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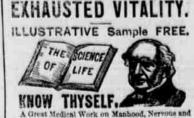
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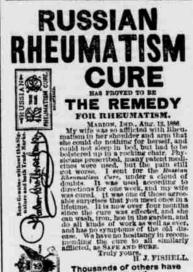
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People were always asking each other how the Valletorts kept their heads above water. They were known to be in a state of chronic impecunios. ity, and yet, somehow or other, they contrived to show a bold front to the world. Their pretty riverside villa at Twickenham was furnished luxuriously. Captain Valletort, who had re-tired from the service some years before, drove a dashing mail phæton and pair; and Mrs. Valletort was one of the best dressed women in London. How it was done no one knew, Capt. Valletort dabbled on the stock exchange, and was one of the best escarte players going, but neither of these sources of income was likely to afford him the means of gratifying his very expensive tastes. Mrs. Valletort had no private fortune, but she, too, spent a great deal of money, although she was always telling her friends she was dreadfully hard up, for Edward had made several unfortunate speculations lately, etc., etc.

Still in spite of this, the impecunious pair lived in good style and were apparently prosperous. They were in Mrs. Valletort (who had been burning means they kept their creditors and duns at bay. They did not entertain much, but as Mrs. Valletert was extremely pretty, and her husband had the knack of making himself agreeable in society and made it a rule rever to borrow money of his friends the Valletorts were a good deal in request at dinners and dances during the ason. People were always glad to see them, for their light-hearted, semi-Bohemian gayety was wonderfully infectious, and no dinner party at which they were present ever went off badly. Captain Valletort was, besides, ex-tremely popular at his club—the Bayonet; and Charles Fenton, of the guards, was in the habit of saying that ne would rather lose money to Ned Valletort than to any man he knew. It was fortunate he took that view of the matter for the unhappy youth very often rose a very heavy loser when the captain employed his talents against h'm; and it was equally fortunate that the latter possessed the difficult art of winning gracefully, for ecarte was his principal means of bringing grist to the mill, and many men less philosophic than young Fenton might have declined to try their luck against such skill as his, had it not been for the

pleasant, good humored, nonchalant way in which the captain pocketed the One morning the husband and wife were seated at breakfast, when the captain looked up suddenly from a newspaper he was carelessly reading, and said with sudden cagerness, as his eve caught an announcement among the "deaths:

"She's dead-died at Mentone a

veek ago. Mrs. Valletort clasped her hands, nd her eyes brightened. "O, Ned! I wonder if-if she has oft me anything. I can't pretend to e sorry she is dead," she added, half pologetically, "because she was ever so

"My dear Lilla, don't think that I expected you to dissolve into tears at care a straw for Lady Araminta living. her will for a handsome sum, I am quite willing that you should get up any amount of enthusiasm for her virtue. But, seriously, do you think t likely she has done so !"

"I think it just possible she may," said Mrs. Valletort, looking thoughtully at the flowers on the table. wish I had written to her oftener." "It is no good regretting anything of that sort now, my dear. probably hear in a day or two from her olicitors-that is, if you are really

down for a legacy."
"It will be a wonderful piece of luck if I am," remarked his wife, stirring her coffee thoughtfully. "We are dreadfully short of money just now." Captain Valletert assented.

"Do you think we could raise ning on my expectations?" said Lilla, ooking up brigtly.
"I am afraid not. Old Morris made no end of difficulty about the last ad-

Mrs. Valletort's pretty face clouded, but only for a moment; her native light-heartedness soon reasserted itself. and all the morning she employed herself in rearing a magnificent Spanish pastle on no more substantial foundaion than that afforded by the brief an-

ouncement in the Times. Some days later a long blue envelope addressed in a neat legal handwriting, was among the heterogeneous neap of letters, invitations and bills Valletort found awaiting her when she came down to breakfast. "On, Ned, congratulate me !" she exclaimed, rapturously, when she had pastered the contents of the letter. That dear, sweet old thing has actual-

"Left you some money!" interrupt ed the captain eagerly. "My dearest little woman's eyes sparkled as she glanced triumphantly at her husband.

have often heard my mother speak of prise. For a moment the captain's face fell, but he soon remembered that a fine collection of diamonds represents a very fine sum of money. His wife's legacy was not, then to be despised. "What do you think they are worth?

he asked, suddenly.
"Oh! I don't know; thousands and eral shabby leather cases. housands of pounds, I should imagine, replied his wife, vaguely "Ned, just think how well I shall look in them ! I

want money, passes my comprehension.' diamonds sewn in my sealskin jacket Mrs. Valletort was usually the most until we left England." docile of wives; but she resented her husband's angry words, and was trebly determined to hold her own in this you credit for such sharpness." matter. The captain saw that it would

In due course, after the numerous monds in her dressing-room, and the your wife into your confidence. dingy leather cases containing the jewels were at once consigned to this

repository.
On the first available opportunity debt of course, but by some unknown to display her treasures before the eyes of her friends) donned her diamonds and appeared in a blaze of splendor.

