. Brierley as the Regent, Mr. Aubrey Millward as Augustin as Anna, and a strong company.

### STANLEY'S TEAM.

A matinee is arranged for Wednesday.

Stanley's team for what should be their best "gate" of the season, the game with and Hampson; ---- Cunliffe, Goodison, though not at liberty to divulge the name of the player, it is announced that he is on the young side, and is about 5ft. 8ins, in height and of sturdy build.

### "A TAX ON SENTIMENT."

Addressing a meeting of railway clerks in Manchester on Sunday, Mr. G. Latham, chief assistant secretary of the Bailway Clerks' Association, said that railway servants generling public in the complaints that were being made against recent impositions by the railway companies. In addition to increasing rates for passengers, goods, and luggage in advance, the companies were actually making profit out of the sentiment of people who wished to bid good-bye to their friends, and now charged people for the privilege of seeing their friends off at the railway stations. He knew of one station in the midlands where a company made quite a handsome revenue of £8 or £10 a week from this tax on sentiment.

### PALACE AND HIPPODROME BURNLEY.

This week's entertainment at the Palace and Musical comedy always claims a good quota vided by Jan Rudenyi and company. Rudenyi away. is undoubtedly one of the finest of actormusicians on the music-hall stage, at the present time, and the performance by himself Stewart) in the ope-act play, "The Power of taining melange of music and mirth. The Howard and Collinson Trio creates considerable amusement with the new pantomime sketch, "Fun in a China Shop," Mdlle, Louise and Bruno Pitrot give an exposition of the entertainment by music and dance, and Cissie clever and dainty dancer. Vocal items are rendered by Percival Williams. The cinematographic films shown include "Gussy rides a spectres, to keep them rattling in the cup-Pony" and "A Bathroom Problem.

A scheme is before the Ancient Order able occupant of the throne, and indeed ap- Foresters for enabling members to pay their council recognise that the majority of lapses arise through members falling into arrears with their monthly or quarterly con-The receiving order was made on the order. The piece is presented by a strong lapses could be avoided if contributions could petition of Baron Woolfe, a moneylender, of company, which includes Mr. Con. Brierley, | be paid weekly, or fortnightly, as the wages Spring Gardens, Manchester, a creditor for Mr. Aubrey Millward, Mr. Herbert Uzielli, Miss fell due. They are now pleased to be able O Cleveland Gardens, Brixton, his present Stevenson. There is a specially increased or made with the Postmaster-General to carry

### MR. LARKIN AND THE UNIONS.

Mr. Larkin, speaking at Birmingham, on C. Warren as the Prime Minister, Miss May Sunday night, contended that the trade union Stevenson as Princess Relen Miss Nan Rose movement as carried on by the present-day form of trade unions was absolutely obsolete It was a blunted weapon, and the men who used it had blunted brains, if they had got any brains at all. (Laughter and applause). "If the Labour party cannot bring this cowardly, victous Government to heel, it is no director of the Empire Exploration Syndicate good to us now or in the future. We have first turn an angry red and then grow pale friend Elderstein will refrain from interruptproved sufficient against this Labour party to with passion. damn them for ever. Ramsay Macdonald says we have sold ourselves to the Philistines. "It was his duty to have sacrificed his life demonstration as would have pulled Asquith "Damn Home Rule, I say, and damn every. thing that is of a palliative nature if men.

KEPT ALIVE BY ELECTRICITY.

The attention of surgeons at the General Hospital. Birmingham, has been occupied by forehead burnt redder than his florid face. here and made a dozen exact copies of that taken to his home in a motor car. age. He was admitted to the institution suf- ciates with the shady side of life-rascality own thumb." ferring from a tumour on the brain, the re- on the racecourse, round the boxing-ring, or moval of which necessitated a most serious in heated saloons or West-End music-halls.

While the surgeons were at work the patient stopped breathing, and artificial respiration was resorted to. During the course of the operation a large portion of the skull was removed, and when the pressure from the brain was lightened the lad began to breathe again, he carried a white felt hat. As he introduced An electric battery was applied to the chest, Elderstein Plumb smiled, and Elderstein, and the muscles being thus affected the breath- bowing, dropped his hat. ing motion produced proved sufficient to keep the lad alive. The case is described as unique in the an-

The death occurred in London on Saturday of Sir David Gill, the well-known astronomer.

himself up.

