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A FRESH WILL.

OR, MR. PARCHMENT'S NEW CLIENT.

Mr. Parehment generally regarded a new client with a certain amount of distrust, being an old fashioned family solicitor of conservative notions, with a very respectable and wealthy connec-But John Downing came to him with an introduction from a reliable source, and at a glance Mr. Parchment was favorably impressed with him. He turned out to be an elderly gentleman, somewhat infirm, with an air of importance and quiet dignity, which the lawyer had learned from experience to associate with a good rent roll and a pedilection for the three per cents.

Mr. Downing commenced by apolo gizing for the lateness of the hour he had chosen for his visit, it being be-tween 6 and 7 o'clock in the evening.

fering from some affection of the chest, Mr. Parchment remarked upon the impurdence of his venturing out after "If it does me any harm I shall have to bear the consequences," replied Mr.
Downing very sharply. "The fact is
nobody knows I have come out. At the present moment I am supposed to be confined to my room with bron-

Observing that the old gentleman was

nuffled up to the eyes, and spoke in a

noarse whisper, as though he was suf-

Mr. Parchment opened his eyes at this, but said nothing, while the old gentleman indulged in a quiet chuckle, which terminated in a fit of coughing. "I—I asked our mutual friend, Gen-eral Turnbull, to introduce me to a soicitor of eminence, on whose discretion and integrity I could rely," said Mr.
Downing, when his cough ceased. "He gave me a letter to you, and I have taken the earliest opportunity of calling. I wish to make a fresh witl,

Mr. Parchment." "So I anticipated," said the lawyer, who had guessed what was coming. "I intend to dispose of my property n a manner that my relatives would not approve of," continued Mr. Downing, "and therefore I wish to have my will drawn by a gentleman of eminence and standing in the legal profassion." "A wise precaution" said Mr. Parch-

ment dryly.
"I shall also ask you, as a matter of business, to act as one of my executors," said Mr. Downing. "It will then be your duty to uphold the will in case it should be disputed." "I hardly think, sir, that my business

engagements will permit me to accept the office," replied the lawyer, who did not relish the prospect of being made responsible for the vagaries of an ec centric testator. "I said, as a matter of business. Of course I should not think of asking you to act for nothing," said Mr. Downing:

"I will leave you 500 guineas for your trouble, and besides that there will propably be a good deal of profit attached to the winding up of my estate.' Mr. Parehment p received from this speech that he had to deal with a shrewd, clear-headed man, and he therefore felt less hesitation about comply

ing with his wishes. No doubt the le gacy and the prospect of future business had their influence also, though the lawyer affected to be quite indifferent to these inducements. He reflected a few moments, and then said : "Well, Mr. Downing, it will depend, of course, on the nature of the trusts.' "There will be no complication, for I propose to leave everything to one indi-

vidual," replied Mr. Downing. "I mention that I am a bachelor, and my only near relation is a nephew, who has behaved badly to me, so I am determined to disinherit him." "If, as you say, the matter is quite straightforward, I shall have no objection to act," said Mr. Parchment, taking

up his pen and drawing up a sheet of paper towards him. "Will you give me the necessary instructions for your will ?" "I leave everything to Edward Alfred

Husketh, and I appoint him executor with you," said Mr. Downing, read dy. "And who may Mr. Husketh be?" inquired the lawyer, as he wrote down

"My man-valet, I suppose you ought to call him," answered the old last night." gentleman. "Dear me !" exclaimed Mr Parch ment, leaning back in his chair. "And

you leave him everything ?" "Absolutely ?" "Of course. You see your duties will oe very simple."

