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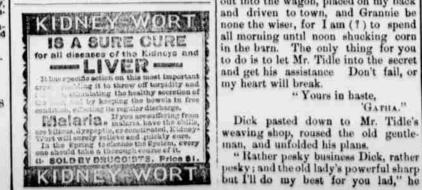
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A BAG OF RAGS.

The keen autumn air blew sharply into the room, as pretty Agatha Forsythe threw up the sash and leaned

A deep voice below coming from a form almost hidden by the syringa bushes, said, softly:
"Is that you, 'Gatha?"

"Dick, dear," was not very! patient, however, and paced the walk for fif-

in it. After a very ardent greeting, Dick said:

"I declare it's too bad I can't come and see you like other fellows come to would take it into her head to come up see their sweethearts. I wonder what stairs. Coming down, not an hour ago, makes your grandmother dislike me she had pounded and felt every ball in a bad character, have a good position, and why she will not let you marry me, and yet is willing to give you to that Dalford fellow is a mystery.

"O, Grannie is getting old, you know, Dick, and she fancies you are exactly like your grandfather was she was not in it.

Betsy went up stairs, and let Mr. Tidle in. The bag was quickly emptied.

The balls were thrown helter-skelter into Betsy's room, and 'Gatha, smiling, trembling and blushing, was sent swiftly and deftly in to take their place grant.

exactly like your grandfather was, who was her lover, and who almost broke her heart. "And she's afraid I'll break yours, darling? Well, we'll see," and then a

long and very interesting conversation

followed. At last Agatha declared she nust go in. "Don't fail, me 'Gatha," Dick said as he gave her his farewell kiss. "Never fear," said 'Gatha, blushing in the darkness, and she quickly disap-

peared in the house.

The next day G annie seemed to be partiularly provoking, and tried Agath-

a's patience sorely.

"What makes you look so happy,"
she asked sternly, as 'Gatha sang, and
blushed and smiled to harself as she went about the big drawing-room, dusting and arranging the many knick "Nothing," said Agatha.

"I know better," replied her grand-mother sharply. "It's that Dick Reynolds. Have you been writing to him? "No."

"Has he written to you?"

could give me just reason why I disobey you. But you cannot. You about as they were quickly thrown

burned on her cheek, her clear gray eyes blazed with anger and love.

Grannie recovered herself. wenty years of toil for you. Go to

This did not strike terror to the girl's heart, for she possessed much of the obstinate will of her grandmother, and, as Betsey often said, "When her mind were sot, it were sot and it 'twere no use to go ag'in her." So when she was ordered to her room she went quietly, and already her pretty, curly head was scheming for escape.

Betsy agreed, got the "bunnet," and was happy ever after.

Old Mrs. Forsyth never could find out how 'Gatha got away. In time she partly forgave her, but for years she would not design to notice her. 'Gatha was very happy, and never had cause to rue the day she substituted herself for a bag of rags.—Democrat scheming for escape.

girl. She possessed good, common-sense. As she said, if there was just cause why, she would never have disobeyed her grandmother. She had himself at the farm again. Dick did, lowever, manage to occasionally see Agatha, who openly rebelled at such treatment. And both had devised a plan that had cost weeks in concoctheir interviews being held generally in the manner described

'Gatha, who slept with her grandmother now, the better to be watched. rose softly from her bed, very sofly, for fear of waking the old lady, who was a very light sleeper. A stone had been thrown at the window. With noiseless hand she let a white note, tagarden beneath.

bed. 'Gatha stared. going back to bed.

he note, opened it and read :

morrow morning, at six o'clock, Mr. Tidle is coming for the large bag of sewed rags Grannie has made for a rag carpet. Betsy will substitute me for the rolls of rags, and I can be carried

my heart will break. "Yours in baste, 'GATHA."

said, when Dick concluded And so they arranged for the next morning! Dick was to be at the turnstile with a fast team, and 'Gatha was to be un-bagged and given into his care at that

Six o'clock came. 'Gatha had been up for two hours, and had breakfasted, "Is that you, 'Gatha?"

