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BY MARION MOULTON. About the middle of the s venteenth entury, there lived in Ve sice a certain naughty duke, so rich and powerful as to be feared by friend as well as foe: or that was a period of constant murler and assasination; and a mere whim, or unjust suspicion, was often sufficient to bring the d adly poison or secret

> It was the custom of this nobleman o give costly banquets in the great hall of his palace; but there was a ways one thing to mar the festivity of the one thing to mar the lestryly of occasion—the constant dread of some ly to destroy you?"
>
> secret agent of death. It was known ly to destroy you?"
>
> "I had my fears." some one or more generally died shortly after, and not unfrequently in a manner to lead to the suspicion of secret poison; and this knowledge filled the minds of all with dread; though one dared to remain away on this account, lest what they most feared reach them anywhere in Venice.

And what tended still more to mys try and fear on these occasions of festivity, was the presence of the Real Mask, my lord?"

Mask, my lord?"

Mask, my lord?"

Mask, my lord?"

"Never, to my knowledge."

"It is briefly this: On the nights of festivity, a figure in red domino and mysterious figure, in a red domino, mysterious figure, in a red domino, and mysterious figure, in a red domino, and red mask sits near the duke. At the close of the feast, this figure shakes feature. No one could say who he was feature. No one could say who he was feature. No one could say who he was feature. The resemble of the Real Doath and the supplementation of the the rest, but never spoke. Before the guests separated, he always rose, gave his hand to the noble host, and then went slowly, solemnly and silently around the table, shaking hands with each. This done, he glided out of the in it a paper of instruction, which you have a construction to read in second transfer. hall through a private door, and was not must find an opportunity to read in se seen again till the reassembling of the guests at another banquet. All believ "How do you know this?" d that he was the duke's secret poisoner, he was regarded with awe and fice for the present. Will your lordship dread, and came in time to be spoken come and seize a dukedom? of and known as the Red Death Mask, How his fatal purpose was effected, none could say; but it was conjectured that upon one of his jeweled fingers he wore what was known as the "Death Ring —a ring cariously constructed need to warn you?"
with deadly poison in the interior— "True—it is enough—I will be here." with deadly poison in the interior— which could be injected by a sudden which could be injected by a sudden pressure upon a concealed spring, iato the hand of any one taken in apparent friendship; and from the mortal effects of which-though no wound, however pleasure, and, as he had promised, inslight, could be discovered at the time troduced him to many a noble guest.

ould save the victim. anything but pleasing; and the fact actually in Venice, causing great talk and wonder, was irritating in the ex-

"Who is this adventurer? this base counterfeit?" angrily demanded the feared his lordship was ill.

The count certainly did a

usiness brings him here?" None could answer. "Go, seek him ont, and say it is my leasure to see him at my palace!" The stranger was found, and .eadily recepted the revitation of the nobleman. who received him in his private apartnents, with only one attendant present. The resemblance of the two was certainly very striking. Both were slend-erly built, about five feet eight inches in height, of dark complexions, black —I will accept the kind offer of your hair and eyes, with slightly aquiline noses, cold, stern, haughty, sinister expressions, and between forty five and

of their peculiar temperaments the excuse a brief absence! I will shortly ounterpart was not pleasing to either.
"Who are you?" demanded the duke, in an imperious tone.

"Your equal!" was the sharp reply "Sir, you forget your manners!

"No more than yourself;" was the

haughty answer.
"I am the Duke of Francavella!" "And I the Count of Palmera!" At the mention of this title, the at tendant of the duke give a slight, quick start, and fixed his eyes searchingly

upon the stranger. "I am glad at least to hear you are a head his murderous design and raise nobleman," pursued the duke, "as the his voice for help. When the duke was thought of having my likeness borne quite dead, the mask was removed and thought of having my likeness borne by a plebeian would have been too humiliating. It is said, count, and my count. eyes confirm the report, that you and I look remarkably alike. which is a fact

very displeasing to me." "And to me also, duke!"
"There should be but one such face Venice, count!"

"So think I, dake!" "I may hope then you will take early save of our proud city!" "I was in hopes your grace had made r a gements to quit this country!"