"But have you considered, Mr. Down ng? A man in his position—
"I know all that!" intercupted the old gentleman, testily; "that is what every one will say, and that is why I wish a lawyer of respectability like vourself to act as my executor, in order to protect his interests. You will find Husketh a very decent fellow, well educated and so on and quite gentleman

enough to make better use of my money than my nephew could." Mr. Parchment said no more, as it was quite clear that Mr. Downing had deliberately made up his mind. After all, the lawyer felt no interest in the disinherited heir, and he knew instinctively that his new client was not a person likely to be swayed by impulse or o take a serious thought without exercising his judgment. He therefore drew up the will according to instruc tions, not omitting the legacy to him-self ;and Mr. Downing called and executed it in due form the following evening, insisting upon paying the fees on the spot. The will was confided to Mr. Parchment's care, and the new client took his departure, apparently much re-

lieved in his mind. But the lawyer felt very uncomfortable whei he reflected upon the mat-ter. The dea of a client b equeathing his property to a servant, to the exclu sion of his own relatives, was repugnant to Mr. Parchment's old-fashio otions of justice and decorum, and is conscience smote him for not havng protested more strongly against such a disposition. To case his mind he re-solved to call upon Mr. Downing and make an effort to induce him to modify his will in favor of the nephew ; but this project was the outcome of several weeks uneasy reflection, and, in accordance, with the legal propensity for procrastination, he put off his visit from

charge the duties imposed upon him by

the will. He found the fortunate legatee a sleek, clean-shaven, quiet manner-ed, middle aged individual, answering very well to his late master's descrip-tion of him. Mr. Husketh expressed mild surprise when the important news was communicated to him, but showed was communicated to him, but showed no emotion whatever. Though he treated Mr. Parchment with respectful deference, the lawyer could see that he intended to manage his own affairs, and not likely to develop into a tractable, confiding client. Perhaps it was owing to circumstances that Mr. Parchment conceived a strange aversion to his co executor—so much so that he did not feel very loyally disposed to

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ward him. On the other hand he sympathized very much with the old man's nephew, Arthur Downing, who came up to town to attend his uncie's funeral. When Mr. Parchment informed him of the purport of the will, he bore his dissap-pointments so bravely, without a trace of anger or resentment, that the old lawyer's expression of condolence had drove to Scotland yard, while the lawa genuine ring in them. Arthur Downing explained that he had incurred his uncle's displeasure by marrying against the old man's wishes, and was therefore not surprised at his being disinberit-

At the same time his uncle had writ-ten to him a letter shortly before his death, in which he did not repeat his threat of altering his will, and Arthur Downing had come up to town in the fu'll expectation that he was his uncle's

Mr. Parchment was much struck by the magnanimity which the young man displayed toward Mr. Husketh. Far from attributing his rivals good fortune to chicanery or undue influence, he said that his uncle had always distrusted the man, and was not the least likely to have consulted him about the disposition of his property. He expressed his conviction that Husketh was a highly respectable person, and frankfly admitted that his long and faithful rervice entitled him to substan-

tial benefits from his late master. When the young man proceeded to say that he must now resign his commission and emigrate to the colonies to begin life afresh, Mr. Parchment felt that he would gladly forfeit his legacy if he could find a flaw in old Mr. Down-ing's unjust will. However, he knew very well that the document was per-fectly valid on the face of it, and he, therefore, had to content himself with wringing ArthurDowning's hand sympathetically as they parted with mutual expressions of good will.

This interview, though it tended to increase the lawyer's autipathy to Mr. Husketh, served to satisfy him of the the matter. When the judge saw what man's integrity, and he therefore took he necessary steps for proving the will without delay, leaving his co-executor to dispose of the testator's furniture and household effects. As old Mr. Downing, though a rich man, only occupied the upper part of a house in Harewood Square, his domestic affairs were easily arranged, and the lawyer was much impressed by the cool, businesslike manner in which the late

valet set to work. One evening, about a week after the funeral, Mr. Parchment was preparing to leave the office, at an unusually early hour for him, when Mr. Husketh was announced. The ex-valet appeared less placid and self-possessed than usual, and asked the lawyer to let him have a loan of £200 for a few days, until the probate of the will could be obtained. Though surprised at the request, Mr. Parchment asked no questions, but at once wrote a check for the amount. Husketh was anxious to receive the money in cash, but as the lawyer could not accommodate him and the banks York Evening Telegram, crime has were closed, he had to be content with held high carnival in the United States. an open check. Having handed over

hurried off to keep an appointment. Next morning, when he reached the office, his clerk, an intelligent young fellow, who had a desk in the corner of Mr. Parchment's room, closed the door behind him with an air of mystery, and

said : "If you please, sir, I ventured to sororicides. Forty children were killed stop that check you gave Mr. Husketh by their parents. In twenty three of "What ?" exclaimed Mr. Parchment,

quite aghast. "How dare you do such thing without asking me ?" "When old Mr. Downing signed his will, sir," said the clerk, burriedly, "I was one of the attesting witnesses, and I noticed that he had a singular scar on

the back of his hand." "Well, and what if he had?" exclaim ed the lawyer, irritably.
"It is a singular coincidence that Mr. Husketh has a precisely similar mark on the back of his hand-a sear like a

said the clerk, impressively.

