ON THE REBOUND.

Of course, we'd met the winter through
At balls and teas, but then, you know,
I thought the world of Ned Carew, Who'd been devoted, and I knew Tom was in love with Kittle Snow.

So Tuesday night, at Kittle's ball, When they announced she was engaged To Ned Carew, I thought I'd fall Or faint—I really can't recall
When I've been so stunned or enraged!

She's such a scheming girl—and then, Oh, lots of times, I've heard Ned say He thought she looked so silly when She tried to flirt. Oh, dear, some men Can't keep the same mind through the

Well, Wednesday came, and as 'twas Lent, And I was blue about it all, I thought the day would be best spent In some good work, and so I went To take flowers to the hospital.

And passing by, who should I see
As at their door, with all my flowers
I stood, but Tom! He said that he
Thought time best spent in charity— I said those were my happiest hours.

Well, that began it. Then we found Our tastes allke in everything.
We think respect's the proper ground
For love, and ours is strong and sound.

Mine's twice as big as Kitty's ring!—

Beatrice Hanscom, in Ladies' Home

## Big Stories of Big Fish

The Tuna Man Put to Flight by the Black Sea Bass Man.

VERYTHING is upside down on this side," said a rotund member of the Tuna club, Santa Catalina, who was watching Mexican Joe, his boatman, rig up a tuna bait. "On the Atlan- out of the water with that bass in his to become a national character. The tic we have the gulf stream flowing north. Here we're on the Kurosiwo, leaving me the head, which I had sota and Nebraska have no man who the Japanese current that flows south and gives us this fishing; but the trouble with the old thing is that it wabbles. Sometimes it's off shore, sometimes clean in; sometimes it runs up into the Arctic, sometimes cutting across below; and that's what affects our fishing and climate, according to my mind. When the Kurosiwo is off shore, as it was five years ago, the fishing is off, too. That year the yellow tail were as scarce as hens' teeth, and the reason was the warm current was off shore and just touched the islands of southorn California. This year we're right from the reel and a rush of water we in it. People have been bathing all winter at Avalon, which shows that the water is warm; that's the reason the yellow tail have struck in so soon. Joe saw a school going north yesterday taken 700 feet of line and worn an inch that covered 20 acres and was an hour passing. He reckoned that there were millions in the school."

"How can he reckon?" asked a chronic kicker. "He can't read or

"Well, he can savey, can't he?" retorted the Tuna clubman.

This seemed unanswerable, but the kicker presently came to the front You say Joe saw a million fish, eh? and they was an hour passing. D'ye know how that was? Why, he saw a school of 400 or 500 yellow tails, that's what he saw, and, like they always do at the first run, they was swimming in a circle, and Mexican Joe was drifting on the circumference of the circle, and the same fish went under him about a million times. He's got double multiplying sight, anyway, like a reel, like all them Ananias club boatmen; what they don't see when they're out of bait is a caution. Why, look what they talk up now; trying to make out that black sea bass is equal to a tuna." "Well, so he is," responded the fleshy

"What!" said the other. "Compare that great overgrown hunk of a fish to

"Well, I hold the record for the biggest fish on top of the earth with the smallest line for a game fish, and that fish was a 327-pound black sea bass," replied the clubman.

"Here comes the colonel," said some one; "he holds the belt for the biggest

"And claims everything in sight," retorted the black sea bass champion. What do you consider the gamest fish in these waters, colonel?" asked the kicker, as the other man came up.

"Why, everyone knows that the leaping tuna is in a class by itself. Why,' rolling his eyes around, "we would feed our tuna on full grown tarnon, if we could get them. It can't be," added the colonel, turning to the black sea bass champion, "that you are still clinging to that silly delusion that your fish beat mine. I'll tell you what I'll do," talking so fast that the black sea bass man could not get in a word. "I'll tell these gentlemen the story of my catch, then you tell yours, and let them settle it.