You are insolent, count!" "So are you, duke!" "By the lones of St. Mark!" the dake began, in a malignant rage; but suddenly recollecting himself, he stop oed, smothered down his anger, and added, in quite a different tone, with a forced smile: "Your pardon, count! I am too hasty. It is not the fault of ither of us that we look alike and have tempers alike. If we cannot be friends, there is no need of our being enemies; tonio, but as the first provocation proceeded from me, I will hope to remove it by a proper apology, and trust we may be passing friends after all."

The count boxed and replied: "I am disposed to meet your grace ralf way, in either anger or friendon will honor my banquet, on Friday

none but a wife could have detected the differencee.

"I thank your lordship! and trust he had been poisoned, as all at the ban-

grace!" replied the count.
"Tis well. Antonio (turning to his attendant) see that his lordship has count himself that the truth came out

As Antonio left the presence of his ble master, he seized the first opportunity to say to the count:
"My lord, I have a private word for your ear."

"I listen." "We are countrymen."

"Indeed ?" tiletto to bear upon those supposed to "Yes," pursued Antonio, speaking low and in Spanish, "I know your house well, and I would serve you. Your life is in danger here." "So I believe." "I think this banquet is given express-

"Yet, if you will come to it, and folw my instructions, you shall not only be saved, but may become the Duke of living in Harrison street; John Boyd, Francavella."

"How? speak!"
"Seem indifferent to my remarks,
now, my lord—for all beneath this roof should happen through the anger of are spies upon each and every other—him who was powerful enough to and if I be suspected of what I am saying, my life will not be worth a song. Have you ever heard of the Red Death

"I think I do—secret poison!"
"Through the Death Ring, my lord!"

"How do you know this?" "I kome it, my lord-that must suf "But how that?"

"You shall know if you come."

"I will come-though how am I to know you mean me well?" "If I meant you ill, my lord, what -not all the medical skill of Venice The feast began and the wine circulat-

ed freely. At the close came the hand-

that this unknown counterpart was private apartment. I will be there to ball of fire. In a few minutes the duke, who had been furtively watching the count, re marked, with seeming concern, that he

> The count certainly did appear rather faint, but effected to believe it only a temporary ailment, which would speed ily pass away. The nobles exchanged glances, and each breathed freer as he fancied he had discovered the victim in

other than himself. But the count, instead of getting better, seemed to grow more faint, and his kind host suggested that he should be

"I will accept the kind offer of your grace, with many thanks!" said the count, in a low, faint tone. "I will do myself the honor to fifty years of age. Each saw himself in the other, as in a glass; and to men reply. "My lords and gentlemen, pray

rejoin you." He offered his arm to the count, who leaned heavily on it, and thus they left the hall. Passing through the ante "Sir, you forget your manners!"
"Sir, you have not shown any!"
"S'death, sirrah! do you know in whose presence you stand?" cried the damask, and richly farnished. The Red Mask, who had left the banqueting hall before them, was standing there, as if awaiting their coming. As the duke assisted his guest to a divan, the Red Mask quietly closed and bolted the door. Then producing a small rope, with the slip knot of a hangman, he glided up to the duke, as he bent over the count, and throwing the noos around his neck, drew it tight, and strangled him before he could compre-

> the face of Antonio appeared before the "Quick, my lord!" said Antonio, pale and trembling at what he had done; "disrobe, put on the dress of the duke return to the hall, and be lord of the palace. If you succeed in deceiving the assembled guests-which I trust your close resemblance will enable you to do—we are safe; if you fail, we are lost! Leave the duke's body to me. I can put it forever beyond human sight, where its bones will keep company with those of more than one of his victims." Assisted by Antonio, the Count of Palmera was soon dressed in the gor geous robes of the Dake of Francavella, nd the counterfeit was so perfect that

"Remember your grace is now Dake of Francavella; and say your guest is much better, and will be well by tomorrow!" were the instructions of An

The plan of the iniquitous schemer succeeded perfectly, and all the guests that night retired in the belief that the false duke was the real. The next day the Count of Palmera appeared in St. Mark's Place, and other parts of Venice, in his own proper per son. This destroyed the suspicion that

Palmera. "I will endeavor to be present and In fact, this proved to be one of the girl replied, "I am glad you have begun the world—it's almost as good as Phila to support yourself." do myself that honor, so please your most successful and remarkable impost to support yourself.

proper conduct from the palace."