Before Mr. Parchment had time to owed by a young woman, who did not wait to be announced but pushed herself in front of him, and confronted the astonished lawyer with flaming eyes. In her hand she held a slip helped him to indentify the young woman as the servant maid who had opened the door to him when he called at Harewood square to announce to Hus-

koth his good fortune. "What is the meaning of this ?" she cried, holding out the sip of paper with

"Misunderstanding! Yes, I should think so!" exclaimed the young woman, and two were Chinamen. Three wo-speaking in a shrill and excited voice. men were executed. One was hanged He told me I had only to go to the in Georgia, with four men, for having bank, and I should get 200 sovereigns for that, instead of which I am treated like a pickpocket and sent over here. knew it was only a trick of his. He

"To Holland first, and then to join

cause I knew too much-the mean-spirit-

to, if you mean that," replied the wo-man, viciously; "I only wish I did. But you ask him why be come creepin' in one evening dressed in master's clothes, and so disguised that I thought

"Bless my soul !" exclaimed Mr Parchment, nearly jumping out of his chair. "Can you—ahem!—are you aware whether the late Mr. Downing had a sear on the back of his right hand, like Mr. Husketh has?" trict of Columbia, Florida, Idaho, Ne-"I'll swear he had not, for I nursed him through his late illness," said the

woman promptly.

Mr. Parchment drew a long breath and exchanged a significant glance with his clerk, who at once took a cab and yer despatched a brief telegram to At-thur Downing.

Something in the Bed.

Judge Pitman has a habit of slipping his watch under his pillow when he goes to bed. One night somehow it lipped down, and as the judge was restless it worked its way down toward the foot of the bed. After a bit, while he was lying awake, his foot touched it; it felt very cold; he was surprised, scared, and jumping from the bed he

"My gracious, Maria, there's a toad or something under the covers touched it with my foot,"

Mrs. Pitman gave a loud scream vas on the floor in an instant. "Now, don't go hollering and wak-ing up the neighborhood," said the judge. "You get a broom or some thing, and we'll fix the thing, mighty

it to the judge with the remark that she felt as though snakes were creeping up and down her legs and back.

"Oh, nonsense, Maria! Now, turn down the covers slowly while I hold the broom and bang it. Put a bucket of water alongside of the bed so that

Mrs. Pitman got the broom and gave

we can shove it in and drown it." Mrs. Pitman fixed the bucket and gently removed the covers. The judge held the broom uplifted, and as the black ribbon of the silver watch was revealed, he cracked away at it three or four times with the broom, then he pushed the thing off into the bucket. Then they took the light to investigate

it was, he said : 'I might have known; its just like

"It was you that made the fuss, not me," said Mrs. Pitman. "You needn't try to put the blame on Then the judge turned in and growl

ed at Maria until he fell asleep .- Far-

ner and Manufacturer.

A Year of Crime. TURBERS, EXECUTIONS, LYNCHINGS AND SUICIDES.

AN APPALLING LIST-MOB LAW IN THE SOUTH AND WEST-STATISTICS OF THOSE WHO SUFFERED DEATH BY THEIR OWN HANDS OR AT THE HANDS OF

THE LAW.

