

RECEIVE FINAL PAPERS

SCORE MUST WAIT UNTIL
SEPTEMBER TERM.

Examination of Applicants Severe—
Several Unable to Attain Citizen-
ship Owing to Lack of Knowledge
of Country's Customs and La-

Twenty new citizens were added to the domain of the stars and stripes Thursday when Judge E. A. Higgins, president of the Commission of Naturalization Court, admitted a number of foreign born residents to full citizenship. There were fifty applicants and owing to the large number twenty could not be heard and will have to wait until September 11 to receive their second papers.

There were five members of Indian ancestry who were asked questions by the court in answers to questions regarding the constitution, National and State laws and public relations. The majority of those who were called succeeded in satisfying the Court that they were qualified for citizenship. Some of the applicants and others were asked to make themselves known to the court at a later date.

Those who succeeded in passing the examinations and who are now citizens of the United States are as follows:

Atlantic City—Charles L. Abramson, Donald L. Lampon, Abraham Ottman, Mendel Broomer, Thomas Butters, George Weeks, Carmine Di Pasquale, Ellis Balline, Samuel Levine, Benjamin and Isaac Halline, Morris Williams and Richard Reinholds.

May's Landing—Francisco Garofoli.

Milmay—Andor Ondo.

Hamptonton—Guiseppo Russo, Eupeno

Rocco.
 Steelmanville—Domenico De Feo.
 Cologne—Peter Pfeiffer.
 Special U. S. District Attorney Ryan ap-
 peared in behalf of the government and con-
 ducted the examination of the applicants.

which was severe and comprehensive of all the customs and laws of there public. Witnesses also were closely interrogated concerning the fitness of the applicants. Naturalization Clerk Thomas Stewart was kept busy for several hours making out papers for the new citizens.

YACHT WRECKED ON BAR.

Philadelphians Had Narrow Escape From Death.

Crashing on a bar near the Great Egg Harbor Inlet Monday morning, the yacht "Marie," of Ocean City, was wrecked and a party of Philadelphians on board including R. A. Brice, Gus Brice, Howard Walker and James Bauer, together with Capt. Garrison, were nearly drowned.

The yacht broke in two pieces and the men held on to the wreckage for several hours until rescued by the Longport life saving crew, aided by the "Commanche" of Somers' Point City. All suffered from the accident, particularly Mr. Brice, who is an elderly man and

Building Contracts.
Somers S. Steedman, contractor and Sarah K. Thatcher, Party of first part agree to erect, etc. and furnish materials for erecting a bungalow on 2nd St., Somers' Point on lot 9 block 57. Party of second part agrees to pay party of first part for same \$800 as follows: \$100 when first part begins to be erected on west side of lot and \$150 when doors are entirely enclosed by windows and doors and floors laid and partitions in; remainder when house is fully completed.

Mary A. Wells and Bowen Brothers. Party of second part agrees to erect and finish the new building to be erected on west side of Raleigh ave. 30 ft. north of Atlantic ave; also agrees to furnish materials for same.

Thompson & Stiles, contractors and Board of Education of Atlantic City. Contractors will erect a school building on Ohio ave. between Pacific and Atlantic aves; also will furnish material for same. Said Board sees to pay contractors for same \$138,200 in payments as follows: 85 per cent. of amount of labor and material in place will be paid each month. 15 per cent. the final payment 30 days after building is accepted by Building Committee.

Million Dollar Pier.

This popular playground is the means of securing pleasure seekers these pleasant Summer days, and the City of Atlantic City, through the Constabulary Band and Symphony Orchestra continues to give its daily concert, which are heard by large audiences of music lovers from

all parts of the country. The trained seals are one of the popular novelties on this large pier, and splendid performances are no less interesting than to see them in their large tanks. One of the finest aquariums in the world is maintained, filled with all sorts of sea-fish and strange denizens of the deep. The net-hauls at the end of the pier daily attract many visitors and are alone worth the price of admission. Then there are many excellent vendors of refreshments, and afterwards, except Sunday, dancing and other attractions. (Capt. John Young is sparing no pains to make the pier complete and it is surely the finest of its kind in the world. The price of admission, ten cents, admits to all amusements.)

