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PRIVATE BOARDING.—Mrs. V Biting his lips with supressed emowith thoughts of coming calamity and that of scores of others, hidden till all "Matches," cried one of the young

The Bedford Gazette

THE BURNING STEAMER.

"You have supplanted me, and I will have revenge, though I have to wait ten years for it."

Such were the words and such the threats addressed to one young man by another, as they stood on the levee at New Orleans.

they had each striven their utmost to win the prize. Scores of lovers, or rather attendants, had paid their devoirs to the beautiful Floride, all without apparent success, and each had in turn retired from the field, leaving at last Ignatius and Jasper sole contest-

Both were the sons of men of good standing in the community. Jasper was the son of a merchant of New Orleas, and Ignatius the eldest son of a wealthy planter of a neighboring parish. Both were tall, finely formed, of good address, and well educated. It was hard for the lady to choose. In the morning, with Jasperfor a companion, while enjoying the invigoration of equestrian exercise, she thought that certainly he was a man to whom of all others she would intrust her life's welfare. In the evening, joined by Ignatius, who was blessed with a splendid voice, mellow, and well according with her full toned mezzo-soprano, she love of home and congeniality of feeling calculated to make a wife happy.

the course of love kept pace with each was low-but an acquaintance who other; and the friends of the gentlemen | was known to be not fastidious as to began to twit each of the contestants, his actions. and banter him on the probable success

of his opponent. Jasper, like most of men under the ness. On one occasion, while in a ho- more dangerous. tel playing billiards, one of his comwould be a losing affair with him.

laughed. shook with rage, and, without a moment's considertion, struck the jester a smart blow on the head with the cue.

In an instant the blow was returned:

but with the fist. Before any one could interfere, the opponents were rolling on the ground in the disgraceful distortions of a roughand-tumble. True, the billigerants were separated almost immediately; but not before Jasper had received several blows on the face, about the eyes, the marks of which he was compelled catingly. But Jasper stalked quickly to wear for weeks.

This was not all. In the heat of his rage. Jasper challenged his opponent. The defiance was accepted. A duel was fought, which luckily proved a bloodless one. Unluckily, however, A GENTS WANTED FOR BEFORE THE the cause of the meeting was not kept a secret; and before a day had passed, the jest, the insult, the brawl, the duel were the property of public gossip. Just before these events occurred. Mr. Palmer had seriously remonstrated with his daughter respecting her conduct toward her two lovers; and had for the sake of her own good name, to decide between them. He also hinted that though either of the young men would be acceptable as a son-in-law, Jasper was the more manly, the more earnest, and therefore, the more likely to prove the sufficient guardian of her

welfare. Like a dutiful daughter, Floride weighed well her father's words. In her mind she compared her two suitors. Jasper was certainly the more manly, but Ignatius was the more loving, and this nearly turned the scales in his favor. But then she thought that husbands ceased to be lovers, and that even the most domestic life cannot remain a continued courtship-that something more is demanded of a husband than affection. Then Jasper turned the balance, for he was enterprising,

self-possessed, and bold. Thus the contest raged in the mind of the maiden from morning till near evening. She became weary, nervous, distracted, and all in vain, for she could come to no conclusion. Her father entered, and with a cry of joy she rose, ready to throw herself in his arms, and ask him to decide for her. Her woman's nature rebelled against this, however, and she remained si-

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By this means, and the cross-questioning which followed, Floride soon It was enough. Think of a lover,

sions is his good looks, bruised and bartered like a vulgar brawler. Ugh! it is too much tor a woman of refinement. scribable, friend, wasonable fortune, watching her closely. She saw with stow. mental vision the brawl, heard her name handled about, marked the bru-

cerning the duel.

to have mixed up my name with his ed my leaving her for the few days I folly. If he had had any respect for shall now be absent on business."

BEDFORD, PA., THURSDAY MORNING DECEMBER 23, 1869.

It was in vain that her father palliatshe never wished to see Jasper Harrison again. While her father remonstated, Ignatius Polk was announced. To say that he was welcomed warmly is superfluous. Before he left Floride, he was her accepted lover; before he left the mansion, he was acknowledged sonin-law elect by Mr. Palmer.

