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against the walls and roof of the cabin by of his words. the strong wind that came like a racethrough the cold months had been piled word. upon their banks, to find their way down account. All through the winter they had gether by the embrace of winter. toiled in the swamp antil the melting snows

game of "high low jack." Those looking out into the stream. on seemed to take as much interest in the when, by some master stroke, he was tri-

a drive that ever reaches its place of destina- | do. free) on Foods, to him, from whom he had been parted so center of the stream, and against this a he had done.

it and save your health long.

the table, as he held the ace of diamonds ception of half a dozen that had been re- could save him from taking the fatal leap. Laos. while in the act of playing.

"I was telling the boys here that I went

assertions the speaker had made.

feet and taking a stride over to where the had at once agreed to do, and as the boss below. said nothing offensive.

the truth. I've drove on that stream my- that existed between them.

impossible." claimed Erown, tauntingly, and with anger | place before attempting to land.

blazing in his eye.

other card. In a moment Brown's fist was clenched, and he aimed a blow at the skeptical playwent wide of its mark, while its sender getting ashore." almost pitched head foremost upon the

you see that you have mixed these calls and they kept their balance in a manner might seem. Vrite to or call on It's almost as bad a mess as you made of that was perfectly wonderful to those who your Wildcat Falls story."

ons a specialty. [10-H.tf.] or fighting here, for I want you to have wished, and in a few moments, Brown penses of a first-class funeral.

Over the Falls; or, the Logman's Ride. whole hands and heads to-morrow, for if who was in the advance, sprang upon the around the boisterous fire that rose and fell if any saw fit to rebel, his fists were like a them with a will. in the huge log chimney, were seated a score pair of sledge-hammers, and few there were They had hoped to have been able to I was in Bangkok, I heard so much of the covered barge. We had a guard of five of men. Without, the rain was pouring who cared to come in contact with them, find the key-log that held the jam, and so "sacred troop" of jugglers from Paklaie swordsmen, and the boat moved merrily said.

horse from the south and east. It was the caring to be called a liar and went to his against the rock, and so great was the force wividly imprinted upon the minds of all its banks varied and curious. But the ment I found myself seized in the hands of annual March storm that freed the rivers seat, where he sat without making much of the water hurled against it; and so who witnessed it—that, when I learned weather was hot and sultry, the awning several strong men, and borne some disfrom the ley fetters of winter, and forced conversation the rest of the evening, while they labored on for half an hour, dislodg. they were to perform again in the temple tempted to slumber, the young Prince did the way for the great mass of logs, that all Gordon went on with the game without a ling a few at a time, until at last a trem- of Juthia during the festivities attending not spare the iccd-champague, which his

At the usual hour, the logmen went to jam was about to move. to the cities by the ocean; and the occu- rest, with the tempest sounding in their wandering off singly into by and forbidden ing downward, carrying on its bosom a his swift downward course. channels in search of adventure on its own | mingled mass of timber and ice, piled to-

had rendered further efforts in that direc- astir. The rain had ceased, but not until until the work was done." tion impossible; and now, each man hail- it had accomplished all that could be reed with joy the the storm that would send | quired of it. The river was free from ice, | to return or did he need him. He thought him on his way down over the rushing and was running like a mill-race, its sur- it was a good chance to pay him off for the river, toward home and friends to whom face covered with foam and straggling words of the evening before, and so he imthey had bidden adieu nearly six months pieces of ice, hurrying on as if to overtake proved it. Stepping from the logs upon the main body far in advance. Most of the rock, which afforded at the best but might. The group before the fire were engaged the great piles of logs were gone, but there an uncertain footbold, he with a little labor in various ways in which to pass away the were some that still hung to the bank at loosened them, and they commenced floattime. Some of them were gathered around the landing, and as soon as they could see, ing down the stream. With a leap he the table, where a party were having a the men were busily at work turning them sprang on the hindmost, maintaining his