WEEKDAYS—Court House Station—North:
7.22, 8.14, 9.22, 11.22, a. m.: 1.14, 2.22, 5.14, 6.22, 7.22,
10.22, 11.22, p. m. South: 12.15, 5.51, 8.23, 10.15 a. m.,
m.: 12.23, 2.15, 4.15, 6.23, 9.15, 10.15 p. m.
Main Station—North: 8.16 a. m.; 1.16, 5.16 p. m.
South: 5.49, 8.21 a. m.; 12.21, 6.21 p. m.

SUNDAYS—Court House Station—North: 8.14
12.22, 11.22 a. m., 1.14, 2.22, 5.14, 6.22, 7.22, 8.22, 10.22,
11.22, p. m. South: 12.15, 5.51, 8.23, 10.15 a. m.,
12.23, 2.15, 4.15, 6.23, 9.15, 10.15 p. m.

Main Station—Same as weekdays.

Post-Office Hours.

The mails close at the post-office as follows:
 North—8.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. South—8.00 a.m.,
 2.10 and 6.10 p.m.

Mail is collected from the mall box at the
 Court House Station at 8.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m.

July Tides at Atlantic City Inlet.

	High		Low	
	A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.
Saturday	7.55	7.58	1.44	1.48
Sunday	8.40	8.42	2.28	2.32

Monday	9.22	9.25	3.10	3.16
Tuesday	10.04	10.05	3.50	3.55
Wednesday	10.40	10.45	4.28	4.35
Thursday	11.50	11.20	5.06	5.15
Friday	11.58	11.20	6.40	6.58
Saturday	6.18	6.45
Sunday	.53	1.27	6.57	7.28
Monday	1.20	2.18	7.42	8.38
Tuesday	1.25	3.15	8.35	9.38
Wednesday	2.32	4.10	9.10	10.28
Thursday	4.35	5.05	10.35	11.34
Friday	5.34	5.58	11.32	..
Saturday	6.30	6.58

For high or low water at May's Landing add

given time two hours and fifteen minutes.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast for Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey—Fair to-day and cooler, with easterly winds. Sunday partly cloudy and cal showers.

