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SYNOPSIS.

"Vanishing Flycatcher" a story of "what might have happened" opens in Washington with the British Embassy and upon Norma Roberts, chief aide of inventor Roberts...

CHAPTER XIII.—Continued.

The others looked eagerly at him as the president held them, wondering what connection with the defense of a nation against a multitude of battle ships...

CHAPTER XIV.—The Chief of a City.

Like criminals afraid of the light, and seeking the cover of darkness, a score of the most distinguished men of the United States...

CHAPTER XV.—The President Walked Up and Down the Room.

As idle as a braggart's boasting. To maintain silence and then prove inability to make one's action doubly impossible...

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enter the room, where those who preceded them were divided into groups round four officers of the navy...

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RESERVE SEEDS AND MESSAGE

ACCOMPANYING REPORTS OF THE CONSERVATION CONGRESS

URGES NEEDED LEGISLATION

Document in a Measure is a Defense of the Retiring Administration. Duty of the Present Generation to its Descendants—Forest Management for the Development of the Country's Water Power.

Washington.—With the transmission of the report of the national conservation congress and accompanying paper President Roosevelt also sent a message to thoughtful and patriotic citizens...

The facts set forth in this report constitute an imperative call to action. The message that we have to send to Congress for a time, if not smaller...

The first of all considerations is the permanent, efficient and profitable use of our natural resources, which are the life of the nation...

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Fig Syrup Co. SOLD BY LEADING DRUGGISTS 50 ADELPHI. AN IMPROVEMENT. A new Halloween game, in which a peach is used instead of an apple.

THE WONDERBERRY. Mr. Luther Burbank, the plant wizard of California, has originated a wonderful new plant which grows anywhere, in any soil or climate, and bears great quantities of luscious berries all the year.

Limited Understanding. "It does seem strange," remarked the party who seemed to be thinking aloud.

OFTEN THE CASE. Women suffer hopelessly from Stomach, Biliary, Spinal, Lung, etc.

Women have so much to go through in life that it's a pity there is so much suffering from backache and other common curable kidney troubles.

Jaok's Faux Pas. Maud noticed that you had Jack Claubert to chuck with you Sunday.

Professor Munyon has just issued the most beautiful, useful and complete Almanac; it contains not only all the latest information concerning the moon's phases, in all the latitudes, but has illustrated articles on how to read character by phrenology, palmistry and birth month.

It will be sent to anyone absolutely free on application to the MUNYON BROTHERS COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA.

ALL IN TWAIN'S IMAGINATION. Mark's Story of Petrified Indian Good Joke on Town.

One Hundred Years Ago. It has been some time announced that the new machine for traveling without horses, being impelled entirely by steam, was to be matched to run 24 hours against any horse in the kingdom.

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Some Large French Families

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According to these statistics the total population of France is 39,718,718. The female sex exceeds the masculine in numbers, the figures being, respectively, 19,523,899 and 19,194,819.

There are 2,384,897 widows and divorced women as against 1,005,884 widowers and divorced men.

The number of French families is 9,711,117, of which 1,314,719 are without children; 2,249,337 have but one child; 2,018,665 have two; 1,246,284 have three; 745,811 have four; 429,799

have five; 248,156 have six; 138,759 have seven; 71,841 have eight; and 33,917 have nine children. These figures are given in rapidly ascending proportion, the number of families having a large number of children.

For about two-thirds of the families, of course, the average number of children does not exceed three, while for about 14 per cent. of them the average number is seven, and for less than 1 per cent. of the families the average number is more than ten.

Twenty-four families are recorded, however, as possessing 17 and 34 as possessing 18 children.

Deep Breathing. A woman who has learned deep breathing, always has a work of breathing, for nerves and mind are kept in healthy condition by the good chest expansion. This, too, is a good sense of facial wrinkles and the abdomen is apt to keep her freshness long after the time that most women lose it.