To Jasper Harrison fuming impatiently in his room, and doing his best to quarrel with his sympathizing friends, came the rumor of the engagement. At first he was incredulous, then despairing, then comical. This last mood passing away with the exit life for life. of the last of his visitors, he became bitter at what he called the deceit of the coquette, and finally pursuading himself that he had been both jilted and supplanted, he gave himself up to the thoughts of revenge.

All sorts of wild schemes trooped through his brain. Should he insult his rival, induce a duel, and shoot him through the heart? Should he hire one of those wretches easily found in the City of New Orleans, willing for the sake of a certain sum, to play the bravo? Should her abduct the bride on he wedding night? Should he wait and then be doubly revenged on the parents by stealing the children? Children-his children-the thought was madness. He rushed from the thought that he alone possessed that room regardless of his appearace, to seek the council of a friend-scarcely that, for hitherto Jasper had never Thus for months the rival runners in | consorted with criminals or aught that

To this man did Jasper unbosom himself-his chagrin, his desire for satisfaction-not by words so much as circumstances, was somewhat irritated suggestions. The advice given was by the remarks made by friends on apparently good, though Mephistowhat he said, was none of their bust- hpels himself could have given none

"Be cautious of committing yourself. panions made a remark to the effect Wait! Bridle your tongue. Do not that if he did not make a better game threaten. Keep your purposes to yourin love than he did in billiards, it self. If you can do this all will be well."

Impressed with the reasonableness The by-standers, all acquaintances, of the advice, Jasper retired a changed Stung by the taunt-for Jasper was man. By some mysterious process he somewhat vain of hisskill in all games felt that he had become one of the evil -and doubly irritated by the laugh- minded-that he was no longer the ter-evoking allusion, the maddened upright honorable gentleman whom man flushed to the temples, fairly men had known as Jasper Harrison, He wandered moodily to the levee, and there met his rival face to face. Ignatius was about to address him

cordially, when Jasper, forgetting all counsel and resolution, spurned the offered hand, and muttered in suppressed rage rather than spoke: "You have supplanted me; and I

wait ten years.' "You will live to be sorry for your words," commenced Ignatius, depre-

away, bearing the air of a man who may not be reasoned with. 'He is a little chagrined; but he will

The wedding took place in a manner the parties concerned. Jasper was muttering. present at the ceremony, it was remarked looking far from being broken; but though invited, he did not participate

in the ensuing gayeties. After the honeymoon had waned, the charged her, for their sake as well as young husband often met his former rival, who exchanged civilities, but was never cordial, excusing himself from all invitations with thanks coldly but civily expressed.

Two years had passed. Ignatius had become a father; Jasper a wealthy merchant, his father's successor. If ever any one had heard him express words betokening the passion that raged in his breast, they were long forgotten .-But serious, engrossed business man as Jasper had become, he had not forgotten Floride Palmer. One day he saw her seated in her carriage, his rival's child, with its nurse beside her. His brow lowered instantly, and a set, malicious scowl darkened his face. He gnashed his teeth, and seemed as if about to spring into the carriage to commit some deed of evil, With a powerful effort he tore himself away from

the spot, muttering: "My time will surely come But it

is hard to wait." Not long have invokers of evil to wait, however, for the demon opportunity.

Ere a month had passed. Jasper Harrison and Ignatius Polk were floating on the bosom of the treacherous Mississippi in the same vessel.

Ignatius went up to his forme friend who had not observed him, and in his most winning manner, said:

"By what good luck have we met! Now I shall have pleasant company.' Jasper started at the well known tones, and when he turned, round to make a lovely widow, and I shall marface Ignatius, his face was pale and eyes flashed hate. Muttering something that Ignatius mistook for words

"Friend Jasper, you really look sick." "And you," responded Jasper, recovering himself, "look as fresh and buoyant as ever. It is evident that care

one of whose most interesting posses- rests lightly on your brow." "As it does my dear boy; so it does. I have a loving wire, a cherub inde-Floride sat long in silence, her father health-what more can the gods be-The only shado w in my life is

tor, shrunk into herself as she thought | quired Jasper. "No, but for the last month, my