1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 2100, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2132, 2133, 2134, 2135, 2136, 2137, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2146, 2147, 2148, 2149, 2150, 2151, 2152, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2157, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161, 2162, 2163, 2164, 2165, 2166, 2167, 2168, 2169, 2170, 2171, 2172, 2173, 2174, 2175, 2176, 2177, 2178, 2179, 2180, 2181, 2182, 2183, 2184, 2185, 2186, 2187, 2188, 2189, 2190, 2191, 2192, 2193, 2194, 2195, 2196, 2197, 2198, 2199, 2200, 2201, 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208, 2209, 2210, 2211, 2212, 2213, 2214, 2215, 2216, 2217, 2218, 2219, 2220, 2221, 2222, 2223, 2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2230, 2231, 2232, 2233, 2234, 2235, 2236, 2237, 2238, 2239, 2240, 2241, 2242, 2243, 2244, 2245, 2246, 2247, 2248, 2249, 2250, 2251, 2252, 2253, 2254, 2255, 2256, 2257, 2258, 2259, 2260, 2261, 2262, 2263, 2264, 2265, 2266, 2267, 2268, 2269, 2270, 2271, 2272, 2273, 2274, 2275, 2276, 2277, 2278, 2279, 2280, 2281, 2282, 2283, 2284, 2285, 2286, 2287, 2288, 2289, 2290, 2291, 2292, 2293, 2294, 2295, 2296, 2297, 2298, 2299, 2300, 2301, 2302, 2303, 2304, 2305, 2306, 2307, 2308, 2309, 2310, 2311, 2312, 2313, 2314, 2315, 2316, 2317, 2318, 2319, 2320, 2321, 2322, 2323, 2324, 2325, 2326, 2327, 2328, 2329, 2330, 2331, 2332, 2333, 2334, 2335, 2336, 2337, 2338, 2339, 2340, 2341, 2342, 2343, 2344, 2345, 2346, 2347, 2348, 2349, 2350, 2351, 2352, 2353, 2354, 2355, 2356, 2357, 2358, 2359, 2360, 2361, 2362, 2363, 2364, 2365, 2366, 2367, 2368, 2369, 2370, 2371, 2372, 2373, 2374, 2375, 2376, 2377, 2378, 2379, 2380, 2381, 2382, 2383, 2384, 2385, 2386, 2387, 2388, 2389, 2390, 2391, 2392, 2393, 2394, 2395, 2396, 2397, 2398, 2399, 2400, 2401, 2402, 2403, 2404, 2405, 2406, 2407, 2408, 2409, 2410, 2411, 2412, 2413, 2414, 2415, 2416, 2417, 2418, 2419, 2420, 2421, 2422, 2423, 2424, 2425, 2426, 2427, 2428, 2429, 2430, 2431, 2432, 2433, 2434, 2435, 2436, 2437, 2438, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2442, 2443, 2444, 2445, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2450, 2451, 2452, 2453, 2454, 2455, 2456, 2457, 2458, 2459, 2460, 2461, 2462, 2463, 2464, 2465, 2466, 2467, 2468, 2469, 2470, 2471, 2472, 2473, 2474, 2475, 2476, 2477, 2478, 2479, 2480, 2481, 2482, 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490, 2491, 2492, 2493, 2494, 2495, 2496, 2497, 2498, 2499, 2500, 2501, 2502, 2503, 2504, 2505, 2506, 2507, 2508, 2509, 2510, 2511, 2512, 2513, 2514, 2515, 2516, 2517, 2518, 2519, 2520, 2521, 2522, 2523, 2524, 2525, 2526, 2527, 2528, 2529, 2530, 2531, 2532, 2533, 2534, 2535, 2536, 2537, 2538, 2539, 2540, 2541, 2542, 2543, 2544, 2545, 2546, 2547, 2548, 2549, 2550, 2551, 2552, 2553, 2554, 2555, 2556, 2557, 2558, 2559, 2560, 2561, 2562, 2563, 2564, 2565, 2566, 2567, 2568, 2569, 2570, 2571, 2572, 2573, 2574, 2575, 2576, 2577, 2578, 2579, 2580, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2584, 2585, 2586, 2587, 2588, 2589, 2590, 2591, 2592, 2593, 2594, 2595, 2596, 2597, 2598, 2599, 2600, 2601, 2602, 2603, 2604, 2605, 2606, 2607, 2608, 2609, 2610, 2611, 2612, 2613, 2614, 2615, 2616, 2617, 2618, 2619, 2620, 2621, 2622, 2623, 2624, 2625, 2626, 2627, 2628, 2629, 2630, 2631, 2632, 2633, 2634, 2635, 2636, 2637, 2638, 2639, 2640, 2641, 2642, 2643, 2644, 2645, 2646, 2647, 2648, 2649, 2650, 2651, 2652, 2653, 2654, 2655, 2656, 2657, 2658, 2659, 2660, 2661, 2662, 2663, 2664, 2665, 2666, 2667, 2668, 2669, 2670, 2671, 2672, 2673, 2674, 2675, 2676, 2677, 2678, 26

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The attitude of the State in regard to the excise question seems to be, let well-enough alone. Nobody doubts for an instant that the whole country would be better off without liquor, not even those addicted to its use; but so would it be better off without murder, burglary, arson and the thousand and one evils that have beset frail humanity for ages and will continue so to do until the millennium, if that time ever arrives. Liquor is not a necessity. It is not even a luxury, strictly speaking. But it is an abiding evil, deep-rooted and almost impossible to eradicate. Time alone will remedy the curse—and perhaps, bring others to supplant it. Be that as it may, drinking cannot be done away with in a day nor a year, and the best that can be done is to tolerate it in the best possible manner. Nor will it do to offend those who believe in its use, for they have their privilege of personal choice in the matter. When humanity ceases to have use for the flowing goblet and it passes into antiquity with other relics of barbarity then will the liquor problem be finally solved, and not before. The only thing to do is to restrict its use and educate the growing generation to regard the question in its true light.

