An Old Desk

By Addie Farrar.

My new desk, or rather my old one, for I had but the day before purchased it at a second hand dealer's, had just arrived, and I was busily engaged in arranging it when my landlady knocked at the door. "I beg your pardon," she said, "but I entirely forgot to hand you this letter "

I thanked her and took the letter. which I saw at a glance was from my elderly and eccentric relative, Mrs. Judith Saxon, whose favorite nephew and prospective heir I was. With a sigh I opened it, knowing beforehand what its contents were; for Aunt Judith never wrote me unless she had some girl staying with her. She had a great desire to see me settled, and for the past two years had invited scores of girls to her house, all eligible and to her taste, in the hope of marrying me off Yet. I was still single and heartwhole But to return to the letter. Yes,

just as I supposed --- a girl again! "Dear Neddle," she wrote, "come down and stay over Sunday. There's the dearest girl here, Margaret, the daughter of my old friend and schoolmate, Jane Warren She's bot a lot of money, and what's more, a

'Judith Saxon " I threw the letter impatiently

"Not if I can help it, Aunt Judith'" I exclaimed and went on with my arrangement of the desk

It was a splendid thing of its kind. full of deep, roomy drawers and useful pigeon holes. Evidently its former owner must have been a man of practical ideas, for I had been told that it was made to his order, and had been sold when he went abroad A curious bit of carving caught my eye, and as I reached over to examine it the cloth I was dusting with caught in it, and the carved head fell sidewise Looking closer, I discovcovered a knob which by pressure caused a drawer to spring out.

"Ha" I cried in amusement. "A secret drawer- now for the missing

To my surprise there was something in the drawer—the photograph of a young and pretty wom? an; with a face so sweet of expression that it held me enthralled Who could it be? The photographer's name and address indicated the sitting to have been in San Francisco evidently the home of the fair un known, while on the back was written in a pretty, feminine scrawl.

"Your cousin, Daisy Hammond." "I wish I knew you, Daisy" sighed as I placed the photo on the desk and sat down to read -a useless attempt, for my eyes would wander from my book to the lovely picture resting on the desk as I made all sorts of conjectures about her. Actually I was falling in love with a photograph, the picture of a woman who, for all that I knew. might be a wife'

For days the lovely pictured face kept coming up between me and my work until the desire to know more of the original entirely overmastered me, and I sought the dealer from whom I had purchased the desk, Loping he might know something of its former owner, evidently the cousin of my fair unknown. Unfortunately he could tell me nothing. not even the man's name

A few days later the question of sending some one to Francisco came before the firm, and I volunteered to go, feeling that Fate was with me, and that I should now find the original of my cherished picture.

I quickly packed a few necessaries. wrote a note to Aunt Judith. rut the photograph in my pocket, and was soon on my way. As soon as my business was finished I hunted up the photographer who had taken the picture. All he could tell me was that the lady was from New York, that her name was Hammond. and that she and her mother were visiting friends when the picture was made.

To think that I-had been in the same town with her and had chased a Will o' the wisp clear across the continent! I rushed back to New York, and on the night of my arrival overheard Harry Vernon talk-2ng at the club about the Hammond girls. I had always detested the fellow, but now I began to cultivate

him. One night he said,-"Hate to leave you, old chap, but I am due at the Hammonds'. Lovely

mirla those. My heart beat rapidly.

"Suppose you take me with you." I ventured. How I mentally laughed at him for a fool when I saw the Hammond girls, with their red hair and freckled facea! Reaching home, I

took the photo from my pocket and kinsed it. "This will never do!" I cried, disgusted with myself. "I'll go and take a dose of Aunt Judith, and see if than won't cure my lovesick fancy." I reached Aunt Judith's late in

the afternoon of the next day. "Oh Ned," she said when she saw me. "So you went off to California

and missed my girl." I murmured something about bus-

"She was a very nice girl," went on the old lady. "But I'm afraid she won't stay single long-she's too

With allent malediction on Arnt

Judith's match making proclivities a marched across the room. In amazemen I stopped short; there on a small table was the duplicate of the picture in my pocket.

I rushed back to the old lady, the photograph in my hand. "Who is it?" I demanded tragically.

She calmly adjusted her spectacles and looked me over. "Who? Oh, that? Why, that's Jane Warren's daughter-the girl you missed."

"It's nohing of the kind," I hotly exclaimed as I held out my picture with the ose I had just discovered. "It is the picture of Daisy Ham-

Aunt Judith looked at the two photos and smiled grimly. "Daisy Hammond, is it? Well, it's my girl just the same. Pretty, isn't

"For the Lord's sake, Aunt Judith, tell me who she is," I cried in

exasperation.