With polite bows, forced smiles, and suitable adicux, the Venetian and Spanish noblemen separated, each secretly hating the other with a bitter death of Autonio, whom his new master had mardered in turn, for fear of between the secret of the secret only one who possessed his fatal secret. So crime always leads on to crime.— Oriental Cusket.

Hurled Out of the Air.

An aerolite that was likened in size to an old fashioned churn was seen to fall from the sky into Jamaica Bay on Sunday, Angust 13th, according to statements made by a yachting party, who say that they witnessed the occurrence. The party consisted of three men and two boys residing in Jamaica. They are Chanche Edwards, proprieter of a bakery on Fulton street; Joseph Wilkinson, a painter a clerk in the employ of Mr. Edwards, and Burr and Gouverneur Edwards, sons of Mr. Edwards. The first to discover the falling aesolite was Mr. Wilkinson. He describes the sight as

follows: "We had been fishing. After we got through we started toward the that some could say who he was, and only conjecture why he was there, and only conjecture why he was there. His face was never seen—his voice was never heard. He ate and drank with the some one of the number does not die shortly after. Does your lordship or four seconds, as nearly as I could or four seconds, as nearly as I could judge. At first it did not seem much larger than my two hands, but the nearer it got the bigger it appeared. When it was about 100 feet away from us it looked to be as big as a burel. It came with great velocity, and struck the water about seventy-five feet distant from the yacht, and to the lee-ward. It seemed to be of dull gray-ish color, as far as I could determine. One of the party supposed, when he first saw it, that it was a boy's balloon. It struck the water with a thud, and the water spurted up as it disappeared. I feel pretty certain that it was an aerolite. What else could it have been?"

Mr. Edwards corroborated the statement of Mr. Wilkinson. He said that the attention of himself, Mr. Boyd. ond his two sons was first attracted to the object by Mr. Wilkinson's exclaim-ing. "Look, look," and pointing in the air.

"I looked up with the rest," con-tinued Mr. Edwards, "and I saw some-In the very zenith of his life and shaking round of the dreaded Re I beach Mask. Scarcely one of all those right in the face of the strong wind, however, and I knew that a balloon thing that I took to be a toy balloon. singular intelligence, that a gentleman present that did not turn pale at the however, and I knew that a balloon school. I only say it will happen." had made his appearance in Venice, so though that perhaps his own time had could not travel that way. From the closely resembling him in face and figure that more than one person had mistaken him for his grace, and even some of his grace's friends had been thrown so much into doubt as to address the seemed to reflect. In this mood he held stranger for himself. To one as proud and hanghty as the duke, the idea of another human being, in the whole wide world, looking like himself, was "Feign illness, and be shown to a would probably have looked like a

"How big was it?" "When it was close to us it looked as large as a flour barrel. I should compare it to an old fashioned milk churn in shape and size. It spread out at the head like wings."

"What time was it when you saw the object?"

through the air?" twenty-five feet distant from it. If matter what his qualifications may be,

it had struck our yacht I think it would have knocked us to pieces. It had a centrifugal motion."

Mr. Boyd's account of the spectacle on Sunday is substantially the same as smaller scale in the smaller offices. that of his companions on the occa-The actual candidate almost invariably sion. He says that it appeared as if the object was being hurled through the air. He never saw anything like represents a monied man, or monied it before It was of a grayish color this is very bad need scarcely be said and as large as a barrel. He said It is demoralizing, in the first place, to that Mr. Wilkinson saw it first, and have the nominal servants of the pubdirected attention to it. lie the real servants of a small faction,

Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Edwards, and for the rich are a small faction, com-Mr. Boyd each agree that the object pared with the poor, and the men moved through the air at an angle of whose means are too moderate to perabout forty degrees. The sons of Mrmit of their indulgence in the luxury
of running for office. The open pur
object move through the air and drop
chase of office adds to the demoraliza-

Mr. Wilkinson and the others describe the place where they saw the object as near North West Point of Finger Island, in Jamaica Bay. He adds that he noticed a hassock or bunch of sedge about ten feet from where the object went into the water. Where it felt the water is about five feet in depth at high tide. It is the intention of Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Edwards to make a search of the local between capital and labor, because ity and try to find the object.

