

THE VILLAGE STREET.

People say the street was run
Long before a house was done.
With a tinkle, tankle, tinkle,
Fre 'be vesper stars did twinkle,
Or the night dews 'gan to sprinkle
Thirsty grasses sweet,
Upward from the velvet meadows,
Homeward through the growing shadows,
Came the cattle's feet,
Winding here and wheeling yonder—
That is now the street.

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That was years ago, they say,
But it runs the same to-day—
By the clanging smithy sweeping,
Past the gray church pillars creeping,
Widening like a white pool sleeping
Round the hitching poles
Where the sunburned farmers dicker
And old Bess and Dapple whicker
To their truant foals—
Thence it passes downward swerving
Toward the whisp'ring willows curving
Where the river rolls.

Changes come but slowly here—

Where the river rolls.

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One may see, this very year,
As of old, a grandame riding.
To the stile her sorrel guiding.
In her level basket hiding
Homely golden store,
And her newly-starched sunbonnet
Has a small blue figure on it,
As had those of yore;
Quaint is she, but wholly human,
Like a sweet, old-fashioned woman,
Back in fifty-four.

More than coreless eve may meet

Back in fifty-four.

More than careless eye may meet
Visits in this quiet street—
Here are dreams in open daytime,
Visions out of vanished playtime,
Youth and joy and budding Maytime,
We had fancied done:
Yonder shouting barefoot lusty,
Paddling down the roadway dusty,
Little thinks of one
Far away, who drops his trouble,
And, in dreams, the barefoot's double,
Shares his foolish fun.

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Aye, a-many ghosts go down
This dim street of Haunted Town—
Hearts that far a-field were roaming
Hither turn them in the gloaming,
Like the white-winged pigeons homing,
Now no more to stray;
And if longing could unravel
Knitted life, and pilgrims travel
Paths of yesterday,
We, too, o'er the faded meadows,
Homeward through the lonely shadows,
Glad would wend our way.
—William Hervey Woods, in Youth's
Companion.



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CHAPTER XXV.

SCOUNDRELS AND COMPANY.

I did think it over, with the result that when I sayntered up to the bookstall at St. Pancras on the following morning, the button-hole of my tweed jacket was made gay by a spring of red geranium.

Number Two looked approvingly at it, as he gave me "Good-morning," and Hubbock's little eyes leered meaningly at mine as he complimented me obse quiously on "the lovely flower" I was

A handsome tip to the guard having secured a first-class carriage to ourselves, Number Two came to the point as soon as the train was begin-

ning to move out of the station.
"My friends," he said, "I have been through the accounts to-day, and I'm sorry to say there is a big falling off in subscriptions. The loss of that $\pounds 5,000$ may have done us harm in the way of shaking public confidence, but on the other hand if we had succeeded in our attempt upon Lord Cranthorpe's house, or if I had not failed in my jubilee scheme, or Hubbock in his Ishmael club programme, I believe that our as to bring off two or three, we shall lastly meanwhile, and da have all the more reason to congratulate ourselves, for every extra score will mean extra coin in the way of subscriptions. But if only one out of the lot proves a winner, we shall at least feel, and shall make the public feel, that we have done something for our money. Here's my scheme. I have enough dynamite still in hand to effect four big explosions. There is enough really for twice that number, but I want the explosion to be the sort of I had thing to set all London rattling, and I propose to double the quantity of the stuff. The next question is, 'What shall we blow up?' Well, my idea is that we have a go at New Scotland yard and three of the prisons, Holloway, Newgate and Pentonville. I propose doing the husiness in this way. doing the business in this way. The infernal machines will be rather heavy, and not at a!! convenient things to cart about London; so I vote that we engage a private brougham for the evening. One of us will have to be driver, and each of the other four will have to be answerable for an infernal machine, and for placing it where it can do the greatest an ount of damage to the building which has been assigned to him. I'll take New Scotland yard myself, as the most dangerous, and you can settle it among your-selves who shall be driver and who selves who shall be driver and who shall take the other places. The driver will pick the four of us up at points we can settle on, and when the circle's modern times. complete he will drive to Holloway, dropping the first man with the box of my share in the matter. or riolloway's pills, by which I mean

the infernal machine, at the most convenient spot, and picking him up again, after the thing has been placed and the fuse ignited. By that means the dynamiter can get clean away from the neighborhood some time before the explosion occurs. Then we drive on to Pentonville to do ditto there. Thence to Newgate, and after that to Scotland yard. There will be no cab-man to come forward with evidence about their fares and where they got in and out. I think the risks will be fairly distributed. Perhaps the driver's got the best of it, as he hasn't got to place and light the machines; but on the other hand he must undertake to procure the carriage, and unless he can contrive to steal it, there is ways the chance of the police getting wind of the way the thing has been done, in which case his identity will be the clew they'll have to work upon, and he will be the first man they'll look for. Well, are you 'on' for my scheme or 'off?' Please yourselves. Hubbock's with me, I know, but what do you other three say?"

