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THE VALUE OF AN OATH.

BY JUDGE CLARK.

It was an unpopular case to defend. The crime charged against my client was one of shocking atrocity, the murder of his own child. The popular verdict had already condemned him, and there was little the same way.

Arthur Borkley, the prisoner, had married Elith Grange, a wealthy ing asleep, &c. heiress whose father had died, leaving her his whole fertune, to the exelusion of a profligate son who had been disinherited and driven from his home.

Mrs. Berkley died within a year after marriage, leaving an infant a few weeks old, a feeble little creature, requiring constant and assiduous care. Indeed, Dr. Baldwin almost took up his quarters in the house, during the night there, that he might be on hand in case of need.

One of these nights, the doctor, as he afterward stated in his evidence, after retiring to bed, feeling sulicitous about his little charge, got up and stole softly to the nursery to see that everything was right.

He found the door ajar and a dim light burning within. As he advanced, he distinctly saw Arthur Berkly standing by the table, holding to the child's mouth the bottle from which it was accustomed to receive food. At the sound of the down the bottle, and stealthily left the apartment by a side entrance. Not a little surprised at these movements, the doctor approached ed : and laid his hand upon the child's face which he found in violent convulsions, which werre followed in a few seconds by the stillness of death

been so exemplary that he had made and that something had told her to many friends. He had especially rise from her long confinement next won the confidence of the prisoner. day. She accordingly rose and sat I interrogated him as to his past on a chair. The following day she career, but brought out nothing as walked across the room, and since to his discredit. she has attended church, walking

The evidence of the chemist who with perfect ease. Owing to the made the analysis was next put in, protracted confinement, she is weak, and the State's attorney "rested." but her spine, which was broken in "I have brought the nurse here," three places, has been restored to its

he said, "but as she was asleep original framess. The physicians when the prisoner entered, her eviwho had treated the lady were called dence is unimportant. I thought it in to see her after she had left her my duty to have her here, however, bed and expressed their surprise at to afford the other side opportunity the marvelous change that had octo call her if they desire." curred. Even her lungs, which had

Nothing could render the prisoner's case more hopeless than it was already, while something might come out to his advantage.

"I will call the witness," I said. wer to prayer. She had particularly She was a middle aged woman of fixed her mind on certain passages not unprepossessing appearance, in the Bible relating to promises. Her agitation was visible ; and I no- The young lady is daily growing

tieed that, in taking the oath, she stronger, and she expects soon to be laid her hand beside the book and restored to perfect health .-- Harrisburg Patriot.

pondent of the Eagle gives a start-

nomenon witnessed in a young girl

residing three miles over the hills

feather. An experiment was made

in a bath tub filled with warm water,

and she actually floated like a life

preserver. Her entire body is puff-

is a mystery to the physicians it is

one in his position to assume to dic-

not upon it. "I ask that the witness be sworn with her hand on the book, "I said, calling attention to the omission. The judge so ordered, and the witness's hand shook violently as she reluctantly obeyed the direction, doubt but that of the jury would go and the oath was re-administered. After a few preliminary questions

as to the hour of retiring, her fall-"What is the next thing you remember ?" I asked. The witness hesitated. "Answer the question." said his Honor.

"I-I heard a noise as of some one coming into the room," she faltered. "Did you see any one enter ? Another pause. I repeated the inquiry. "I did," was the answer.

"What did the person do !" The woman's face grew paler, and it was with difficulty she found ut. terance.

"He came to the side of the cradle," she said, "with the bottle of milk in his hand, and put it to the baby's mouth."

The Judge and State's attorney both bent forward in eager atten. tion. The latter, it was evident, had not expected this testimony. I felt that my question thus far had only served to draw the halter doctor's footsteps, "he quickly put closer about my client's neck. But I had gone too far to retreat. My voice trembled almost as much as that of the witness as I proceed-

> "Did you recognize that person ?" "I did," was the answer, scarcely and ible.