Truth is an elusive proposition. Often when we think we have it the bubble bursts and our error is apparent. It is not only difficult but usually impossible to tell the exact truth, illusions caused by defective sight or hearing or personal bias distorting the real facts unconsciously. When a witness is placed upon the stand to testify he is sworn to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth; but the most conscientious man, however intelligent, is usually unable so to do. Indeed, intelligence and education often distort the view to such an extent that the facts are perverted and given a wrong meaning. That is why the testimony of a child is often stronger than that of the man grown, who colors his evidence with personal inferences and suggestions. Truth itself is a simple thing and in many instances the intricate maze of our modern judicial system no doubt warps it until it is hardly to be recognized. The habit of telling the truth, unbiased and unaffected by personal prejudice, is one that cannot be too well learned in early youth nor too much practiced in later life. Most men spend their lives seeking truth and die in error.

More than local interest attaches to the coming carnival of the Ocean City Yacht Club, which will be held the latter part of the coming week. Sailing and motor craft of all descriptions will be entered in the races which bid fair to be productive of some new records. Interest in yachting is growing along the New Jersey coast and the splendid waterways thereon are unexcelled for the enjoyment of this healthful and recreative pastime. When the projected State waterway along the coast is completed the commonwealth will become the mecca of yachting enthusiasts and the establishment of several harbors of refuge at convenient intervals will attract sea-going craft. The coast resorts are adding another attraction to their already long list and yachting promises to eclipse them all. Thousands of yachtsmen from all parts of the country will attend the coming regatta and interest in the sport will be increased. Yacht clubs are being organized all along the coast in large numbers and it is to be trusted that the enthusiasts here will fall in line and form a permanent organization in the near future.

The conference last week at Sea Girt between the Governor and County officials relative to the projected Ocean Boulevard will no doubt be instrumental in aiding the promotion of the project, which is one of the utmost importance. The seacoast and particularly the resorts should be connected by one continuous boulevard, constructed on the most approved plans regardless of cost, for the road will ultimately bring returns to the State that will more than compensate for its construction. Atlantic County is about to build one of the connecting links in the boulevard, the old Shore Road from Absecon to Somers Point, and a bridge across the Great Egg Harbor Bay is under consideration. Other coast counties are showing great interest in the project and its success is assured. The State will maintain these portions of the boulevard, included in the survey which are being constructed by the County, says Governor Fort, who is urging the early construction of the new highway. All looks favorable for the speedy construction of a splendid coast road from the highlands of North Jersey to Cape May.

While the financial situation of the country has not shown any sudden increase during the week the outlook is most encouraging, to say the least. Especially does the return of prosperity for the agricultural interests promise well. There is no denying the fact that money, to use a common phrase, is tight; and so it will be until the present session of Congress is ended and the tariff tinkering over. "Tinkering" expresses the present rate-juggling well, for it is certainly not an outright revision such the people of the country anticipated from campaign promises. Howbeit, the situation is fairly good and we must make the best of it.

This is the season when the canine tribe becomes dangerous if permitted to roam at large unrestricted. Reports from the various County municipalities indicate that the dog law is not strictly enforced, as it should be during July and August. Those whose duty it is to enforce the law are usually lenient until the cry of "mad dog" arouses them to a sense of their duty and often when it is too late the restrictions are enforced. Dogs should be well cared for during warm weather as regards feeding and should be kept under muzzle or leash, especially in thickly settled neighborhoods where an epidemic of rabies is apt to be attended with considerable danger.

