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My Midnight Peril. The night of the 17th of October --- shall lever forget its pitchy darkness, the roar of the autumnal wind through the lenely forest, and the incessant downpour of the min ?

muftered petulantly to myself, as I plodded along, keeping close to the trunks of the trees to avoid the ravine, through which I could hear my wife. the roar of the turbulent stream forty or fifty feet below. My blood ran cold as I thought what might be the possible consequences of a misten or a move in the wrong direction. Why had I not been con-

eves playing me false ? I stopped, holding on to the low resinous boughs of a hemlock that grew on the edge of the bank, for it

actually seemed that the wind would seize me bodily and hurl me down the precipitous decent. It was a light-thank Providence

-it was a light, and no ignis fatures to lead me on to destruction and I took out my watch-it was 1 depth. "Hallo-0-0 !"

My voice ran through the woods like a clarion. I pluuged on through tangled vines, dense briars and rocky banks, until, gradually nearing, I could perceive a figure wrapped in an oil cloth cape, or cloak, carrying a lantern. As the dim light fell upon his face I almost recoiled. Would not solitude in the woods be preferable to the companionship of this withered, wrinkled old man ? Bat it was too late to wood afresser

"What's wanting ?" he snarled, with a peculiar motion of the lips that seemed to leave his yellow torth all bars

board partition, and a pine table with two or three chairs, formed the sole attemps at furniture. The woman set the light-an old oil lamp-on the table.

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wildly around her.

with my husband 1"

fast she is improving."

"Alice," I exclaimed, "how you

"Not ill," she answered, "but I

"And all our reasoning failed to

menaced me. It may be that to

the subtle instinct and strength of

a wife's holy love all things are pos-

sible, but Alice surely sayed my

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have terrified us all ! Are you ill ?"

feel so strange. Gracie, I have been

"Anything more I can get you, "Nothing, thank you." "I hope you will sleep well, Sir.

When shall I call you ?" "A: 4 o'clock in the morning, if you please. I must walk over to B-Station in time for the 7 o'clock express.

"I'll be sure to call you, sir." She withdrew, leaving me alone in the gloomy little apartment. I

sat down and looked around me with no very agreeable sensation. "I will sit down and write to

Alice," I thought : "that will soothe my nerves and quiet me, perhaps."

I descended the lacder, the fire still glowed redly in the hearth beneath ; my companion and the woman sat beside it talking in low tone, and a third person sat at the table eating ; a short, stout, vil-"This comes of short cuts ;" I lainous-looking man, in a red flannel shirt and muddy trousers. I asked for writing materials and

> returned to my room to write to "My darling Alice-"

I paused and laid down my pen as I concluded the words, half smiling to think what she would say, could she know of my strange quarters. Not till both sheets were covered tented to keep in the right road? did I lay aside my pen and prepare Hold on ! was that a light, or my for slumber. As I folded my paper I happened to glance toward the

> couch. Was it the gleam of a human eye observing me through the board partition or was it my own fancy ? There was a crack there, but only blank darkness beyond, yet I could have sworn that something had sparkled balefully at me.

o'clock. It was scarcely worth while for ma to undress for three hour's sleep. I would lie down in

A gentleman acquainted with my clothes and snatch what slum-Col. Realf, and an ardent admirer ber I could. So, placing my valise of his poetry, relates a story told by at the head of my bed, and barricadhim when the two spent nights in ing the lockless door with two chairs, I extinguished the light and conversation, criticisms and recollections, so dear to men of his kind, lav down.

life.

over a cosy fire and warm decoc-At first I was very wakeful, but gradually a soft drowsmess scemed tions. He spoke of the night before to steal over me like a misty man- the battle at which the brave Centle, until, all of a sudden, some eral Willium S. Lytle fell. The startling electric thrill coursed two (Realf and Lytle) lay together through my veins, and I sat up, ex. in the General's tent. They were both given to writing poetry at