During the past year, says the New On an average there have been each the draft, Mr. Parchment directed his day two murders and one suicide. On confidential clerk to prepare a formal the other hand executions have averageccipt for Mr. Husketh's signature, and ed only two in a week and lynchings one. Since January 1, 720 persons have met their deaths at the hands of their fellow-men. One hundred and twenty-five were mysterious murders. There were fifty-two wife murders, five murders of husbands, six parricides, four matricides, five fratricides and two sororicides. Forty children were killed the crimes there were two assassins, in three instances there were three of them. Twenty-four of the murderers committed suicide and one died in

In regard to murders New York leads with 131; 76 of these were committed in this city and 14 in Brooklyn. The other States and Territories rank in the following order: Missouri, 44: Virginia, 43; Pennsylvania, 40; Kentucky, 37; Texas, 31; Illinois, 30; on the back of his hand—a sear hand burn just below the wrist. I noticed it when he signed the receipt yesterday, 21; Indiana, 19; North Carolina, 19; North Carolina, 19; Colorado New Jersey, 30; Ohio, 28; Massachu-Before Mr. Parchment had time to comment on this communication, another clerk enteredthe room, followed by a young woman, who did not each ; Louisiana, Maine and South Care lina, 7 each; Kansas and Rhode Is land, 6 each; West Virginia, 5; Ari zona, District of Columbia, Indian of paper, which he recognized as one of his own checks, and the circumstance helped him to indentify the young wo. kota, Nebraska and Washington Territory, 2 each; Delaware, Montana and Vermont, 1 each.

EXECUTIONS.

One hundred and one persons paid trembling fingers.

"I am sorry," said Mr. Parchment, perceiving that it was the check he had given to Husketh. "There has been a tions of the latter being the Indian territory. Of those who forfeited their life two were negroes, thirtylives fifty two were negroes, thirty-eight were white, eight were Indians committed a murder at a camp meeting, another was executed in South wanted me to go without money, but I on the gallows with two men in Asorot knew him too well; so, then, he gives me this to quiet me."

On the mantlepiece they found the dagger sheath corresponding with the Eighty-eight of the executions were for fatal weapon which had ended the fatal weapon whic two for lying in wait and stabbing and young girl's life, beside several letters, three for assaulting women. The persons hanged for treason were three In-

band, one of a son, one of a sister, one that atrocious project must have been of an aunt, one of a daughter in law premeditated. Young Adele had been on ed, sly faced scoundrel.

"If you tell me what you know it will be to your advantage," said Mr. Parchment, with sudden interest.

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Dand, one of a son, one of a daughter in law premeditated. Young Adele had been on very friendly terms with a friend of her father's, a Spaniard who had just furnished a rich suite of rooms for herself and father, in the Chausses d'Anten. field; one that of the Indian chief, Brave Bear, and two occurred in New where they were to go to reside a few York, those of Sindram and Leighton, days afterward. on April 20 and May 19, respectively.

The 101 executions are divided among the several States and Territories as the several States and Territories as follows: Georgia, 11; South Carolina, 9; Louisiana, 7; Missouri and North Carolina, 6 each; Dakota, Illinois, Iudian Territory and Pennsylvania, 5 each; Kentucky, New York, Tennessee and Texas, 4 each; Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Mississippi and Virginia, 3 each; Alabama, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Idaho, Neurola de la carned for him a very deplorable reputation. His customers were recruited principally from the different play houses on the boulevard where he was frequently seen. Rapoport was a gamester, but as it was rumored that his manner of winning was far from fair, he had been blackballed from many clubs. The reason of his sepacation from his wife cannot be extrict of Columbia, Florida, Idaho, Neurola de la carned for him a very deplorable reputation. His customers were recruited principally from the different play houses on the boulevard where he was frequently seen. Rapoport was a gamester, but as it was rumored that his manner of winning was far from fair, he had earned for him a very deplorable reputation. His customers it was the master himself for the min-ute, though I knew poor Mr. Downing was lying upstairs too ill to move hand

> Oregon, t each: Judge Lynch, during the past twelve months, has been very busy. By his orders fifty seven persons were put to death in punishment for various crimes. There were twelve double and four triple lynchings. Thirty-four of those on whom summary justice was inflicted were white men, twenty-two were negroes and one an Indian, who was hanged in California. Of the fiftyseven lynchings, thirty-four were for murder, three for horse stealing in Missouri, two for cattle stealing in Colorado, two for cetton stealing in Texas, two for robbery and attempted murder in Louisiana, two for murder and stage robbery and twelve for other crimes which the residents of the South and West generally punish with death. The hangings by mobs and vigilance committees occurred in the following States and Territories: Colorado, 6; Alaritories, 3 each; Arizona, Florida, Indiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Ohio and