play as those engaged, and each player there was a fall of considerable magnitude, float downward after its companions. The had his particular friend or backer to urge stretching entirely across the river; the water rushed and boiled like a huge calhim on when fortune frowned, or to applaud roar of which could be heard a mile above dron on either side and every now and or below. Between this and the landing, then through the flash of the foats the ly about the fire, and were engaged in heads above the water, causing the flood by the rushing torrent. These he would has been dead these 600 years, and only compelled to go fasting. story-telling, another popular amusement to ebb and boil like a seething cauldron. avoid by a sweep of the pole, while every comes to life once in awhile, when Tepada's The pageda of Juthia is more celebrated among the logmen; relating stories that The descent was considerable to the brow moment added to the velocity by which he people want him. He is the father of for its sacredness than its size or the columns, was a raised dais or platform, they had heard, or incidents of a somewhat of the falls; with steep banks on either moved, until at last, as the falls burst into 1.00 marvelous character that had befallen side, through which the water poured with sight round a cove, it seemed almost a race, and comes when they call him."

the less a building of some very striking raised between three and four feet above about thin. them, in their long career in the forests and great speed. Upon one side, near the wonder how it was that he managed to I found, indeed, that the prospect was features. It is situated without the city, on the rivers; and many are the thrilling brow of the falls, the bank sank down al- keep his balance, upon his uneasy footing. very slim for me to see the feats of this upon a broad and commanding terrace, and fifty broad. Belief it a cartain of stories this class of people can relate, with- most to the edge of the water, while just Gordon had gone over the same route mysterious fraternity. The royal family elevated considerably above the level of red cloth hung down from the capitals of out departing from the truth in their nar- above, through a break in the cliffs, a but a moment before, and was standing in of Siam is claimed to be natives of Paklaie, the river plains. It is approached from the towering columns. In front of the ration; for no other occupation is so full stream of considerable magnitude emptied triumph on the edge of the bank, to which and this troop of jugglers is of the royal the city by a long brick-paved avenue, of the orchestra in a Greek theatre would of danger aside from that of a sailor or solitself into the river. Such briefly was the be had brought bis log as easily as he race—a branch, however, that only claims wide, straight and imposing. This avenue, be, was a tripod-shaped altar, with a broad dier, as that of the log man. Seldom is there aspect of the place with which we have to would have managed a cause; and there priestly, not imperial prerogatives. They which is half a mile in length and nearly censer upon it, in which was burning a

undertake the dangerous enterprise.

it keeps on raining, there will be plenty jam. He was followed in a moment by A rude though substantial log cabin for us to do," said Sam Hartwell, the Gordon, and while their logs, no longer stood on the bank of an ice-bound river, boss of the crew, a great six foot giant, wanted, floated down towards the falls, in the heart of a great Maine forest; and whose word among the men was law, and they fell to work upon the pile beneath

down in torrents, borne in great sheets much preferring to abide by the decision start the logs together, after a few mo- and their secular performances—especially ahead, propelled by the strong, habile arms he bandaged my eyes with a part of a long Brown muttered something about not impossible, so closely were they wedged the remembrance of which seemed to be very beautiful river, and the scenes along bling beneath them gave notice that the

"Come on, Bill, they are off," shouted pants of the cabin were rivermen, whose ears, mingled with the increasing roar of Gordon, as he sprang on one of the outer duty it was to keep the struggling mass in the falls, half a mile below, as the volume logs and with a sweep of his pike freed it the stream, and so prevent each log from of water gathered strength, and went surg- from the struggling mass, and set off on

> half dozen that mean to stay. I tho't you "This is all trick! You should see the that city, and, as the ceremonies were to in their countenances. The light was dim With the earliest dawn the camp was would have courage to keep by a fellow royal troop of Paklaie. Don't you know begin early the next day, we took a bath;

Bill knew that it was impossible for him About half a mile below the landing would have done, and allowed the log to

