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been proud to immortalize because of tion to the woman loved and lost. Such a character had old Ben Jenkins, a rola little wayside inn on Reid's toll road, twenty-five miles from Redding, Cal.,

soul near by whose gentle touch and words of sympathy would give comfort to the last? Ben Jenkins believed it-heknew it-none so well. His efforts to win the object of his love is an evidence that he wanted companionship, and, al. though he failed in this, he was un-changing. His devotion did not waver

to the last. Yet he loved wisely —this impetuous Romeo. The woman he chose from all the world as his ideal was the one whose inspiration, strength of character and sympathetic helpfulness made her

Another Romeo has met his death-a of vital interest' to the college boys. lover whom Shakespeare would have Among the bevy of demure, little Puri-tanic maidens, the professor's daughter, been proud to immortalize because of greatness of heart, brilliancy of intels lect, and more than all, faithful devo-tion to the woman loved and lost. Such bright, black-eyed girl, witty and at-tractive. To say she was attractive to icking character of 72 years, who kept the college boys was putting it mildly. But she was unapproachable. The only thing for the enthusiastic admirers to do was to cultivate the professor, and

> Ecod conduct. Rules had to be obeyed. Exultant schemes for triumphal self-government had to be suppressed, the faculty must not be overthrown, and just for the sake of a little fun they must not set fire to the college build-ings, for wag not John W. Scott a pro-fessor, and was not his irresistibly at-tective doughts worth stressistibly attractive daughter worth struggling to

I say "struggling" because the professor seemed to have such exaggerated ideas of good conduct and the young men such an exaggerated degree of life

Inscand an honored President of the United States. For it was Benjamin Harrison who won Miss Caroline Scott, and succeeded, while his rival, with as glowing prospects in early manhood, lost his suit: and, with that loss, the fire of ambition left him, the glowing coals died out while he lived on.
The rivals were equipped for life in the same college—Miami University at Oxford, Ohio—early in the fifties. John W. Scott had a professional role in the university and was also manager and president of a young ladies' academy in the town of Oxford.
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the town of Oxford. It is needless to say that fifty years ago young men were every bit as sus-ceptible to feminine charms as they are today, and that the academy was one

SECRETARY ROOT.

twenty-nve innes from neutry, can be says Grace Fern in the San Francisco Call. He lived and died alone—every one dies alone. But would not death's last pangs be sweeter with some worthy

World interest in the first Twentieth Century heads of the United States government grows daily. Here is the latest snapshot of President McKinley and Vice President-elect Roosevelt, taken with a background of late autumn leaves containing no suggestion of sadness for their joint future of brilliant promise. known also that the beautiful Caroline Scott sympathized strongly with her father and would not allow a Democrat to be presented to her. Ben Jenkins' classmates gathered about him one day on the campus, and challenged him: "You dare not," they said, "pay court-

ly respects to the 'unapproachable'-Caroline Scott!" He accepted the challenge and, after five weeks of diplotatic thought and action, he could have been seen en-sconced in one of Mrs. Scott's comfortable cretonne-covered rocking-chairs in her cheery sitting-room cracking nuts for the pretty Puritan, while her mother discreetly wrote letters on the other side of the spacious room. The young gallant paused between the

deferential compliments he paid Miss Scott to picture to himself his triumph over his classmates on the following day, and his exultant spirit knew no

turned to Oxford. The old scenes could not bring any thing to his neart that was not already there. Across the street from the acadimey—which was her Alma Mater —was the familiar house where she -was the familiar house where she lived. It was a generous two-story frame house of the style so often seen fifty years ago. The house stood close to the payement, and was separated from the academy by a large yard. The house was locked and there was no response to the knocker. "If bey must be out of town," he thought. "It just arop in and see her dearest friend, Sally Molyneaux, and learn more of this."

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"Did you know that Carrie Scott was

pride came to the rescue, enabling him

to carry on an intelligible conversation

on other topics for several moments, until he could get away without leaving

the impression that he had received a

Once alone, he installed himself in a

journey. The ceremony had been per-formed by the bride's father in her own

nome. The newspaper article descr the couple standing in one corner of t spacious parlor, the bride attired in

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And he knew that she belonged to

And he knew that she beinged to this latter class. Few people will ever know what Ben Jenkins suffered. Those who can un-derstand deserve much pity, for such natures must have the same capacity for pain themselves.