A countryman on a visit to friends went a fishing. He caught a small by the other. But if capital has full pickerel. The fisherman was near-sighted and his mouth had the habit moves and administers the laws, the of standing ajar, and therefore, owing g vernment and the laws will inevita to the shortness of sight, the fisher bly be in the interests of capital, to the shortness of sight, the fisher bly be in the interests of capital, man's mouth came very near the fish when it was unhooked. Unexpectedly, need one say, the fish, by a sudden jerk, unhooked itself, jumped into the or of its own. Such is really the state man's mouth and made straight for his throat and ran part way in. A the man attempted to take out the fish his back fin stood up and interfered, and the man ran home to his friends, who pushed the fish down, and the fisherman had dined. You may rise up and denounce the foregoing as a Could another Could ano base fabrication, but persons can be produced who will swear to the main other morning, lifting his glass and facts in the case.—Providence Jour-

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The Man on the Cow Catcher.

THE EXTRA LOOK-OUT WHO MUST SOON RIDE ON OUR LIGHTNING PASSENGER LOCOMOTIVES.

"The time is not far off when every locomotive drawing a passenger train on every busy railroad will have a pion every busy railroad will have a pi-lot. This pilot will have no more to do with the engine itself than the pilot of a ferryboat. His duty will be simply to look ahead and communicate with the engineer in the cab." The man who uttered this prophecy was not a who uttered this prophecy was not a sentimentalist, but a very busy, practical railroad man, in charge of twice as suddenly they lift and take flight in a many, if not three times as many trains myriad little vanishing clouds, or else, as any other man on the Atlantic when they are dense one instant they

continued, "until every improvement superstitions might almost fancy it the human mind can suggest is adopted was a paradise inviting exploration. as fast as it is thought of, and the big A sudden shift of the wind, and lo, roads are like so many sets of the most perfectly adjusted clockwork. Every device for switching, signalling, ballast running like mad. If there is the least flaw in anything—engine, cars, track, switches, signals, time tables, or what not—there is likely to be a smash up. So much time and money are spent in So much time and money are spent in guarding against the possibility of accident that serious ones are very rare. future. But in the midst of all this race for

predict that every passenger locomotive der one set of men; others are under will soon carry a pilot. I don't know a heavy cloud of doubts in regard to where he'll be—whether on the cab or in front of the cab over the boiler, or befogged fivancially. It is generally in front of the boiler over what we now a miserable sight to see. call the pilot and you call the cow-cases, however, it takes the form of catcher, but he will be carried on every idiosyncrasies which are amusing. catcher, but he will be carried on every locomotive that carries trains at a high rate of speed, and he will watch the from the mind as a fresh breeze of rate of speed, and he will watch the from the mind as a fresh breeze of signals, switches, bridges, highways discussion with some remarkably senand junctions, and do nothing else, while the engineer runs his engine.
"As it is, the engineer may be trying

"As it is, the engineer may be trying his water gauge just when he should be looking at a signal. There are half a handred neccessary things he may be looking at a signal. There are half a handred neccessary things he may be looking at a signal. There are half a dispels the fog on the stern New England shore. road for an instant. He will miss a signal, and a wreck will be the result. Mind, I don't say what has happened. I am not going to tell tales out of "Can't the into the way of helping their engineers

engine-r with a bell rope communicating with a gong in the cab. You'll see him there in a very few years."

clique, and votes in open or secret

obedience to his superior. That all

the government in the hands of the

control without resort to corrupt means.

It is so because the interests of the

that there is any necessary antagonism

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Governor Hoffman, at Saratoga, the

The Government an Oligarchy of Rich Men which seemed to be gradually descend-The govornment is "an oligarchy of The government is "an oligarchy of a minute or more clapsed before we rich men:" for even when we find a could discern what was the cause of man of moderate means in office the chances are ten to one that he owes his election to rich mea and that in whatsoever he does he will recognize, "It was about 12 o'clock in the day on Sunday. It may have been a few minutes earlier."