"Yes," was the reply, given softly.

"Can't you come down?" said Dick Reynolds, rather impatiently, looking dress, with a most bewitching bonnet, on the side of which drooped two dainty pink roses.

"In a little while, Dick, just as soon as Grannie is asleep. She has just gone to her room. You must be patient, Dick, dear," and the window You go to let him in, and be sure here. takes the right weight of them balls, and don't break the balustrade bringing the bag down. I'll stand at the teen minutes before Agatha's blue window and see it safe in the wagon. dress appeared at the door, with Agatha | There's no telling where these men

so. I've never done her any harm, only the bag, and 'Gatha thanked fortune I want her one grandchild. I am not she was not in it.

dress, pink roses, and all."

"La sakes!" exclaimed Betsy, "she don't no way fill the thing up. Hold the top, Mr. Tidle, while I get a ball or two to give it a lumpy look." Three or four balls were placed about

'Gatha. "That's enuf," said Betsy, the bunnet'll look like another, and soon Gatha, shaking with suppressed laugh-ter, was born down stairs by the faith-ful Betsy and Mr. Tidle. On the way out to the wagon, Grandma's voice from the raised kitchen window called

"Mr. Tidle !" "Well, ma'm ?"

"Wait a moment. I want to tell you about the weaving." "All right, 'um, "soon's I get this

pesky bag inter the waggin."
'Gatha's heart beat again, as she felt herself lifted from Mr. Tidle's shoulder and laid safely on her back in the bottom of the wagon. Mr. Tidle took his penknife and cut a small breathing place and then hurried back. His conversation lasted ten minutes, and then he was off at a steady trot down the road, his precious burden safe.
"Betsy," said old Mrs. Forsythe, re-

Late that night Betsy gathered up should not marry him, I would never the poor offending balls, whose rolling say he will surely prove treacherous into the room that morning, had caused like his grandfather. Am I like you the old lady to think them rats, and were drowned. because I am your granddaughter! putting them into a sheet, placed them into the hand of Mr. Tidle who was portunity offers, to run off with Dick, waiting at the turnstile for them. waiting at the turnstile for them.

since there is no other way. I tell "Pesky business that, pesky business, trap. The fire started in the basement you frankly, I am sorry to be rude. Miss Betsy," he said. "But, la sakes! at 4 a. m.—an hour when all inmates But I do not see why I should allow didn't they get off nice. She came out were asleep-and shot up the shaft you to break my heart and Dick's o' that bag as spink an' span as she like a meteor. In a minute suction of too!" went in, and would you believe it, the Gatha stopped. Two red spots pink roses in her bunnet weren't crush-dors had carried the flames into every story, and before any one had time to this time. I wonder," softly, "if we'd give an alarm the whole north end of "So this is the respect I get, after jined hands? And what do you think roaring flame. The stairway around

BURDETTE'S ADVICE TO YOUNG MEN. -"Be some body on your own account, my son, and don't try to get along on the reputation of your ancestors. Nobody knows and nobody cares who met Dick at one of the few parties given in the neighboring town. Their acquaintance had ripened into love, and Dick after obtaining Agatha's consent asked her grandmother for her in manly words. He received a decided and cold "No," and was told never to show himself at the farm again. Dick did, never known to kill men ; it was the and shrivelled them into unrecognizafun that men had in the intervals that killed them. The fact was, most peo. ple had yet to learn what fun really screams until the fire licked their hands was. A man might go to Europe and and they went spinning down to a horspend a million dollars and then recall rible death. At one time there were the fact that he had a great deal more five women hanging at the same time fun at a picnic twenty years ago that from sixth story windows. Below were cost him just sixty-five cents. The thousands of men looking on horrified A week passed after their last interview. 'Gatha was kept under strict surveillance by her grandmother.