Dust is one of the worst germ carriers in existence. Anything that tends to rid a municipality of obnoxious clouds of loose soil surface is a direct benefit to its residents and a precaution for the public health, to say nothing of relieving a community from the many other annoyances caused by dust. For this reason the purchase of a street sprinkler in May's Landing is of urgent necessity. Such a convenience would settle the dust, cool the atmosphere, enable housekeepers to open their windows facing the street without ruining their furniture, promote public health and be a general blessing to all, rich and poor alike.

Mosquitoes are a certain annoyance this time of the year, but their numbers can be greatly reduced by cutting grass and weeds, low hanging limbs of trees and other hiding places of the pestiferous "bird." Aside from destroying the breeding places, such as rain barrels, stagnant pools and drains and marshes, this is one of the greatest reliefs that can be afforded, for the insect is seldom found in places where the air circulates freely.

The death roll of the Fourth of July is lengthening and bids fair to exceed that of former years. Toy pistols claimed a large portion of the victims and the total number resembles the dead-list of a battlefield. How much longer such carnage will be permitted in celebration of the Nation's birthday can only be conjectured, but it is to be hoped that the custom will soon pass away with other relics of barbarous times.

The Capitol Cornet Band is one of the growing musical organizations of the County and its members deserve great praise for their diligent practice and good results. An organization of this nature is a valuable asset to any community and more so when it becomes one for young men, such as this has proven. The band has shown its determination to stick together and grow better and it deserves hearty support.

The changes in the primary election law are causing endless argument throughout the State and it is probable that the Attorney General will be called upon to elucidate the new statute, which makes some radical changes in the method of choosing candidates for the regular election in November. The difficulty should be adjusted early that there may be no confusion at the polls.

STATE PRESS COMMENT.

"For years, many Republicans and Democrats have been anxious to 'take the tariff out of politics.' Nobody, however, expected to live to see that done. Yet the Democrats have done it in the past few weeks in Congress."

"They have done it by deserting their traditional position on that issue and voting for high duties. On the opposite side, a majority of the Democrats who voted in the Senate voted no. The Democrats changed the house bill, which reduced nearly all the duties that it touched, and gave the changes an upward direction."

"Under the leadership of Mr. Aldrich, the Democratic senators ran up the heavier platform and repudiated Cleveland, Bryan and every other leader of their party from the days of Robert J. Walker down. Samuel J. Randall's protectionist leanings surprised Republicans as well as Democrats in his days, but Randall was a free trader compared with McHenry, Daniel, Bacon, Foster, Bailey and other Democrats who have always been in good standing in their party, and all of whom supported Bryan in all of his campaigns."

"This will prevent the Democrats from saying anything on the tariff in the Congressional campaign of 1910, or in the presidential campaign two years later."—*Trenton State Gazette*.

"The new idea Republicans are alive in Essex, are aggressive in Hudson and are loudmouthed in Passaic, but what they are doing or intending to do in Union County it is difficult to ascertain. They do not appear to have a policy, a Marbury, a Blair or a Blawie or a Marbury to take the lead for them, and these Republicans, who espouse the cause of reform are not yet actively engaged in making preparations for the campaign of next Fall. The city of Elizabeth never has been the centre of the reform movement in Union, that honor being seized by Plainfield; but Elizabeth seems likely to be too busy with other tasks to give the next idea any very valuable assistance. Elizabeth will have the new elective Board of Excess to look after, in the place of the present discredited board appointed by the city council, and will also have to give attention to such matters as Mayor Mayhew is likely to bring up. Under these conditions, with Ackerman holding over in the Senate and Schwartz to come up for the second second term in the Assembly, the most probable fighting ground is in Rahway, where Kirstein will either retire or seek a third term. The latter is not usually allowed in Union, so that the new idea men may have a shadow of a chance for an Assemblyman, but it is only a shadow."—*Newark Evening News*.

