MY FIRST SPECULATION.

ET JUDGE CLARK

I can bear to tell it now, and to be hoghed at about it; but there was a time when the bare mention of the name of Mucklebosh would have made me very

Old Mucklebosh was a rich speculator. as agiv as sin, with a daughter as pretty be hanged if I tell it !—that's all.

Sweet Mary Mucklebosh !-what an artless, innocent face she had-confound

It was my friend Wesley who introduc ed me to her. Mr. Wesley and I had gotten acquainted accidentally, shortly it ster my arrival in the city, whither I had come with a few thousand left me by will, to seek my fortune.

Coming out of a salion one evening, where an old chum and myself had been discussing our prospects and some oysters together, without regard to listeners, a milliar slap on the shoulder brought me flercely.

Hello exclaimed a smartish looking words. chap in eye glasses—'Heiln! Is that you

Charley ?" No. it isn't, I replied, coolly, withdrawing the hand he had grasped.

Not my old friend, Charley Rike?' said he, balf incredulously, Hy name is Green-G. W. Green,' I

arswered, stiffly. Beg your pardon, Mr. Green,' said

the stranger. 'I'm a little near sighted, musee, but you and Charley are as like

He was evidently mortified at his mistake, and, to make a neads for my rudeness. I asked him what he would take. Od :ye.' he signified.

My friend and I took Bourbon.

or latis and handed us his, from which we learned that his name—it must have becomes result of a family compromisewas John Calvin Wesley."

M- Westley and I frequently met aftward, and soon became fast friends. He made me known to his acquaintances -um ng others to the Muckleboshesat little was the way I got to know

I committed rank idoletry at the first gampse I caught of her face, and from that there on was her slave.

My visits were encouragingly received, is well by Mary as by her old fright of a father, who used to bore me with disquistions about 'longs' and 'shorts,' and bols' and 'bears' and 'corners,' whilst I was dying to hear Mary sing-

Oh, how che-ar-ming 'tis to love !" It was in the days ween the mania for hanz companies was at its height. It's zv restible belief that, had Brigham Young been here then, he would have hal the wives incorporated, thereby making them legally one person, and so evading the effect of the Bigamy Act.

There was an organization, of which old Mickelbash was president, styled the 'Ind. pendent Breeze Company,' said to be possessed of a secret process of enabling ships to furnish their own wind. The invention was already perfected, and would soon be :patented. 'Now was the time, said the circular, 'to subscribe for shares, as, in a few more days, none could

be had for love or money.' Mr. Wesley had great faith in the enterprise. He was confident the shares would go up a thousand per cent. as soon as the patent was issued. He advised me to invest my money in it. My thousands would become millions before I knew it. The rub was to get old Muckelbosh to part with any of his stock. He had taken most of it himself, and had From sed the rest to a few special friends.

Why not ask Mary to use her influence for you? suggested Mr. Wesley, adding, with a wink, 'I'm sure she would only he Dog!ad to do it.

I bushed and said I couldn't think of such a thing. But I did think of it, and and speak to Mary about it, hinting deli-Caleby that I hoped that what was my interest would one day be hers.

She hung her pretty head, and said she Would 'mention it to pa.'

I have no doubt she kept her word, for when I proposed to Mr. Muckelbosh to invest my all in 'Indepenent Breeze." be kinaly consented to take my money and naid over the certificates, adding, with a father-in-lawish smile, that he coaldn't refuse Mary anything.'

I seized the opportunity, and begged permission at once to speak my mind to

Dr so, my son, he replied dropping his pocritical head, and letting fall from his squinty old eyes a pair of ready made tears, which, following their natural direction, came into collusion about a foot from the end of his nose—'Do so, my Bon; and if Mary accepts you'-smiting himself gently under the fifth rib-you shall find a fatherly welcome here.'

I withdrew much affected. Next day I called on Mary, resolved to unburthen my heart. I felt free to do so now. Was not my own fortune made? Why, therefore, could charge me with selfish designs upon hers?

As I entered, I met my friend, Dunn Brown-the same who was with me at my first meeting with Wesley-on the steps coming out. He looked at me defantly and passed on. He too, I may add, through the introduction of Mr. Wesley, had become a visitor at the Muckel-

When I began this story I thought I pay the bill.

ciuli go through it without wincing. But when I come to think of what a fool I made of myself that day-how I got upon my knees, like the stage players, and ranted worse than the worst of them -how Mary laughed in my face, and told me not to be a donkey, if I could help it -how I accused her of loving another, and swore to have his heart's blood-I'll

I saw it all. Brown was my rival His look was explained now, it was the look of triumph. But I would call him to a stermacount. On that I was resolved. Pernicions villain! I had given him my confidence, and thus he had abused

Brown, I found, had left the city, and would be gone for a week. On the morning of his return I called at his lodgings, determined to have it out with him.

He sat before an untouched breakfast. glaring wildly at the morning paper. 'I have come to demand-'I began

'Read that,' he grusped, heedless of my

I took the paper and read the indicated paragraph. It announced, in due form the marriage, two days before, by the Rev. Otto Grode, of Mr. John Calvin Wesley to Miss Mary Muckelbosh.

I was to the act if invoking the reverse of a blessing on the happy pair, when Brown interrupted.

'Now read that,' said he, pointing to another paragraph.

It was headed 'Stupendous fraud!' and went on to state that the 'Independent Breeze Company' had just been discovered to be the basest of swindles. That Muckelbosh and Wesley, with a few accomplices, had gotten it up, and after pocketing a snug sum by the sale of shares A genial chat followed, ending in the to those simple enough to buy, the whole extression of mutual wishes for better ac- party had decamped the day after the wedding chronicled in another column, At parting the gentleman requested the bride keeping her husband company 'Beggard!' I exclaimed.