It was twelve o'clock at night. 'Gatha, who slept with her grand-vidic the world for every man, however, processes as the women dropped one by one to the street and were picked up dead. The servant girls had no chance of escape, for the fire rushed up viding the man was willing to work for it. If he did not work for it some body else would earn it and the lazy man would get left. There were greater opportunities for workers out west than in the eastern cities, but men who went out west to grow up with ken from about her neck, down into the the country must do their own growing. There was no browsing allowed "What are you up for, 'Gatha," said in the vigorous west. An energetic man might go out into the far west and in two or three years possess himself of a "O, nothing," she said, pouring out a bigger house, a bigger yard, a bigger glass of water, and, after drinking it, barn and a bigger mortgage than he could obtain by ten year's work in the Dick, below in the garden, caught east. All young men ought to marry, and no young man should envy old men or rich men. In conclusion Mr. "Grandma has made me sleep with Burdette said that a man should do her. Our plan, of course, falls through, well whatever he was given to do and but I have thought of another. To not despise drudgery. The world not despise drudgery. The world wants good shovellers, teamsters, and

out into the wagon, placed on my back and driven to town, and Grannie be none the wise, for I am (?) to spend all morning until noon shucking corn in the barn. The only thing for you

POPULAR EVERYWHERE.

Burdock, is as popular in France as in America. As an anti scorbudic, aperi-Dick pasted down to Mr. Tidle's ent and diuretic it cannot be too highly weaving shop, roused the old gentleman, and unfolded his plans.

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"Rather pesky business Dick, rather pesky; and the old lady's powerful sharp but I'll do my best for you lad," he but I'll do my best for you lad," he but I'll do my best for you lad," he set and different cannot be too highly extolled. Burdock Blood Bitters combine "in a condensed form all its good properties. For gout, cutaneous disorders and kidney troubles they are unequality of the performance at the snow, and were unable to render the snow, and were unable to render any assistance to those who were vainly in and shouted. "Fire!" The people thought it was part of the performance at the snow, and were unable to render any assistance to those who were vainly in and shouted. "Why is a young man like a kernel of corn?" asked a young lady. "Because, said another, "he turns white train, but in a few seconds, and before when he pops."

THE DISASTERS OF A MONTH. CVER A THOUSAND LIVES LOST IN JAN UARY ON LAND AND AT SEA.

January was a remarkable month. stricken multitude. Some fought their the fire burst out and the smoke from the fatal and terrific collisions, fires, way to the two side exits, but both the painted wood swept over it all. A and explosions, and the alarming deathrate, the list of business failures, and efforts to break them open. It was im- mountain side, and the weather was

over the wires to all parts of the world. The mystery that hung over it, together with the perturbation and excitement it caused in France, made the event the sensation of the world for event the

oss arrived the President of the United States stood in the winter House, surrounded by the wives of the Cabinet officers, receiving their heroic impulses, and one by one congratulations from a throng of callers. The decorations were strikingly bright, the uniforms of the diplomas of the diplomas of the uniforms of the diplomas of the diplomas of the uniforms of the diplomas of the diplomas of the uniforms of the diplomas of the diplomas of the uniforms of the diplomas of the uniforms of the diplomas of the diplomas of the uniforms of the diplomas of the uniform of the unifor bright, the uniforms of the diplomas and soldiers were brilliant, the cos-tumes of the ladies were rich. The band was playing, and the whole scene was one of life and animation. Suddeply Elisha Allen, the Hawaiian Mindenly Elisha Allen, the Hawaiian Min-ister, dropped dead near the threshold they bounded frantically about among of the reception room. The White House was closed at once, and the The whole ring was now a struggling, brilliant throng was dismissed.

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Three days later came the news of the spread of disaster and death over the spread of disaster and death over the fire began, and great distress.

be spared in France. Gambetta was called the soul, and Chanzy the sword houses and frightened the inhabitants

died. After Gambetta he could worst

On the following day Gen. Chanzy threw a cigarette in the straw.