Three hundred and eighty-three persons in various parts of the country, having grown tired of life, ushered themselves into eternity by means of the pistol, gun, knife, razor, fire, the rope and various other ways. In New York 123 persons committed suicide, and in Brooklyn there were 26 cases. Of all the States and territories New York ranks first, with 184 cases; Jersey, 38; Pennsylvania, 27; Obio, 24; Maryland, 13; Missouri, 10; Illinois, 9; California, 7 ; Arkansas and Delaware, l'each; Connecticut, Massachusetts, North Carolina, 5 each; Alabama, Inyou women to go screeching and fussing about nothing. It's utterly New Hampshire, 3 each: Kentucky, Michigan, Vermont and Wisconsin, 2

and Wisconsin, I each.

A Diamond Dealer's Crime.

THE LAST FAMOUS MURDER SENSATION IN THE RUE R'CHELDEU, PARIS. Since 1871 a Polish Jew, named of apartments at No. 99 Rue Richelieu ship of his daughter had been decreed ago while at breakfast, becoming angry potatoes just about the spot where his at his daughter he went to his room and seized her so roughly that she probabilities of their conduct in case screamed for help. The governess foilowed to find out the cause of the noise, and the ruffian released his daughter, who immediately went to par two opens in the autumn of the her room in tears, and refused to put year, when Mr. Browning paid another in an appearance during the remainder visit to the remote Swiss valley, again

Rapoport's face the next day bore the marks of a sleepless night and his the governess, who again attempted to Italian, had been stabled in a quarrel bring about a reconciliation. Rapo-port discharged her, and the governess over the frontier. Further, as on the went to her room that night with horrible presentiments which unfortunate took them to the spot where the ly, were too soon realized. About 8 was discovered, and they found themly, were too soon realized. About 8 o'clock in the morning of the 12th inst, cries of "Help!" "Murder!" were heard coming from Adele's room. The cries were uttered by the young girl herself, who, scantily dressed, was seen the dramatic effect of the coincidence, trying to escape from the window of they learned that no crime of violence her room, which overlooked Rue Rich- had been committed in the valley for elieu. An invisible hand rudely drew the last hundred years. A gentleman her within and the report of a pistol present when this story was told capped was heard. Those who had seen the poor girl hastened to her room, but the door was found to be locked. They at Doccaster on business, and, turning to once sent for a locksmith, who arrived the first sheet of the Times, was with the combissary of police. As soon amused to see, immediately below the as the door was opened, poor little
Adele was found lying across the bed,
with her feet on the floor. The furnithe wife of a similarly named husband ture and the walls gave evidence of the bad performed the same kindly office terre and the walls gave evidence of the terrible straggle made by the poor victim to save her life. Her heart was pierced by a dagger, which was found at the foot of the bed. 'A doctor was who, traveling down in the same carricalled in, but his services were useless, age, had been equally amused. Nor as she was then dead. After replacing did the coincidence end here, for, ather body upon the bed, search was tending the race-course later in the day, made for the father, whose absence at some one in the betting ring put his this time seemed strange. They enter hand on his shoulder, and naming him, ed the adjoining room that the dia roughly said, "You owe me £20!" mond merchant used for a counting room, where they found him also dead, a revolver lying by his side having end-Carolina, with her brother-in-law, for room, where they found him also dead, murdering her sister, and the third died a revolver lying by his side having end-

among which was one to the Jewish dance, with the legal propensity for procrastination, he put off his visit from day to day, until he was shocked and startled to hear of the death of the obect of his solicitude.

"To Honand first, and then to join me in a week or two, as soon as he'd dian scouts, executed by the United States authorities at Fort Grant, Arising, who seemed carried away by furious indignation; "but after being treating the second in Tennessee, and two cousins of police, which was addressed to Justice, the press and to my friends," and containing these few laconic words:

"To Honand first, and then to join me in a week or two, as soon as he'd dian scouts, executed by the United States authorities at Fort Grant, Arising, and the state of paper and a postage stamp as a gentle reminder. Mr. Clemens wrote back on a postal: "Paper and stamp tice, the press and to my friends," and containing these few laconic words: received: please send an envelope."