The other three assenting, Number Two went on: "That's all right. Now



I SAUNTERED UP TO THE BOOK-

STALL. the next question is not, 'Who killed Cock Robin?' but, 'Who'll drive the cab?' I'd rather it were one of you three, for I want Hubbock to undertake Holloway prison. He knows it well. Too well, don't you, Hubbock?—the inside as well as the out. Can you drive, Number Four?"

'I'd rather not, unless I must," was the reply.

"I don't suppose it will be a case of 'needs must,' though it will be 'the devil driving,' "laughed Number Two. "What about you, Number Six? Can you handle the ribbons?"

"No, I can't drive at all," responded the councillor addressed.

"H'm! Your education's being neg-How about you, Number lected. Seven

"I'll drive," I replied, promptly; "I'm quite at home at it, and I know London

"Capital. That will do, then. Now to settle the other preliminaries. The details of these "other preliminaries" may be spared the reader. Before the train reached Southend everything was settled-the day, or rather night, for the series of explosions fixed, and the time and place of meeting.

It was nearing 11 o'clock as, with Il my villainous crew inside, I whipped up the horses as we approached the gray walls of Holloway prison. My, instructions were to pass the main entrance at a slow trot, and to pull up sharp when I heard Number Two tap twice at the carriage window. Outside the entrance a man was standing. His attitude was that of lounger, but the queer way in which he looked up and down the road, every finances would have been as flourishing now and then, belied the indolent air as ever. But we haven't much time to he had assumed, and as we trundled spare this morning, and the immediate question before us is, 'How are we forward, and then, as if recollecting to retrieve our position? One big himself, stopped short, and stood stiff blow at the authorities will turn the tide in our favor again and bring the coin in. But this time we mustn't fail, eyes were upon me and upon the carand it seems to me that the only way to insure success is to back more horses than one. I have a plan for out the word, "Now," like an officer bringing off four different 'events' on the same evening. One or more may fall through, but if we have four running, we are bound to get home with at least one. If we should be so lucky right angles, whipping them up mercilessly meanwhile, and dashed into the

As the ponderous gates swung to behind us, Hall, followed by Hubbock, leapt out, but, almost as their feet touched ground, the black shadows on either side swarmed suddenly into men, who had seized and secured the four conspirators before the echoing clang of the closing gates had died

The psychological moment for which I had waited so long had come.

"What does this mean, Number Sev-n?" hissed the now handcuffed Num-

ber Two as I got down from the box.
"It means," I said, "that I have been a spy upon you all along, and that I told the governor of the goal why we were coming here to-night, and arranged with him that the waving of my whip should be the signal for the gates to open.'

"My God!" he said, quietly, "and I mistook you for a gentleman.'

The case has not come on for trial yet, as the police are completing their investigations and their chain of evidence. They tell me that what I know against the conspirators is but dust in the balance compared to the calendar of crime of which the syndicate

All the same, I do not feel very proud

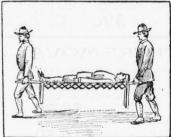
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A COLLAPSIBLE STRETCHER. Designed by a Swiss Inventor for the

Comfortable Conveyance of Wounded Soldiers.

"In time of peace prepare for war" is a motto which has been quoted to nations time out of mind, and has likewise been profited by, as witness the action of our sailors in their engagements a few years ago. Their marksmanship and discipline stood them in good stead when the hour of trial came, and possibly the result might have been different, or the struggle at least prolonged, had the enemy also profited by the above good advice. It has been said that Japan went to war with China simply to secure the discipline and training necessary for the impending conflict with Russia, which is but another example of a nation profiting by the motto, though admittedly peculiar in the manner in which it was carried out. But nations are not alone in heeding this admonition. The inventor has taken it upon himself at all time to strive for the improvement and advance-ment of all that goes to make war terrible, from the ship-burning mirror of Archimedes to the rapid-fire gun of the modern inventor. But if war has been made more horrible, the hospital equipment has in a measure kept pace with it from the humane point of view, until the sick or wounded men can now be properly cared for until claimed by the grim reaper or restored to health, with the chances more in favor of the latter out-



