

ORDERED A BIGGER BOAT.

Next year Miss Winifred's elder sister, Miss Maud Sutton, being ambitious also to hold first place for at least a

the municipal authorities of Madrid. Such denouncements came from various parts of the United States, different European countries and even from South America. The greater part of them, however, emanated from Ger-many, which seemed to have become the chief operating country of the skilful defeaudors. strike them as slightly ironic. For, as telegraphic dispatches will have indefrauders formed readers, the illustrious swind-

defrauders, Finally, in the early days of last May, the German consul general at Madrid, Herr Loeker, received a letter from a manufacturer at Strassburg, one Max Finally, in the early days of last May, the German consul general at Madrid, Herr Loeker, received a letter from a manufacturer at Strassburg, one Max Mathenberg, who wished to know if in the prisons of Sorunna there was a total the nuclease of the agency. We then lers who got rich by posing as inmates of Spanish prisons are new incarcerated

fered to reveal to him through an agency office of Madrid the hiding place

"I beg your pardon," he said, "but I don't think that prudent. I am a little deaf, as you already will have re-marked, se that you will have to speak

"Another well-known shoplifter," continued the tradesman, "is the wife of an official in the Prince of Wales" household, a pretty woman on the right side of 30. Some years ago a fuss was made by a West Epd shop over her thieving, but it was declared by a fashionable physician that she had un-doubted klentomanis, and her hadren.

scalon, ordered a bigger boat of Her-reshoff-a craft some 18 feet on the water line. She reaped the reward of her faith in the Yankee designer. sporting more winning flags at the end of the season than any of her competltors, among whom were some of the keenest of British yachtsmen. In the following year Herreshoff again scored as signally with the ten-rater Dacotah h the succeeding year Howard with a 20-rater of his designthe Niagara-made almost a clean sweep of all the prizes to be won in that class.

was no doubt the recollection of these victories over British competitors British waters, and others which night be cited, that prompted Mrs. Turner Farley to give Herreshoff an order for a boat to race in the 52-ft, linear rating class, the largest class in that decadent form of the sport, hand-teap racing, is still carried on. Mrs. Parley is a member of the Royal Dorchester Yacht club and an experienced yachtswoman who can handle a tiller or trim sheets in the best nautical style. Heretofore most of her racing has been done in the handlcap class. Last year the won saural done in the handicap class. Last year the won several prizes with the yawl Nebula, and what fired her ambition to enter a class in which each yacht sails on her own merits without giving or freelying odds. That is the kind of racing in which most glory is to be

A HARD TASK.

But the task she set the American But the task she set the American wizard was a stiffer one than any he had previously tackled for British cli-ents. He was unfamiliar with the present Yacht Racing association rules to which he was required to conform. These rules have been especially de-vised to eliminate that type of boat-the racing machine pure and simplevacing machine pure and simple-which Herreshoff won his earlier tri umphs in these waters. The object sought is not the production of the fastest boat possible within the specifiel dimensions a boat that is in which all other considerations are held sec-

the result of all there complicated cal-culations must not exceed that figure. And this was the sort of Chinese puzzle that was furned over to Herreshoff to work out and build a yacht in accordance with it that would beat the best products of British de-signers who were familiar with it.

YACHTS IN CONTEST. The yachts pitted against his design are the Fife boat, Maymon, which last year was regarded as almost invinci-ble; the Moyana, designed by Mylne in 1903, and a new Mylne boat; the Brito-mart, built for W. P. Burton to take the place of his Lucida. Mylne used to be a numb of Warnen and Mylne used to

the place of his Lucida. Mylne used to be a pupil of Wayson, and is generally regarded as the man most likely to take the place left vacant by the death of the great Scotch designer. Herres-hoff was never a stickler for looks. It is no surprise to find, therefore, that the Sonya, as Mrs. Farley has chris-tened the boat he has built for her, is anything but a beauty. She is, in fact, the plainest of the quartet. She has a high free-board and a straight sheer, and being some four feet shorter over all than most of the British 52-footers, has a decided "box-ended" appearance. In working out the problem of strik-In working out the problem of strik-ing the best balance between the di-mentions involved Herreshoff has ing the best balance between the di-mentions involved Herreshoff has adopted that solution which allows him the greatest sail area. In fact, she has the largest sails ever set by a yacht of her length in this country—on the water line she is a trifle over 46 feet—and spreads approximately 2,850 square feet, which is 50 square feet more than Britomart and over 309 square feet more than Moyana. She is fullee in section than the other boats.

squart feet more than Moyana. She is fuller in section than the other boais, which means a large body to drive through the water, but Herreshoff is evidently of the opinion that her larger sail spread would more than compen-sate for that disadvantage. WAS DISCOURAGING.