"He should have known better than to discuss the matter. Yet she dread-

The conversation digressed to other subjects. But all the time he was ed the offence. Floride averred that speaking or listening, Jasper thought of the forebodings of evil that had haunted Floride. Was this a suggestion prompted by the powers of evil, that now the long-looked-for hour of revenge was drawing nigh? How would the chance present itself? Would he have to wait till no one was near, and push his hated foe overboard into the Mississippi? The boat was crowded. Little chance for that. Could be wile the man who was odious to him

into a state room, and there assasinate

him? Too much risk of discovery .-

Jasper was not yet prepared to give

The day passed lingeringly. Night gloomed heavily, dark and cold. Long expectation had rendered Jasper excitable, almost to madness. His hated foe had gone to his state room. Should be and away went a string of white beads, follow, and, with a blow from the but- scampering and running races every end of his revolver, put an end to sus- way you could think of about the floor. pense? Ugh! any common, vulger murderer could do that. Something mit; and when she could fight no longunique, something terrible, something er for the want of breath, she yielded mysterious should mark his revenge. handsomely; her arms fell down by He strode, unnoticing aught around her sides—those long, round, rosy arms

and each kind look by which he judged | it. And now she puts her arms round his avowal of love, and her answer, not decided, but still encourageing. her John, and don't seem to make any Then with torture he recollected his fuss about it at all. suspicions of his rival, with harrowing torture he reproduced every doubtful and its consequences.

fer this forever!" he muttered in agony. "Revenge-I must have revenge "Good God or good devil, must I suffor all I have suffered!"

A pause ensued-a space of time in brain seemed deadened to external thought, but not to external impres-He heard the uncouth jokes of the

happy deck-passengers, the snatches of song, and the melange of story and witticism. Far away he heard the sprightliness of the conversations of the lady passengers, and the shrill voices of children. While the steady beat, slide and puff of the engine seemed to mark the rythm of the heterogeneous will have revenge, though I have to floating world of which he formed a

Absent-mindedly, he drew a match with which to light his cigar. The flame flickered a moment and then dis appeared. His trembling fingers had allowed the match to fall. He turned to leave the spot. To his surprise, he oon get over it," thought Ignatius. saw, on looking back, that the hay was Dominic, electrified by the new sensa-"Jasper's too good a fellow to cherish on fire. To rush forward and extinguish the flame was his first impluse. As if restrained by an unseen hand, he befitting the position and prospects of hesitated then moved quickly away,

"Perhaps-perhaps-it is an omen." He had scarcely reached the cabin, when the dread cry of "Fire" was raised. "Fire! fire!" rang like the echo of doom from all quarters of the doomed vessel. Soon it seemed as if the powers of evil swarmed the steamer. Men surged and swayed in aimless endeavors, howled and blasphemed in vain importance, struggled with each other for chances of escape that had no existence. In their panic, all means used toward their safety were frustrated. They fought, they cursed, they kicked and struck like beasts; while, as if to complete the horror, the mules broke into the writhing mass, and brute and brutish man were commin-

gled in horrible warfare. "Leap into the water with me. I know which." have found a life-preserver," cried Jasper to Ignatius, a few minutes after, when the boat was fast becoming a ing whistling close by, and made the burning hell of scorehing flames and

seething passions, Hand-in-hand as if they were brothers they leaped into the chilly current. In a moment and they were on the surface, floating past struggling mule and sinking, despairing swimmer. At last they are clear of obstructions from drowning man and dangerous brute. The life preserver is fastened round Jasper's shoulders, while the hand of Ignatius is placed trustingly on his

pretended friend's shoulder. The shore is near. Already Ignatius is glad in anticipation.

"Thank God! I shall see my wife and child again !" "You shall never see wife or child more, Ignatius. She, Floride, shall

ry her to curse her." In a moment the eyes of the doomed man were opened. He saw, as if it had been written out in full, the whole history of hate.

struck a stunning blow on the head by his foe's revolver. "At last! at last!" he cried, in triumph. But there followed almost

'Mercy for her!' he cried, as he was

simultaneously a shrick of dispair, The drowning man with that instinctive groping for life which clings the possibility of parting with them." even to those longing for the dead "Ah! you have thought of that, presence, grasped the limbs of his tal conduct and scarred face of her sui- But why? There is no reason?" in- murderer, and clung with the tenancity of the grip of death.

Down, down they go, the murderer wife-all women, you know, are more and the murdered, to the abyss of eterTHE FIRST KISS.