"Well," continued the colonel, clearing away the hooks and wire on the Mexican's stand and sitting down. "I hooked my fish one morning about six o'clock-two of us were fishing. We had 12-ounce rods, seven feet long and 21-thread lines, and plenty of it-800 feet or more. The first we knew there was a rush and two big fish came boiling along astern; then you should have heard those reels! You may talk about high C; they simply hummed, and the line was jerked off so quick that before I could think 500 feet was gone, while the fish my friend had hooked had taken everything and was off. There was a sort of a shriek from the steel throat of that reel, and 900 feet of good line went. I kept my fish well in hand, I confess by a species of luck, and stopped him in less than 800 feet, and when I felt that the brake was telling and that he was towing the boat and not taking line I thought I had a chance; but just then began some of the strangest maneuvers I ever saw in a fish. Suddenly I thought he was gone. You who have caught tunas perhaps know this peculiarity of the fish in getting off when there is no strain on the line; another tuna sometimes cuts it by cutting a vertical face in the rock. with its back. Well, I thought this had Each "house" has a door and one winhappened, but a second later I saw a dow. The first house was constructed gleam on the water, and it was my fish; he was coming for me like a shot and on couple who were too poor to pay their the surface, his blue back and yellow fins blazing in the sunlight. I reeled for my life, there was no doubt about that. I had a big multiplier that ate up line like a windmill, but no reeling itants, whose stout limbs and red on top of the earth could have met that rush, and I saw my line slack and made statements.—N. Y. Herald. up my mind that the game was up. The fish stopped 20 feet from the boat, or as soon as he saw me, whirled about, and fairly dazzled me as the sun struck the water many a time, and I don't see him, and was off again with 200 feet be-fore I could stop him. Then he began to plange to the bottom and drag the sink, dear.—Yonkers Statesman.

line like a steam engine, hauling the HOUSE SPEAKERSHIP. boat round; then he came to the top again and rushed in on me as before. Finally, after nearly three hours of this the fish started down the coast and towed us five miles, sometimes stopping to rush away, occasionally turning and towing the boat against a heavy sea that had picked up, but invariably turning south again, and in four hours from the start was gaffed after a hard struggle. He broke the first gaff in pieces and tore it from the hands of the boatman. The fish was fought hard from the start to the finish and weighed

183 pounds." "It's a good fish story, no doubt," said the black sea bass champion as the colonel concluded; "it's a game fish, but it's not in the same class with the black sea bass and I never landed my biggest fish. It was this way: I was fishing for whitefish and had on a sardine. I got public. a bite and pulled up, then got a heavier bite, then a still heavier one, and finally after a hard struggle got the fish up and to my amazement I saw it was a black sea bass. A rockbass had taken rockbass, a yellowtail had grabbed the the yellowtail. The fish towed us, anchor down, four miles up the coast and boat, as near as we could judge, and I would be a good presiding officer. would have given a thousand dollars to mounted as a trophy. "My 327-pound fish, which has accord-

ed me the championship of the world, I landed fairly and squarely in 55 minutes. We were fishing on the bottom with 12-ounce rods and 21-strand lines. All at once my line began to run out. 1 gave the fish about ten feet and struck. Well, gentlemen," and the narrator took off his hat and wiped his brow at the mere recollection. "I'll give you my word, I thought that fish would take the boatman under water. Jim threw off the anchor rope, and with a whistle were off, Jim pulling for his life to get headway on the boat, and I working the thumb brake with all my strength to stop the rush; but before I knew it had leather pad down to nothing. And that's what bothered me-the smoke of that burning thumb brake kept getting in my eyes, though Jim kept fanning it away. I heard afterward that people who saw us thought it was a steam launch. But finally the brake burned up, and I used a thumbstall. When that wore out I doubled up my hat, and finally, after a rush of 900 feet, I stopped the fish. He began to skulk, but I put the tarpon-pumping movement into play, and soon started him. Then he began to rush around the boat, going so fast that both Jim and I got dizzy. We couldn't see the shore at all, and finally had to shut our eyes, and there, of reel, and several times the rubber began to melt, but Jim kept pouring water on it as I reeled, and at last, by a herculean