"Why, you have just said-Daisy, or rather Margaret Hammond, the daughter of Jane Warren's second marriage. So you know her, eh?"" 'No-but I want to."

Aunt Judith laughed maliciously. 'So, ho! Why, didn't you come when I sent for you?"

I attempted to offer some sort of



I had found the original.

apology, but under the keen, kind old eyes I confessed the whole story. 'Well, Ned," remarked the old it is my girl. If I send for her again will you come?"

"There, don't get foolish-she might not come, you know; she is time as nicely as his wife can judge not the kind of girl that men run the contents of her coffee-cup. He from. Now take yourself and your knows the strong and weak points love tales off and dress, for I am go- of the river banks, so that if the skies

I finished dressing just as the carriage drove up and two persons banks and drown the farmer's cattle alighted, evidently the first of the or flood the city street. guests I sauntered into the drawing

"Oh, here you are!" said Aunt Judith, meeting me at the door with in odd look on her face.

As she spoke a precian who sat with her back to us turned, and before me stood the original of my cherished photograph. I murmured some acknowledgement to the introduction and Aunt Judith went off chuckling, leaving

us together. There is no more to add, save that on the day that I married the original of my picture Aunt Judith char-

"You siways were a fool, Ned. The idea of going clear across the under your nose!"

gratulated me,---

Our First St. Bernards. There is a possibility that General

send any St. Bernards'to this coun-When he returned to the United States in 1824 he apparently time was Assistant Postmaster Gen- lar purposes. eral and afterward edited the Ameriican Farmer, Sporting Magazine and other publications. At one time he seemed to have been very much interested in getting good sheep dogs. and in this he was sided by General Lafayette, who, previous to 1830, as near as we can judge, sent him two French sheep dogs and at another time sent two dogs which Mr. Skinner described as "Pyrenean or St. Bernard" dogs, and tells of the use he reckoned without his host. made of them at the hospice. As Mr. Skinner was evidently getting sheep dogs it is more probable that there were Pyrenean sheep dogs. Yet as he particularly mentioned the French sheep dogs as having pointed faces, the other not being so described were fixely broader faced and were half-bred dogs akin to the St. Bernards. There is still another possibility that General Lafayette may have known of the monks getting outside crosses a few years before, and may have stated it in such a way as to lead Mr. Skinner to assume that they were one and the same breed or bred the same way,

Europe's Heaviest Man.

the double name.

and thus give the dogs he received

Probably the heaviest man in Europe was the late Hans Fromm of Willenberg. He weighed 525 pounds. A showman in Paris once offered him a large sum, and he was willing to accept it, but he could not enter any passenger car and refused: to travel in a freight cer

WILD MAN OF BORNEO

Refused to Act This Part After Death of Benefactor.

"The Wild Man of Borneo" was a poor old drunken sailor whom Bar num was trying to reform; for Bar num, as in many little things, was first of all among the great temper ance men. This old Yankee sailor. whom Barnum had known from the first, was an expert with his pocket knife, and during long voyages across the Pacific he would whittle out skulis, skeletons, and so forth. Fi nally he found himself at New Bridge port. Conn., and destitute. He had nothing at all but a few wnoden skulls and skeletons fastened together with wires so that the bones would rattle fearfully. He went to Barnum to try to sell these. . He was ranged hairy and hungry.

Why, where have you been?" "Been to Borneo."

"Well, you look it! Come in an sit down. We are just going to have supper!" said the showman.

The poor tramp begged Barnum to put him in a cage to keep him from drink-begged to be put in an iron cage, like a wild beast, where be could sit and whittle and "sober off" And that is how "The Wild Man of Borneo" was conceived and brought forth Little boys would literally fall over one another to get close to the iron cage where that Yankes sailor sat on a pile of wooden bones gnawing at a wooden skull. But when he would jump up and shake that rattling skeleton in one hand and nearly tear down the cage with the other they would fall in heaps in their haste to get away. It is said that he would not play wild man after Barnum died; and that Barnum left him quite a pot of money

Our Weather Service. The eager watch kept on our turbulentarivers to see that they do not catch unprepared the people living on their banks, or on the low-lying lands near them, is, says the Century Magazine, one of the most dramatic phases of the work of the weather service By long experience and close calculation, the weatherman has learned to read the symptoms pre dicting a rise or fall as accurately as a physician can count the heartbeats of his patient with his finger on the pulse. Throughout the land feeding each river he has posted hundreds of raingauges, which, like sentinels, tell him when the rainfall has been heavy and the exact number of inches of rain that have fallen To lady when I had finished, "I'm glad find the amount of water that will pour into the river is then simply a matter of arithmetic, as he knows the I gave her such a look that she number of miles drained by each the river-bed can carry in a given ing to have a little dinner party this send more water than the river-bed can carry he can predict where the waters will overflow or burst its

