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THE CONDEMNED SENTINEL.

A cold stormy night in the month of March, 1807, Lefebyre, with 27,000 French troops, had invested Dantzic. The city was carrisoned by 17,000 Russian and Prussian soldiers, and these together with 20,000 or 30,000 armed citizens presented nearly doub le the force that could be brought to the assault. So there was need of the utmost vigi ance on the part of the sentinels, for a desperate sortie from the garrison made unawares, might prove calamitous.

At midnight, Jerome Dubois was placed upon one of the most important posts in the advance line of pickets, it being upon a narrow strip of land arised above the marshy flat, called the peninsula of Nehrung. For more than an hour, he paced his lonesome beat without hearing more than the moaning of the wind and the driving of the rain. At length however, another sound broke upon his ear. He stopped and listened, and pres-

The only answer was a moaning sound. He called again, and this time he heard omething like the cry of a child, and pretty soon an object came toward him out of the darkness. With a quick, emphatic movement, he brought his musket to the charge and ordered the intruder to halt.

'Mercy!' exclaimed a childish voice; 'don't shoot me! I am Natalie! Don't you know of her love and gratitude, thrown herself up

'Yes, and you are good Jerome. Oh, you

eight years old, daughter of Lisette Vaillant isette was the wife of Pierre Vaillant, a screeant in J rome's own regiment, and was

with the army in capacity of nurse, 'Why, how is this, my child?' said Jerme, taking the little one by the arm. 'What s it about your mother ?"

'Oh, good Jerome, you can hear her now. Hark ! The sentinel bent his ear, but could hear

'Mamma is in the dreadful mud,' said the child, 'and is dying. She is not far away. Oh, I can hear her crying.'

By degrees, Jerome gathered from Natalie that her father had taken her, out with him in the morning, and that in the evening, when the storm came on her mother came after her. The sergeant had offered be kept back, it should be so truthfully told to send a man back to the camp with his wife; but she preferred to return alone, feeling sure that she would meet with no trouble. The way however, had become dark and uncertain, and she had lost the path, and wandered off to the edge of the morass, where she had sunk into the soft mud.

'Oh, good Jerome,' cried the little one,

was in mortal danger, and it was in his pow could go and rescue the nurse, and return to his post without detection. At all events he could not refuse the childish pleader. 'Give me your hand, Namile. Pil go with you."

With a cry of joy, the child sprung to the ddier's side, and, when she had se ured his hand, she hurried him along toward the place where she had left her mother. It eemed a long distance to Jerome, and once he stooped as though he would turn back.

'Hark !' uttered the child. The soldier listened, and plainly heard help. He hesitated no longer. On he been within her reach, by which means she held her head above the fatal mud. It was no easy matter to extricate her from the mire pit, as the workman had to be very careful

length, however, she was drawn forth, and Jerome led her toward his post. 'Who comes there?' cried a voice

rembling from head to foot. 'Who comes there?' repeated a voice Jerome heard the the click of a musketock, and he knew that another sentinel had

He was ordered to advance, and when h nad given the countersigo, he found himself in the presence of the officer of the

guard. In a few hurried words he told his story, and had the officer been alone, he might have allowed the matter to rest where it was ; but there were others present, and when ordered to give up his musket, he obeyed without a murmur, and silently ac On the following morning, Jerome Duboi

charge of having deserted his post. He con essed that he was guilty, and then permission was granted him to tell his own

could do nothing but pass sentence of death; praying that Jerome Dubots might be par doned; and this petition was sent to the general of the division, by whom it was indorsed, and sent up to the marshal.

Lefebvre was kind and generous to his soldiers almost to a fault, but he could not everlook so grave an error as that which had een committed by Dubois,

very simple, and foremost of very necessity was the order forbidding him to leave hi post until properly relieved. To a certain extent, the safety of the

rior, as he folded up the petition and hand- men and dead horses, and the head of the ed it back to the officer who had presented it. 'I am sure that man meant no wrong, and yet a great wrong was done. He knew what he was doing-he ran the risk-he was If that column were routed, and the Russian detected-he has been tried and condemned.

He must suffer!' They asked Lefebvre if he would see the 'No, no!' the marshal cried, quickly Should I see him, and listen to one half his story, I might pardon him, and that must not be done. Let him die, that thousands may be saved."