"You don't ask

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# HAND

By GEORGE EDGAR Author of "Seaside Stories," "Roadside Re-mances," "Love at the Prow," "The Myste-rious Minstrel," "The Blind Man's Bluff," &c.

Two men, suddenly pale through a sharp encounter with the issues of life and death, stood stupefied with amazement, gazing down on another man, paler still. The other man

"Don't stand staring there-staring don't help. He's dead-curse him !-- stone dead. I've seen that colour before," he added, in a sibilant whisper. " Curse his ugly face-much asked, aloud. good being a millionaire matters to him, or anything else. I didn't want to kill him-

hang me if I did! I hit him soft." The younger man turned his eyes shiftily away from the upturned face-the foolish, futile, upturned face which still seemed to have character enough to glare an accusation. suggested, with renewed insolence. He spoke with a whimpering note of com-

"You hit him soft-did you? So help me, you did. You hit him soft enough to crumple his poor old nut like an eggshell." The man's tongue ran round his dry lips. "Soft you say! softness that hurts when it tries to be kind. "We hold the Yellow Reef flotation in

He gathered some tools together lying near

a safe-a drill, a file or two, and a steel wedge. His hand slipped into the dead man's A pocket. It pulled out a leather cigarette case. "No good," he snarled, casting it aside.

but only succeeded in giving it to Byrom, matter of a few moments. Where these hunters, Then the myriad hunters spring staying longer with that "-he cast a shudder-The older man walked to the open window and looked out. His cruel, pale, and coarse a red scar on his forehead glowed angrily, shown up by his unusually white skin. He looked out on a scene restful to the senses-a elephants, ridden by native mahouts, hunt come tractable, and the process of breaking violent contrast to the scene within. Silence all around; the house in shadows; the lawn of the play as the Rovers, and Yates once animals are kept in hard going condition. As each capture is effected, it is secured a soft area of light under a smiling moon; a

complainingly still.

through the home defence, but the sting had miles, marches meekly back to the camp, all undedstood. The larger animals are driven, answered curtly. "I wonder if everyone in the city

practised and sure. soil, and then, very quietly, he shinned over darker side of life running like a snowball, the window ledge. Together they crept-a sinister pair of becomes a heavier burden-is intolerable."

man walking warily, the younger man steal- after minute. Then his eyes began to focus

"Strewth! I didn't mean to do him in. only hit him soft," the elder man said.

swered, and he clutched at the collar of his on the table and his figure stiffened. Hastily it difficult to get a house, as she could not coat as if he were strangling, and then spat he reached for a jeweller's enlarging glass and give a husband's reference. "That's un In the library the figure still lay on the curious formation and a broken scarlike inter- can't have husbands." thick pile carpet, staring out of the open case- ruption of the circular lines on the ball of

ding across its face. The sightless eyes of George Ware, which lingly odd coincidence." had looked on strange things in this world, where evil and good run in a twisted skein private desk until he found exactly what he which no man shall unravel, would see no had looked for-a photograph. For five are showing themselevs in considerable more. The millionaire speculator was at the minutes he studied the photograph intently.

end of the long journey. He lay there, until they found him next prints on the table. morning, and the cry of murder, started by Hippodrome, Burnley, would have much to the domestic in his library, spread throughout

> Three years after, Geoffrey Ware, nephew of the dead man, sat alone in

He had inherited much of his uncle wealth, most of his responsibilities, and all

secrets - secrets built into the story of his successful career which would have played havoc with the dead man's reputation. Geoffrey Ware had spent three years fighting to keep the wealth he had inherited, and to squeeze the secrets into silence. They came trailing through the office like ghosts; rising in the great world outside, taking board, and to prevent them walking abroad and brazening their knowledge to the world George Ware died a man of good repute. He had controlled his secrets. After death ill-repute rose like an angry tide, and threatered to sweep his memory with dishonour. Geoffrey Ware remained to meet these waves of dark knowledge and to fight them down. He sat in his office, in the centre of the city, the window showing glimpses of the roof of the Bank of England to the right. He was a keen, well-groomed, immaculate City man, at Ware. The Jew's leg stopped its nonhis black batr shining, his eyes bright, his chalant swinging. thin lips compressed with restrained strength. pen, looked as strong as steel. A clerk knocked and came in with a card. "Mr. Plumb to see you-with a friend," he prefer to forget," he said tersely. said, quietly.