A. Canne thus describes his battle and final victory, in a fair fight for a kiss of his sweet heart:

"Ah, now, Sarah dear, give me a kiss-just one-and be done with it." "I won't! so, there now."

"Then I'll have to take it, whother

"Take it if you dare!" So at it we went, rough and tumble. An awful destruction of starch now commenced. The bow of my cravat was squat up in half of no time. At the next bout, smash went shirt-collar, and at the same time some of her head fastenings gave way, and down came Salley's hair like a flood in a mill-dam broke loose, carrying away half a dozen combs. One plunge of Salley's elbow, and my blooming bosom-ruffles wilted to a consistency and form of an afterdinner napkin. But she had no time to boast. Soon her neck tackling began to shiver, parted at the throat,

She fought fair, however, I must ad-

him, to the forward part of the boat. -her hair fell back over the chair, her He leaned against a bundle of hay, eyes were half shut, as if she were not part of the cargo. The memory of his able to hold them open a minute longpast life surged over his brain; he er and there lay a little plump mouth thought of his childhood, of his school all in the air! My goodness! Did and college days. Then he saw him- you ever see a hawk pounce on a robself introduced to Floride Palmer; he in, or a bee on a clover-top? Even so and how nervous he was. As he threw up those arms, and declared she further use. thought of the happy days of court- would choke me if I ever did so again, ship, the grim man smiled, he remem- I just ran the risk over again, and the bered each pleasant phrased nothing more she chocked me, the more I liked

that she loved him. He remembered | my neck, and puts her own lips in the way of mine every day, and calls me

Quite different, but no less satisfactory, was the first osculatory experiscene-till at last, like a trodden snake, ence of the Rev .--. He had reached he writhed as he thought of the brawl the mature age of five-and-forty, without ever having taken part in this delicious beverage. One of his deacons had a very charming daughter, and for a year or two the Rev .--- had found it very pleasant to call upon her three or four times a week. In fact, which he even ceased to think. His all the "neighbors" said he was "courting her; and very likely he was, though he had not the remotest suspicion of it himself. One Monday evening he was sitting, as usual, by her side, when a sudden idea popped into

his head. "Miss," said he "I've known you a long time, and I never thought of such a thing before; but now I would like you to give me a kiss. Will you?" "Well, Mr. ---," replied she, arching her lips in a tempting way, if you

think it would not be wrong, I have no objections." "Let us ask a blessing first," said the good man, closing his eyes and folding his hands,-"For what we are about to receive, the Lord make us thankful." The chaste salute was then

given, and warmly returned. "Oh, dear, that was good!" cried the tion. "Let us have another," and

then return thanks," ASKING DIRECTION.

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'Faith,' was the reply, 'it's just I that can do the same. You see, you jist go up this strate till you come to Thady O'Mulligan's shop. Then you-'But I don't know where Thady

O'Mullighan' shop is.' 'Oh, faith, why didn't I think of that? Well then, your honor must keep on till you get to the apple-woman's stand, on the corner of the brick church it is, and kape on the right, and go till ye get to the sign of the big watch, and mind you don't fall down the cellar thereaway; and after that you turn to the right or left, but by quality. the bones, of St. Patrick I don't really

The traveler turned in despair to a long, lank Jonathan, who was standsame inquiry.

'May be your going to put up there? 'Yes, I intend to.' 'Did you come from far off?' 'Yes, from Philadelphia; but can you

'Got any more baggage?' said the imperturable Yankee. 'No,' this is all,' said the traveler, convinced that the only way to get the direction was to submit.

'Couldn't say,' was the reply, in a crusty manner. 'But I'm in a hurry.' 'Wait a minute. I reckon you're a married man, ain't vou?' 'No, I'm not, and I won't answer

any more questions till you have answered mine.' 'Well, squire, said the Yankee, coolly, I'd like to, but the truth is, I have never been here before myself.'

In less than a minute, a carpet-bag

with a man attached, was seen hurring away from that vicinity. A new branch of domestic enterprise is devolped in Sharon, Vt., where one

J. H. Marsh is raising "domesticated

minks" for fur market. He feeds

them on bread and woodchuck meat. Women should not read their hus band's letters. We cite the case of Mrs. Jane Morris, of Ohio county, Ind. She read her husband's correspondence, and got so jealous that she committed morphine, and was only saved by a

A teacher, catechising his scholars, put the following question: "What "Matches," cried one of the youngsters, after a short pause.