The time fixed for the execution of Dubois was the morning succeeding the day of his trial. The result of the interview with Marshal Letebyre was made known to him and he was not at all disappointed. He blamed no one, and was only sorry that he had not died on the battleff ld

'I have tried to be a g od sol ter,' he said, to his captain. I feel that I have done no crime that should leave a stain upon my The captain took his hand, and assured

him that his name should be held in reand child, were admitted to see the prisoner.

This was a visit which Jerome would gladly have dispensed with, as his feelings were al ready wrought up to a pitch that almost un manned him; but he braced himself for the interview, and would have stood it like ; here had not little Natalie, in the eagerness on his bosom and offered to die in his stead. 'Heaven;' cried Jerome, elevating the This tipped the briming cup, and his tears

Pierre and Lisette knew not what to say They wept and they prayed, and they would had been thus condemned.

Later in the evening came a companio who, it he lived, would sometime return to Jerome's boyhoodh home. First the con demued thought of his widowed mother, and he sent her a message of love and devotion, Then he thought of a brother and sister, And, finally, he thought of one-a brighteyed maid-whose vine-clad cot stood upon the banks of the Seine-one whom he had loved with a love such as only great hearts

'Oh, my dear friend !' he cried, bowing his head upon his clasped hands, you need not tell them a falsehood; but if the thing is possible, let them believe I fell in bat-

His companion promised that he would do all he could; and if the truth could not that the name of Jerome Dubois should not bear dishouor in the minds of those who had loved him in other days

Morning came, dull and gloomy, with driving sleet and snow; and, at an early hour, Jerome Dubois was led forth to meet his

vance upon the penicanta!"

vision; and the brigadi r general, who had a day fer each school day throughout the temporary command, thunders for his or- course of twenty-one weeks. The State Norders for his counter march. The gloom was mai Schools are open not only to students dissipated; and with glad hearts the soldiers, who desire to become teachers, but to certifiturned from the thoughts of the execution cated teachers also, from any school district

cution thereof was not to be so easy, for scarcely had the words escaped the captain's lips when a squadron of Prussian cavalry came dashing directly toward them The division was quickly formed in four hollow squares, while the guard that held of the pupil's course. It is recognized, if charge of the prisoner found themselves obliged to flee.

'In heaven's name,' cried Jerome, 'cut my onds, and let me die like a soldier!" The sergeant quickly cut the cord that bound his elbows behind him, and ther dashed towards the point where his own company was stationed. The rattle of mus ketry had commenced, and the Prussians were vainly endeavoring to break the squares of French troops. Jerome Dubois looked the only grade in which they have opporabout him for some weapon with which to arm himself, and presently he saw a Prus sian officer not far off reeling in his saddle as though he had been wounded. With a fact that in the primary department the quick bound he reached the spot, pulled the dying officer from his seat, and leaped into

the empty saddle. Dubois was fully resolved that he would sell his life on that day-sell it in behalf of France-and sell it as dearly as possible But he was not needed where he was. He knew that the Prussians could not break those hollow squares; so he rode away think- of the primary department. ing to join the French cavalry, with whom he would rush into the deepest danger. Supposing that the heaviest fighting must b upon the Nehrung, he rode his horse in that hat he had not been mistaken. Upon a slight eminence toward Haglesberg the en emy had planted a battery of heavy guns supported by two regiments of infantry and already with shot and shell immens lamage had been done.

Marshal Lefebvre rode up shortly after this battery had opened, and quickly made

'Take that battery,' he said to a colonel

he cavalry, 'and the battle is ours.' Dubois heard the order, and saw the per sity. Here was danger enough, surely; and determined to be first at the fatal battery he kept as near to the leader as he dare Half the distance he had gained, when from the hill came a storm of iron that plow-

fell, his body literally torn in pieces by shell that exploded against his bosom. The point upon the peniusula now reac ed by the assaulting column was not mor than one bundred yards wide; and it was iterally a path of death, as the fire of twelve

I am sorry,' said the gray-haired old war. The way was becoming blocked up with dead ant in the lesson of observation. One hour of column stepped and wavered. Marshal Lefebvre, from his elevated place saw this, and his heart throbbed painfully.

infantry charged over the peninsula, the remilt might be calamitous. French private, mounted upon a powerful the practice of the companion pupil. horse, caparisoned in the trappings of a russian s aff officer, with his head bare, and a bright sabre swinging in his hand

will weep if we lose this day."

pon the battery with irresistible force.