SWISS INVENTOR'S IDEA.

come than they were even a few years ago. In the matter of stretchers for carrying the wounded from the field of battle, the hospital corps may be interested in the idea of a Swiss inventor, as here filustrated. It consists principally of a set of lazytongs, with a canvas cloth extending from head to foot when the stretcher is extended. It will be noticed that the handles by which the carrier is lifted are attached to the lower section of the folding frame, serving to fold the stretcher when they are turned down against the legs, and to extend it when in position to carry a wounded soldier off the field.-St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Sun Spots and Rainfall.

The most obvious changes on the sun are those marked by spots, and it has been long understood that the cycle of 11 years in which these spots occur, corresponds to a similar cycle in rainfall on the earth. More recent study of solar influence, says Lockyer, show that it is the prominence instead of the spots that are chiefly associated with atmospheric and magnetic disturbances on the earth. The prominence cycle of 3.7 years is especially conspicuous in the meteorology of India, while a third cycle-35 years in length-has been different from that immediately preceding and that following.

RAISING BIG BRICK HOUSE.

This Undertaking Was Accomplished Without Breaking Even a Single Pane of Glass.

The picture is taken from the Engineering Record. This brick building was raised straight in the air 160 feet and then moved 300 feet along the top of the bluff without breaking windows or cracking the walls. The picture shows the building at the top of its lift.

The main sills were jacked up to lift the building clear of the foundations, which were then removed and the ground leveled to receive lines of cribbing under each of main sills. Each line of bing was located on the center of the sill, and consisted of a continuous row of cribs made of six by eight-inch timbers about 31/2 feet long. The bases of

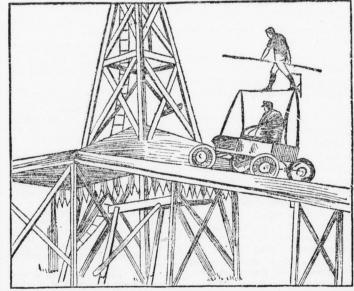


LIFTED ONE HUNDRED FEET.

the separate groups were made horizontal, but at regular heights, offset to correspond with the surface of the ground. There were in all eight lines of cribbing perpendicular to the face of the cliff, one under each main sill. Two lines of cribs supported each end wall of the main part of the house. Two more lines were spaced at equal distances between them and two carried the end and center of the wing. About 300 five-ton jacks were set under the sills bearing on the second course from the top of the cribbing. These were divided into 30 groups of from eight to 12 each, from three to five groups being located under each sill. At a signal given by blowing a whistle, one man started at the end of each group and gave each jack in succession one-half turn. After all the groups had been turned, another signal was given and the men returned to the starting points, screwing each jack another half turn, and so on back and forth, simultaneously screwing the jacks so as to raise the building uniformly about one-half inch at each round trip.

The building was thus raised about 14 inches in less than two hours. A new course of cribbing timber was then laid in the space between the last course and the sills, and the jacks were simultaneously slacked off sufficiently to lower the sills to bearing on it. The jacks were then screwed down, set one course higher, the building raised another 14 inches, and so on. As the building was raised the lines of cribbing were extended so as always to reach beyond it to the gradually receding face of the cliff where new cribs were started on successive footings leveled to receive them. In every eighth or tenth course longitudinal timbers 20 or 30 feet long were used to bind the cribs of each line together, and the next course above them usually contained several long traced recently in the climates of the transverse timbers reaching through, whole earth, each 11-year cycle being and built into the next line of cribs to bind the two together and insure their

Tight-Rope Scorching: A Perilous English Trick



lowing:

The incessant demand for novelty has led Edward Doan, a tight-rope walker, to perform his usual elever act under circumstances distinctly original and exceedingly dangerous.

The "thrill artist" does not always bring off his feat. A Prof. Leon tried to astonish the natives and visitors

then up a steep incline, to dash down journey.

AN article on "Perilous Public on the other side and swerve sharply Performances," an English maga- to the left; and all the time Doan zine, the Royal, describes the fol-ing:

kneels, dances, stands on one leg, while every moment the audience look to see

A wire is stretched on poles across a motor-car. And on this Edward Doan goes through many clever evolutions—while the car is moving at high speed!

The bicycle began to wobble, and in a First it races around a track, moment the professor was thrown heavily from the machine, and traveled angle in order to keep his balance;



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