"I don't know Mr. Plumb," Geoffrey an- nerve. swered decisively. "Tell him to write for an appointment. After a pause : " Why don't you go? "

The clerk besitated. "Mr. Plumb said you say so. didn't know him. He said you would see him. He said I was to say, 'Alias Wendover.' He replied. "The night my uncle, George said you would know, sir." The clerk spoke quietly, deferentially, but he was not astonished to see the managing as he jumped from the table.

Geoffrey's eyes narrowed. "Show him inboth of them," he snapped, with a click of his dered there was no clue. It is three years strong white teeth. The two men entered. The elder was evidently Mr. Plumb, for he introduced the his drumming pulses.

younger as "my friend Elderstein." Mr. Plumb was about fifty years of age. women, and children are to be sacrificed and was well-dressed-in a way. His coat was well ette case with a thumb print on it—as clear as passengers were transferred to a special train light; his patent-leather boots sparkled case and a photograph of that print." though they were cheap, because they were new. His round face was clean shaven. His eyes cringed. eyes were green with that glittering coldness which comes from alcoholism. A mark on his

> His companion was a keen, dark Jew, with gan, clutching his hat as he spoke. furtive eyes, a predatory nose, and strong teeth a dark brown, showing through a drooping moustache and a hanging underlip. you "-he turned again to Ware-" bluff will not help you." His clothes were well cut, of a light grey, and "It is the truth," Ware said : "there is no

> Ware surveyed them as if he were a fight ing man, going into action. not conceal—the mark of an old scar. "Well?" he asked, sternly. Plumb ceased smiling. Elderstein drew right hand slipped into his pocket. Then he

eTumb said, insolently. "It is warm outside, though his face had blanched, and for a moand I den't mind if I do.' He dropped into a chair.

Elderstein put his white hat in the centre of your cursed, clever City tricks, but it will f the table and sat nonchalantly on the edge not work. Once again, you pay. Ware remained standing near his beavilypadded chair. "Well?" he asked again, and his time the word was a challenge. Plumb cleared his throat and began. "Alias Wendover," he said, nodding his single penny," he said. "You are in my head, with an annoying expression of familiarity. "That partially explains it. You see,

time," he added. "It was forgery." "It was not." Plumb almost shouted. "Is was a matter of illicit diamonds." Plumb snorted.

"You've got to pay out," he said pointedly to Geoffrey. " If you do not pay the Gold and set. His purpose was clear. out the Yellow Reef Prospectus." Ware winced. "The dogs know the police, who had been waiting, entered the moment," he thought. "What is to prevent | room.

Plumb nodded genially. "Nothing." answered, "only you cannot afford to do it. You'd have to tell the story, and the article A policeman seized an office ruler and struck would go out just the same. We've thought it his arm. The chair fell with a crash to the over from that point of view. You needn't mind us-we have nothing to lose," Plumb at his side. His face was white. A damp

plaint, using his words after the manner of us in." Elderstein added. "Gentlemen of our clenched teeth had torn his lip; but still he profession take the odds." "What do you ask?" Geoffrey demanded. sponse of Plumb, whose eyes twinkled with near the house."

> He spread out his hands as he spoke; Ware made up his miad. "Let me think it over," he said. " Come back this afternoon

Elderstein's brown teeth showed doglike; "There is no herry." Plumb answered, humb foremphasis. "We-want-two-thouthe table with his spatulate thumb as he spoke. Then, rising, " Ready Isaac," he said, looking at the Jew.