suspended between his thumb and finger tained to form a raft for those who should "For God's sake, strike for your life," The cook's horn sounded for dinner at danger; but the man needed not this to des Exossais was going round from Saigon were shockingly mutilated, having cut off there, right before us, alongside the censer over 'Wildcat Falls,' and came out all this point of the operations, and before the incite him to do his utmost; but which he to Bankok, to participate in the coronation their fingers, their noses, and stood a very old man, and wrinkled, with safe and sound, never once losing my hold meal was through, two men had announced knew would avail him nothing. Each ceremonies, and that I could secure passage even their eye-lids, in the excess of their upon the log I had been riding," was the their willingness to dislodge the jam. They moment brought him nearer to the fearful in her as a supernumeraire, I very quickly devotion to Buddha's service. were the foes of the evening before, Brown spot and at last he ceased from his efforts, packed my portmanteau and went aboard. The pagoda itself is an immense circu-"That's a lie, and a big one, too. That and Gordon. Something was said in a and turned a white, ghastly face towards | Arrived at the Siamese capital, I lost no lar building with a square top, like a ish. He was naked, except for a breech does for that ten spot;" and the ace de- joking manner to the former, that he was his mute companions. For a moment the time in calling to pay my respects to my gasometer, and rimmed around with agalscended upon the table with a force that used to going over falls, and that it was log seemed to balance upon the very verge amiable friend, Prince Pha-tajac. I found lery supported by gigantic columns, paint and blew his breath into it until the flame was supposed to give greater stress to both his duty to go on the jam; and he had de- of the falls, while Brown seemed hung sus- the household of his Royal Highness in ed with a vivid red, and dashed over with rose twenty feet high, red and furious; clared his willingness to do so, providing pended in the air, and the next moment the greatest possible distress of mind. The a dusting of gold, giving them a peculiarly then with a sudden jerking motion, he "Do you mean to call me a liar, Cy. Gor- that Gordon would accompany him, upon the fearful leap was taken, and both man coronation was to come off on the 16th. It brilliant effect. Underneath this portice don?" demanded Brown, springing to his another and single log. This the latter and log were plunged into the raging pool was now the 7th, and Mme, Litti-Mon- the building was entered by eight tall them a broad sheet of terrible flame—it

offender was sitting, coolly drawing in the knew them both to be good river men, and "Follow me," shouted Hartwell, as he creature she is, too, Steed to adorn any with griffins, crocodiles, and scrpents. japonicas, more than could be gathered in game his last trick had taken, as if he had smart, agile fellows, he made no objection sprang down over the cliffs; but this orto their going, thinking, perhaps, that it der was not needed, for some of the men formidable bone felon, while neither the narrowing to a candle extinguisher at the point of his thumb nail, then flung it dis-"I do, if you mean to tell that story for might be the means of healing the ill-will had already reached the edge of the great European nor the native doctors of Bang- apex, rose the characteristic bell-core of dainfully away towards the audience. It self, and I know that the man ain't alive As soon as dinner was over the men before them, and eagerly they scanned the was the very man for the occasion, and I bells, banners, gay lanterns, bright streamwho could go over Wildcat Falls, and come gathered upon the banks, to witness the surface of the foam covered caldron, but seized it like a veritable Deus ex machina. ers. It was elaborately, even grotesquely ribly, and seeking flight to the summit of out alive, much less not lose his hold upon breaking of the jam. The boss, in compa- with very faint hope indeed that they I remembered me of my old grandmother's ornamented, gilded, colored and decorated the dome. The old man gazed a moment the log he was riding. Such a thing is ny with the volunteers, went down to the would ever see aught of their comrade remedy with curiously shaped squares of percelain, upwards, then, seizing the triped upon edge of the falls and saw that there was no again. But a moment after, such a shout proved infallible in a thousand trials so that it was almost too dazzling in the which the censer had steed, he sent its "It may be for you that can't ride a log difficulty in bringing their logs to the arose as the falls never heard before, and and I proceeded to apply it with such sunshine to gaze at for any length of time. legs apart with a nervous hand, straight-ened them against his knec, and burled any more than a sheep. I wonder what bank at that place, so they were quietly to even its voice for a time was drowned; for happy effect that in three days Mme. Liti At its base a small forest of pagedas clus, them dartlike towards the eagle. They you are up here in the woods for " ex- allow themselves to float down to this out from the mist that rose up like a vapor was about the house again, very nearly as tered, crowding up to the very base of the glanced upwards with a gilded flash, and This important matter decided upon, they saw the head and shoulders of Bill substantial proofs of her gratitude. they returned to the landing, and each se- Brown clinging to a log, which the action It was then that I broached to the ing me by an arm, now directed me to- and lifting their hooded heads defiantly lie," said Gordon, coolly, as he played anpike-pole in hand, and pushed out into the the edge of the pool, and three minutes mance of Tepada's troop, in the temple of It was guarded by two men with drawn eyes. The music shricked spill wilder, the "Be careful, boys!" shouted the boss ashere, among whom was Cy. Gordon, who was simply impossible, he said. The law in front of a heavy drapery of red cloth eagle upon their heads, and presto! right