clock. move him another foot we couldn't. Minutes and seconds is personally popular and known to be were slipping away, and finally we had ruggedly honest. He is a very impetuonly ten minutes; you see, I wanted to do it in an hour, and just then Jim had an inspiration. He said 'stop reeling, sir, and we'll pull the boat up to the fish.' You see, all the time we had been trying to pull the fish to the boat. So Jim took his oars and rowed alongside while I reeled in the slack; and just 55 minutes from the time I hooked the fish Jim hauled him into the boat, 327 pounds to a dot; there isn't a man on earth that can do it in less," and the black sea bass advocate looked around at the awe-stricken assemblage. But the tuna man had disappeared .- N. Y.

The architect and his friend the builder were driving back to the former's office. They had been out to the edge of the city to look at some work on which they were engaged. As they drove by a certain house the builder looked up at it proudly, saying: There is a house that I built myself. I not only built it, but I drew all the plans. Every bit of work in it is mine." The architect looked at the house and smiled in a provoking way. The builder noticed the smile and looked at the house in a new light. "How hard I worked on that!" he said. "In the daytime I had to do something else, but every night I would sit up late drawing on those plans. I drew on 'em every night for a month." The architect looked at the house again and smiled once more, and the builder saw him. Again he turned his eyes toward the product of his brain, twisting his neck to squint at it after the carriage had passed it. Then he looked at the architect with humility. "It looks as if those plans were drawn at night, doesn't it?" he said, and there was pathos in his voice-Worcester Gazette.

Modern Cave Dwellers. Cave dwellers, or, to be exact, earth or rock dwellers, are not yet extinct. A traveler who visited the prehistoric cave dwellings near Halberstadt, in the Harz mountains, found in the nearby village of Langenstein ten caves hewn in the rock and occupied by 40 persons This little settlement is built on the slope of a rocky hill near the village. The fronts of the dwellings were made only 40 years ago by a young married rent in the village. The rock houses are warm in winter and cool in sum mer. They are quite healthful, accord ing to the testimony of their inhabcheeks vouch for the truth of their

Results Were Impossible She-I'm sure I'm cast my bread on

Both the East and the West Desire to Secure It.

Washington Deeply Interested in the Successor to Thomas B. Reed-Some of the More Prominent Candidates.

[Special Washington Letter.] The determination of Speaker Reed to withdraw from public life has brought forth the names of a number of prominent members of the house of representatives, who may become candidates for the speakership; a position, by the way, which is next in power to that of the chief magistracy of the re-

Sereno E. Payne, of New York, is logically a candidate, because he has been continuously a member of the house for 16 years. He is at the head of the committee on ways and means, and the sardine, a whitefish had taken the is naturally regarded as the leader of his party. James S. Sherman, also of whitefish and the sea bass had taken New York, is a much younger man, and has been a member of the house for ten years. Either one of these gentlemen, headed for San Nicolas, 70 miles away; if selected by the eastern members of then I said to Jim: 'I reckon we's out- the dominant party, might prove to be classed.' The bass was as long as the successful; and either one of them

The western men have a caucus masee him weighed. He would have tipped jority, if they can unite upon a candithe scales at 800 pounds, sure. But it date. Ohio will probably not present was not our day; he suddenly gave a a candidate, because the president hails lunge and got away for a hundred feet. from that state. Indiana has no candi-While I was reeling him in we saw a big date, because none of her representa flurry and a 15-foot maneater came right | tives has been in public life long enough mouth and bit the fish square in two, states of Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnehas been a member of the house long enough to claim recognition in a speakership contest, excepting Wisconsin, which might present the name of Congressman Babcock, but for the fact that he declined to be a candidate.

