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bush which I did not recollect seeing the early Two years had passed away, and all hopes of ages, as they had hitherto manifested friendly part of the night. At first I gave little heed to solving the mystery vanished, when Mr. Meyer dispositions. But we were conscious of danger, so slight a circumstance, but at length I began to fancy that it came nearer. Still I strove to persuade myself that the appearance was to be attributed to my eyes, rather than reality. After watching it half an hour. I could no longer

On the death of the reis then, instead of one son to claim the succession, no fewer then three presented themselves, the evidence brought forward by all and each of whom seemed equally entitled to a credit ; a fact which brought the Nagib into a difficulty with regard to the judge-

"My segacity," said be to me, "must never be at fault in deciding upon the disputes of my people; otherwise, they would doubt the infallibility of my indgements, and my authority would be diminished. How would you decide on this matter, supposing you were in my place ?"

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Select Miscellany. THE DOG AND THE ASSASSIN

BY MRS. C. A. SOULE. While traveling in 1857, through the beauti-

witness the show. He held him by the throat ful city of Leipzig. I observed. about a half a league from the gate of the town, a few rods with so firm a grasp that he would soon have from the highway, a wheel and the bones of a strangled him had no assistance been rendered. chained corpse exposed to the gaze of every They immediately chained the dog, and think-

tragedy remained an enigma.

ing of course he must be mad, strove to kill The following is the history of that criminal, him. Mr. Meyer rushed through the crowd and as I learned it from the Judge who conducted arrived in time to rescue his faithful friend. the trial, and condemned him to be broken alive : calling engerly in the mean time upon the by-A German butcher being benighted in the standers to arrest the man for he believed his midst of a forest lost his way, and while endog recognized in him the murderer of his deavoring to find the road was attacked by highbrother.

waymen. He was on horseback and accompa-Before he had time to explain himself, the nied by a large dog. One of the robbers seized young man, profiting by the tumult, escaped .-the horse by the bridle, while the two others For some moments they thought Meyer's himdragged the butcher from his saddle and felled him. The dog immediately leaved upon one of them and strangled him : but the other wounded the animal so severely that he rushed into the woods uttering the most fearful howls. The butcher, who by this time had disengaged himself from the grasp of the second robber, drew his knife and killed him. But at the same moment he received a shot from the third one who

had just wounded the dog, and falling, was disfew times and hastened away. patched by the thief, who found upon him a large sum of gold, a silver watch and a few other articles of value. He plundered the corps leaned upon the horse and fled. The next morning two wood cutters happen-

ing in that path were surprised to find three dead bodies and a large dog who seemed to be guarding them. They examined them and endesvored to restore life, but in vain. One of them dressed the wounds of the dog.

gave him some food and sought some water for him, while the other hastened to the nearest village of the discovery. The officer accompany led by several attendants, was soon on the spot a surgeon examined the wounds of the three bodies : they drew up & yerbal process and interred them.

The dog had dragged himself. in the course of the night, when all was quist, to the corpse of his master. where he was the next morning.

He allowed his new friends to dress his wounds, as if forseeing that he must consent to live that he might one day avenge the murderer, he ate and drank, but would not leave the spot

He looked on quietly as they dug the grave, and allowed them to bury the bodies; but as as the turf was replaced, he stretched himself upon it, howled mournfully; and resisted all effor the dog could not be deceived.

received a letter urging him to repaired with-The Indians commenced depredations. out delay to Leipzig to close the eyes of his ma-Tales of blood were borne to our ears. ternal uncle, who desired to see him before he We went to our daily labor with our weapons died. He immediately hastened thither accomin our hands. At the close of a summer day

panied by his brother's dog, who was his comwe were seated in our comfortable cabin as uspanion at all times. He arrived too late. His ual. A knocking was heard at the door. My relative had deceased the previous evening, bequeathing him a large fortune. He found the city crowded ; it being the season of the great certain who was without. I immediately acted heavy groan. fair held regularly there twice a year. upon this hint, and stepping softly to the entry, While walking one morning on the public

was enabled to reconnoitre the premises through square, attended as usual by his dog, he was a small crevice. My mother's fears were not astonished to behold the animal leap forward without foundation. An athletic savage stood like a flash. He dashed upon the crowd and in the door. His face was painted in the most leaped furiously upon an elegantly dressed bideous manner. Instead of undoing the fasyoung man who was seated in the centre of the tenings, I proceeded to add to their strength.square, upon an elevated platform erected for I reported the discovery I had made.

the spectators who desired more conveniently to "But one, did you say ?" said my father. "Only one," I replied. "Now see what you can discover on the other side of the cabin."

I did so, and to my surprise saw three more of the rascals crouched like servints in the grass. I reported this also.