"I'm with you, old Evergreen," Elderstein said, slipping from the table. The two men passed out of the room like evil shadows. Ware was left looking at the corner of the table where Plumb had sat. He was thinking deeply. Half an hour after, he could almost see and hear Plumb, as he sat, confidently expounding the situation, with his fat expansive thumb beating time to his words, as it struck the table.

has secrets like mine, and is a prey to such He dropped out into the garden, over the vermin day by day? What would I not give window ledge, with a catlike ease which was to have clean hands and to be free of all this chicanery. Always to bear this kind of The other man looked out, fearfully. He guilty knowledge; to add more; to go on released a canvas bag which fell gently on the ciding the whirlwind of dishonour; to set the and to go on pushing the ball, as it daily jackals-out of the square of light; the old Geoffrey sat staring at the table minute

> his thumb," he said, savagely, to himself. And then-his mind suddenly groped backfocussed the thumb prints. He noted their fortunate," said the magistrate, "but all

"Whew!" he muttered, "what a start-Eagerly he turned out a drawer in his

and from time to time examined the thumb from Perigueux, where a little girl of eigh "The very same," he said at length. "Now, whatever happens to the syndicate's commend it were there only one item, that pro- the land for weeks, and then quietly died flotation, one rascal is going to get the shock of his life. I'll see to that," and his eyes bones in a wood, which were all the woiver

glistened with the light of battle. sat waiting. He sat at his great desk, idly Aisne,, and wolf hunts are being organised. playing with a steel paper knife-waiting. There was a grim, cold, masterful smile, on

his thin lips. The outer clocks had barely chimed five when the two men-Plumb and Eldersteinpresented themselves. They were immediately shown in. Both were inclined to be insolent-through loitering and drinking in the city, to pass the time, the subtle air of rascality about them had grown more sinister. Plumb sat down, again uninvited. Elderstein sought the corner of the table and swung his leg nonchalantly as he sat there. form—the form of the blackmailer with the The older man was smiling confidently, but seat for Whitaker Park, on which his name greedy maw. He had to pay away large slices when he looked at the set, stern face of of his inherited wealth to control these Ware his manner changed, and though the Fears a member of the Board of Education smile remained it was forced.

"Well?" said Plumb, aggressively, deliberately using Ware's own words. "Well?" echoed Elderstein The Jew looked for the first time into the face of Ware and winced. "I have decided--" Ware said tersely corrupt smile, meant to be pleasant. "To pay out," Ware answered, slowly,

"and to pay back." Plumb ceased smiling, and looked steadily

His small white hands, which toyed with a sngrily. "'To pay back,' you say! You and the bride, Ann Middleton, bad been mar don't owe us anything you've got to pay back." ried twice before. "There are debts which some people would

"Look here," the older man shouted; don't like your looks, and I don't like your "What I have to say is soon said," Ware tard, of New York, for round about £400.

Ware\_" "What I have to say is soon said, if your ing," Ware went on, icily. "The night my uncle, George Ware, was found foully mur;

ago, and the murderer still holds the secret." Plumb smiled as the tension slackened in "The only sign left in that still house on Saturday night, the driver misunderstood the the night of the murder, was a leather cigar-

Plumb looked at the Jew, and the Jew "To-day," continued Ware, " the man who

Elderstein's face turned livid. "If I may die here, I haven't touched the-" he be-Plumb turned round on him with a snarl. "Hold your trap," he shouted. "As for

digurette case marked my table to-day, and terests in Messrs J. and P. Coats (Limited). wear a badge of office are invited to vote at that thumb was yours. I have never seen your thumb, but there is something on it you can-Plumb started. Almost involuntarily his

ment his lips trembled "It's a lie," he almost screamed. "It's one

"Yes, two thousand pounds, and we let you go cheap," the Jew added; but his voice and travelled furtively round his dry lips. Ware fixed Plumb with his eye. " Not a

Plumb almost foamed at the mouth. "Liar!" he growled; "and even if it seems can prove Ware-old Ware-was Wend-

true it will not hang me. You will pay or I Elderstein nodded in sympathy. "He did play my card—the Ware secret will appear to-" Not one single coin."