Illinois has two good men, either one of whom would make a good presiding



SERENO E. PAYNE. (New York's Favorite Candidate for the Speakership.)

officer. Congressman Hopkins, of Aurora, is a leading member of the committee on ways and means. He has course, we lost time; but we kept at the often presided over the house when in committee of the whole, and in that position has manifested great parliamentary skill. Congressman Cannon, effort, I got that fish within 20 feet of Danville, has long been a national the boat. It was then 45 minutes by the character. He has three times been clock. What clock? Why, the boat chairman of the committee on approclock. I never go fishing without a priations. It was he who introduced the famous bill appropriating \$50,000,-"As I was saying, we had the fish up | 000 to be used at the discretion of the ous man, and might better retain his chairmanship than to secure the speak

ership. Longest in service, and exceptionally popular with public men, is Col. David B. Henderson, of Dubuque, Ia. If the west should unite in supporting him, his selection would be acceptable to all the leading representatives of the western states. He has been a member of the committee on rules for a number of years, and is perfectly familiar with the practices and precendents of the house of representatives. He has been chairman of the committee on judiciary for four years. He was acting chairman of the committee on appropriations for sometime. He is an able debater and an

eloquent orator. Either one of these gentlemen posesses sufficient ability and experience to fill the important position. Either one of them would prove to be acceptable to his party, and would reflect credit upon his supporters. Neither one of them would make a record for assuming autocratic power; for neither one of them has advocated the exercise of such power by Speaker Reed. Neither one of them possesses the autocratic disposition which has actuated the strong and



ALBERT J. HOPKINS. (The Choice of Illinois for the House

masterful man who now voluntarily re linquishes the power of exalted station. be stated that no little injustice has been done Speaker Reed by the newspapers which have disseminated the dea that he was the author of a coul of imperial rules. As a matter of fact Tom Recd administered the rules which were made by the house of representatives; and adminstered them autocratically. But he only introduced two rules which may be termed distinctively Reed rules. In the first place, he counted a quorum when members sat in their seats declining to vote, and claiming to be absent. Everybody now concedes that Reed was right in taking that stand. In the second place, he introduced the policy of declining to entertain what he autocratically decided to be dilatory motions. He took this stand in order that business might proceed.

His course in this respect is now independent business of the stand in the street.

Blithering idiot:

Second Man—That's your name is it?

My name is Dobbs.—Tit-Bits.

In speculating upon the contest for

the speakership, and assuming that it will take to some extent, at least, a sectional aspect, it is worth while to consider some interesting facts and fig- Pacific Coast Now Squarely Faces ures. The total republican vote will be 184, this assuming that the vacancies now existing in Nebraska, Maine Louisiana and such others as may oc cur before the meeting of congress, will be filled by representatives of the same parties as those elected at the

regular election in 1898.

The strength of the eastern combina ion, leaving Ohio, of course, out, will be as follows: Connecticut Delaware Maine



DAVID B. HENDERSON. Choice of Iowa for the House Speak ership.)

These 71 votes come from the terri-

ory east of the Alleghanies and north of the Potomac. The western forces, again leaving Ohio

out, will be: California . Total .....

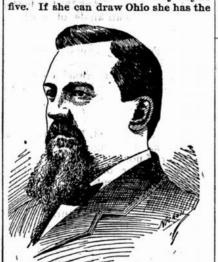
Here are 88 .stes, or only five short of a nomination. These votes come from west of the Alleghany mountains, omitting Ohio, and north of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers.

The southern and border contingent will be:

lexas West Virginia Total ..... These votes come from south of the

Ohio river. Here, then, is the situation. The east has 71 votes. If she could draw to her candidate the 15 votes of Ohio she would still be seven votes short. If she could bring to her support the entire Ohio delegation and the entire southern delegation she would have the nomination

88 votes, independent of Ohio. If she



JOSEPH W. BABCOCK. (Wisconsin Statesman Who Does Not Want to Be Speaker.)

nomination with a majority of ten. If she can carry her own vote solid and secure five votes from either the southern contingent or from Ohio she can be successful.