The knocking continued until it became furious. My father, of course, turned a deaf ear to his entreaties for admission. Finding that companions, and together they made a most furious attack upon the door. In truth we were but little alarmed, for there were but four sava-

ges, and we felt able to contend with them .--self mad, and he had great difficulty in persua-The fact was, they supposed that the male memding those who had bound the dog, that the bers of the family had not yet returned from faithful creature was not in the least dangerous, work ; consequently they had only to deal with and begged earnestly of them to release him that females. The savages now brought a large stick he might pursue the assassin. He spoke in so of wood, and with their united strength used it convincing a manner that his hearers finally felt as a battering ram. The door began to yield. persuaded of the truth of his assertions and re-In the cabin were loaded muskets. They stored the dog to his freedom, who joyously were already in hands skilled to their use. We bounded to his master, leaped about him for a knew a disagreeable surprise was in store for

our foes, and this knowledge gave us strength He divided the crowd and was soon upon the and courage. This door yielded and they rushenemy's track. The police, which upon these ed in. Poor fellows, it was the last rush three occasions are very active and prompt, were im- of them ever made, for they fell dead upon the mediately informed of this extraordinary event; threshold, beneath our well-directed fire. The and a number were soon in pursuit. The dog fourth one fied in consternation. We pursued. became, in a few minutes, the object of public | him far into the forest, but he was swift foot,

curiosity, and every one drew back to give him and baffled pursuit. room. Business was suspended, and crowds "He will bring down more of the red skins collected in groups conversing of nothing but npon us," said my father; wiping the perspirathe dog and the murder which had been comtion from his brow.

mitted two years before. After half an hour's expectation, a general nate. After this we were kept in continual rush indicated that the search was over. The plarm. We were fired at in the fields by unseen man had stretched himself upon the ground unfoes, and were obliged to take the greatest preder the heavy folds of a double tent, and becaution to guard against surprise at night. One lieved himself hidden. But in spite of his fan-

oied security, the avenger had tracked him, and leaping upon him he bit him, tore his garments and would have killed him upon the spot had the greatest object of his life. not assistance rushed to his rescue. two for double He was immediately arrested, and led with Mr. Meyer and the dog, now carefully bound,

before the judge, who hardly knew what to say aumber. to say of so extraordinary an affair. Meyer related all that had happened two years before. and insisted upon the imprisonment of the man, declaring that he was the murder of his brother,

ando so by acting as an Agent for this establishment. Any person, in any part of the country, can be an Agent imply by forming a club, sending a list of Books, and re-liting the amount of mohey required for the same. Bend for a catalogue, which contains all the desired in-formation relative to agencies and the formation of clubs; and to insure prompt and honorable dealings, address all orders to forts of the bystanders to induce him to move. During all this time it was almost impossible about four feet from the ground. This stump tion in the neighborhood of the track. He snapped at all who came near him, except to hold the animal, who seemed determined to was hollow. One morning, as my father openthe woodman who had tended him. He bore his attack the prisoner. Upon interrogating the ed the door to go to work, I heard the report of a Now, then, my hearties," said a galnight cap when the light is blown out. caresses, but no scener did the man attempt to latter, the judge was not satisfied with his re- a gun, and almost immediately another, while lant captain, "you have a tough battle before THE HEAD QUARTERS OF take his paws to remove him from the grave than he gnashed his teeth, and would have wounded him severely if he had not quickly and five watches, four gold, while the fifth was GEORGE G. EVANS than he gnashed his teeth, and would have was found upon him a large sum of gold, jewels, the chimney near me. I ran to the door LARGEST GIFT BOOK ENTERPRISE fled. Every one admired the fidelity of the dog an old silver one, but of little consequence. As I did so, and to my astonishment saw an In-Why is an overloaded gun like an office IN THE WORLD, Fept 6, 1600-cm. and when the woodman offered to carry him soon as Meyer saw the last, he declared it to be dian in the agonies of death. I recognized him holder ? Because it kicks mightily when dis-BEL Mutual flatterers generally understand food and drink every day that he might not per- the same his brother wore the day he left home instantly as the one who had made his escape. charged. each other as well as a couple of horsejockies or blacklegs.

doubt that the bush was in motion. I waited with breathless anxiety until it was mother turned pale and looked at my father, as within gun-shot. Taking deliberate aim, I fired if entreating him not to open it until he was into the bush. It fell instantly, and I heard a

> "What have you done ?" asked my friend. "We will see in the morning," I replied. We kept our position until sunrise for fear of surprise. Upon examination we found the body of a stout Indian lying in a pool of coagulated blood under the bush. He had taken this method to reconnoitre. It proved fatal. I have passed through many scenes, but I shall never forget the hollow stump and the moving bush.