Ware touched a bell. His face was grim Critic will give a report of the proceedings, a | "It's good enough to give you both a trial," shotograph of Wendover and Ware, a descrip- be said, tersely. "Two men were in the house He pointed to Plumb, and as he spoke the

Plumb seized a chair and raised it threat-

me from handing you over to the police," he | Blderstein's nerve was broken. "Your soft and balancers. Elsie Ellis is a chie Plumb swung his chair as if to brain him.

floor, and one arm of Plumb's hung, broken, perspiration broke out over his forehead. It's a hundred to one against you doing spot of blood started from where one of his land Council, lecturing on spiritualism brazened it out.

"It's all a lie-a made-up lie from begin-"Two thousand pounds," was the quick re- sing to end," he screamed. "I never was "If you was, I wasn't," snivelled the terri-

> the in his anger; "you carried the bag down the road after I—" He stopped suddenly. Ware nodded to the police. "Enough," he said to the inspector. "You hear what they say. Take them away. At least there is a

Plumb speered. "But still the article goes in." He growled the words goadingly. "No," Ware answered, "the Yellow Reef Mine is safe. They have given up the game. I 'phoned them just before you came in, and sand-and-you've-get-to-pay. He tapped while they enjoy blackmail the prospect of being associated with murderers scared

Ware turned to his papers as the police and their prisoners left the room. (THE END.)

### "HUMANITY" AT QUEEN'S HALL.

That great film "Humanity" was re ceived with unbounded enthusiasm by two Manchester on Saturday it was reported that very large audiences at the Queen's Hall, a report was presented of the joint conference For some minutes Ware remained staring Church, last night. It was voted one of the with the cotton employers on the question of fashed a shot just over the bar. But as in safekeeping in the camp, which begins to the first half Stanley finished weakly, the first half Stanley finished weakly, the stands at bay, sides heaving great early of course, he would have ball that the ball of the stands at bay, sides heaving great early of the stands at bay, sides heaving great early of the stands at bay, sides heaving great early of the stands at bay, sides heaving great early of the stands at bay, sides heaving great early of the stands at bay sides heaving great early of the stands at bay sides heaving great early of the stands at bay sides heaving great early of the stands at bay sides heaving great early of the stands at bay sides heaving great early of the stands at bay sides heaving great early of the stands at bay sides heaving great early of the stands at bay sides heaving great early of the stands at bay sides of the stands at th to the toe of the opposing backs. Notable the hunting elements were rare and really smart play phants form a triumphant circle around stalls. Wooden cages are stocked with The younger man's Jewish voice whimpered their greatest flotation the syndicate could brothers go to war" is a fine Lubin drama, not stand a whisper about the morality of the presenting some beautiful photography. omplainingly still.

"My oath!" he said, "I want to hop it. founder of the firm, and he, as its representation. Black and White sketches by Meyer The moonlight is shining on his silly face, and tive, would have to pay for silence. But—the great American artist were much ap-I don't like still faces which stare and see two thousand pounds! The price stuck in his preciated, "Rivals," and "Hypnotising Mamie" are two diverting comic films. "Don't be a babbling fool," the older man "This city of secrets," he pondered Queen's Hall is sure to be very largely patronised this week.

MR, J. ASTOR'S SIXTEEN MILLIONS

The total amount of the bequests to the members of the Astor family left by Mr. buried treasure comes from Balbriggan, County John Jacob Astor, who lost his life in the Titanic disaster has now been officially fixed. The amount is over £16,000,000. Of this vast sum William Vincent Astor, the detention there announced that he bad hidden son, will inherit £14,000,000, on which duty £200 in gold on the seashore at Balbriggan open the "Reds" did very well but their along with the younger man stealthings distinctly—his returning control gave
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The has the habit of allowing its younger man stealthings distinctly—his returning control gave the "Daily Chronicle"). were elementary. What thy lacked most was that it can have its eye open to any danger vores. Necessarily the pace is not rapid, and They paused at the gate, and listened in the back the power of consciousness to external ceives £1,320,000 on which the duty will be £50,000; and their daughter, Muriel, will

----CAN'T ALL HAVE HUSBANDS.

A woman told the Acton magistrate' on "Soft!" the vounger, Jewish man an- wards to a memory. He gazed at the marks Saturday that she was a widow, and found

SCHOOLGIRL EATEN BY WOLVES.