At the ball to which they went that night Mrs. Valletort created quite a sensation. The story of her grandnother's costly bequest had got out about, and every one was anxious to see the celebrated Belchambre diamonds. Women secretly envied her, though they shrugged their shoulders as she passed and wondered how long the jewels would remain in her posession. Men admired her charming face and graceful figure so much that they forgot all about ber diamonds as they crowded round her, eager to secure a dance with the prettiest wonan in the room.

Mrs. Valletort was in her element. She enjoyed herself immensely, quite ignorant of the fact that her husband ooked unusually morose, not to say ilky, as she whirled past him radiant n the jewels he secretly coveted.

Creditors pushed the gallant captain o desperation, and he made one last appeal to his wife but without success. "I refuse to part with my diamonds," she said coldly; "it is unfair of you to ask me to make such a sacrifice. "Very well, my dear: then the de-

luge must come," replied the captain quietly. He turned and left the room. The captain did not allude to the diamonds again, and things went on much as usual at the Laurels. But Mrs. Valletort grew nervous and fretful, and took to sitting a good deal in her dressing room. The captain kept his word; he never again broached the snoj et of the diamonds, but he broodrose and taciturn every day. He was deeply offended by his wife's conduct, and his irritation was aggravated by the continual worries which beset him. Morris was obdurate, and his other creditors threatened him with legal proceedings if he failed to liquidate his numerous bills. At last, driven almost to desperation, the unhappy man conold, and I haven't seen her since I was not get his wife's diamonds by fair means he would get them by foul. He

at dinner and carried off the jewels.

One evening, when they had dined quietly at home, Mrs. Valletort an-nounced to her husband that she had something to show him that would surprise him considerably. The captain quite listlessly declared himself willing to give her his attention; and Lilla, smiling rather wickedly, vanished from the room, reappearing soon after with "No, not money, but—her diamonds the room, reappearing soon after with a large cardboard box under her arm, which she carefully placed on the which she carefully placed on the

"What have you got there, my The pelphrated Belchambre diamonds. dear ?" asked the captain in some sur-They are magnificent, I know, for I "You shall see," replied his wife.

"But first promise to let me have my

way in this matter." "Very well, I promise." "Oh, you dear, foolish Ned. Just cried the little woman exultingly, as The captain started as if he had

been shot. "Lilla, don't tantalize me like this," "My dear girl, you don't mean to got in those cases?"

"My dear girl, you don't mean to got in those cases?"

"My diamonds—and their facsimile

she added pitiously, as the captain's solved to manage the matter my own brows drew together ominously, and an unpleasant light came into his eyes.
"You will do as you like, of course," your dobts, and besides, I would lose "You will do as you like, of course," he replied, irritably. "They will be of yours and not mine. But how any woman can care to deck herself out arranged my dressing room so as to with diamonds worth several thousand make you think the jewels had been pounds when she knows what it is to annexed by burglars, and I kept the

"No wonder the detectives were

"In Paris I took them to the Palais be useless to argue with her, so he turned away with a half contemptnous shrug of the shoulders, and a muttered and, placing the shappy cases and glitanathema on the folly of women in general and of his spouse in particular. It was really too bad of Lilla: a few I shall send a paragraph to the London thousand pounds would have set him papers saying that my diamonds have on his financial feet again. shall wear the paste set at Prince Opodelays inevitable in all legal matters, Mrs. Valletort came into possession of her legacy. By her husband's advice dear," she added, I have only a piece of advice to offer. The next time you she had a safe constructed for the dia-