"From time to time the impending danger of exhaustion of the country's timber and coal resources is made the subject of lugubrious dissertations by professional scholars and economists of pessimistic tendencies. As to timber, the existing supply, the rate of necessary consumption and the probable natural accretion are all susceptible of reasonable accurate calculation, and the rapid depletion of the forests, aggravated as it has been by extravagant waste, presents substantial ground for the practice of a proper economy as well as for the government's proper activity in the matter of forest conservation. The coal supply, being subterranean, is not the subject of such definite estimate, and the alarming report has from time to time gone forth that it would be exhausted within a comparatively few years. But now comes along the report of the United States Geological Survey with the statement that the stock remaining in the States of the Nation amounts to two hundred billions of tons, sufficient at the present rate of consumption, and estimating on the probable rate of future increase, to last about five thousand years. So there is no necessity for immediate parsimonious economy in firing up the kitchen range and the cellar heater in cold weather."—*Camden Post-Telegram*.

"President Lippincott, of the Jersey City Excise Commissioners has stated the policy of that board to be to oppose the granting of renewals of license to saloon-keepers charged with selling to minors or in whose places gambling has taken place. For transient minor violations the board will exercise common sense and discretion. That may not be strict compliance with the law, but it is a fair and sensible policy to adopt in dealing with the complaints of what Mr. Lippincott calls 'professional reformers,' who seem inclined to seek out only the minor violations of law that may exist, and by public interviews in the press to direct public attention from the real evils, such as selling to minors, conducting houses of ill fame and gambling houses."—*Trenton Evening Times*.

"The contention is made by certain lawyers that the Judiciary Amendment to the Constitution should have provided for a consolidation of the law and equity courts. This may be so. In fact, there is such consolidation in nearly all the States of the Nation. But that can have no bearing upon the present situation in New Jersey. The Judiciary Amendment is now up to the people and it must be accepted or rejected as it stands. The only question to be considered is, whether or not the adoption of the proposed amendment would improve our judicial system. The consensus of intelligent opinion seems to be in favor of the affirmative, and it is believed that the people will vote for the amendment."—*Camden West Jersey Press*.

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A Girl Who Was Able to Read
Beneath the Surface.

By MARY WOOD.

Above the shrill whirr of the crickets rose the hum of feminine voices. Under the green apple boughs the ham-mock convention was in full swing. Miss Maybrick called it a hornet's nest and preferred the doubtful coolness of the piazza. But, then, she was a college professor, too superior to appreciate the joys of the younger set.

Jane Carew, however, sometimes agreed with her. This afternoon she hid her face behind a book, while the girl's fancies carried her far above the swaying leaves up into the perfect blue of the July sky. How lovely nature was this summer, how full life of new delights!

Miss Maybrick's name brought her back to earth again—Miss Maybrick, the one cloud in her sky.

"Oh, yes, she approves of him," saucy Madge was saying. "She can put up with his sunburned face, roughened hands and the general boorishness of a farmer. But I suppose at her age any man is acceptable. To tell the truth, I have almost ceased to care for the dition myself in this man forsaken spot." And she shook her head in mock despair.

"Jane agrees with her," some one added a little maliciously. "She never seems to mind sharing his attentions with her."

A book went down with a crash and angry spots of scarlet glowed in Jane's cheeks as she said defiantly: "John Staunton is not a boor. He is a gentleman. Just because he seems to talk the twaddle that men usually think good enough for us girls you vote him a boor. He often makes me ashamed of the little I know, and the books he lends me have opened up a new world, a world bigger and better than all the flitting and shams and heartaches that go to make up society. No wonder he likes to talk to Miss Maybrick. She's worth the whole lot of us when it comes to knowing the things that are worth while."

The girl stopped short with a gasp as she realized the horrified look which had fallen on the circle. "Oh, what have I said?" she cried and buried her face in her cushions.

But Madge's gay voice was tender as she stroked the brown head. "You're read us a lecture, Jane, dear," she said gently, "but I fancy we needed it a bit. It's horrid to talk about one of your friends the way we talk about Staunton, and for Miss Maybrick, who's a stuck up old thing, and you're ever so much nicer than she is spite of all she knows. Just wait till Cousin Alex comes next week and see the new world that he opens to you. He is really literary and writes things for other people to read."