over Niagara, it's so.11

THE BLACK ART IN SIAM. WONDERFUL TRICKS BY ROYAL JUGGLERS -THE MIRACLES OF ANCIENT DAYS

SURPASSED IN THE PRESENT. ments labor ; but this they soon found was the last one in the great pagoda of Phnom, of twenty-five oarsmen. The Meinan is a white robe I wore ; he snapped his fingers "Come back," shouted Bill. "Here's a used to shrug his shoulders and say to a cousin of his father's, who dwelt in Laos?" Then he would add, "But of slept the sleep of the just. course you cannot see Tepada and Noro- Woun-tajac called me very early the dom; you are not initiated, nor a noble of next day, and he and his father's cousin,

> Jesuit priest in Saigon, and he told me around my head, my skin was stained the that he scarcely knew how to understand color of new bronze, my mustache ruthor to deal with these people. "I was ex- lessly trimmed down, blacked and waxed resurection of Lazarus as a proof of the droop and tenuity, my eyebrows blacked Saviour's divine mission. 'Why, that is and native garments furnished me, over from Paklaie do that every time they per- I was told were peculiar to the "initiated." form. I saw them revive the old Saint At 7 o'clock we started for the pagoda-Tepada, of Norodom, in fact of all their splendor of its architecture. It is never-

among his companions who had run down never perform in public at all, nor in the 100 feet wide, is bordered upon each side scented oil, wixed with gums and aromattion without claiming as a sacrifice one About half way between the landing and to witness their landing, he stood watchor more of those who set out full of life the falls, one of those black, jagged rocks ing the coming of Brown, who was making upon two occasions. One of these is the shades of which stand innumerable small and expectations of soon seeing those dear showed itself above the water in nearly the the perilous journey with as much eclat as incremation of the dead king; the other, votive pagedas, with gilded images and ling crash of barbaric music from under pile of logs, perhaps a hundred in number, On he came, with now and then a dip of reported to have been their custom from but especially as the calm, stagnant, peace-Others were talking of home, and of the had jammed, and as the river had already the pole in the water, and already the pole in the water the pole in the water than t probability of soon being on their way, commenced to fall, there was no prospect gun to shape his course in where he stood, their performances had ever been witnessed avenue is a flight of broad sandstone steps. tains bearing each a scented torch in his while others still sat mute and apart by of their starting off of their own accord. When suddenly a rush and a roar, that by any white man or stranger. Indeed, then a terrace, decorated with flowers and band, climbed the columns with the agili themselves, either listening to the conver- Consequently it was necessary for some one mingled with the din of the falls, sounded no one was admitted but certain branches statuettes with much taste; then another sation of the rest, or thinking, perhaps, of to endeavor to reach it and dislodge them. above them and a great mass of ice and of the Siamese nobility, having either re- broad flight of steps; finally through a columns sheer up to the apex of the vault, wife or children, or of some one dear to This was no easy task to do, for they had water that had been detained, by a barrier lationship to the royal blood or certain great gateway guarded by monstrons which I could now see, rose in a lofty dome, him, but who as yet bore not his name, no boat at this point. The only way to in the brook that had emptied into the hierocratic affinities, and certain persons s atues, we came to the terrace upon which that doubtless pierced far up into the intebut would as soon as he could once more reach it was by means of logs, upon which river, gave way, and came pouring down said to be "initiated," and holding high the temple is planted. The reach her side; and to these the flerce some one well skilled in riding them might a flerce torrent, shooting far out into the grades in a semi-religious confraternity of worshippers and pilgrims had worn illumination of the multitudinous hamps roaring of the storm made music, and a pass over in safety. But to return to the current. A cry of horror burst from the akin to our Free-masonry in purposes their way into the steps and flags of the was very bright and brilliant, too soft to stranger looking in upon them would have bank would be the most dangerous part of lips of the spectators as they saw that it perhaps, but in regard to which I have terraces, and both steps and terraces, as be dazzling or overpowering, yet so pendsaid that another so happy, stalwart a crew the undertaking, for the cliffs that formed had caught the log upon which their com- never been able to get any very definite well as all the environs of the temple, were would be hard to find, even in that section them were so steep that to ascend them rade was approaching and in spite of all information. These privileged persons crowded with an immense multitude of could distinctly trace the ascending and which is famous for its tall, broad-chested from the water's edge was next to impos- his efforts was carrying him out into the performances whenever they persons, who incessantly moved about to diminishing rings of the cupalo above us, sible. This jam and the prospect of dis- centre of the river, while at the same time take place-sometimes not for a generation and fro, yet never spoke above a whisper. and the rows of brick, only thinly white-"What is that you are saying. Bill lodging it, kept running in the minds of he was nearing the brow of the falls, at a | -but always in one or the other of five of | These made way for us as we passed with a Brown?' demanded one of the players at all, as the logs were rolled in, with the ex- speed that showed that no earthly power the great tembles or pagedas of Siam and respect mingled of reverance and curiosity. creased, and a band of old women came