The cold continues to increase in the dot the "i." centre south, and east of France. Wolves numbers, and a horrible incident is reported years, returning from school about four in the afternoon, was missed. This was near La Coquille (says the "Standard"), and the family and neighbours, after a search al night, found a torn frock, basket, and a few had left of the child. Large numbers of He was busy during the afternoon, arrang- wolves have also made their appearance near ing many things. When five o'clock struck he Chateau-Thiery, in the department of the

### ----DIED IN CANADA.

Mr. Robert Butterworth, a native of Baw tenstall, who left Lancashire fifty-eight years ago, has died in Canada at the age of seventy eight. It took Mr. Butterworth forty days to cross the Atlantic in a sailing vessel. He went to Windsor, Ontario, with the Great Western Railway Company in May 1859, and drove for over thirty years without an accident. While visiting Rawtenstall recently be presented the Rawtenstall Corporation with a garden is inscribed. In Windsor he was for twelve and chairman of the Property Committee. Death was due to blood-poisoning following a scratch on the finger.

Mr. Charles Hobbouse, speaking in Bristo on Saturday, said he hoped they would have no regrets from wealthy people if the charges "To pay out, ch?" asked Plumb, with a upon them were increased in order to meet the larger expenditure on the navy for which mos of them were clamouring. He was sure those people would not be forgotten when the Chan cellor of the Exchequer came to meet his bill. Two old-age pensioners, aged seventy-five have been married at Marlborough. The bridegroom, Andrew Goodship, had previously "What do you mean?" Plumb blustered, been married four times thrice to widows The mystery of the "headless woman ghoet"

at an Ollersett pit, New Mills, Derbyshire, has His manner was breaking down the Jew's been solved, and has been found to be a pure white badger, one, it is surmised, of many of " T that species abounding in the vicinity. A wire-haired terrier dog. Raby Dezzler, which only about a year ago was purchased talk. If you are going to throw us down, by the landlord of a Hull public-house for £5. has now been purchased by Mr. G. W. Quin-Bombardier Wells has accepted the invita tion of the Fulham Football Club to play Both men started, and the Jew turned pale | against Chelsea in the match between the two clubs at Stamford Bridge on Saturday next. Wells will play at inside right. The death, from choking by a piece of mea/ whilst at tea, took place on Saturday evening of William Davis, of Britannia-yard, Bury, e Post Office linesman. During the meal he suddenly threw back his nead, put his hand to his throat and fell back dying Whilst the midnight express from Doncaster to London was being run into the sidings on

signal, and the train ran off the line. The too if it had been etched there. I have still that and proceeded an hour late. The permanent way was torn up for a considerable distance. skidded. Mr. Edwards, of Kingston, one of the coared." left his thumb print on my uncle's case called eyelists, was injured on the legs, and was

the remarkable case of a lad, eleven years of He had that indefinable air which one asso print on my table. He made them with his For descending a well 150ft, deep, charged with foul gases, to rescue a work mate after at South Shields, the large coal shipping jetblasting operations, Herbert Gostelow, of New- ties belonging to Harton Coal Co. being deston Valence, Hants, was presented on Satur- troyed. The damage is estimated at about day with a gold watch and the Royal Society's £90,000. bronze medal. Captain E. Jervoise, R.N., on At Worcestershire Assizes, On Saturday whose estate the well is, has presented Gos- Wm. Yates, of Northwick Hall, was charged telow with a clock. Probate has been confirmed in London of Bromsgrove, and was found "Not guilty." the estate of Mr. Peter Conts, who left personal The case had been tried on two previous occa-

cetate of the total value of £2.526,270, of sions, the juries having failed to agree, bluff. The thumb that marked my uncle's which nearly £2,000,000 is represented by in-Coats's investments were as fortunate as those concern described as "in liquidation."