The Russians and the Prussians-horse,

foot and dragoons-such as were not taken orisoners, made their way back into Dant-

Jerome Dubois returned to the guard ing.-Phila Ledger. ouse, and gave himself up to the officer in tharge. First a surgeon was called to dress everal slight wounds which he had received. Next the colonel was called to see what should be done with him. The colonel ap-Marshal Lefebyre.

'What shall we do with Jerome Dubois?' 'God bless him !' cried the veterangener- Do you like me !' il, who had heard the whole story. Till pardon him to-day, and to-morrow I'll promote him!'

And Jerome Dubois, in time, went himself to see the loved ones in France, and to marry me." when he went he wore the uniform of a cap-

How to Teach the Teachers.

niles by rail west of Philadelphia, has next week Tuesday, I mean? adopted a method for the training of school fate. The place of execution had been fixed nish a model on which the whole system of home by the last train, saw a light in Ediupon a low, barren spot toward the sea; and training instructors for youth may ultimate- son's private labratory, and cumbed the dinthither his division was being marched to ly be shaped. The prevent method of Norgy stairs to find his friend in one of his She will die if you do not come and help witness the fearful punishment. They had mal School instruction in the ten school disgained not more than half the distance when tricts which, out of the twelve in Penn- dozing over some intricate point in electricin force. Let this thing be stayed. The sch of economies Practical exercises in marshal directs that you tace about and ad tesching a model school are given to each scholar in the last term of the last year, and In an instant all was changed in that dis are set down as occupying forty-five minutes

> t ke up any branches, or such part of the selves with the full course. The State pays fifty cents a week to such pupils by way of encouraging them to take as much of the course as is possible, as it is not necessary to be a graduate of a Normal School to obtain a school certificate in all of the districts of the State. The Girl's Normal School of this city also places its practice lessons in the concluding portion-say the last two months not implied, in the administration of our public schools, that a certain grade of pro ficiency as a teacher enables a candidate to the primary department. This altogether ignores the fact that the primary department is the only one through which a majority of the children go, drafted off from it into early work, and that as it is therefore tunity to learn, the highest order of talents, instead of the lower, should be employed in teaching them. Added to this is the related whole foundation of future study, habits o

thought and mental clearness is laid. Starting out from these considerations,th ing to teach, by practice, a portion of every day in the school-week through the whole four years, and consecutively in every class

The plan proposed by the Swarthmor College, and already begun in that excellent institution, so fully explains the method that a short statement of its working is pro bably the best way of arriving at a fair understanding. The study of teaching is made an elective study of the entire college cours and in connection with all the higher studies room is made for it, not in one term, but is very day of every term of the course. There is at this college a preparatory departmen of four classes, from which, as Exeter feeds Harvard, the college classes are largely made up. This is, rightly considered, such an important feature that the college professor teach or superintend the teaching in all its lasses, and it is under these professors that e Normal class will get at its work. Two Normal pupils sit in each class an hour a day for a specified term, observing how the ote his method of getting at what the cholar knows, see what it is that keeps the lass in order and gives the power of conrol; as well as all the traits, mental and noral, displayed by each child during the sson. They are put there to criticise, and s the looker on in chess sees all of the game, hey get a practical lesson in teaching very ized the whisky in her husband's bottle to ifferent from that of taking a class in charge

each week each of these pupils is required to take charge of the class, during which time the professor may or may not be present to supervise. Thus in every week the Normal pupil spends six hours in the study of teaching, four hours of observation of the professor's method, one hour of practice, and But 'see! A man in the uniform of a one hour, equally instructive, of witnessing

plied to teaching the teachers how to aid the class in preparing the lessons for the followishes to the front, and urges the column ing day. To most parents who aid their chilorward. His words are flery and his look dren in "getting their lessons," the whole school system seems wrong side out. They hearing recitations is the easiest part of the It was such a funny story, with its cheery snap and teacher will direct and explain, answering fantry that came to their support were swept an approach to this now in the study-hour,

A Funny Story About Edison.

