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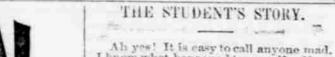
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I know what happened to myself. None of you will believe this story; but what matter? A truth is a truth, if no one believes it. I never say anything is im-possible. Nothing is. I love abstruse subjects and studies. I have dabbled in what is supposed to be forgotten iore. I do not tel' you that the old alchemists had no foundation for the hope that they could transmute the baser metals into gold. I do not say that there will never be an elixir of life for sale in bottles at the drug stores. They'll tell you I am visionary, but wait a while. I am almost at the heart of the secret of perpetual motion. When I make that discovery, and the prizes offered in every land on earth for it have been awarded me, you

shall hear a different story. "That brilliant Mr. Wurzel !" they will say. That well-read-and-much-to-be-respected Mr. Wurzel! That wonderful zenius-we all knew what he would do nt last

Listen, then. This is the way I am situated when my scene opens. I am five-and-twenty. I am hand-

some. I am poor. I am betrothed to Pauline, whom I cannot yet marry, because I am not rich enough. I adore Pauline, and I long, therefore, to have more money. I have invented this-no matter what. My patent has been sto-ien. I have discovered that people cry "Pooh-pooh " People are fools.

I live with my maternal grand-uncle, who has the gout, who suffers terribly who has lost every relation in the world but me, his nephew ; who has made his will and left all his fortune to the Association for Indigent Old Bachelors; who says of me : "That Franz is a good fellow. I like him; but if he had my money he would tling it to the dogs. I shall not leave him one penny So you see I do not live with him from

b. It can be relied to cure, and it cures satisfing, not by outrag-nature. Do not take mercenary motives. Yes-poor, in love, without expectation, but not unhappy. 1 smoke my cigar I make love to l'aufine ; I play my

Ing, nature. To be take violent purnitives your selves or allow your chil-dren to take them, always use this elegant phar-miceutical preparation, which has been for more than forty years a public invorte. Sold by druggists correctors violin: I study; I enjoy myself. Sometimes I play cards or chess with my old uncle. We play always for love never for money

Sometimes he has the gout very hadly, and I nurse him. He must always speak his mind when he has got the

gout. Then I speak mine to him. "Come, old gentleman," I say ; "this is very well. If I were your heir I might "Who am I ?" I asked the physician, "You are still bewildered, old triend," called mad. "But call me by name !" I entreat.

"Hans Emil Muller," is what he answers. I cry. "I am Hans Emil "Yes!"

Muller! And they carried a dead man through the door just now. Was it my nephew, poor Franz Wurzel ?" "Do not distress yourself," said the doctor. "Be at rest. He suffers no

he replies.

more Suddenly I feel a twinge of the gout. "The dence !" I cry. "But I do?" I will not be put to bed. I enquire particulars. It is supposed that Franz Wurzel sufficiented himself with some notious gas evoked by some wild experiment, and that the uncle fainted after bringing him down from the laboratory in his arms.

So I am no longer Franz Wurzel ; I am Hans Emil Muller. The body of Fran: Wurzel lies in white linen in a coffin in the quiet parlor. Friends come to view it. * Some weep, some are quiet; some say: "We knew he would kill himse f at last."

I cannot look at the form once my own, but when my dear frieud Adolph comes to the house I take him by the arm, and lead him to a place where no

one can hear us. "Adolph," I cry, "do not weep for Franz! I am he!" and I tell him all. He sighs, shakes his head, bids me

rest myself, and sends the doctor to me. It is plan he thinks me mad.

Theu I am left alone for a l ong while. A nurse watches me. All are suspiious of me. I hear whispers from those who come to the house of mourning of "This has turned the old man's brain." The next morning I awoke with a dim remembrance of what had taken place. l arose and looked in the glass, and saw the reflection of the face of my oll nucle

I went down to the door of the closed and darkened room. I opened it, and peeped in. Two old women sat there, wat hing something covered with a white sheet. They did not hear me. "He was very young to die," said one.

"Only five and-twenty. "And betrothed, too," said the other. She takes it hard.

"A pretty girl will find another lover," said the first. I slipped away. It was indeed time

I shall never tell Pauline the truth. If one is wiser than his fellows he is

How Hard Money is Made.

"We don't make money here," said the courteous Chief Clerk of the Assay Office; "that is, we don't convert bullion into coin. We receive gold and silver from depositors, melt and assay the bultion, form it into bars and ship the bars to the Philadelphia Mint, and in the course of a few days that institution sends us back the coin. Government furnishes us with a bullion fund amounting to over thirty-five million doltars. out of which we pay the depositor just as soon as the lineness of his metal is letermined by assay, the weight ascertained and the value calculated. In fact, all our deposits, except in cases of re-melt and re-assay, are made within two days.