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trinsically worth the money paid for it. A Knife Out Out of Him One of the most remarkable surgical operations ever attempted in the United States was performed a S. Louis, Mo., on the 19th, on a tailor named Joseph Hoffman. The latter has alwould steal the jewels. He had no ways had a penchant of swallowing sooner made up his mind to do this solids without the process of masticahe news," he interrupted with a short than he resolved to carry out the idea tion. One year ago he attempted to langh. We always agree to be at once. He would not give himself show his family how swords could be candid with each other. You didn't time to think about it, for the word swallowed, and used a poker for the care a straw for Lady Araminta living, but if she has really done her duty as a godmother by putting you down in her will for a handsome sum, I am guite willing that you should get up that she had forgotten to take her keys long, and calling upon his children to with her. The opportunity must not watch him, he introduced the handle be lost; so good a one might not soon into his mouth, and passed it down unoccur again. He therefore crept sofuly til only two inches of the blade proup to the dressing room with the keys truded. At that moment he attemption his hand. Much to his astonish ed to look around to see the effect on ed to look around to see the effect on ment he found the window wide open, the spectators, and in doing so the the furniture much disarranged, the knife slipped down the guilet. door of the safe ajar, and—the dia screamed with agony, and a neighbor rushed in and attempted to pull the For some moments he stood aghast, knife out. He felt the top of the staring stupidly around. Then the blade, but it eluded his grasp and dropdreadful truth flashed on him. Burg | ped down into the stomach. Dr. A. lars had effected an entry while he was | C. Bernays, the surgeon, was summon ed, and decided that the knife would have to be taken from the stomach

Before many hours moreover the through an abdominal incision. Hoffnews of another great jewel robbery man was chloroformed, and an incision spread over the country and the ser- five inches long was made in the abdorice of skilled detectives were enlisted. men, When the stomach was reached But weeks passed and no glimmer of the knife was found lying horiz mtally. another. Captain Valletort's creditors was seized by the handle and withoing through the bankruptcy court, brane was first stitched, then the mus and his name duly appeared in the Ga- cular, and last the peritoneum. The zette. After this the Valletort's found work was done quickly, and there was it expedient to leave England for a scarcely any internal hemorrhage. time. They reesolved to spend the About 20 stitches were then made in In that pleasant city they the abdominal incision, patient was put were soon the centre of a brilliant cot- to bed. That night he was doing well, erie, for Mrs. Valletort's beauty and and is taking some milk and beef tea. grace, and ner husband's good natured The only danger is from inflamation or manner were as much appreciated as blood poisoning. Hoffman is 45 years of age.

The Pretty Girls of Dublin-

A writer says 1 Ireland is noted for and they knew how to dress the latter. classes were shut out by the higher and the crowd was a kid-gloved one, The girls seemed to be remarkable showed, as I could judge from the were badly injured, and may not re-witty remarks I heard en passant, all cover. Six others received slight bruis-"Oh, you dear, foolish Ned. Just the love of humor for which old Iresee how much eleverer I am than you!" land is famous. The Irish brogue comshe opened the box and took out sevsweet indeed, and were I a millionaire American with one or two American girl babies I would bring them to Irecomplexions. The beauties are not of his household, and the prop and say that you intend to—keep them,"

"My diamonds—and their facsimile in paste."

"My diamonds—and their facsimile in paste and in paste."

"My diamonds—and their facsimile in paste and in paste."

And she displayed a mass many a sweet face there is among the dawned on his mind that Lilla might of gems that positively dazzled him.

"My diamonds—and their facsimile in paste."

I saw pretty girls everywhere, and have my blessing, and I wish you everywhere in paste. But I won't take her away, sir," inelect not turn her costly legacy into Listen to vo for a few moments and and even among the workers in the terrapted the young man, inexpressibly hard cash.

I will explain everything. Soon after fields, or in the cotter's buts. The men affected. "We'll both stay right here." "Of course I mean to keep them." you asked me to sell my diamonds I too, appear to be healthy, as a rule, she retorted coolly. "Oh, Ned, you began to expect that you meant to take and poor at they are, in better physiden't—want me to—sell them do you?" them from me by strategem, and I recial condition than Americans.

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CHAMBERSBURG, PA. A small sized cyclone struck this county in this vicinity early in the morning Buildings swayed to and fro and the people were afraid to re-main in bed. The gable end of a house on Mr. Plaster's farm, east of the town, was blown in and the building is almost an entire loss. The building owned by Mr. Jere Rheadarmer, on the Washington street extension, was completely wrecked. There is some machinery stored in the building which is ruined. The roof on the barn of Mr. Samuel Disert was blown from the building and much damage done to the contents of the barn by the rain. Fifteen feet of the slate roof over the Taylor works was blown off and a large portion of the cornice demolished. A Fayetteville dispatch says: "The brick school house at New Guilford was blown down and scattered in all

directions. In that place straw and fodder stacks were tearfully demolished. Houses rocked like cradies all night. He who pays beforehand is served The people were terribly frightened.