Every ray of brightness faded out f his life, and with it vanished every hope and ambition for the great fu-ture of a great man. Again he crossed ture of a great man. Again he crossed the plains to work and forget in Cali-fornia. Ever restless, he turned to other goldfields and scenes. Fortune followed and smilled again, but what did he care for gold? Only that it might contribute to the pleasure of others. Therefore, the generosity of this great heart nermitted those about him to endoy life in his stead. He found an artificial glow, however, in his wines, and, as he went on toward the aftorand, as he went on toward the after-noon of life, he cared little for conse-quences and looked for solace in his

INFANCY OF BIG INVENTIONS.

A pathetic interest, one might almost say, attaches to the first models of well-known inventions—the first clum sy efforts of unknown inventors who knew not Edison. Many such are pre-served in the great patent muscums of London and Washington. Here, for example, is the first lock-titch sewing machine, contraved by the American Howe in 1845. What a bungling af-fair it looks in comparison with the smart machines of today! Probably the least jar would throw itout of sear. In South Kensington Museum is the first model of the phonograph. In ap-pearance it is totally different from the phonograph we know nowadays. It was constructed in 1877. The first Edi-son electric pen is close by. It was presented to England by its Inventor You can make a quantity of facsimile copies of any writing by simply doing it with this pen on a prepared plate, and then running an ink roller over the A pathetic interest, one might almost | back. The father of typewriters was

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COMPTROLLER DAWES.

Lately, in the City of Mexico, a mam- | was then taken before the most immoth elephant was successfully relieved of an aching tooth. The tooth was 12 inches long the diameter at the root inches long, the diameter at the root protruded about four inches on either being no fewer than four Inches. After side, the swollen gum had been thoroughly reaked with cocaine a threadounter. soaked with cocaine, a three-quarterinch auger was used to make a hole through it. To bore through solid ivory is by no means an easy task, and the veterinary surgeons had to handle the instruments in turns.

Even then the work was suspended every now and again, owing to the ani-mal getting wrought up. On these oc-casions further doses of cocaine were

to each end of the har and 'twisted about the tooth in such a fashion that it could not slip. The preparations were completed by running part of the rope through a pulley, carrying it out and atlaching it to the traces of four strong

The dramatic moment came when the word was given to the driver to when the word was given to the driver to whip up his horses. Crack! crack! went the teamster's whip, and with a long pull and a strong pull, accompanied by plen-teous bellowing, out came the troubleinjected, and after a couple of hours' hard work a hole was successfully drilled through the tooth. A brief yest







Hon. Elihu Root, secretary of war, is in Cuba, ostensibly for his health, but really to investigate military, political and industrial conditions there and make a confidential report to President McKinley on his return. Our Havana correspondent caught Mr. Root just as he was going ashore.



Ex-Governor W. S. Taylor, of Kentucky, who has acquired an undesired notoriety in connection with the killing of Goebel, finds his banishment from the Blue Grass State prolonged by the re-election of the Democratic governor, Hon. J. C. W. Beckham. The photographer snapped Mr. Taylor in his lonely exile at Indianapolis.

It was not necessary for him to call

After that first call he found himself trying to remember every word that the beautiful Caroline had said and manu-facturing excuses that would take him way to hear news that is meant to wound us. There is always some one ready to deal the crushing blow "mereto the house. He recognized the symptoms and knew that he was in love. Miss Scott also knew before many days had elapsed and with all her tact and grace she avoided the subject Jenkins was as impulsive as Miss Scott was reserved and he pressed his sult with all the intensity of his love. The more childlike simplicity she displayed in ata familiar voice behind him, and turned around to greet an old acquaintance who seemed wonderfully interesting in seeing him, and exclaimed: "How are tempting to convince her adorer that she was unworthy of so great a love, so much more did he love her. But her heart had not been stirred,

you, anyway, Jenkins? Seems good to see you back. I caught a glimpse of you when the stage got in, but couldn't overtake you until now. Where have you been? * Humph! * Benjamin Harrison, then a youth of 18, also entered Miami University, bringing with him so good a record from his former school (Farmer's Colyou when the stage got in our cound to overtake you until now. Where have you been? * " Humph! * " " Want to know? Yes, I believe I did hear something about it, but no partic-ulars. Spose you've heard the news?" Lonbing armedied that he hod hear lege) that he was permitted to enter the junior class. He was a guilet, diligent plodder and did everything well Jenkins remarked that he had been out of the world, whereupon his ac-quaintance planted his lank frame against a gatepost and squinted his -except composition. Whenever he had a composition to write he invariably persuaded the faculty to ask for a speech instead. There was a debating society in the little town of Oxford and in the debates the coming fingers traced a plan of campaign on the seams of his pocket linings. Then he smiled apologetically and began the statesman invariably distinguished himself. utack.