On the 16th twenty-two successive

eight miles away.

scene of the collision.

The calamity on the Southern Pacific

Railroad in California was due, accord-

to neglect on the part of Conductor

overland express train which left San

Francisco on the 19th stopped at Tehi-

chipa to take out an extra engine, to

assist in pulling up the Tehichipa

two sleeping cars and the mail, bag-

gage and express cars jumped the

fifteen feet high, where they lay piled

grade. By some means or other the

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dent on the Southern Pacific Railroad.

and allowed the vessel to drift with the tide. After she had drifted thus "No."
"Well, you've seen each other then."
"Gatha blushed guiltily, and then lost her temper, which was such an unusual thing for her to do, that her grandmother was quite startled.
"I should think, Grannie, you'd be ashamed of yourself, I love Dick Reynolds, and I always shall. If you could give me just reason why I Late that night Betsy gathered up the lost of the could give me just reason why I the road, his precious burden safe.
"Betsy," said old Mrs. Forsythe, reform one minutes, the Captain for forty one minutes, the Captain heard the whistles of steamers on both the two steamers on both port and starboard sides. He thought that the two steamers were passing him in parallel lines. A moment later a white light loomed up on the starboard blow, and before anything could be done the Kirby Hall struck the City of Brussels with terrific force. The Captain heard the whistles of steamers on both the two steamers on both port and starboard sides. He thought that the two steamers were passing him in parallel lines. A moment later a white light loomed up on the starboard blow, and before anything could be done the Kirby Hall struck the City of Brussels with terrific force. The Captain heard the whistles of steamers on both port and starboard sides. He thought that the two steamers were passing him in parallel lines. A moment later a white light loomed up on the starboard blow, and before anything could be done the Kirby Hall struck the City of Brussels with terrific force. The Captain heard the whistles of steamers on both the captain heard the whistles of steamers on both day, when off Port Susan Bay, her that the two steamers were passing him in parallel lines. A moment later a white light loomed up on the starboard boiler went straight up through the forward cabin and pilot house, and blow, and before anything could be done the Kirby Hall struck the City of Brussels struck by the whole of the captain heard the whistles of steamers on both day, when off Port Susan Bay, her that the turning to the kitchen, "To next tain of the City of Brussels stuck by his ship till she went down, and clung

Four days later occurred the appalland many more were wounded. ing loss of life in the Milwaukee hotel fire. The hotel was a veritable death have such a time, Miss Betsy, if we the structure was a sea of fierce and -I saw a bunnet like Miss 'Gatha's the elevator shaft was burned away your room instantly. You shall never down to Jake Prall's, an' I'll git it for marry Dick Reynolds. Do you hear, never!"

This did not strike terror to the girl's was happy ever after.

Another stairway was at the extreme north end of the building, but almost inaccessible. The flames

further stairway. A few of them cscaped; the others were overcome by the smoke and roasted in the fire. But the stairway, consuming it as it passed, and swept into the servant's rooms. One after another they jumped from the windows in the top story of the burning building to the street below. Thousands looked on and saw them meet their death. The proprietor of the hotel became insane. The belief was general that somebody had set fire ing to the verdict of the Coroner's jury, to the building, as no less than four attempts to burn it down had been made within two years. The number of lives lost was 74.

While they were still digging bodies out of the Milwaukee ruins the Planthour in the morning as the Milwaukee fire, but most of the guests escaped:

On the 11th American at the same down a grade of 120 feet to the mile that consisted of two engines and eight or nine cars, some of them sleepers House, a big hotel in St. Louis, train got away, and started backward