The wind came from the southeast and Avoid going security and making never has such a tornado visted that section. The rain also descended in

IN THE WYCOMING VALLEY. A brief, but destructive cyclone, accompanied by a rain-storm, prevailed Don't neglect to insure your real and in the Wyoming Valley, causing in tense excitement while it lasted. Roofs Speak well of your fr ends—of your of houses in various parts were torn nemies say nothing. Pay your bills promptly, and collect all parts were greatly damaged and trees were snapped in two while the Give some personal supervision to storm lasted. At Kingston the new every department of your business. Catholic church was blown down and The master's eyes are worth both in his totally wrecked. The loss, which falls upon the contractor, Wm. O Malley, is Beware of outside speculations, estimated at \$10,000. At Parsons, your best chance of making money is where the Delaware and Hudson Caalways connected with the business nal Co. are putting up a shaft, during you understand. In seeking a situation, remember that tossed about promisenously. Robert the right kind of men are always in Johnson, a carpenter, who was at work Never sign a paper until you have read it and carefully understand it.

If you post your second of the highest in that the steep one of the highest in the steep one of blown do on and completely demolished. ffairs they will one day rend you.

Do your business promptly, and shaft and the roof of No. 2 shaft of bore not a business man with long the Delawa'e and Hudson Co., were blown down and destroyed. The dam-In making an investment, take care age done at these two collieries caused

the suspension of work for the present. A severe wind storm that swept over the city at 6 o'clock in the morning, done much damage to property. At capacity, but strive to estimate your the Pennsylvania paper mills company's works, two large iron smoke stacks, 75 feet high, were blown down. One of serve a useful temporary purpose, but them fell on the evaporating building. The other stack fell neross the boiler-Two of Rothchild's maxims were to house and crushed it. never buy anything that was not in- H. Bennett, was badly injured. Many buildings in the city are damaged, and a large tobacco shed, owned by Proctor Myers, was totally demolished. The roof of the new nail mill building was slightly damaged. Reports from the country are to the effect that the farmers have suffered severely by the

damages to fruit trees and outbuildings. READING, PA. Considerable damage was done in Reading by the severe storm of Wednesday night of last week. The wind blew a perfect gale and there was a heavy fall of rain. A large tree was blown upon the Washington street bridge Thursday morning and several persons narrowly escaped being struck. On Court street below Third, a dwelling had to be vacated hurriedly on account of the dangerous condition of a telegraph pole. Telegraph communiention has been much interrupted. At 9:30 a. m. the wind shitted from the South to Northwest and no forther trouble is feared.

The heavy rains of Wednesday night caused a most disastrous landall-le from Mt. Washington, on the south side of the Monongahela river, the sides of along the base of which the Pau-Handle Railroad is constructed. The Limited Express on the Pan-Handle Road, due m Pittsbarg at 6:40, had reached a place just beyond the Point Bridge, mass of rock came crashing hillside. The train consisted of three light was thrown upon the mysterious An incision about an inch long was burglary. With this palamity came made in the stomach, and the knife mail cars. The first sterner was the mail cars. The first sleeper was the pressed him so hard that he was com- drawn. Then came the delevie part third from Indianapolis. The first pelled to take the initiatory step for of the operation. The mucous memcrushing through the roof near the centre. This car had very few passengers in, and nearly all of them were up and in the lavatories. D. Arnheim, of Pittsburg, was standing in the isle and was crushed beneath a huge rock. Mr. A. S. Bennett, of New York, was still in his berth and a mass crushed through the upper berth, carried it down upon him, and pinced him beneath it. The second car was struck in the centre, one huge rock going through from one side to the other, and tearing out nearly the entire side of the car. its heautiful women, and the girls of other car was also badly crushed. Dublin are the prettiest of those of any Nearly the entire mass remained on the other car was also badly crushed, city in the world. They have as a rule, cars, and as the track was but very fair, rosy complexions and good forms, little obstructed the conductor ordered the engineer to pull out for the Union I attended a regatta at Dalkey, the great yachting place near Dublin, and phone message had been sent giving saw some several thousand of the better information of the accident. By the class of girls of Ireland. The poorer time the train pulled into the station the entire force of employes was ready prices of the inclosure allotted to us, to assist in removing the injured from the cars, stretchers and all other re-The girls seemed to be remarkable quirements as well as a force of physi-healthy and in high spirits, and they class being on hand. Two persons

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t "It's a solemn thing, young man," said the broken-hearted father, "to come into the house of an old man and land to raise them for the sake of their take away his only daughter, the light however, confined to the upper classes. solace of his declining years. But you