cited and trembling. A luminous softness seemed to such times, and each had an unfinglow through the room-no light of | ished poen on hand, and they read the moon or stars was ever so pene- and criticised each other's efforts trating-and by the little window I humorously for some time when saw Alice, my wife, dressed in said Lytle-"Realf, I shall never live to finish floating garments of white, with that poem." her long, golden hair knotted back "Nousense," said I, "you will with a blue ribbon, Apparently live to write volumus of such stuff." she was coming to me with out-"A feeling has suddenly come stretched hands, and eyes full of over me," continued the general, wild, anxious tenderness. solemnly, "which is more startling I sprang to my feet and rushed toward her, but as I reached the winthan a prophecy, that I shall be dow the fair apparition seemed to killed in to-morrow's fight. As I vanish into the stormy darkness, spoke to you I saw the green hills of Ohio as if I stood among them. and I was left alone. At the self They began to recede from me in a same instant the sharp report of a pistol sounded-I could see the jagwierd way, and as they disappeared ged stream of fire above the pillow the conviction flashed through me straight through the very spot where like the lightning's shock that I ten minutes since my head had lain. would never see them again." With an instantaneous realization "I rallied him for his superstiof my danger I swung myself over tion, but the belief had become the edge of the window, jumping strangly impressed upon his wind. some eight or ten fest into tangled and he succeeded in so far thrilling bushes below, and as I crouched me with his own unnatural fear "Then make baste and let us there recovering my breath I heard that I begged him to finish his poem the tramp of footsteps into my sefore he slept, that such fine work might not be lost to the world. room. "Is he dead ?" cried a voice up "In the small hours the general the ladder-the smooth, deceitful awakened me from a slumber into voice of the woman with the halfwhich I had fall en to read to me closed eyes. that be autiful poem, which must "Of course he is," growled a live as long as our literature survoice back ; "that charge wold have vives, beginning-

"I must tell you something BROOKE, P. strange," wrote my sister, "that J. happened on the night of the 17th of October. Alice had not been well (Chas. A. Sturgis, Agent. for some time ; in fact, she had

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WATCHES. been confined to her bed for nearly a week, and I was sitting beside her reading. It was late-the clock A9293 had just struck one-when all at once she seemed to faint away, 0 growing white and rigid as a corpse. I hastened to call assistance ; but all our efforts to restore amimation were in vain. I was just about sending for the doctor when her senses returned as suddenly as they had left her, and she sat up in bed, pushing back her hair and looking

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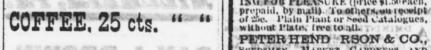
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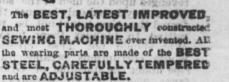


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Where are yoa going ?" "To Drew's, down by the maple Is it a tavern on

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Would they take me for the ght ? I could pay them well," His eyes gleamed ; the yellow tumps stood revealed once more. guess so ! folks don't stop

there." "Is it far from here ?"

"Not very ; about half a mile." reach it. I am dreached to the skin."

We plodded on, my companion more than keeping pace with me. Presently we left the edge of the ravine, entering what seeme i a trackless woods, and keeping straight on until lights gleamed fitfally through the wet foliage.

It was a rainous old place, with the windows all drawa to one side, as if the foundation had settled,

and the pillars of a rude porch nearly rolted away. A woman answered my fellow.

traveler's knock. My companion winspered a word or two to her, and she turned to me with smooth volubla words of welcome.

She regrested the poverty of their accommodations ; but I was welcome to the n such as they were. "Where is Isaac ?" demanded my goide.

"He has not come yet."

I sat down on a wooden bench bewide the fire, and ate a few mouthfuls of breads.

"I should like to retire as soon as possible," I sail, for my weatiness was excessive.

"Certainly." The woman started up with alacrity.

"Where are you going to put Lim ?" asked my guide.

"Up chamber." ".Put him in Isaac's room." "No. "

"It's the most comfortable." "I tell roa no !"

But here I interrupted the whis pered colloguy. "I am not particular-I don'l

care where you put me, only make haste 77

So I was conducted up a steep

killed ton men. A light there. "I am dying, Egypt, dying ; quick ; and tell Tom to be ready." Ebbs the crimson life-tide fast." A cold, agonized shudder ran "My eyes filled with tears as he through me. What a den of midread. He said not a word as he night murderers had I fallen into ! concluded, but placed the manu-And how fearfully narrow nad been

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ed my own track, or how close I and it was forwarded among other stood to the brink of the deadly ra- things to his friends."-Pittsburgh vine ; ibut a merciful Providence Ledger. encompassed me with a guiding and protecting care, for when the morning dawned, with faint, red bars of | YEAR RESOLUTION .- Your wife has

been using the diary you started in orient light against the stormy east January for an account book with ern sky, I was close to the high road, some seven miles from R .----Once at the town, I told my story

to the police, and a detachment was last paragraph you wrote in it. sent with me to the spot. After much searching and many false alarms, we succeeded in finding the ruinous old house ; but it

was empty-our birds had flown ; nor did I recover my valise, and throw off the trammels and the watch and chain, which latter I had left under my pillow.

"It's Drew's gang," said the leader of the police, "and they've troubled us these two years. I don't think, though, they'il come back here just at present."

Nor did they.

But the strangest part of my story ladder that stood in the corner of is yet to come. Some three weeks the room, into an apartment, ceiled subsequently I received a letter from with slaping beams and ventilated my sister, who was with Alice in by one small window, where a cot her English home-a letter whose babsteel, croaded close against the intelligence filled me with surprise. - Elmira Gazette. 21 Fulton Street. 21 NEW YORK.



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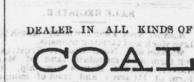
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