It will be seen that if mere personal considerations do not outweigh the general geographical political considerations the speaker of the Fifty-sixth congress is very likely to come from west of the Allegheny mountains. At and Fifty-fifth congresses the east had a majority of the votes, and they were able not only to nominate Mr. Reed, from the extreme northeastern country, but they were able to locate the two great offices of clerk of the house and doorkeeper of the house, involving three-fourths of the patronage, all east say that the star of republican political power is moving their way, and it is a good deal to ask of them that they shall yield the speakership to a man who is

is a big man whether he is in Maine, New York, Washington, London, Bermay have a good, strong presiding officer, no matter where he may reside. SMITH D. FRY.

"Doctor, I want to know what's the matter with me." "My good sir, your ailment is a tendency of the lungs to expel air suddenly and forcibly through the glottis, the

effort being accompanied by a raucous and more or less guttural sound." "That's what I told the doctor I discharged the other day. He said it was nothing but a cough!"-Chicago Trib

Introducing Euch Other.

OUTLOOK IS OMINOUS.

the Eastern Question.

The Partition of China by the Euro pean Powers May Have Serious Consequences for Us and Our Institutions.

[Special San Francisco Letter.] The Pacific coast now squarely faces the "eastern question," both from a military point of view and a "peaceful invasion" that must come sooner or later. The recent rise of the United States as a naval power and the invitation for the first time in history to take a hand in oriental affairs has brought the Pacific coast forward as an important point for defense and offense. The coast line and the islands in the bay are being heavily fortified with the largest mortars and disappearing guns in existence, a dry dock costing \$2,000,000 will be constructed at the Mare Island navy yard for the repairing of warships, and a training school for sailors for the western navy will also soon be established.

While this western barrier is being thus prepared for war, the people are looking forward with no little concern to that "peaceful invasion" which must surely follow the dismemberment of the Chinese empire. True, we have an exclusion law, but even now the Chinese are smuggled into this country at the rate of nearly 1,000 a month. When their country shall be carved up by the "concert of Europe" they will flock and a standing army on our borders will a colony, and where the struggle for

mains, and the results of that labor continue to increase after they have been gathered to their ancestors. Other foreigners also send money out of the country. It should be remeas-bered that a laborer, especially a Chinese who works so cheaply, has very lit-tle to send away after paying his living expenses, and, perhaps, taking a hand in his favorite game of fan-tan or lot-

tery.
The Chinese originated the manufac ture of cigars in California. Up to the time of the Cuban uprising, about quarter of a century ago, nearly onehalf of the cigarmakers on the island were Chinese. We then imported our cigars from Cuba and Manila. Not relishing war, especially the Spanish mode, the Chinese came to California and introduced the manufacture of "Havana" cigars, and now furnish at least half the quantity consumed on the entire Pacific coast states. Chinese factory hands are paid about one dollar a day, while the few white laborers who attempted competition received two dollars and \$2.50 a day. The Chinese have continued in this monopoly. In addition, there are about 3,000 Chinese in this city engaged in the manufacture of boots, shoes and slippers. The same corresponding difference in wages exists. From these examples it is easy to foretell the result of a large

migration of Chinese to the Pacific coast. They excel the white man in light labor, and, while they are imitative, they are not inventive. They are more patient, persevering and faithful to their duties than the white man, as a rule. It is with this class of steady plodders that we are now to grapple when the great mass of Asiatics begin to move. Naturally they will cross over to this coast in much larger numbers, to this coast, where they already have



A STREET SCENE IN SAN FRANCISCO'S CHINATOWN.

come up through Mexico and down from the Puget sound country in defiance of law, and in numerous instances are assisted by corrupt officials who have reaped fortunes in this "underground" traffic. There will no doubt be trouble when they begin to swarm to these shores in large numbers, and more especially if they are assisted by the Japnese. The Japanese are more combative, and, as allies of the Chinese, the

irruption may be a very formidable one. The disintegration of this vast empire, containing one-third of the human race, will set in motion a large with a majority of three. The west has enough number of Asiatics to not only overrun the Pacific coast, but may in can draw the southern contingent she time change the aspect of affairs in the has the nomination with a majority of United States. And, in the course of centuries, this irruption may make a marked difference throughout the world. This great empire has stood for centuries, and has refrained from enspite the ambition of her statesmen and the weakness of her neighbors. Considering the large possessions of the European powers in Asia, and the repeated demands for more, it is evident that the end of the Chinese empire is near. Then will begin the immigration



