Flerre Merlou for his disciple and son-

#### A START DOWNWARD.

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A START DOWNWARD. All at once the prospect changes. It is the year preceding the terrible war of 1850. The spiendor of the imperial court has reached its highest pitch. Young Meriou is drawn into the vortex of the life which is heedless of the mor-row. He neglects his studies. He frequents race courses. He is singled out by the mistress of one of the em-peror's nearest relatives, who loves to invite liferary and artistic talent to her gatherings at the Chauteau de Meudon. Meudon

#### MARRIED AN ACTRESS.

We pass on a few years. Pierre Mer-lou is how a doctor and has married an ex-actress of the Odeon theater. Lack-ing private means and face to face with the necessities of existence he accepts a medical appointment at Saint Sau-veur, in the Yonne; takes to polltics: writes a sensational article entitled. "Place any puryes!" (Make way for the poor!) in the local radical socialist organ; becomes mayor of Saint Sau-veur in 1880, and nine years later is a deputy of the chamber of Auxerre, which he represented uninterruptedly until last year. We pass on a few years. Plerre Meruntil last year.

## UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT.

It was in 1893 Dr. Merlou was acting the locum tenens for a well known Paras physician who was away on his holi-days. One of his patients was a Mme. Azay, then in the bloom of beauty. days. One of his patients was a Mme. Azay, then in the bloom of beauty. This woman's story was an unusual one. The granddaughter of a courtier of Napoleon III, who was a friend of the famous Miss Howard, afterwards contesse de Beauregard, Mme. Azay's youth had been speut in the atmos-phere of court intrigue. Her mother was left a widow with 50,000 francs a phere of court intrigue. Her mother was left a widow with 50,000 francs a phere of court intrigue. Her mother was left a widow with 50,000 francs a phere of court intrigue. Her mother was left a widow with 50,000 francs a phere of court intrigue. Her mother was left a widow with 50,000 francs a phere of court intrigue. Her mother was left a widow with 50,000 francs a phere of court intrigue. Her mother was left a widow with 50,000 francs a prince, Marguerite was diving in prince, Marguerite was investion framily physician led her to pr. Merlou's consulting room, the doctor and his patient presently the woman was installed and presently the deputy and his family in the rue du Rocher.

SUNSHINE THEN SHADOWS.

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forms that are to be accomplished by means of the Persian duma. The new shah has declared himself favorable to its projected reforms and has an nounced that he would not dismiss it for two years. But I have little faith that anything of real benefit to faith that anything of real benefit to faith that anything of real benefit to his in the hands of the mullahs, who are themselves the greatest obstacles in the hand to sweeping reforms. As well might one expect the would weaken her grip on the people. Despite the dissionaries in Persia, and Americans histomaries in Persia, and Americans histomaries in Persia, and Americans histomaries are tolerated only on the dissionaries are tolerated only on the points at the yeak on the people of the the histomaries are tolerated only on the point there is scant prospect of en-typication of the people of the the the histomaries are tolerated only on the point they should attempt that they solid by expelted. Their religious outing the one of the late shah affords

don't count for much. "The career of the late shah affords a striking illustration of the limita-tions which conditions in Persia im-pose on the exercise of despotic power. He hated his father's grand vizier, who was in office when he succeeded to the throne, but he dared not de-pose him immediately. After tolerat-ing him for some time he ventured to ask for his insignia, which signified that he was dismissed. The dismissal of a grand vizier in Persia is usually accompanied by an invitation to take a drink. The drink contains poison. This the deposed prime minister is expected to swallow and gracefuily redon't count for much. expected to swallow and gracefully re-tire to another world, where he can no longer cause any embarrassment to his royal master.

#### JOYS AND SHADOWS.

"But the grand vizier had no desire to exchange the solid joys of earth for the shadowy delights of Paradise. Protected by the Russian legation and aided by its Cossacks he fled to Kum, several miles from Teheran, where he possessed an estate, and there he reossessed an estate, and there he re-

mained for two years, practically de-fying the shah. Owing largely to his influence the grand vizier who suc-ceeded him could accomplish noth-ing, and the shah had to endure the humilitation of recalling him. He re-turned more powerful than ever, and bestowed snug billets on all his ritends. filends.