Among Edison's first inventions was a contrivance for producing perforations in paper. Among the girls he engaged to work

'What do you think of me, little girl? 'Why, Mr. Edison, you frighten me, I-

chat is-I-' 'Don't be in a hurry about telling me. It doesn't matter much unless you would like

but Edison went on : 'Oh,I mean it. Don't be in a rush, though Think it over; talk to your mother about it, and let me know soon as convenient-

Edison's shop was at Newark in those

'Hello, Tom?' cried the visitor cheerily what are you doing here this late? Aren't

'What time is it ?' inqired Edison, sleep-

'Midnight, easy enough. Come along 'Is that so?' returned Edison in a dreamy sort of way. 'By George, I must go home then. I was married to-day !'

A Prison Incident.

A very remarkable scene was presented stirred to tears. After this the fair cantaprisoners meanwhile being retained in the chapel, and on her return she sang the old testimonial of thanks, which was duly sign-

the following quotation: God sent his singers upon earth With songs of sadness and of mirth, That they might touch the hearts of men And bring them back to heaven again.

ne of these 1,200 prisoners worked with poor fellows in solitary confinement especially will for a long time recall and enjoy

Did you clear anything by it?" asked a lisener. 'I cleared a six-railed fence getting

Poetical. THE FUNNY STORY.

BY BURNISHE BOLL FOR

I was such a funny story ! how I wish you could For it set us all a laughtpy, from the little to the

Though it travels to the music of a very lively ite.

If Sally just began it, then Amelta Jane would gig

When age my hate has slivered, and my grown unsteady,
And the nearest to my vision are the scenes of lon

As the laugh did, when I used to-ha! ha! ha and he! he! he! --Seribner for December,

The Negro Created Before Adam. Professor Winchelt of the Syracause University, has reprinted in pamphlet form, with the title 'Adamites and Pre Adamite,' an essay originally published in the Northern Christian Advocate, designed to show that the negro race was in existence on this globe ong before the time of Adam. He favors, also, reforming the popularly received chronology, and would place the creation described in Genesis 10, 500 years before the birth of Abraham, or 15,878 years before the present era. At the same time he would bring down the stone and lake dwelling ages to within a period of not more than 6,000 years ago. In this way, he thinks, the Biblical record can be made to agree with the established facts of modern ethnological phiological and geological research. Some special publication of them has led to his dismissal from the Vanderbilt University, at Nashville, Tennessee, where in addition to his Syracuse professorship, he held the chair of historical geology and zoology. In spite of his earnest protestation of orthodox, the President of the University insisted that he was an evolutionist, and an enemy of 'the plan redemption,' and he had to cipal reason assigned by Dr. Winchell for believing that the negro is not descended from Adam is that the word Adam, signifying 'red' or 'ruddy,' cannot have been intended to describe a negro. He refers to monuments of Egypt and Assyria, in which the negro is depicted with the same peculiarities which he possesses at this day, and hence he argues that if the 2,000 years since those monuments were sculptured have produced no alteration of the negro type, it would not do to assume that the 4,000 years previous could have developed it from the white to the negro is a degredation, not an improvement, and this is contrary to the usual course

of development of the human race, which is

Many years ago, when the white men who had seen the Rocky Mountains might still ly touching. On the arrival of Marie Roze hunter named Fitzpatrick had one day got suing his game alone in the wilderness when as ill-luck would have it, he was seen by a those who might be in solitary confinement war party of Iudians, who immediately prepared to give chase. There was not the smallyoung hunter made a feint of turning away, in order if possible to gain time. He happenvery little acquainted with the use of firechief selections of Marie Roze were 'Sweet | would come of it. He, therefore, thought it then continued his flight. The Indians followed and very soon overtook him, and then disarmed and tied him to a tree. One of the warriors, who it appeared, understood how to pull a trigger, seized the rifle, placed himself a few paces in front of the owner, took aim at his breast and fired. But when while some of the most intelligent among the Indiano looked eagerly through the the convicts had been permitted to prepare a smoke toward where Fitzpaterick stood, they saw he was safe and sound in his place, and quietly took out of his pocket the bullet he had previously placed there and tossed it to his enemies, who were all amazement. They leclared that he had stopped the bullet in its flight; that he was an invulnerale and wonderful conjurer, and what was more, that There can be but little doubt that every I they did not set him free immedialely. cheerful hearts all that day, and that the They therefore, cut his bonds and made off as fast as possible, leaving Fitzpaterick to go where he pleased.