CHINATOWN WOOD CARRIER.

of people, and I ere on the Pacific coast the organization of the Fifty-fourth is an extensive unoccupied country, where cheap labor is needed to afford competition with the eastern states. A balf a century ago we "battered down the walls of China," according to dur national boast, and opened her ports to our commerce. Within the next quarter of a century 200,000 Chinese laorers had entered the United States. of the Alleghenies. The western men Then we began to understand what the awakening of these people would ultimately lead to. We had opened the way for an exodus from that overcrowded land where laborers received outranked in years of service in the but four or five dollars per month. house by not fewer than seven or eight | We saw that at this rate we should soon distinguished representatives from the | be "Chinese-ized," or overrun by them vast territory west of the Alleghenies. as was Europe by the Goths and Van-But, after all, the majority party will dals. Then we began to close the door be wise if it selects the man who is pos- we had forcibly opened, and erect an sessed of greatest ability, regardless of anti-Chinese wall. The exclusion law his geographical location. Tom Reed has reduced immigration, but it has no stopped it, and will not. Cheap labor is needed in a country where labor is lin or anywhere else on the face of the scarce, and capital will find a way to In all fairness and candor it should earth. It is to be hoped that the house get that labor. Without the Chinese the Pacific railroad could not have been built so soon, for there were not enough laborers in the west, and it was much cheaper to get 10,000 men from China than from eastern cities. This was the introduction of Chinese cheap labor in the United States, and soon other capi talists followed the example.

It is estimated that in the construction of the railroads and in the reclamation of swamp lands (the latter being work which white men would not do) the Chinese have added \$300,000,000 to the wealth of the state. It is also estimated by the capitalists that withthe last quarter of a century the Chinese have created at least one-third of the material wealth of the state. Agitators have claimed that the Chinese "send the money out of the country." Admitting that they do, they cannot send the labor away-it re-

be necessary to keep them out. They | a livelihood is not so hard. And we will have different material to contend against. Heretofore we have hac, mainly, the adventurous poor laborers whose poverty drove them to this strange country; but in the ultimate disintegration a better element will come. The exclusion law does not prohibit "merchants, or men traveling for p'easure or educational purposes," and many laborers can, and do, come in under this clause.

For a number of years China has been sending students to our colleges, and learned men of all trades and professions visit this country to study our institutions. Her statesmen have awakened to what is going on in the "outside world," and perhaps they trace her destiny in the harsh notes of tha: "European concert."

It is not the old China that now confronts us, but the newer China, awakened by her contact with that "civil zatering upon a career of conquest, de- tion" which we forced upon her. For centuries this oldest government in existence has remained impervious to outside influences, content to improve and adorn what she had, as did the Athenians, rather than enter upon a career of "expansion." But the partition of her territory will arouse that lethargic mass of humanity and start it on a career of "peaceful conquest." The Chinese are intellectual, and capable of competing with the Caucasian, as is shown in the cigar and shoe industries. Economical and content with small vages, they are the most dangerous of any competitors. The migration is slow and under control, but events are hastening that inevitable irruption which, within the next few decades. may prove a very serious problem to the United States.

Though under our jurisdiction, the Chinese in the United States are prac-The outlook is ominous for the future of the Pacific coast. J. M. SCANLAND.

The Handy Man. Mrs. Gabb-Dear me! There comes my husband. There won't be a whole piece of furniture left in the house by midnight. Mrs. Gadd-Horrors! Does he drink.

and is that a case of liquor he is carry-Mrs. Gabb-No, he doesn't drink. That's a new box of tools. - N. Y

Weekly.

A Grand Scheme. "Aunt Emeline has a theory for re orming the world." 'What is it?"