My client's life hung on the ansver to the pext question. The si-

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ALL DISEASES OF THE

ed, and her cheeks, arms and limbs BLOOD. seem swollen and ready to burst. If VEGETINE will relieve pain, cleanse, pu-rify and cure such diseases, restoring the patient to perfect health after trying differ-When the cuticle is punctured with patient to perfect health after trying differ-ent physicians, many remedies, suffering for years, is it not conclusive proof, if you are a sufferer, you can be cured? Why is this medicine performing such great at res 7. It works in the blood, in the circulating fluid. It can truly be called the GREAT BLOOD PURIFIER. The great source of disease originates in the blood; and no medicine that does not act directly upon it, to purify and removate, has any inst claim you puba silver needle air escapes in puffs, and in this manner the skin is prevented from bursting. It is not dropsy. The patient says she feels light enough to fly, and as the case

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the Country.

analysis of the contents of the stom- like. I dreaded to break it. The ache placed beyond doubt that pru- sound of my voice startled me when sic acid had been administered And I spoke. an examination of the bottle, found where Berkley had left it, proved that the milk in it contained a large quantity of the same deadly poison. On this evidence Berkley was arrested and indicted for murder ; and

to his guilt. An incentive to crime was found in the fact that, as heir to the child, he would inherit the fortune which had descended to the latter through the death of its mother. No wonder a deed so monstrous, actuated by motives so mercenary should excite the deepest indignation. Berkley's previous character had been good. He had always appeared gentle and kind ; had been a devoted husband; and during the brief period of its life, had shown the tendered attachment to his child. In my conference with him, he seemed overwhelmed with grief,

but sternuously denied all impatations of guilt, asserting that he had not gone to the nursery after retiring that night, till called by the alarm of the child's death.

Of course his statements, in the face of proofs so damaging, weighed but littl. I had no confidence in them myself. Still, it was my professional duty to see that a mao on him ; and when his disguise was retrial for his life who had entrusted me with his cause, had every right the law accorded him. This duty performed, my conscience would be clear whatever the result.

It would be tedious to dwell on night occupied by his false accuser. the steps preceding the trial. I interposed no obstacles in its coming on speedily. My aim was not to thwart the ends of justice, but to see it fairly meted out,

Dr. Baldwin was the first and chief witness. He told his story clearly and methodically, and it was easy to see it carried conviction to the jury. My rigid cross-examination only served to bring out his evidence with more distinctness of detail. I elicited the fact, for instance from which she did not arise until a that the child's nurse lay in the same room; that she was asleep when the doctor entered, and that it was to her he first announced the child's death. I also examined fully as to the prisoner's acts at the same time the alarm was given, endeav- Two of them held a consultation reoring to show that he came from the direction of his own chamber, to apply this terrible remedy if she appearing to have been just aroused from sleep. But I made nothing of They communicated the result of itation had distracted his attention from these points.

tled among us, but his conduct had to a supernatural agency for cure, Wheeler,

A post mortem examination, and lence of the court-room was death-

"Who was it ?" I asked. Her lips moved, but no sound came. "By the solemn oath you have

taken on that sacred book, and by your hopes of salvation hereafter, I there was not a dissenting voice as adjure you to tell the truth !" I Governor was never in favor of the said earnestly. electoral bill, but that, on the con-

Her agitation was fearful to witness. She shook from head to foot. A deathly pallor overspread her face. Slowly raising her trembling hand, and pointing at Dr. Baldwin : "That is the man !" she almost shrieked.

Then, in quick, wild accents she mocracy in Congress what their went on to tell that on finding himcourse should be on the subject, and, self discovered by reason of her for that reason, declined to make waking, the culprit, who was no his views publicly known or to take other than George Granger, Mrs. any steps that might seem like an Berkley's profligate brother, had disundue interference with their freeclosed to her that his purpose to redom of action. The gentleman regain his lost inheritance by putting ferred to further informs us that so out of the way those who stood befar from Mr. Hewitt being the tween him and it, promising the spokesman of Gov. Tilden, as generwitness to provide for her handsomely, if she kept his secret ; but, when put to the test, she found herself unable to violate her solemn oath.

server. George Granger alias Dr. Baldwin, would have left the court room. but an officer was ordered to detain moved, though he had been absent many years, there were many present who could testify to his identity. My client was acquitted on the spot ; and his cell in the prison that inquired :

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