

OUTLINE OF A ROMANCE.

When he first appeared in front of the office boy at the entrance of the New York Sun's editorial rooms, nothing less than an interview with the editor in chief would satisfy him.

REMARKABLE EXECUTION.

Some time ago a Russian criminal was executed in St. Petersburg. He had during the last two years murdered 12 persons, the last one being a priest.

STRANGE STORY OF SONG.

"The Holy City" was first sung by Florence Maybrick, the convicted murderer. Few people who have felt their religious enthusiasm stirred by the strains of "The Holy City," a song which has been more successful than any of its class since "The Lost Chord," are aware of the strange romance attached to its early history.

WHERE DIAMONDS GROW.

The diamond has recently attained a scientific importance which justifies any effort to solve the mystery of its origin. In 1898, before the American Association for the Advancement of Science at Boston, in advancing the theory of their origin, the Scientific American said:

AVOID GREAT HONOR.

Chinese Custom Embarrasses American Bride and Groom.

Avoiding a great honor, a Minneapolis missionary and his fiancée were compelled to prevent the attendance of Gen. Ma at their wedding in Tung Cho, China.

LOUNGING ON A GIRAFFE.

Many country houses have their walls adorned with the hunting trophies of their occupiers, says London Answers. But it is much more interesting and very much more uncommon to find these trophies made into articles of furniture and serving a double purpose of use and ornament.

"I have heard of men who could give you a complete description of an animal after just seeing a picture of it had been shown to them," said the stranger.

He looked at the man, and there was a momentary pause. The man's eyes were fixed on the stranger, and he seemed to be waiting for something to be said.

Manufacture of cut glass can be made from but one kind of sand and requires skilled workmen. In recent years cut glass has been constantly growing in public favor.

The women go to war. Entire families are sometimes enlisted in the ranks of the American Red Cross.

Mechanic inherits fortune. Russian railway employee workman for Mexico salary suddenly becomes a multi-millionaire.

Quaint little island. During the winter there is a visitor at Hohenheim, and it is very much to be desired that the shopkeepers should have a few more of these quaint little islands.

Acting the part. The bride did not want people to know they were a newly married couple.

Sharp tack of thieves. Two ladies on entering a house in Belgrade for a well-dressed gentleman who said, "I presume you are going to lady (L) and they went in together."

Migrating circumstances. There is a little New England village which has produced no less than seven lawyers who have achieved distinction and even fame in the outside world.

That was his affair. Any woman who has been shopping and has kept him waiting a considerable time, will find him mean keeping her standing about like a blooming fool.

Advantage of air-sitting. The Paris motorists who are beginning to cross the ocean in a balloon are the Chicago Tribune are well enough to say that their method of travel is a very safe and comfortable one.

Great Britain's destination. Great Britain, asserts Sir Norman Lockyer, lacks brain power. It is a notorious fact, remarks the Chicago Tribune, that the English universities are under the same college rules that obtained 50 years ago.

From Peter to Paul. Venetian is being with 50,000,000 should to pay foreign claims, says the Pittsburgh Courier. This looks very much like Mr. Mackay's scrupulous method of squaring himself with I. O. U's.

Pull down the shades. The window glass men have their trust working in the shade, remarks the Los Angeles Times. Has anyone a large rock and a hammer that he had better get?

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