"Mothers ought to exchange chil-"What good would that do?" "Mothers always have such strict ideas how other women's children should be raised."—Chicago Record.

Trust and Trust. Now everything upon the face Of this world's upper crust Developeth in shortest space Into the noxious trust.
Oh, cynic appellation, since, However bust I be, I fail to see the slightest chance

Many Replenishments. "They say the Smilers keep liquor in their house all the time." "Well, if I haven't misjudged Smiler terribly, they don't keep the same iquor all the time."-Chicago Record.

Advice Gratis. Clinker (meeting Dr. Probe)-Look here, doctor, what's a good thing for a Dr. Probe (gruffly)-Consult a physician.—Brooklyn Life.

On the Wrong Tack. Tommy-Grandpa, are kings and queens always good? Grandpa-Not always, my boy; not when there are aces out against them. -Brooklyn Life.

## "Think of Ease But Work On."

If your blood is impure you may "work on" but you cannot even "think of ease." The blood is the greatest sustainer of the body and when you make it pure by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla you have the perfect health in which even hard work becomes ease. Hood's Sarsaparilla Never Disappo

Intensely modern is the new murder story by Randall Irving Tyler, entitled "The Blind Goddess." There is, it seems, evolution in murder stories as well as in everything else.

Those who read Tyler's "Four Months After Date," and said the book was elever though perhaps weighted down with business transactions, will find in "The Blind Goddess," just issued, a novel drawn in a new vein, but full of dramatic climaxes. To bring home the thoughts it contains to many who never read murder stories, incidents are used familiar to ail who have followed the recent poison cases.

The prosecuting officer's theory of the erime, the appalling accusation of the innocent daughter of one of the murdered men, the web of circumstantial evidence around and against a man of unblemished character, who is also accused, the defenseless position both of these people occupy before the coroner, the subsequent indictment without a hearing before a magistrate—all these things make the reader think.

The underlying motive for the crime introduces a diversion in the person of an adventuress, for whose presence no applogy is offered, as it turns out that she is the real culprit.

The occasional glimpses of an exclusive

offered, as it turns out that she is the real culprit.

The occasional glimpses of an exclusive social circle, the charming heroine Helen Brownell, the strong willed but intensely human Sanford Crane, offer opportunities for Mr. Tyler's ability in character sketching which he has not neglected; even the adventuress challenges admiration at times by the boldness and coldness of her method. The title, as will be readily understood, applies to the more serious side of the novel, which has to do with prosecution for capital crime; but the well-handled romane running through it all and the satisfactory denouement make "The Blind Goddess" a marvelously entertaining book, running over with surprises in its movement and its literary style. It is more than absorbing; it is compelling. Stuyvesant Publishing Company, New York; cloth, \$1.00; paper, 50 cents.

When a Vase Is a Varse.

"Fifty cents for this beautiful little vase." called the auctioneer; "going, going for 50. Do I hear 55 for this beautiful little vase?" and no one thought anything about the auctioneer or the vase which went for 50 cents until another one was put up, an immense affair of cloisonne. "Now we will mense affair of cloisonne." mense affair of cloisonne. "Now we will show you an exquisite piece, not to be duplicated in this country," he went on. "An exquisite cloisonne varse—" and there the Wellesley girl said excitedly to her companion: "Now, that is what I call true Boston culture. Would you expect a man of that kind to make such a delicate distinction? He must have been educated at a woman's college. When he is selling a 50-cent article he says vase in the ordinary way, with the long sound of 'a,' but when he comes to a big piece of cloisonne, it is varse, with the broad 'a' every time. That is according to rule. Over ten dollars in price you find a varse, but under that nothing but an ordinary, everyday vase."—N. Y. Times. that nothing but an vase."-N. Y. Times.

Expedited. Lady-I wish to get a birthday present for my husband. Shopwalker—How long have you been

married, madam? "Bargain counter to the right, madam."
-Rival. uld have

have faith in them .- Ram's Horn.



## An Excellent Combination.

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