Miners of Wax

In several parts or the world a resinous substance, called ozocerite. and bearing considerable resemblance to beeswax, is found, usually in connection with rock salt and coal. There are deposits in Austria, Russia, Roumania, Egypt, Algeria, Canada and Mexico, but ozocerite has so far, not been discovered in sufficient quantities to pay for mining anywhere except in the district of Roryslav, ta Austrian Galicia, and on an island on the west coast of the Caspian sea. acteristically remarked as she con- in mining this mineral wax shafts are sunk until a bed or "nest" of ozecerite is struck. Then connecting galleries are driven. There is considerable continent to find something right danger, and many lives have been lost in consequence of the sudden forcing up of the soft wax into the shafts by the enormous pressure to which it is subjected. It is used of it. Lafayette was the first person to largely for manufacturing coresin. which is employed, together with beeswax , for making wax candles, as world. well as in the manufacture of phonemet Mr. J. F. Skinner, who at one graphic cylinders, and for many simi-

Retort Courteous.

During the trial of an accident case as a witness for the plaintiff, says railroad company put her under a very severe cross-examination and

the time the accident happened?"

"How do I--" she began, understand you to say-"

Quick as a flash the old lady reanderstand me to say. You may be

in idlati" After that courtesy ruled the day

Fire Precautions in France. With the exception of the larger towns the precautions against fire in original form of tese majeste: He France are remarkably inadequate Many towns of from 500 to 3,000 peo the crown, and admitted before the ple have no water supply other than tribunal that he was in the habit of ordinary wells, operated generally by bucket draws instead of pumps, and no fire apparatus except occasionally a hand force pump such as is used

JADE USED AS MEDICINE.

in China Used Internally and Externaily for All illa.

Everything in China of any racity whatever is certain to be dragged into the pharmacopoeia of the Chinese physician. Jade is no exception to the rule. It may be avallowed as some. Snalls are particular as to a powder or in little pieces the size what they eat, while oysters are not. It their first impression was just of hemp seed for various stomachio complaints. Even pockmarks and hunting for the sake of providing his scars may be obliterated by being table with a dainty dish. Yet we are have seen their sixin fight they daily rubbed with a piece of pure content to eat rabbits with a strong more bloodingsty than the jade. It is also considered to be of and not very pleasant flavor. But a moist nature, and we read of an those who have eaten hedgehog will "fire" for the nowardly bull the imperial favorite of the eighth cen bear testimony to the fact that these Madrid correspondent of the loss tury who was cured of excessive little "beastles" are not only far Mall. thirst by holding a fish shaped jade nicer than rabbles, but are even auin her mouth. And so when the tomb perior to the best and factest pullets. Ing. because it throws me back to of the great commander, Ts'ao Ts'ao, third century, A. D., was opened two hundred years after his death, among them in stiff clay and bake them in a off in the settlement of all dispute the usual objects found in such cir cumstances was a large silver bowl full of water. That the water had not dried up was accounted for by and you will find a very savory feast, if you are a verstaries it is sorties the presence in the bowl of a jade boy three feet in height.

Jade is chiefly brought from the K'unlun, or Koulkon, range, between the desert of Gobi and Tibet; from Khoten or lichi in Yarkand, and from Lan-t'ien, on the Belutagh mountains, still farther to the west. In the tenth century, A. D., the latter was actually known as the Jade hills district, though it does not appear that any jade has ever been found there.

Sawdust Fuel.

used in Germany, with rather promising results. The briquettes weight about half a pound each. In the dist an excellent and entirely wholesome trict surrounding the factory where substitute for gelatin, and stew down [right a thin, red-hilled sword. these cakes were made the schools to form the basis of a capital soup. were heated by them, the combustion That they are at least very attractive leaving very little ash and proceeding to the Chinese is attested by the fact from the packed parriers, but without a large flame. No binding in that they fetch as much as 75 cents a scarcely acknowledges it. gredient is said to be used, the saw pound, while it is said that from dust being dried and pressed into \$75,000 to \$100,000 worth comes the desired briquette shape, and ow into the markets annually. The shaped mouth are known from a ing thus to the absence of tarry or birds build near the coast, usually in send of Spain to the other. Now, a olly substances there is no smoke in caves, in the islands of Sumstra and face in tense and white. Not were burning The weight of such a bri. Borneo and elsewhere. The little fear, for Machiguito som not kin quette indicates the heavy pressure nests are fixed to the sheer face of it; and some day this daring life under which it takes its shape, and the cliff, and it is no easy task to colthe edges look like polished oak; in lect them. Needless to say, those ring; fact, it is heavier than a piece of which are just completed, and which hardwood of the same size. The der have not been used as nurseries, for of cloaks begins. Flack! The mand created by the popularity of the young birds, are the most value, turns as swift as highlight the fuel exceeded the supply of a wal ble. unfortunately, the factory was destroyed by fire and operations came to a standstill.