Then he met Miss Scott, whose sweet womanliness and intellectuality per-sonified his ideals. He loved Carrie Scott and won her love and subsequent married? Oh, yes; yes indeed-married last week to Benjamin Harrison. Surprised everybody. I guess, except the family, 'They'd been countin' on it a prised everybody. I guess, except the family, 'They'd been countin' on it a good while, but never said a word. Strange you didn't know about it, though. You were always pretty close to the throne. Now, weren't you? Do you know, Jenkins, I always felt dead certain you two would make a match. I'm a pretty close observer myself, and think I have pretty good reason to be-lieve you think your eves of her. Now. ly her promise to be his helpmeet. He told no one, but studied more earnest-He ly than ever towards his graduation. Meanwhile Ben Jenkins still loved but from a distance. When he tried to spend an hour with the girl he usuto spend an nour with the girl he usu-ally found her absorbed either in her studies or her thoughts—he scarcely knew which; but, because of her ap-proaching commencement exercises, he comforted himself by thinking he might see more of her later on. The night of the academic exercises finally arrived and proved one payer to be for. think I have pretty good reason to be-lieve you think your eyes of her. Now, on the square, Jenkins, len't it a bad case with you? Of course, do as you like about telling me. You may think it's none of my business, but really I take a great interest in your affairs, and would like to be on the inside. Oh, of course, if you feel proud spirited about it I don't care much one way or the other. It's a matter of no conse-quence. Here's a paper with an ac-count of the wedding. You may take it and look it over. I read it while I was arrived and proved one never to be for-gotten by Ben Jenkins. The old Presbyterian church was always chosen for these occasions. Friends and flowers these occasions. Friends and flowers crowded the church and electrified its somber interior. There were a number of charming girl graduates in fresh white muslin and fluttering hearts and ribbons, but the Romeo could see but one. When Carrie Scott stepped for-ward to receive her diploma she seem-ed to him a vision of loyeliness. She wore her dainty white gown with girl-ish simplicity and reticent fittie smile and look it over. I read it while I was walking for the stage to come in." How Ben Jenkins disposed of his informant he never fully remembered This much he could recall-that stunned as he was by the shock, his

wore her danty white gown with gri-ish simplicity and reticent little smile that was charming. A huge red rose held her dark curls in place and added an artistic touch to the quaint picture. Nor was Jenkins the only one in the audience who enjoyed her beauty. In addition to the basts of friends with

addition to the hosts of friends with whom she was a universal favorita there was young Benjamin Harrison gazing fondly at his promised wife and million and the state of the state of the state of the state million of the state of the state

come alone, he installed himself in a room in the little tayern and read the particulars about Currie Scott's mar-rlage to his rival. He read that the wedding was a very quiet one, attended by only a few intimate friends of both families. The Harrison family had come smilling as he thought how little the others knew his secret. But actions told Ben Jankins more than words had dared unfold. During the reception which followed the exerwith the exception of the widow of Gen. William Henry Harrison, she be-ing too feeble at the time to take the cises, when congratulations were being tendered the demure little maids, when "O-o-ohs!" were being said about the flowers and whispered praises confied regarding the gowns, Jenkins made a discovery. After trying repeatedly to have a word with Carrie Scott alone and being even confronted by her patronizing escort in the person of young Harrison the ardent Romeo began to realize that his rival could not be too soft gray traveling suit and the groom in black. He read further that they had gone for a little trip, which would inlavish in his attentions to please the fair recipient and the disappointed lover made his way out of the church clude the old Harrison homestend at North Bend, and that later they would

into the open air, He never knew how far he walked that night, but by the time he returned to his room he had determined upon ; to his room he had determined upon a course of action. He must go away, His young blood, his impulsive nature, his intense love, all made it impossible for him calmly to settle down to study. He had heard of the discovery of gold in Celifornia only a few weeks before and he decided to cross the plains with the other fortune-hunters. "Perhaps so far from her I can for-

get." he thought. But he never forgot.

Then Jenkins began mining on Trin-y River. The old saving. "Unlucky in love, lucky at cards," proved a true | lulled to rest."

