

THE MAN BEHIND THE PICK.

There has been all kinds of gush about the man who is "behind"—

My Strangest Case

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CHAPTER III.—CONTINUED.

He had scarcely gone before one of my clerks entered the room and handed me a card. On it was printed the name of Mr. Edward Bayley, and in the left-hand bottom corner was the announcement that he was the managing director of the Santa Cruz Mining company of Forzoda in the Argentine Republic.

or to induce me to go out to the Argentine and make inquiries on your behalf with the idea of bringing this man to book. Is that not so?"

would now do all that they could for me in return. "Good day, Mr. Fairfax," said the chief partner, as I entered his snug little sanatorium, which leads out of the main office.

time, and you may be sure have made the closest inquiries. Besides, there are such few stones in Europe, and what there are are safely in the possession of their owners.



AN EXCELLENT DEVICE.

For Hanging Up Hogs the Contrivance Here Described Has But Few Superiors.

Erect a strong post about eight or nine feet high and attached to it four stationary arms, as shown in the cut. The post should extend about two feet above the arm and at its top an iron pin 1 1/2 inches in diameter should be driven in the post.

FOR HANGING UP HOGS.

arms. The rope is fastened in the scantling back from the pulley wheel, then passes through the movable pulley over the pulley wheel and drops to the ground, where it is ready to lift with.

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DOCTORS HAVE TROUBLES.

Some of Which May Be Avoided by a Judicious Use of Discretion.

As a rule you can never take a woman at her word. A Louisville woman and her husband went on east for recuperation.

FEEDING SCRUB CATTLE.

It is Largely a Speculation, and One That Rarely Pays a Satisfactory Profit.

In an able article written by Mr. T. F. B. Sotham, and published in the annual report of the Kansas state board of agriculture, he says: "Highly satisfactory results have been recorded from feeding the grades of all the beef breeds.

Speaking of Wet Blankets.

When a miserable, selfish, unsocial person joins a party and puts a damper upon their spirits he is described as a "wet blanket."

King Oscar Asks Stranger to Lunch.

A more simple and homely king than the King of Sweden it is impossible to find. M. Gaston Bonnier, the celebrated botanist, tells of how once, when he was botanizing near Stockholm, he met a stranger similarly occupied.

To Be Envid.

Castleton—I envy you! Clubberly—What for? "Didn't you say you were obliged to attend a deep philosophical discussion lasting several hours?"

Astonishing.

It is astonishing the number of relatives of a rich man bob up after his death.—Washington (La.) Democrat.

SURGICAL OPERATIONS

How Mrs. Bruce, a Noted Opera Singer, Escaped an Operation. Proof That Many Operations for Ovarian Troubles are Unnecessary.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Travelling for years on the road, with irregular meals and sleep and damp beds, broke down my health so completely two years ago that the physician advised a complete rest, and when I had gained



MRS. G. BRUCE.

sufficient vitality, an operation for ovarian troubles. Not a very cheerful prospect, to be sure. I, however, was advised to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Sautative Wash; I did so, fortunately for me.

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