> shouted the boss, as he saw the terrible ber I that the French frigate La Reine and scattering flowers. Some of these terrible ber I that the French frigate La Reine and scattering flowers. barrier into which the waters thundered | kok could make any head against it. I | these temples. It was multitudinous with struck the pavement with a metallic clang. or curtain, hiding the face of the cataract, well as ever, and in a fever to give me columns supporting the temple gallery.

mances, under certain restrictions which most peculiar combing, self-possessed look it is not necessary to mention here.

On the morning of the 13th, in company with Woun-Tafac, the Prince's eldest sor, except for a breech-clout, took no notice who was to witness the celebrated rites for of them. He put his hand heavily but not SAIGON, November 28 .- Last year, when the first time, I set out up the river in a unkindly upon my breast, gave me a piercthe young King of Siam's coronation, I bheareis knew how to flavor deliciously, moved, and I found myself squatted on a determined to make an extraordinary with certain aromatic stimulant herbs, effort to be pesent. My friend, Prince and-well, I have no notes of the voyage, Pha-tajac, when I toldshim of some of the which passed swiftly enough. At dark, remarkable conjuring and ledgerdemain I on the evening of the 15th, we debarked had seen in Japan, and in Bengal also, and mounted elephants to Juthia, reaching hannches resting upon their heels, their at the Rajah's court, near Moorshedabad, there at midnight. The Prince took me that sorcery is indigenous to the soil of emptied the last bottle of Roederer, and as far as I could see, were white robed

Siam." And he would give me no more a jolly fat old gentleman called Soondatchsatisfaction about it, question him as I Tam-Bonbar, set to work to prepare me for witnessing the performances in the wide. All around the sides rose gigantic Not long since I was conversing with a great pogoda. A white turban was wound columns carved into images of balance easily as a practiced rope-walker patiating to a native," said he, "upon the till it had the proper Malayan dejected ures, the eternal calm, the stagmant impernothing,' said the man. 'Tapada's people | which I wore the long white robes which | into the supreme wistlessness of Neibanthe river was full of sharp, jagged rocks, dark-headed rocks would show themselves Stung-Teing myself at the great pagoda of Soondatch and I having had our break- look with wonder upon the simple grand-Other groups gathered more immediate- some of which even now showed black for a moment, and the next be submerged Phoom, and everybody knows Stung-Teing fasts, but Woun, being a neophyte, was eur of its massive architecture, which was

Nevertheless, when I found on Novem- to and fro in the crowd, swinging censers

datch, the Prince's first wife-a noble doorways, each grotesquely sculptured descended upon them a shower of roses and