### HIPPODROME, ACCRINGTON.

The fare at the Hippodrome Accrington. this week is good all round, "There's not a manner had lost conviction, and his tongue bad turn in t' lot" being the verdict of last night's audiences, a statement which means much in the way of commendation. "The Ten Loonies" head the bill, and these music makers and laughter providers are a host in themselves. They render selections with much skill, including "The Rosary," "Asleep in the Deep," "Sing me to sleep and several marches. Jimmy Sunton comedian, at the piano, pleased so well that he was encored. Sutton cleverly tells a story of love courtship and marriage by playing excerpts from well known popular songs. mitates several instruments on the piano with much skill and blends two airs at one and the same time. A sketch "A Policeman and a Man," by Stuart Cleveland and company is of the emotional type dealing with an officer's dilemma between love and duty. Variety is provided by Marie Pascal a clever foot juggler, and Newman and Knight are also a smart couple of jugglers little touch is going to hit us hard," he comedienne with a style of her own, and Ethel Stephenson is an acceptable vocalist, The whole makes up an excellent entertain-

### CANON WHO SAW A "GHOST."

Cquon Sutton, vice-chairman of the Cumberto the church people of Dearham, gave some personal reminiscences.

Dealing with the question of a dying person's form appearing to the one in his or her mind at the time of death, Canon Sutton said he befriended the orphan daughter of a clergyman by obtaining her a situation as governors. She became engaged to an officer, and he (Canon Sutton) gave her a sealskin coat as a present. The officer filted her, and she was heartbroken.

Some time after, Canon Sutton added, be ined at Dovemby Hall. He rode home to Bridekirk on a clear moonlight night, and at 12-15 a.m. he saw the form of the girl in her scalskin coat near Dovenby school. The horse seemed to see something too, for he stopped On reaching home he told his wife, who laughed at him, and told him he had been dreaming. But he lourned later that the girl had died at the moment he saw her or though he saw her, on the road, and that at the time of death she was wearing the scalskin coat he had given her, and that her last words were to tell Alfred (Canon Sutton) that she forgave him for introducing her to her faithless lover. Canon Sutton also stated that he had a similar experience when travelling in the Sudan in

### TEXTILE WORKERS AND M.P.'S.

early manhood.

At the half yearly meeting of the United Textile Factory Workers' Association held in On the subject of Parliamentary Labour candidates, it was decided to support Mesers. W C. Robinson, J. W. Ogden, Thomas Shaw, and James Bill, in addition to the present members of Parliament, Messrs, A. H. Gill and Albert Smith. The rames will be forwarded to the National Labour party, so that they may be placed on the list of candidates.

### LUNATIC'S HOARD OF GOLD.

A novel story of a lungsic's disclosure of a Dublin, a seaside town.

A native of the locality was recently committed to the asylum and after a few weeks' ordered mind, but the man persisted so strongly that he was finally brought to the seashore in a taxi-cab.

On reaching the place he had described he pointed to a niche in the rocks, in which the attendants were amazed to find two old bage containing £183 in gold. The money lay practically open to view, and as the spot is favourite meeting place for lovers it is surprising that it was not discovered before.

### ----THE ESSENCE OF HUSTLE

Whether time means money, or not, they are bent on saving it in the States. Charles Merrill, who is past 70, spells his name Merrell instead of Merrill, because he hasn't time to

## STOCK AND SHARE

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### Randfontein Estate MAGISTRATE'S HINT TO WIVES.

East Band Proprietary

"Of course, he is an unreasonable being Two young men motor cycling near the Greenwich, on Saturday, to a young wife who Kingsmere, Wimbledon Park, on Sunday, were complained of her husband. "We are all thrown into the road when the machine unreasonable he told her, "but we can be

A disastrous fire occurred on Sunday night

with attempting to bribe a policeman at Hackney borough councillors who desire t

Particulars of his public and private bequese Thursday's meeting for a motion by Mr. A. H have been already published. Not all of Mr. Lehmann authorising the wearing of badges The death occurred at Camberley, on Satur in the company bearing his name, as securities day, of Mr. William Poiden, who served in the in various concerns representing in all a face Orimean and Indian Mutiny compaigns with value of nearly £532,000 are returned at "nil." the 6th Dragoon Guards. He was present at recovered himself and brazened it out, and of this amount over £490,000 is in one Sebastopol, and in the Indian Mutiny he took part in 16 engagements.