Jane's face was still hidden. She was battling to overcome her fear and even harder to drive out of her heart the unreasonable jealousy of the older woman that somehow had crept into it. The time had been when she would have scorned her as a rival, but love had made her humble. Youth and beauty seemed of small weight to cast into the scales against years of scholastic training and study.

Cousin Alex came. He was a slim, dapper young man, with an important manner rather at variance with his size. But he had a way of retelling old jokes that made them seem new and a stock of compliments suited to every age and was therefore greatly in favor among the guests at the sleepy old farmhouse. As befitting his pretensions as a journalist he rattled on unceasingly about books and literature. He knew this man and that book, and, above all, he was one whose name should some day stand foremost in the world of letters. The date was not yet set, but he spoke of "his novel" mysteriously, even reverently, and his feminine audience was accordingly impressed.

More or less unwillingly Jane was compelled to listen to many of these predictions, for "Cousin Alex" at once developed a fondness for her society. Perhaps certain glances that Staunton cast in his direction added zest to the chase. Perhaps it was the elusive fashion in which the girl received his advances. Certain it is that a week's time had earned him the very fitting name of "Jane's shadow."

Yet to Jane herself each day seemed to bring more unhappiness. Staunton came as often as ever, but at sight of Alex by her side he left the laughing group to chat with Miss Maybrick in intimate aloofness. And as the girl saw the door to the beautiful new world closing because the hand of him who held it open was withdrawn, the pain and weariness of her old frivolous life seemed almost past bearing.

Her eyes were more watchful than she knew one evening as she saw a tall, muscular figure swing up the walk with the easy, confident stride of the man who was master of his fate. Staunton's face softened as he met them, and, though Cousin Alex Hamblin was on hand, as usual, he settled himself on the top step with the air of a man who had come to stay. The brown eyes were downcast now, but a shy blush of pleasure still flushed her cheeks.

There was always a visible air of constraint between the two men, but Hamblin rose manfully to the occasion. Here was a most longed for opportunity to prove to Miss Jane that Staunton was but a boor of a farmer, after all, and no match for a man of the world like himself.

If the older man detected his half veiled tone of patronage, he only smiled quizzically. Indeed, his position soon grew more untenable than that of his adversary. As the conversation ranged from books to men and back to books again Jane saw, with a thrill of pride, that Staunton more than held his own. What is more, he held his temper, a precaution neglected by the other.

At last the talk fell upon one of the recent novels, a book of unusual strength and breadth of view. Jane

had read it several times, for it had seemed to point her to the new life she longed to live. Staunton was silent as though in unspoken contemplation. Thereupon Hamblin became an enthusiastic defender and openly scoffed at his lack of appreciation.

A shadow crossed the moonlit porch, but the three did not see Miss Maybrick till her voice broke in on the controversy.

"You would not expect Mr. Staunton to criticize his own book, would you?" she said calmly. Then, as her ear caught Jane's low exclamation of wonder, she added in a tone of surprise: "Had you not guessed that he was an author, Miss Carew? I heard that you defended him very eloquently one afternoon in the orchard and said a good word for me too. For that I want to thank you."

Staunton's face was turned toward the blushing girl, and in full moonlight Miss Maybrick could read his secret. If it sounded like deathknell to some hope in her own heart, gratitude to her companion made her lead the bewildered Alex for a walk down the lane and a gradual restoration of his self confidence.

"And I have to thank you, too, Jane," Staunton said tenderly.

But he took her down to the orchard and told her in his own way. "How did you guess that I was not the farmer I pretended to be?" with a hint of wonder under his gladness. Jane raised a face radiant with the realization that the new world was opened forever. "Just because you are you," she said joyously. "Love is not always blind."

A Story That Varies.
There is a story more or less diffused of a young bride on her wedding day playing the game of hide and seek and concealing herself in one of those ancient carved chests of large size. After she had got in the lid closed, and she found herself unable to raise it again, for it fastened with a spring, and she was shut in. Search was made for her in every quarter but the right one, and great perplexity and dismay were caused by her disappearance. It was not till years after, when chance led to the opening of the chest, that the body of the young bride was discovered and the mystery of her disappearance solved.