Her debut was made under discour-

Aging circumstances. Having sprung her hollow mast in a trial cruise a solid spar had to be substituted for it and in consequence of this mishap (Continued on page 12.)

at fail in this country and arronge likely to spend the next decade or two in learning what the lot of a real Span-

ish prisoner is like. Of the world-wide operations of these eminent knaves and the wonderfully systematic way in which their "trade" was conducted, some idea was given in

of a treasure of 500,000 pesetts, provid-ing the German sent him 5,000 francs, which he needed urgently, through the the brief announcements of their capsame agency. This letter the consul general promptture. But the story of how Louis Gon-zalez, Rafael Gabria and their con-federates finally were lured into the clutches of the authorities has not yet been told. I am able to give it as the result of an exclusive interview with Police Inspector Visedo, who co-operated in the cardure of the largen In handed over to the governor of Mad-rid, who called in the expert police in-spectors Senores Visedo and Puga, and Detective Morcatelli, with whose aid he arranged a simple but rather ingenious stratagem for arresting the in-tending swindlers. Following out this The "Spanish Prisoner" trick itself has been exposed too often to need any description here. The process never varied. It always began when the in-tended victim, in the United States, plan the German consul general wrote Herr Mathenberg the following letter: Sir—The major, regarding whom you asked does not exist, and the agency office to which you refer is an associa-

rended victim, in the United States, p. or in Russia, received a letter sup-osedly written by an officer languish-ing in a Spanish dungeon. Prior to his imprisonment, the recipient of the let-ter was informed, this officer had de-posited a huge sum of money in a se-cret place, the situation of which he was prepared to reveal on condition that the person addressed would oblige that the person addressed would oblige him with a comparatively small sum of ready cash.

Although it had been known for years that the system which found victims in practically every civilized country on earth had its center in Madrid, until recently all the efforts of the police here to locate the headquarters of the phenomenally successful swindlers proved unavailing. For some months previous to the final arrest of the gang, however, an unusual number of swindles com-mitted or attempted against provincials

tion of swindlers against whom you ought to guard. The police authorities of Madrid have decided to arrest these criminals and you must aid them in doing so, otherwise you will be consid-ered as an accomplice. You therefore must write to the "agency" mentioned announcing that you accept its propos announcing that you accept its propos-al, and that you will come to Madrid in the South express of the 22nd inst., to pay the 5,000 frances demanded by the suppored prisoner. At the same time you will give your personal de-scription and mention that, upon your arrival in Madrid, you will carry in your hand a blue handkerchief, in or-der to be known more easily. You will add also that you are somewhat deaf. It is possible that these swin-diers have accomplices in Strasburg:

WORLD-WIDE DENOUNCEMENTS.

will add also that you are somewhat deaf. It is possible that these swin-diers have accomplices in Strasburg; accordingly I advise you to absent yourself from your residence during some hours on the day in which you will be supposed to leave for Madrid, Finally, you will be kind enough to give me also a personal description of yourself evactive as you have riven it mitted or attempted against provincials or foreign subjects by the "Spanish her crew, before her first race, had had no sail drill whatever. The wind was light with little windward work. She finished third, a trille over three min-utes behind the Britomart. That was not a bad beating over a 22 miles yourself exactly as you have given to the pretended agency. (Etc., etc.)

prisons of Sorunna there was a | shall be much safer major of cavalry named Jaquet sen-tenced for a robbery? The "major" had written to Mathenberg and of-

The stranger hesitated a little, but the offices of the then responded: will go to will go to the offices of the agency." "Is it very far?" asked the improvised Herr Mathem-berg, in order that Inspector Visedo and Police Officer Morcatelli might note the address of the agency. "Yes," replied the stranger, "It is a little far, in the Calle-"" then, with a smile, "but I forget that you are unacquainted with Madrid. No matter, we shall soon be there," Once more he begged the inspector to

Once more he begged the inspector to be seated in the automobile. The latter complied, but not without paying attention to the order given to the chauffeur, which, however, only con-sisted of "to the agancy; sharp!" The yeehile containing the two men

went off at a rapid rate, while Visedo and Morcatelli followed in a coach, but without any hopes of keeping up with the automobile, which, in fact, soon passed out of their sight, traversing the principal streets of Madrid and finally reaching the Calle de Cuchilleros, wh marked where it stopped before a house

"This is the agency." said the strang. or to the supposed German, as he step-ped out of the vehicle, closely followed by the other, and the two went up-stairs to the first floor of the house mentioned. On a door there was fixed a brass plate with the following inscrip-

"Gonzalez & Co., Agency, Represen-tatives of Commercial and Industrial Houses.

IN THE "AGENCY."

The stranger and the inspector en-The stranger and the inspector en-tered and passed through an ante-chamber, where a servant saluted them respectfully, and then traversed two rooms splendidly furnished with sofas, desks, safes and other fixtures. Here were three girls occupied in copying, with the aid of type writers, various letters, while four men were busy with great account books. When the trav-

his wife Maria, and Maria Roja, They

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THE GAME BAGGED.