Women and the Proverba. A wonderful similarity exists in the sayings about women current in the various nations.

The Spanish rhyme has it: "Were a woman as little as she is good, a jects, we at once think of locusts, but bull stands will, and fighter and pea ped would make her a gown and it is doubtful if any of us regard tim face such other. a hood."

lose a woman and a farthing, he will be sorry he lost the farthing.

The French saying: "A man straw is worth a woman of gold."

The Scotch say: "Honest men marry soon; wise men never." In Fife they say: "The next best thing to no wife is a good wife." The Arabian declares;

are women; deeds are man." The Persian says that a woman's strous of preparing a dish of locusts more than you can be wisdom is under her heel.

The Roman Welve.

Rome is supposed to be never without its symbol, the wolf. Until lately a pair of wolves led an idyllic life among the historio, mesociations sufficient have been collected the fire against one of the city trolley com- of the Italian capital. They were fed is removed and the ashes cleared church and majorally to panies an elderly lady was summoned like princes and sazed at with awe by away, after which the butterfiles are children. Later the happy family spread out upon the hot ground and in the late pope and Lippincott's. The attorney for the was made more complete by the arwas made more complete by the arrival of two cubs, which were straightheir legs, wings and feelers are sake; and the contents of singed off. The bodies are then cold cedarwood cabinets were not tried the best he could to make her One day the cubs fought and Romulus lected into pulp and made into cakes. appear as ridiculous as possible. But killed Remus, whereupen it was declared that history was repeating it. "Madam," said he, "do I understand self. At length forced inaction and you to say that you were there at over-feeding began to tell on the sur terious and unintelligible phenomenvivors. They pined away and sled. For two months Rome was without its in simple and natural. "Stop!" he cried. "Don't indulge in symbol in fieth and blood a circum. Mik, like most other substance any long dissertations. Answer my stance said to be unpresidented for question, yes or no. If you don't I its history but now a small wolf hear shall be obliged to ask the court to been placed in the garden at the under natural conditions, would compel you to answer. Listen. Do I capitol. It has been suggested to give him a mate. This. however to seriously opposed by the sufficient on the ground that thereby the orime "I'm sure I don't know what you of Romulus might be indefinitely perpetuated,

Cost of Less Majesty, Losniza, a village in Servia, had a to five years' imprisonment for an it is easy, on the same principle, to the count would each him was accused of systematically abusing piously cursing King Peter every morning before he touched his breek-

DISHES OF THE ORIENT.

Which However Do Not Appeal to

Some of Taste. We buy and eat hundreds of tons of oysters and any doctor is ready to testify that snalls are equally nourishing and very much more whole- barbario, and beyond defeate. Then again, there is the hedgehost -and finding that it was to a

wood fire until experience tells you that they are done to a turn. Then within. It has always pussled the four writer to account for the fact that For me, and for the seemed of Bratwhich as we all know is made from faucles edible bird nests. There is master, buil fighting has fascing been really scarcely any difference be- which all its horrors cannot destroy.

tween gelatin and the material of And it is the last scene of all these which these nests are made. Some draws you back and back again to have thought that the birds, which the Plats. gelatin in a glutinous state.

dust obtainable in the vicinity of Another Chinese and Malayan a hand's breadth, and the Button the factory, and shiploads were, there dainty which cannot be bought in another cheek sends have spinited fore, procured from Sweden and cart loads from distant manufactories. England is the so-called "sex cus another direction. Now combined to the decision of the decision with the so-called the cumber." This is a kind of large, delicate part of the decision with Sawdust, which previously could be crawling sea anemone, numerous shiquito rates his red. had for the asking, commanded a mar kinds of which inhabit tropical seas. bull jumps with a persons at ket price as soon as it was kn wa They are collected by divers, oured thrust of his head. A warning that a certain factory could make in the sun, and sent to eastern mar goes up from the 16,000 tarest use of it. Even then it was profitable to manufacture the bringstan: but they do not resemble the cucumber in the bull is similar at the man and an extended the cucumber in the bull is similar at the man and an extended the cucumber in the bull is similar at the man and an extended the cucumber in the bull is similar at the man and sent to eastern mar goes up from the 16,000 tarest. been induced to try them are not cloaks and the saure. very enthusiastic in regard to their and the hand's breakly flavor. "Rather poor sait fish," This is not for the seems to be the general verdict. At amusement: it have purpose the same time, it must not be for may not kell a bull by the law is gotten that the "sea cucumber" con- risk except he stand with fer stitutes a valuable source of food to such a position and hear at the yellow races of the east.