To CURE SMOKED BACON .- At this seasan of the year, all our farmers are preparing to salt their hams and bacn, so we propose to give them a recipe whereby salting and smoking can be done in one simple and short process. Many of our housewives are forced to depend upon their neighbors or conveniences to smoke with. Those of us who own smoke houses know how difficult it is to smoke just right. By this process much trouble is avoided. Take a large-sized butter-firkin, cask, or barrel, according to the quantity of meat you desire to smoke .-Place it over a fire of corn-cobs with the corn on. Meat smoked in this way is higher flavored, the corn seeming to produce a better taste than cobs, or wood, or green walnuts. Let the tub smoke from five to six hours. To one hundred pounds of meat take eight pounds of salt, two pounds of coarse brown sugar (or three pints of molasses,) and two ounces of saltpetre. Rub a little fine salt into the hams and shoulders, then put the meat into the smoked tub, cover it with cold water, turn in the salt, sugar and saltpetre, cover closely, and set in a cool place where it will not freeze. If a scum rises on the brine, turn it off. scald and add a little more salt. If desired to keep through the summer. In

turn on the brine when cold. In a month after pickling, the hams will be ready to use. They can be kept in the brine all summer, and if a remembered how agitated she seemed, I settled; and when she came to, and ham is cut, return it to the tub for

the early spring smoke the tub three

hours longer, put back the meat and

Beef and tongues can be kept in the same manner; and there is no danger from insects. In six or seven weeks the beef is pickled and smoked enough to dry. This is the surest and most expeditious way of salting and smoking pork and beef, and if once tried will always be adopted .- Hearth and

WHAT WOMEN CAN DO,

BY JENNIE JUNE.

All women are not called to indepensupersede all others, and which dent work. Many have duties which they must perform, after taking upon upon themselves the responsibility, at whatever personal sacrifice. Under these circumstances they may find it difficult to be true to themselves and to their highest ideal of an independent womanhood, but they can at least make the effort. They can give aid and counsel, encouragement and sympathy to those who are laboring for woman; they can give their names, presence, influence and support to any woman's movement in which they feel

an interest. They can assist organization, which is the secret of strength, and without which woman can do nothing. More than all, they can be loyal to womanloyal to the womanhood which has endured and suffered, even if embodied in some woman who neither suffers nor endures, if she can find any one to do either fos her.

Let us rise at once to the height, at least, of individual responsibilitylet us stop looking out for our neighbors-it will relieve us of a great load that we have carried quite unwittingly. -Demorest's Monthly for January.

Cotton is flowing into Charleston quite freely. In the three months ending November 30, the receipts footed up 102,759 bales, an increase of 38,000 bales over the same time last year. This exhibit is very encouraging in view of the report that the Southern planters would hold back their products for higher prices.

A factory in Fon du Lac, Wisconsin, is manufacturing sugar from beets at the rate of a thousand pounds a day, and the owners intend to plant several thousand acres in sugar beets next year, on their own account, which will greatly increase their present supply. The sugar is said to be of excellent

Chicago is to have another tunnel, which is to connect the northern and southern portions of the city. It will cost half a million of dollars and is to be opened in July, 1871. In the tunnelling and divorce business Chicago leads all her sister municipalities.

Rev. Mr. Fulton declares that he

saw the saintly Theodore Tilton, drink-

ing spirits at a public bar in New York city. Brother Beecher should look into the matter. His Timothy must be changing to wild oats. A true test of temper in a man is to subject him to the ordeal of taking down and putting up an old mismatch-

If he stands it without swearing-put him down as seasoned. A report is that Thurlow Weed in his old age is to resume the editorship of the Albany Evening Journal. He can't get out of the newspaper harness; at least he shows the old traces,

ed stove, with the hollow full of soot.

crop is 2,750,000 bales. The Commissioner of Agriculture puts the figures at 2,700,000. Bath is, in porportion to the population, the richest town of Maine. The

The highest estimate of the cotton

valuation gives \$3,508 to each inhabi-Harvard has now, for the first time in several years, more undergraduates

than Yale. Yale has 513, Harvard 563. New Orleans and Chicago papers express regret at the presence of armies

of unemployed men in the streets of

those cities. Forty babies a week is the average offered "for adoption" by English mothers.