> 'I too,' groaned Brown; and to think I was ass enough actually to propose to the little minx. She had just refused me when I met you on the steps that day. Do you know, I came near knocking you down, for I took you for my rival?'

I didn't tell my own experience.

Walking Upstairs.

One day recently a respectably dressed man carried a well-grown child, muffled up and apparently sick, into French's Hotel. He placed the child on the stairs and began to talk to it in a very unkind, rough way. The attention of guests were attracted, and they gathered around.

"You are able to walk up stairs by yourself," the man said, "and I wont carry

"Oh, oh," the child sobbed, "do carry me up; please, pa, d5. You know ever since I was run over by the car and lost both my feet I can't walk upstairs alone." "That's all stuff," the man answered; "get up at once or I'll make you."

The poor child began to sob worse than before, and the brutal min give it a severe thump on the side of the head. The child moaned piteously. The indignation of the bystanders was excited, and one of them said to the man. "Is that child yours?"

"What's that to you?" the man answerej; "I won't tell vou."

"He's-my-father," the child sobbed, and-he-killed-my-nother-just-as -he's-sgoing-to-kill-re."

The man doubled his fist and made as if he was about to give the child a savage blow. One of the bystanders interfered,

"Say, if you don't stop this I'll call a policeman. I never saw such a brutal father in all my life."

The man began to tumble in his pockets, and the child cried out. "Take care, he's got a knife. He's agoing to stick

Sure enough the man produced a knife and opened it. The crowd slipped off one by one, except two.

"Bring an officer," one of these cried to

"If I am to be arrested," the man said, "it shall be for something," and thereupon he plunged the knife into the body of the child. The child shricked, "I'm mardered. I'm mardered," and a crowd rushed to the spot. The man quitely raised the child in his arms, and remov-

ing his hat, said: "Gentlemen, this is a wooden child. I'm a ventriloquist, and any little offering you may be pleased to make will be very acceptable.—N. Y. Sun-

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THERE was a vast amount of sense in that Troy landlord who took a set of false teeth out of the mouth of a man who had eaten a big supper and break fast and wouldn't pay him. As they were what did the mischief they should

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'Bertram. Yes, I have just read it.'

'H. Well?' 'B. It says I must delay no longer:'

'H. When shall you start?' 'B. To-morrow, at the latest.'

'B. Not yet; I must do it now.' 'H. Shall you go direct to London?'

bearer of my letter.' 'B. Is that all you will permit me to do for you?"

friends.' 'B. Then you have no belief in true

Helena, turning, as Bertram entered let-

ter in band. mantlepiece.

to shade her face.'

'When shall you start? she said, resum-

transferring the letter to his pocket. 'Have you told my aunt?' she said, searching her work-basket for her scis-

bow had displaced. 'Shall you go direct to London?' she

he said quietly, but with an air of deci-'Then I will ask you to be the bearer

work as she spoke.

you?' he asked, anxiously.

curls. 'Then you have no belief in true friendship,' he answered, in a tone of bit-

people out of doors; perhaps Philip may be better pleased.'

'Your letter has arrived, I see,' said Halena, advancing as Bertram opened the

'Yes, have just read it,' he replied, as

'When shall you start?' said Helens, turning away to pluck some rosebuds, which she added to her bouquet.

flinging aside roughly a branch that cross ed his path.

tying the strings of her hat. 'No; I must do it now,' he said, holding out his hand to relieve her of her parasol

'Shall you go direct to London?' she asked, hurriedly, 'No; I stop one night at the Grange,

he said, inviting her by a gesture to take a seat upon a rustic bench. 'Oh, then I will ask you to be the

her steps lest he should perceive her emo-'Is that all you will permit me to do

for you?' he said, with more feeling than he had yet permitted himself to show. 'Yes; I am careful not to burden my friends,' she added, drawing her mantle

'Then you do not believe in true friendship.' he replied, as they reached the house, and with a heightened color threw back the hall door and made way for her-

-The young lady who refused to go into a rifle factory because some of the guns had no breeches, is spending a few weeks in the country.

-"Have the jury agreed?" asked the of beer, and sent me out for it."

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'Helena. Your letter has arrived, I

'H. Have you told my aunt?'

'B. No. I stop one night'at the Grange.' 'H Oh, then I will ask you to be the

'H. I am careful not to burden my

friendship?' 'Well, Philip, let me try whilst you are at the office, and see what I can suggest.' 'Your letter has arrived, I see,' said

'Yes, I have just read it," he replied, advancing and leaning his arm on the

'Well?' said Helena, stooping as if to warm her hands, but really endeavoring

'It says I must delay no longer." he answered, trying to assume an air of indif-

ing her work and fixing her eyes on her 'To-morrow, at the latest,' he replied,

'Not yet; I must do it now,' he said, putting back the little ornament his el-

said, trying to disentangle a skein of col-'No: I stop one night at the Grange,'

of my letter,' she added, laying down her

'Is that all you will permit me to do for

'Oh, I never burden my friends,' she said, raising her head and tossing back her

terness. 'That is pretty good,' said Constance to herself, 'but I will take these two young

he secured the fastening. 'Well,' said Helena, taking the pith t o

'It says I must delay no longer,' he replied, proffering her a bunch of wild flowers he had gathe red in his walk.

'To morrow, at the latest,' he answered,

'Have you told my aunt,' said Helena,

as they entered the avenue.

bearer of my letter,' she said, quickening

around her and speaking in a tone of

to enter.

-"More bread, landlord. I always ent a good deal of bread with my mean," "So I see, sir, and a good deal of mest with your bread."

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