The story is found in so many places that it may be questioned whether it is true of any one of them. Rogers tells it of a palace in Modena. The chest in which the poor bride was found is shown at Bramshill, in Hampshire, the residence of Sir John Cape. Another similar chest with precisely the same story attached to it was long shown at Marwell Old Hall, between Winchester and Bishop's Waltham. The folk tale of Catskin or Peau d'Ane represents the girl flying with her bridal dresses from a marriage that is repugnant to her, and as this tale is found all over Europe it may have metamorphosed itself into that of the bride who got into a chest and died there.—Cornhill Magazine.

Detecting a Thief.
Some of the stories in the "Folklore of the Holy Land" seem to be at least founded on fact. And, indeed, when we come down to quite recent times we find undoubtedly genuine stories that might have been told of the days of the caliphs.

Here is one of Ibrahim Pasha: A goldsmith of Jaffa complained that his house had been robbed and remarked that the Egyptian occupation had not brought security.

The pasha promised redress. The next day he came to the man's shop and in the presence of a great crowd ordered the executioner to give the door a hundred lashes.

Then he stooped as if to listen. "The door tells nonsense," he cried; "another hundred!"

He stooped again. "The same tale; the door persists that the thief is somewhere in this crowd of honest people and that he has some of the dust and cobwebs from the slip on his turban."

He had his eye on the crowd and saw a man hastily raise his hand to brush his fez.

The man was arrested and confessed his guilt.

A Chromatic Love Affair.
"Marooned!" muttered the villain, turning white and striking his forehead.

Violet, pearl of women, had refused him again.

He lapsed into a brown study, wondering if he were too green to win any woman's love. Perhaps she objected to his prematurely gray hair, or could it be that the cardinal virtues of his rival outweighed his old gold?

The hero entering, black as a thunder cloud, readily solved the mystery. "There's a yellow streak in you!" he cried. "In the hope of winning my betrothed, Violet, you have jilted Alice, and it has made Alice blue!"

The villain rose, madder than a hornet, purpling with rage beneath his tan. But before he could speak the hero had pinked him with his sword.

Violet screamed. Terror caught her. But her lover soothed her.

"Red of him at last," he murmured, folding her in his arms and kissing her cherry lips as the crimson sun sank in the west, partially obscured by the London smoke.

Epilogue. Orange blossoms.—Los Angeles Times.

A Man's Critical Brother.
Marie Antoinette's brother Joseph could not bear the rouge pot, and one evening when the queen was going out, being heavily rouged, the emperor was looking on. Pointing to a lady present who was excessively bedaubed with paint, Joseph remarked facetiously: "A little more under the eyes! Lay on the rouge like fury, as that lady does!"—Hassard's "Louis XVI."

Spelling.
On a member of parliament being accused of bad spelling Disraeli humorously defended him by declaring that "a man must be an idiot who could not spell a word more ways than one."

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day, and this the forlorn little woman
was prepared to prove.

"You saw the paper signed?" asked
the opposing counsel in cross examination.

"Yes, sir."

"And you take your oath that it was
the 13th of August?"

"I know it was, sir."

The lawyer, who thought another
date could be proved, assumed an ex-
asperating smile and repeated her
words.

"You know it was? And now be so
good as to tell us how you know it?"

The poor little creature looked from
one countenance to another with wide,
sorrowful eyes, as if she sought under-
standing and sympathy; then her gaze
rested on the kindly face of the judge.

"I know," she said, as if speaking to
him alone, "because that was the day
my baby died."—Pearson's Weekly.

Wrong Diagnosis.

A song with the title "There's a Sigh
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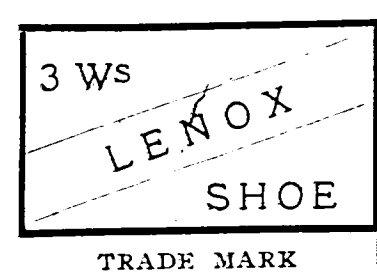
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