"Did it make any noise as it passed"

whatsoever he does he will recognize, so far as his creditors demand, the indebtedness thus created. The evil is great, widespread and increasingr It is not confined to the Federal elections, the latter of the l but has become common to all elect- one step to the other, always managing "We did not hear any. If there was any whizzing, the strong wind prevented our hearing it. When the aerolite, or whatever it was, hit the water it made a thud, and threw the water in the air. We were about lish a lien on him, he is set aside, no

"Well, it's been a little damp out ere," he softly answered. "The day before leaving home. I had to hang up twenty-three of my ducks. They had become so water soaked that they could no longer swim. During the month of April it rained twenty-nine different tion by destroying public confidence in the integrity of the office-holder. Moreover, it is a positive evil to have

rich. It would be if they attained "Well, I planted mine in two feet of

> and eatfish are doing considerable dam-Don't you get any dry whether in

"Grass must be good ?" or of its own. Such is really the state of affairs to-day in the national gov-

"Got your potatoes? "Not any, sir—not. I've got an ark almost ready to sail, and if it will only rain another week, I'll be the best fixed

C. C. Jacobs, 78 Folsom Street, Buffalo, writes that for eight long years he had tried every known remdy to cure him of piles, also had been treated by physicians without success, when he was ultimately cured by Thomas Eelectric Oil.

n the Lehigh county almshouse. Be-ng severly cramped and in a critical endition morphine was injected into his system. He has been sleeping for several days, with no signs of waking up. It is supposed he intends to heat John Gyumber's record as a sleeper.

Fog.

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RATES OF ADVERTISING

August is the great month of the year for fogs. They are supposed to be born in the Bay of Funday. Their

masts of schooners to prick through; have disappeared the next. One day they "The pace has been rapidly gotting hover just outside the offing, tossed into fantastic peaks and mountains, and the

the sun disappears and the trees are filled with grey moisture and begin to drop from every little twig.

Fogs are profuse. They hide a ing, taking water or coal, and, above all, respectively. They have a making speed, is the subject of constant landscape for a week at a time. The study and improvement, two things liner the landscape the more sure they being kept in view always and in all are to spoil it. If an unlucky visitor things—saving time and preventing has only one day for sight seeing they accident. Between New York and are on hand that one day, even if they the big cities within a few hours ride had not been nigh for a month. If a of it the tracks are dotted with trains land is dried up with drought then the

Fog is often used as a mental simile. perfection the engineer is as he was at We say that a man's mind is befogged. first. He is unimproved. He is only A mean lawyer is called a pettifogger, a man, and the best man can only doubtless because he is petty and puts do so much. An engineer was all that was wanted a few years ago, but now into a fog. that is into such a condition it is different. The engineer of to-day that they are bewildered and misled. has got more than he can do. Some without being conscious of it. Most body must ease him of some of his men are in this state, some in regard to one thing and some in regard to "So," continued the raiload man. "I another. Questions of politics bewilsible person There are those whose words would only make the fog thick-

How a Mouse Carried His Burden

"There are two men," said Bridges, beside myself who are living who can attest the truth of my mouse story We three were comrades in the Federal army during the war. One day, in the more and more as time goes on?"

"No. They, too, have all they can do. The faster the train, the more they have to work. Nothing can be looked for from them. The only thing is, as I tell you, a third man in a little house of his own ahead of or over the process of his own ahead of or over the second or over the second of the none of Kansas, while on a "scout one of our men was killed in a drunken row. Having received permission late in the evening we took the corpse to a private house intending to bury it the next day. We "three were sitting up with the body in a room from which a stairway ascended to the noner floor. During State of Kansas, while on a scout one ascended to the upper floor. During the wee hours we heard a strange noise as if something was moving softly on ing. As the light was dim in the room seemed to have been familiar. The egg was rolled into this place evidently to steady it, while the three mice proceeded to eat it cutting through the shell and soon emptying it. Now, if mouse sense isn't equal to horse sense, I don't know. -Our Continent.

A Little Damp. "Have you had any rain in Indiana this spring?" he echoed as he turned in his scat.

days."
"What about the other day?" "Oh, that was the day on which it owed twenty two straight hours."

water, and 'tween you and me I don't expect over thirty bushels to the "Wheat looking well ?" "Tolerably well, but the sturgeon

There was about fifteer minutes ne day when it tried to clear up, ut I hadn't commenced to bring out my sheep before the rain came down

"Shouldn't wonder, but can't say. When I get back I'm going down in a living bell to see.

man in Indiana.

AFTER EIGHT LONG YEARS.

There is another sleeping Hungarian had never secreted a ninth julep or