On the 11th day of the month 10,000 people were driven from their homes in Hungary by the floods. Many were drowned. The dykes around Rash Hungary by the floods. Many were drowned. The dykes around Raab gave way, and the deluge completely nundated the town. Great distress track and went down an embankment still prevails there. On the 14th occurred a frightful fire in a shattered heap. They caught fire in a circus in Russia. It was in some and passengers who were imprisoned

respects even more horrifying than the in the wreck, were burned to death. disaster at Milwaukee. Eight hundred Many of the unfortunate victims were people were packed into a circus build-ing in Berditsheff when the alarm of iron. They struggled to free themfire was given. The structure was selves, but could not move, and the fire built of wood, and was without win-finally put an end to their sufferings. dows. The performance was about Others, maimed and injured, lay upon half over, and two clowns were in the the snow, and were unable to rende

Cards in the 'Business Directory' column, one later the fire began to creep from the stables. The people rushed for the main entrance. The doors opened in bits of iron, glass and debris flew in ward, and were forced shut and held the air, and the luckless passengers there by the pressure of the terror were buried under the wreck. Then stricken multitude. Some fought their the fire burst out and the smoke from were firmly nailed up, and defied all fierce wind was blowing along the rate, the list of business failures, and the overwhelming series of shocking casualities that marked it will make it memorable for years.

The month had just begun when the news of Gambetta's death was flashed over the wires to all parts of the world.

The month had just begun when the first car struggled vainly. Only one man was dug out alive from under the heap of ruins of the first car. There were sixteen lives lost.

California had another accident that the first car is the fire did not reach. Parents, imbued the first car is the first car is the first car in the ruing and there the fire did not reach. Parents, imbued the first car is the first car in the first car is the f

and watched the slow approach of the men were preparing twenty-five tons of On the day that the news of France's fire with blanched faces. A few cried powder for shipment to Portland, piteously, but most of them were awed Oregon, when the explosion occurred

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pled under foot by the mob as it surged frantically about. Then twelve or fif-teen horses, scorched and maddened by was sunk off Libau, and eight persons were drowned. The day following witnessed the death of another famous man in France,

On the same day the ship Vorwarts

Gustave Dore. The same day three coal trains, consisting of three engines and sixty-nine cars, became unmanageable on the George's Creek and Cumberland Railthe spread of disaster and death over a large part of Europe. The Rhine and the Danube rose, inundated villages and towns, washed away bridges, over many miles of territory. The Rhine dam at Ludwigshafen gave way and many people were drowned. The list of dead along the Rhine numbered more than seventy persons. France, Switzerland, and Austria also suffered great distress.

half an hour after the fire began, and then it was impossible to do anything toward putting out the fire, as the tanks were frozen. After great effort the doors were cut away, but nearly 300 people had already perished. At the main entrance the scene was horrifying. The blackened bodies of scores of victims lay packed in the doorway, where they had been held as in a vise and slowly roasted to death. It is said that great distress.

cars, became unmanageable on the George's Creek and Cumberland Railroad, near Cumberland, Md. All were coupled together, and when they got in motion their momentum was so great that it was impossible to stop them. They went down the steep grade with frightful rapidity, until one of the engines jumped the track, and the rest of the train went crashing down an emslowly roasted to death. It is said that the fire was caused by a groom, who were frozen. After great effort the doors were cut away, but nearly 300 in motion their momentum was so great that it was impossible to stop them. They went down the steep grade with frightful rapidity, until one of the engines law packed in the doorway, where the fire was caused by a groom, who and three brakemen were killed, and several others mortally injured.