Soondatch and Woun-Tajac, each holdlater, eager and willing hands pulled him Juthia, on the morning of the 16th. It swords and very fierce aspect, who stood gother in a sythmic denne, lifting the dead after them. "Keep close to this shore exclaimed as he grasped him by the hand; would not allow it. It was sacrilege. The that completely concealed the interfor of in our midst the estood the tripod again, er that, had it reached the floor, after you break the jam. The water draws "I take back all I have said, Bill, and "initiated" would tear me limb from limb the temple from outside eyes. At a trip- with its flicke ing flame, and its incensewould have felled its recipient to the most savored by atthing the but one of those sitting by watching the bard over the falls, and the further out vote myself a foot in the bargain; and if sooner than permit such an intrusion upon ple password these men admitted my combever was seen, play knocked up his arm, and the blow you are the more trouble you'll have in ever I hear you tell that you have been their sacred rights. Failing with Phatajac, I resorted to Liti. She hesitated .- my breast. Soondatch whispered in the Tajac le my ear. Anotheractor now came Once in the current, the frail logs upon A faint smile spread over Bill's face, but I reminded her of the elder of the two-he started, upon the scene whom I recognized to be which the two men stood, sprang from as yet he had not found his tongue. They my cause with the persistance and intelligazed at me intently, but did not withdraw the tall athlete, Tepada. Behind him able.

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Gordon, without seeming to notice that the refresh both had ing the rest of the drive none cared to distance the refresh both had been aimed at his forehead; yet still he refresh to admit the refresh both had been aimed at his head. "Don't boiling flood beneath them; but this made of learnestics." terrible amount of diplomacy. I was given blow nad been almed at his nead.

There was a controllers between the you see that you have mixed these cards long been used to this mode of locomotion, but the between the to undergood fence. to understand that a certain royal person- doorkeeper and my companions, and at less you saw it, what work these men put age had finally been induced to interfere, last the elder guardian whistled shrilly their muscles to. I am not going to pronever had ventured affoat on so frail a THE anti-temperance people of America and that the redoubtable Tepada himself, upon a bone pipe tied about his neck with voke the incredulity of your readers by atour windcat raiss story.

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With the sweep of their pike-poles because it is not been brought a strand of silk, a tall man suddenly appropriate the consent. It consents the consents the consents to consent the consents to consents the consents t Sit down, Brown, and you, Gordon, bark. While the logs in the direction they add that I peared, I could not see from whence. In one feat Tepada seized Norodom by his long white beard, held then off at arm's was to be permitted to witness the performance. The was raidling and addition of at arm's was to be permitted to witness the performance. The was raidling and addition of at arm's was to be permitted to witness the performance.

of person and intelligence. "Tepada," exclaimed both my compan ions at once, but the man, who was naked ing, long look, and said in excellent Freuch, 'Are you a brave man?" "Try me ! Instantly, without another word, suddenly, whispering in my ears, "Not a tance along a devious way, ascending and descending several times. At last I was stone floor, between Soondatch and Woun-Tajac, who, with bowed heads and faces partly shrouded in their white robes, squatted like statutes of Buddha, their knees and shins flat to the ground, their hands spread palms downward upon their knees, their eyes deflected, and a look of devout reverence and abstract meditation to my unaccustomed eyes, but all around, worshippers crouched in the same attitude

of silent reverence.

By degrees, as my eyes grew used to the dim gloom. I began to look about me. The place was a square vault, so lofty that I could not see the ceiling, and I should say not less than a hundred paces long and always, yet a thousand variations from the central plan, a thousand freaks of fancy, a thousand grotesquesies, through which shone, the more effectively for the departturbed cestacy of apathy of Buddha's remarkable face, with the great pendant ears, and the eyes looking ont beyond you a face that once seen can never be forgotten. By degrees I came to see the plan of its evidently subterranean vault, and to severely plain, except so far as the carving of the great column went. At the furthest end of the hall, resting against the vault a pungent, sacramental odor.

the coronation of the young king. This is statues of Buddha in all his characters, the stage-gongs, drums, cymbals, and washed, that supported it.

> Bands of male and female boazes passed out from under the stage singing (or rather shricking out) the most diabolical chant that I ever heard. The red curtain flutlong hair and beard white as cotton fleece. His finger nails were several inches long, and his sunken jaws were horribly diversified with two long teeth, yellow and ogre-

tossed the burning oil towards the crowd ward, he spun it for a minute upon the

wonderful athletic exhibitions that can be