Cards in the 'Business Directory" column, one Mr. Parchment was too practical to worry himself with vain regrets, and he therefore at once proceeded to dishe wants to get me out of the way be he therefore at once proceeded to dishe wants to get me out of the way be were those of wives, one that of a husand father in the Chaussee d'Anten,

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trict of Columbia, Florida, Idaho, Ne-vada, New Jersey, New Mexico and some woman and a relative of Johann Strauss, the composer, and when separated from her husband the decision of the court upon the guardianship of the girl was severely criticized by those who knew the family. Rapoport had given the poor girl a most dreadful educa-tion. He had got her in the habit of coming to fetch him each night at his club at a late hour, and would take her into night restaurants where the most terrible depravity stared her in the face. Those who have been at the Casino d'Enghien cannot have failed to see this strange couple of father and daughter, surrounded by the worst of people. The result of this teaching can be readily foreseen, and it is none the less certain that the diamond merchant was aware of it and accepted the responsibility. She at last became in-fatuated with the Spaniard already mentioned and Rapoport knew of it, since he was to reside with his daughter in the Spaniard's home, therefore bama, 5; Kentucky, Louisiana, New the theory of paternal indignation can-Mexico and South Carolina, I each; not be allowed. Nor can madness be advanced, as the diamond merchant took no step without due deliberation. The motive of his crime cannot, there-Texas, 2 each; Arkansas, California, who can solve the mystery is the wife of the assassin.

Circumstantial Evidence in Italy. REMARKABLE STORY OF COINCIDENCES BY THE POET BROWNING

By Robert Browning in the Whitehall Review. Mr. Browning came back from Italy n the autumn with a curious story of coincidences. The story is divided dramatically into two parts, whereof the first was enacted late in the summer of last year, when Mr. Browning found himself with his sister in a remote Swiss valley on the confines of Italy. Strolling about in the evening while dinner was preparing, they paused bediana, Georgia, Maine, Rhode Island and Virginia, 4 each: District of repose of the valley that lay stretched before them, when their talk suddenly turned to the subject of murder, and each began to speculate on what their conduct would be if they should be so unfortunate as to find a body. I say unfortunate, for it is well known that in France, Switzerland and Italy the presumption of innocence is most strongly against the person lighting on a corpse, instead of, as in our law, the presumption being in his favor. They Rapoport, had been residing in a suite | could hardly settle as to whether they should or should not give information with his eighteen year old daughter to the authorities and so escape the Adele, where he carried on the busi- annoyance of being detained on their ness of a diamond merchant. He had journey, when they found themselves been judicially separated from his wife at their inn door and dinner ready. The for the past five years, and the guardian- next morning, as they were about to ship of his daughter had been decreed resume their journey, the landlord atto him. Rapoport had engaged the services of a governess, who was the poet that it would be impossible to only one to throw any light upon the have the two horses for his carriage. as motive of the caime which has just one was wanted to bring in the body shocked Paris. From the evidence of of a man found murdered early that this woman there seems to have existed inexplicable dissensions between fath er and daughter. Rapoport often became enraged at his child, and toward been committed after the conversation the last his temper had become more of the evening before, and that the harsh and dangerous. A few days body had been found by a man digging sister and he had stood discussing the

Part one ends on the departure of

of the day. The governess attempted in company with his sister. Rememtor reconcile them in the course of the bering the incident of last year, they day, but when she spoke to Rapoport asked the landlord if the murderer had he answered: "let her beg my pardon." ever been discovered, when he told The peacemaker reported this speech them no; that the man suspected (who to Adele, who finally refused to make had found the body) had thrown himthat concession as she was not to self out of his prison window, unable to bear the thought of a trial and the possibility of his wife and children in want, and had since died; and that it naggard face and wild eyes frightened was supposed the murdered man, an

Mark Twain failed to answer a letter written to him by Serjeant Ballantine. After waiting a reasonable time the latter was so exasperated at not receivpeople, asking for burial in conscerated ing an answer that he mailed Twain a

taken him for a friend.