A lonely little wayside inn was finaly selected by Ben Jeakins as a resting date in his old age. Few people came long that quiet road and he cold easido the honors of host and act as as well

ly for our own good." But our heart-rending informants do not add that in-The busy little town of Redding was shocked a few days ago, however, by the arrival of a courier who said that old Ben Jenkins had been found dead cidentally they like to watch the effect and thereby gratify their curiosity. It was especially true in this instance. Be-for Jenkins had gone five steps he heard in his bed on the morning of October

So, the living death is over and the tragedy of one more life is finished. This Romeo was brave enough to live and face despair, which requires in-finitely more courage than to die and end it all. Ben Jenkins lived on as best he could "to see the game out," as he expressed it, and looked on in-differently to the close.

He did not make the mark in the world entitled him, but if his great love was so much stronger than his other ambitions, we can only pity the help-besoness of the situation. A lover whose devation grees on unchanging the case devotion goes on unchanging for over half a century has a fidelity in his char-acter which, had it been otherwise directed, might have been of great ser-

BENAISSANCE OF THE TWENS TIETH CENTURY.

Today our horizon has been vastly widened by a new range of studies, Science has come, mainly with the nin-teenth century, though astronomy is ancient and there are glorious names of an earlier time like Roger Bacor and Sir Isaac Newton. But we need and sir isaac Newton. But we need only to compare the course of study in our colleges and universities with the old-type classical course to see that the range of the mind's activities has been widened in our time even more than it was widened in the fifteenth century. History, as written today, is a new science. Along with these new studies has come a new study of the Bible, not by laymen in general, but by the great thinkers and leaders. The first effect of this multiplication of the objects of of this multiplication of the objects of thought may result in dissipation of energy; but we will soon learn how to poise the mind; and the result will be a new vigor and power, and a new per-ception of the truths of the Christian religion. This will force a revision of the churches will rice the creeds, and the churches will rid themselves of useless lumber and awake to their twentieth century task. The new perception of what the Bible really is will spread from professor and preacher, from university and pulpit, until there will come a fresh enthusiasm among the people for Bible study At present the ignorance and lack o interest and inadequacy of method of study, and positive disuse of the Bible even among the most onlightened por-tions of Christendom are simply appal-ling.-Rev. S. M. Johnson, in Cram's Magazine, for November.

PROHIBITING CIGARETTES.

The packinghouse of Swift & Co. will not employ clgarette smokers. The

not employ eigerette showers. The National Provisioner says about this: This is the second large corporation in this country which has put its ban upon the mind-eating cigarette. The first to exclude this poison and its user was a large southern railway com-pany. The decision of the big packing-house firm above doing \$160,000 000 pany. The decision of the big packing-house firm above doing \$160,000,000 worth of business per year is, doubt. less, a forerunner of others who will follow. The cigarette is only another form of dope. It unfits a man or boy mentally and physically for honest work. Besides, the habit of snoking cigarettes is a flithy one. It produces slouches, cranks and degenerates. In prohibiting the employment of cigarette smokers upon its staff or in its force. Swift & Co will earn the gratitude of thousands of wives and mothers, and set a standard for meritorious boys and men who are absteminous that they might be stronger morally, mentally and physically, as well as be more fit for intelligent work. Brawn, brains and standna, not opium lethargy, are begin their new life at Indianapolis, where Benjamin Harrison intended to where benjamin harrison intended to build up a law practice. Jenkins knew that his rival had graduated in June of 1852 and left the town to finish his law course. Then Carrie Scott must certainly have loved him to have waited nearly a year and had be balf for him to return and take had him to have waited nearly a year and a half for him to return and take her as a helpmeet, beginning life as they were obliged to with many privations. "The hearts of some women, like leaves, are stirred by every breath of love which reaches them, and then are still again; other hearts, like the waves of the ocean, are moved only by the force of a storm and are not so easily luiled to rest." stamina, not opium lethargy, are

Hon. Charles G. Dawes, comptroller of the currency, is mentioned con spicuously as certain to succeed Hon. Lyman J. Gage as secretary of the treasury in the event of the latter's retirement. Comptroller Dawes is summoned to the White House daily for confidential consultation with the chief executive.

HON. PERRY S. HEATH.



Henceforth the Republican party will have permanent general headquarters at the national capital, and Hon. Perry S. Heath, formerly First Assistant Postmaster General, will be in charge.

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