them as dainties. Certain it is that An old English saying: "If a man they are eaten and relighed in most banked prowds, for Asse test of ose a woman and a farthing, he will countries where they abound. In built are in the right position, and Palestine they are generally fried in head is at the augie. Blowly oil; in Arabia they are dried in the right hand of the matedor rises sun, ground into flour and used for the sword the level with his syn. The German: "There are only two cake making. In Central Africa core is moment the bull jumps, and good women in the world—one dead and the other can't be found."

There are only two cake making. In Central Africa core is moment the bull jumps, and then the core in the bull jumps, and the other can't be found."

There are only two cake making. In Central Africa core is moment the bull jumps, and the other can't be found." a mortar and cook them with milk; fartals death, so that his be the Arabs eat young ones raw, and between the horse of the crush the others with camel's cheese his glittering coat so or dates, while in water and salted to forehead There is a salted Words taste.

has many recipes to select from A Heking the soul out of the The German affirms that every good many other kinds of insects and daughter of Eve would rather be eaten by mankind in different parts in price comp. It is bratal beautiful than good.

The German also asserts that when—us to mention more than one of indication of satisfied. ever there is mischief browing a them. This is the common Austral but it is the greatest thrillie woman and a priest are at the bottom lan butterny, known as the Bu world gong," and is, so far as the writer is The Persian execute that women aware, the only kind of butteray that and dragons are best out of the is eaten. Regularly each year the insects are found in dense swarms on the cedarwood cabinets at the Ti the rocky slopes of the Busons can have been added to from time abountains, and here the natives as time since the days of the semble to light huge fires, the smoke was the custom of the smeat No of which sufficients. the putterflies Italy, Spains and Austria to and brings them to the earth. When the costly laces worn at we

> To many persons the curding of milk in a thunder storm in a mys-

contains millions of bacteria. The cause the fluid to sour, are peculiarly a pard (or all his hollar susceptible to electricity. Electricity But he is were partitle ing them as sleetled, dooster. ten affects men. Under the current's and dureared for influence they fall towork with aman, for Count Section ing energy, and instead of taking there of communication to the la a couple of days to sour the milk they and had a long souvernation accomplish the task completely in a as to this very collection mayor who has just been condemned half hour. With an electric battery laning up with a civile is sour the freshest milk.

Snake Esting in Australia: In Australia several kinds of snakes are eaten rossted. They are said to be equal in delicacy and flav Yes, it mose or to the finest stewed sets. An Eng. lish traveller declares the steam Always in a meiting mood—the less from the rossting reptiles is by no

All lie Horres Co Travellers who visit Busin turid impressions of their to

fight. They denounce it as inkn they so seems to be seed rive time to make sure. By the time lards, and shout for more korse

I have always exicated builting The best way to cook them is after days when my spession lived the gypay method, that is, to roll caves and heat one anothers has

If you love a horse the sight elekening: if your fondness ambres break open the now hard clay ball all animal life it is hopelessly crast;

Englishmen, who relish gelatin, lahers who know the story of built fighting and have studied its set, and the bladder of the sturgeon, should can tell instantly the blundering and poke fun at the Chinaman because he from the clean straight stroke of the

are a species of swift, obtain their The bandillares have played the substance from seaweed, but it is bull, and the blest of the human more than probable that they are calls them off. The buil stands tresses provided by nature with special bling with rage in the circle of the Sawdust in cake form was recently glands in the mouth which secrete gayly colored lighters. Then from the barrier, from his salute, comes a Be that as it may, the nests form slight figure of a man, hatless in h left hand a blood-rest for in

> "Machiguito! Machiguito!" A roan of greeting comes to

> His thin, neatherly face, the than black evelerows, the firm, delloans man will and his days in the

He nears the group, and the springs at the cloak. He misses he yellow races of the east.

If we mention insects as food sub- Machiguito's first till suddenly.

The ellerator of death, domes on You cannot from a domastic Thus it is plain that the novice de point of view defend by

raked backward, and forward until gassor both cares for see for fully looked to Catalogum kopi, and the happine of their months of their which are bound in volumes, for mints are sides and appropria