The sinking of a considerable portion of the city of Wilkes Barre on the 24th day of the month not only caused a panic in that town but seriously frightcalled the soul, and Chanzy the sword of resistance to German invasion. It was said that the Germans feared Gen. Chanzy as they had dreaded Skobeleff. On the following day, the 6th of the month, the Inman line steamer City of Brussels, as she was nearing Liverpool in a dense fog, was run down by the steamer Kirby Hall. She sank almost immediately. The Captain of the City of Brussels said that the fog was so heavy that he stopped the engines and allowed the vessel to drift with On the 17th day of the month the steamer Josephine left Seattle, W. T., and sailed for Skagit River. The next who were waiting at the dinner table, ignorance of the scared inhabitants condirectly over the boiler, were blown to cerning the nature of the impending atoms. Neither the Captain, the disaster added to their alarm. purser, nor the fireman could be found miners living in the quarter of the city afterward. Eight persons were killed that was shaken rushed about the streets not knowing what to do, and On the following day occurred the women sprang from their beds and fled great powder explosion in Holland.
The village of Muiden was wrecked, and they almost froze in the piercing twelve persons were killed, and neighboring towns were seriously damaged. tottering houses for more clothing. The gunpowder manufactories for the So they waited in the streets for sun-Dutch army are situated at Muiden, rise. The people of Wilkes-Barre are and terrific explosions occurred at the same time. The roofs were blown off the houses, and windows were broken ter is feared. Relays of watchers have been organized, and a system of alarms

The same day two awful disasters arranged. The people are moving away as fast as possible from the dissunk, and there was a frightful acci- triet that has caved in. On the 26th the steamer Agnes Jack The Cimbria sailed for New York from was wrecked near Swansea. She went Hamburg with 500 souls aboard. The ashore on a reef, and was just out of morning of the 12th was clear at first, range of rockets, and utterly out of but later a heavy fog settled on the sea | reach of boats. The people on shore and increased in density hourly. The engines of the Cimbria were kept at half speed for a time, and finally were run very slow. Shortly after 2 o'clock stripped off his clothes, plunged into whistles were heard, and a moment the waves, and swam for the shore. He later the British steamer Sultan, a too was drowned.

freight and passenger boat, was seen Fierce and disastrous storms and headed directly for the Cimbria. She floods began in Great Britain on the struck the Cimbria adaft the first col-lision bulkhead, heeling her over on her pires. High winds and heavy rains side. It was seen at once that the have blown down buildings and flooded Cimbria was going to the bottom. all the low-lying lands. The storm Lifebelts were hastily distributed, and has raged for several days, and snow spars were cut loose for the passengers has fallen heavily. The towers of the to cling to. A few minutes later the new Law Court buildings have rocked ship went down, leaving hundreds of so that pedestrians were warned away men and women struggling in the water. One by one they were drowned. Some of the passengers and crew Driffield, Preston, and Fleetwood. crowded into the only three life boats | The mails were delayed, and the sea that could be cleared away, and rowed | wall at Bridlington was seriously damalong the coast until picked up by pass- aged, Rivers overflowed their banks, ing steamers. Less than a hundred and much of the low country in Irewere saved. Meanwhile the British land was inundated. People steamer went on her way. When she been obliged to flee from their houses arrived at Elbe she reported the collisand great distress prevails. Terrific ion. Survivors of the disaster describe gales swept over the Severn valley the scene at the sinking of the Cimbria during the night of the 29th, and the as terrible. The air was filled with the sea has been so high that tidings of cries of the hundreds who struggled disasters to steamers are looked for

until benumbed by the icy water and then sank from sight. The steamer On the 30th of the month great snow slides swept down the mountain 22d. Her Captain then claimed that sides of Colorado, and hurled miners he had waited twelve hours at the and their buildings to destruction. One slide started at the top of Ruby Peak, near Irwin, and rushed with terific velocity down toward the valley. It travelled a mite and a half, carried away all the shaft houses and machinery belonging to four mines, and bured eight men. In three other places in Colorado slides occurred that day which resulted in disaster

leath On the last day of the month came the news of the Italian steamer Ansonia off the coast of Tripoli, in which

YEARS OF SUPERING.

Mrs. Barnhart, cor. Pratt and Broadway. Buffalo, was for twelve years a sufferer from rheumatism, and after trying every known remedy without avail, was entirely cured by Thomas He stood on the postoffice stoop, says

an exchange, and everybody knew him as a newly married man. He had a far-away look in his eyes and a bit of varn on the last two fingers of his hand, and kept muttering to himself, Chopping bowl, eggs, clothesline—that's the thumb and first two fingers. Now what did she want on the other