Overtaking a Thunder Storm. Mr. Willis, writing to the Home Journal from

he West, says :---To overtake a thunder shower, whirl through it and outrun it, was the first of the day's exciting novelties. We saw it ahead of us, on the prairie, as you see a single black cloud in the artifice would not answer, he was joined by his sky, with sunshine all around it. It was moving in the same direction as ourselves, probably at about 20 miles an hour; and we soon began to overtake it with our better harnessed thunder and lightning. The conductor pointed the dark mass out to me, some ten or fifteen minutes before we entered the outer skirt of the shower ; and we were in a pelting rain, with lightning and peaks of thunder, for perhaps ten minutes -omerging in fair weather on the other, side. and leaving the storm to lag after us, like the "slow coach" it was. But certainly, it was very queer thus to give thunder and lightning the go by. It seemed to me, somehow, anticipatory of another state of things ... When we go telegraphing about at the beginning of our spirit travels in the next life, I am sure I shall have a vague impression of having done something of that kind before-this experience of distancing a well-trained thunder gloud being laid away in

> But it is to the wild animals of the prairies that the swiftness of the rail-train is inexplicable. Ages upon ages have established, certain subject races of creation-the mountain hunter being the fastest pursuer for which the elk and reindeer, the bear and the prairie wolf, the fox and the wild-cat, the skunk, otter and marten, are at all prepared .- The small line of the railtrack, nearly hidden in the grass, is not resognized by these wanderers over the vast plaine or the West, and while thinking themselves safe in their own horizon edged wilderness, they suddenly see the coming of the new monster.---It is a daily experience of the trains on this more of them ; and it is ourious (so the different conductors and brakemen all told me) how none of them seem to have the sagacity to escape by running of at right angles. Almost invariably

his breast, while the third said : how says

"I am the true son of him whose heritage. I claim, and yet I have no crescent marked apon my breast like these, my adversaries. Some. lie has been devised to debar me from justice and rob me of my birthright,! Surely one, at least, of these two men must be an impostor.".

A PIGQISH ILLUSTRATION .- A country girl whose sisters had married badly. was about to take the noose herself. "How dare you get married," asked a cousin

of hers, "after having before you the example of your sisters ?" "I choose to make a trial myself. Did you

ever see a parcel of pigs running to a trough of hot swill? The first one sticks in his nose, gets it scalded, and then draws back and squeaks. The second burns his nose and stands squeeling in the same manner. The third follows suit, and he squeals too. But still it makes no difference with those behind. They never take warning of those before ; but all in turn thrust in their noses, just as if they hadn's got burnt or squealed at all. So it is with girls in regard to matrimony-and now, cousin, I hope you are

satisfied."

WHAT IS LIFE ?- The mere clapse of years is not life. To eat, and drink, and sleep to be exposed to darkness and the light-to pace round in the mill of habit, and turn thought into an implement of trade this, is not life. In all this but a poor fraction of the consciousness of humanity is awakened, and the sanctitica still slumber which make it worth while to be. Knowledge, truth, love, beauty, goodness, faith. alone can give vitality to the mechanism of existence. The laugh of mirth that vibrates through the heart-the tear that freshens the dry wastes within-the music that brings childhood back-the prayer that calls the future near-the doubt which makes us meditate-the death which, startles us with mystery-the hardship which forces us to struggle-the anxiety that gods in trust-are the true nourishment of ur natural being. and and a second

CHESS PROBLEM. -- John and Julia's problem by Amator, to mate in two moves : John move bis arm around Julia's neck, she moves one square and whispers check. He nothing daunrelative rates of speed between man and the ted, moves right straight his lips to hers, and calls out mate !

> hen. A tailor being reproached by a silly fellow as only a ninth part of a man, retorted by aying :

"Still, I am better off than you ; for a fool in no part of a man at all." Harris

IST A sentimental chap intende to petition Congress for a grant to improve the channels of affection, so that henceforth this course of true love may run smooth. This is a wise step.

BEL A client once burst into tears when he heard the statement of his cosnsel exclaiming : "I didn't think I had suffered half so much."

ISA. A late philosopher says that if anything will make a woman swear, it is looking for her

Indeed the escape of the Indian was unfortu-

of the Indians alain was a brother to him who was so fortunate as to escape. and we knew that to avenge his death would henceforth be Once we were attacked in the middle of the night. After a liafd battle we succeeded in dri-

ving them away, with the loss of several of their railroad across Illinois, to overtake some one or Finding our position growing more critical every day, we began to think about leaving our solitary cabin, and seek some white settlement Before our dwelling stood the stump of a tree. they flee before the pursuer, and are run down, which had been broken off by a strong wind, at last, to fall fainting with terror and exhaus-