bestowed snug billets of an ins friends. The personal favorite of the shah was Hakim et Moulk, who had been his physician and whom he made minister of the court. The restored grand vizier, regarding him as a rival, was his ene-my, and despite the high regard in which he was held by the shah suc-ceeded in getting him exiled from Te-heran. One day Hakim et Moulk re-ceived the 'golden cup.' a vessel which the shah is accustomed to send to those of his friends or enemies whom he de-sires to get off the earth. Imagining that it had come from the shah, Hakim obediently swallowed the fatal draft. The shah had not sent it, and he was rurious over the loss of his friend. The evidence indicated pretty clearly that it was the grand vizier who had thus usurped the royal prerogative. But a usurped the royal prerogative. But again he was able to make good his escape, and this time, having in the interval well-feathered his own nest, he

fied to Europe, where he can calmly dis-regard golden cups and need not fear assassins' daggers. This happened three years ago, and in Europe he still Hyes. MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

"The present grand vizier, Mouchir ed Dowlet, was for some years minis-ter of foreign affairs. He owed that position to the grand vizier who ran away to Europe, and the fact that he away to Europe, and the fact that he was able to retain it and gain promotion to the highest office in the government shows him to be an unusually crafty fellow and able to trim his salls to whatever wind blows, for almost invar-iably when a grand vizier falls his ap-pointees share his fate. He is a thor-ough Persian, ignorant of any foreign language, and not at all the sort of man to adopt a firm policy and wield his power with a strong hand for the benefit of his country. He used to be completely subservient to Russian in-fluence, and his son, who is the Persian

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minister at St. Petersburg, was educat-ed in Russia. But now that Russia counts for so much less in the political game as played in Persia he has prob-ably ere this furnished further proc. of his capacity to adapt himself to changed conditions. I have little doubt that he will be able to hold his office under the new shah, as will most of the members of the cabinet. "There are some able men among

There are some able men among them, notably the minister of finance, Nasr el Moulk, who was educated at Oxford and speaks English fluently. But he is a Persian, and when a Persian takes office, whatever his training, his first consideration is usually his own purse.

hirst consideration is usually his own purse. "That is generally a shah's fulling, too, as has been well exemplified in the late shah's reign. He used up a big share of a Russian loan on his own household expenses and to defray the cost of his European tours. His ex-travagance has sadly depleted the great horde of jewels and other treasures which were stored in the palace when he became the 'King of Kings.' The new shah will have no such means of raising the wind. The Peacock Throne, which is literally studded with precious stones and is estimated to be worth several millions of pounds, would suffice to keep him going for many years, but even a shah would not dare to loot this most prized of the royal helr-looms of Persia." ooms of Persia,"

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### **ROCKEFELLER'S NEW WIG** MADE OF FEMININE TRESSES.

Special Correspondence.

D ARIS, Feb. 6.-Andre Autard is the hero of the hour in Paris. His name is upon every tongue.

He is spoken of as the wig-furnisher of the richest man in the world. Since it became known that he makes wigs for John D. Rockefeller, titled Frenchmen press forward to shake his hand. Andre Autard is the big little man whose hair-dressing establish-ment is in the Rue Castiglione, oppo-site the Continental hotel. It is not far from the famous Tuillerles gardens far from the famous Tuillerles gardens and in the season is much frequented by Americans. He is a cheerful Frenchman, and, as is the custom with people of his station, is assisted by his rosy-cheeked wife. He adver-tises extensively and is said to have amassed a fortune by his calling. When John D. Rockefeller was at Complegne last summer, he sent for the hair artist. It was not to cut his hair, for the billionaire has none. "Mr. Rockefeller is the baldest man hair, for the billionaire has none. "Mr. Rockefeller is the baldest man

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"He has the usual bumps of a strong character. The bumps of be-nevolence and of philo-progenitiveness are there. His eyes are small but searching. He can read a man's thoughts easily. He weighs every-thing in his mental balance."

come from?" "It comes from various sources. The hair of prisoners is cut off and sold. The hair of criminals is sent to our market. The hair of the dead is some-times cut off: so also is the hair of sick people. All that is for cheap wigs by irresponsible makers. Again, some women like to wear their hair

in the world," said Autard to me. "He has not a single hair on his head and even his moustache has fallen off." "Can science make hair grow on Mr. Rockefeller's head?" I inquired. "Science can make a few hairs grow on anything," replied the hair-dresser and wigmaker. "Science can make hair grow on a board, that is, a few hairs. But when roots have disap-peared, science cannot restore the whole head of hair. All the money possessed by Mr. Rockefeller cannot now get him a head of natural hair. But it can get him a wig that is a dream. Permit me to show you the color of the hair. It is quite gray, not white. It is the color of the hair that Mr. Rockefeller lost. You see how it is parted on the side. This wig weighs only 20 grammes. It is ex-ceedingly comfortable." "Where does the hair for these wigs ome from?" "It comes from various sources. The PLEASANT AND MOST EFFECTIVE



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