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ently be called: Who's there ?'

muzzle of his piece. 'Is it you, dear flowe freely,

will come help mamma. Come, she is dy- have willingly died for the noble fellow who

only the wind and the rain.

seizing the man's hand, can't you hear her? er to save her. It was not in his heart to withstand the pleadings of the child. He

He did not fear death, but he feared dis-

that he himself did not lose his footing. At

been stationed at the post he had left. The 'Friends with the countersign!' he answered, to the last call of the new senti-

whole army rested upon the shoulders of each individual sentinel, and especially upon those who at night were posted neares

eavy guns were tu-ed upon it. The colonel had ta.'sn, and very soon with no such previous observation. Sitting the pain began to abate, and the child surthree other officers went down, leaving the two together they can nompare and suggest prized its mother by exclaiming, 'Ma, has

Another feature of the new method is ap-

'Fir crance and Lefebvre!' the strange teach the boy and girl the lesson, and the and the totant Zacharian on his mother's lan wor or-man cries, waiving his sword aloft, and next day the teacher "hears it." Conscienconting toward the battery. The marshal tious parents are often inclined to think that The brave troopers thus led by one who work, and would be willing to contract, feared not to dash forward where the shot | themselves, to hear all the lessons, provided fell thickest, gave an answering shout and the teacher would teach them first, and prepressed on, caring little for the rain of death | pare the scholars as they are now prepared long as they had a living leader to fol- at home. The new plan proposes to do away ow.' Itoping that he might take the bat- with this parental tax entirely, and give a tery, and yet courting death, Jerome Du-bois spurred on, and finally the troop came tion of the next day's studies, which the It was not in the power of the cannoncers questions and giving such assistance as may it began with ha! ha! ha! ha! ha! and it ended withstand the shock, and the Russian in- be required over difficult portions. There is

tway like chaff. The battery was quickly which all schools make a portion of their aptured, and when the guns were turned routine, but the improvement lies in the With a wor-bugone expression that no actress we upon those who had shortly before been presence of the teacher, who goes over the their masters, the fortune of the day was de- ground with the class and assists in advance with the preparation of the lesson which next day, she is to hear recited. A further account of the method and of some advantages which this progressive college offers to ic, having lost much more than they had the public will be found in a letter published in another part of our paper this morn- 1 shall see the pretty picture, and the tears may

plied to the general of brigade, and the gen- with it was one who attracted his notice one eral of brigade applied to the general of di- day, and he gazed at her until she became vision, and the general of division applied to confused, wh reupon he abruptly asked

The young woman was disposed to laugh,

The College of Swarthmore, about ten Tuesday, say. How will Tuesday suit you, teachers which already makes its Normal days, and one night a friend of his employ-Department the object of much interest, and ed in the main office of the Western Union which, if successfully carried out, will fur- Telegraph company in New York, returning

> ily rubbing his eyes and stretching like a lion suddenly aroused,

in the Auburn Prison, New York, at an eary hour one morning recently when Marie Roze[Mapleson, the well known prima donna, visited the institution and saug in the pres this character has occured but once before Jenny Lind A letter from one of the gentlemen present depicts the scene as extreme she desired to know it all the prisoners were present, and being answered in the negative by Keeper Wells she requested that even should as a special privilege, be permitted to come into the chapel and join the other only to look once more on the face of a beaucomplished artist the sweet notes that reminded them of the days of youth. The Spirit Hear my Prayer,' and 'The Sweet By and By, and the writer of the letter states that even the most bardened criminals were

ed and presented to the lady. It closed with

this fresh ray of sunlight. with a pot of paint in each hand. He was taken up insensible, but as he was restored

moderate drinker of the moderate kind, one day sprained his wrist, and his mother utilbathe the little fellows, wrist. After awhile