Gonzalez consented, and the two men sallied forth again into the street, but just as they turned the corner the sup-posed German saw a policeman stand-ing itear, whereupon he rushed upon the awindler and, seizing him firmly, cried to the officer; "Arrest this man With alacrity the constable obeyed the order, and he and the inspector fuga." With alacrity the constable obeyed the order, and he and the inspector (who, meantime had taken off his falso mustache and his spectacles) hurried to the nearest police station, taking with them the unfucky "Senor Director." who seemed to be struck dumb with surprise and did not offer the least re-sistance. When questioned by the au-thorities at the station, be confessed that be way the suited by the station. he was the swindler Louis Gonzales, and that he had various accomplices, most of whom Inspector Puga had seen

of odds and ends with which she had managed to make away. She still does it, but it is quite a recognized thing it, but it is quite a recognized thing now and the bills are sent in to her husband who pays them without a murmur. Two pathetic young figures are also well-known to the detectives at the London sales. They are sisters, the daughters of a poverty-stricken Scotch countess. They go about to-

Scotch counters. They go about to-scotch counters. They go about to-gether, and "crib" togother, and thele small robberles are winked at, for notwithstanding their paltry incomeshow its tanding their pairy incomes-they do not spend more than \$100 a year of honest money on their clothes-they go among the best people. They are twins, these two, and wonderfully alike, and whether their aged mother knows of their doings it is difficult to say. She has been seen, however, wearing some of their booty. wearing some of their booty.

A LOVELY SPOT.

Although Mannington hall, the Nor-Although Mannington hall, the Nor-folk home of Lord Orford and his American wife, is one of the loveliest places in Norfolk, it is about to be vacated by the couple, and a firm of London house agents has been instruct-ed to lease it for a number of years. The reason is that the former Miss Louise Corbin wants a Scottish home, She spont a portion of last year in Scotland and was so delighted with the scenery of the Highlands that she has scenery of the Highlands that she has now decided to set up a residence there as soon as a convenient place can be found for her. She and her daughter, pretty Lady Dorothy Walpole, are devoted to fishing, and they find the Scottish rivers particularly well adapt-

The people in the neighborhood of Mannington regret the decision the countees has arrived at, because sho has always been most liberal in min-istering to the wants of the sick and the poor, Lady Dorothy is also quite as charitably inclined as her mother.



MANOEUVRING FOR THE START. The Horreshoff Boat Sonya is Shown in the Foreground.

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Soon afterward a reply was receive from Mathenberg thanking the const general and advising him that he had written to the agency in the manner requested. The German manufacturer also gave a detailed description of his personality and promised to preserve absolute secrecy regarding the matter as well as to absent himself from as woll as to absent himself from Strasburg on the date set for his sup-posed departure. This letter the con-sul general handed over to the police authorities. It was then arranged be-tween Detectives Visedo, Moreatelli and **Fuga**, that the latter, who speaks ex-cellent German, should impersonate the Strasburg neurilacturer. Strasburg manufacturer.

SPRINGING THE TRAP.

Accordingly when on the appointed day the South express rumbled into the station at Madrid there energed an unmistale biy Tentonic personage, gray-mustached, spectroled, and attired in a traveling cap and a baggy suit whose every super broache in a proving the the every crease becacke its origin in the Fatherland. Scoor Puga also had Fatherland, Source Puga also had squipped himself with two portly and somewhat battered valless. It should be added that on the platform, care-fully discussed as railway porters, were waiting the police officers Visedo and Morcatell. What was expected soon happened.

What was expected soon happened, What he supposed German manufac-turer alighted from the sleeping car and pulled out a blue handkerchief, a tail, black-bearded and well-dreased in-dividual approached him and inquired in German if he wave Herr Max Mathem-herg. The disguised detective replied here, The discussed detective replied in the affirmative and inquired in his turn whother the other was the repre-sentative of the commercial agency which had written to him. The stranger nodded and begged leave to accom-pany Puga out of the station. So the two men left the place together, being followed at a short instance, however, by the supposed porters who carried the values of the traveler. In front of the station a splendid automobile was waiting, in charge of a handsomely uniformed chauffeur, and in this ve-



Britomart. CLOSE RACE BETWEEN THE 52 FOOTERS.

The Yankee Craft Sonyo, Designed and Built by Herreshoff and Owned by a British Yachtswoman, Mrs. Turner Farley, Proves Her Superiority in Windward Work by Cressing the Bows of Her Two Chief Competitors.

in the offices of the agency. Puga's next move was to find Inspec-tor Visedo and Police Officer Morcatelli and with them and 12 constables he proceeded immediately to the Calle de Cuchilleros, where all the members of the criminal association were still at work-that is, Rafael Gabria, Pablo Graniete and his sister Edriqueta, Agustin Zamorano, Fedro Herrero and

ed for this sport. REGRET DECISION.