"Now," said he, picking up a bright new double engle, "you know how easy it is to spend that coin, but unless you are familiar with the work you can form no idea of the time and labor it took to make it. From the time the bullion from which this double eagle was made reached the mint, until it was converted into coin, it had passed through no less than ten distinct processes, such as melting, alloying, forming the metal into ingots, rolling the ingots into strips the thickness of a coin, cutting from the strips the 'planchets' or 'blanks,' annealing, milling and adjusting the 'blanks' and coining or stamping the pieces, beside sundry minor operations incidental to milling. Now, examine

that coin closely un ler the glass, and see how well the work is executed. The Romans excelled in the art of engraving, and many of the coins were masterpieces. But we cannot afford to throw up our central designs in such bold relief as the Romans did, for in the hurry and bustle of our day and the rapid handling and piling of coins, we would soon wear the face off of the goddess and wings off the carle. So, while our designs are in Lold relief, yet we make them low and protect them as much as possible from abrusion

and wear by 'throwing up' the edge of the blank, technically called 'milling.' "The manufacture of dies, or the art of 'lie sinking,' has reached great per ection at the Philadelphia Mint, and all the coinage dies or other mints are made at that institution. The artist first makes the design, and then a model of it in wax.

For Cola Collectors.

Saved by Being Stylish.

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THE FAIR ORGANIST.

"Married !" gasped Mrs. Adams, in onsternation, from the head of the breakfast-table - "my twenty-year-old Teddy married !"

"Didn't you hear what I read ?" deanded her husban i, looking up from a letter just received; "or must I again onvey to you the pleasing information hat your son Edwin has made a fool of imself? Yes," continued the head of the family, "married, and has been for two months; and the first thing he wants money. Well, as he has made his ed, so let him lie upon it. And alhough he is kind enough to intimate hat it is his own money, loaned to me two years ago, not a fraction of it shall he get!

After which remark the exasperated father threw the letter on the table and walked out of the room.

"I don't wonder Teddy left home when he was lifteen." said Edith, the oldest daughter, a pretty girl of eighteen : "the wonter to me is how any of us stan 1'it ier.). For my part," rising, "I'll marry the first fellow that asks me."

"Well," teasingly remarked her eldest brother, Charlie, who was studying law, "we need not fear losing the light of your beaming countenance at a very carly date."

Even Mrs. Adams smiled feebly at the raillery, but her mind and heart were busy with the contents of the letter which she now read aloud again.

"Of course," wrote the sender, "you'll all be very much surprised but I hops not offended, when I tell you I have done the most sensible act of my life, and married the dearest girl in the world. I would have told you before, but was waiting until I could bring my wife up home to see you all. However, as I'm about to start on a trip for the firm, 1 find it impossible to do that, and being under heavy expenses, and having to leave May in the city during my absence, I would like father to forwar I the money ie owes me. And as May has no relatives, I would like it if you were to write er, etc.

"Poor old chappie?" said Charlie, at the conclusion of the lengthy epistle. "I d send him some myse i if I had it, but the cost of the last set of books I had to have left me without a sixpence. Even had to make a bet," he added comically, 'that I could have a bet order to avoid remarks on my apparently three or four times larger than the deinsane course in that direction. sired coin. From this model an electro-So the harsh answer went back to the type is taken, and then the design is happy young Benedict that, as he had transferred by means of a Hill engraving lopted his own course in the matter, machine, which works on the principle of a pantograph, to a block of steel the the writer could scarcely see how he could be expected to interfere at the present date, "but," concluded his size of the coin. But as only the principal design, such as the head, eacle, or fatter, "you and your wile may come shield, can be thus transferred, the artist home. fills in by hand the stars, date, and all "We may go home, my darling!" whispered Teddy Adams to his young surrounding details. Then, after removing the ground on the face of the block. "We may go home, but I won't he strikes from the block an impression et you go alone, as I know you'll be into and upon a second block. This much happier here, and there's no danger but that we'll get along." second block is hardened and an impression is transferred to a third similar And with a mock stern command not block, which we call the 'parent die' or to worry, hundsome impulsive Teddy 'master hub' and from which the regular started on his long trip. A queer little smile played around the impled mouth of Teddy's wile, as readcoinage dies are made. The impression on the 'master hub' is in relief, or conyex, while that on the 'working' or co.ning a morning paper a day or two afterwards, her eyes chanced to light upon the following advertisement : "But let us see what they are doing inhere," said the Chief Clerk, as he step-

"I don't know how we would ever get along without you now," she told May, on irely torgetting her previous don ds. You seem to have the knauk of spotn ing everything over. If you were not so niet, I should say you managed us at

NUMBER 1.

ere. I do was a Ted by had waited until he saw you before marrying; then his father, too, would have been so pleased -he flii des so much of you." "Fut perhaps your sou wouldn't have oppreciate 1 me," laughin by responded

staw, Hushing, "He couldn't have done otherwise," enswered the young man's mother, as she heartily gave May the customary good bye kiss.

Then closing the door thoughtlessly, she picked up an open letter that had apparently been written by her husband. for lip) grow ashen as her eyes seemed voluntarily riveted on the paper.

"My Distance Little Mar .- I am very much provoked at you, indeed, at the course you are pursuing, as it will surgly tell on your constitution, and it stirely unnecessary. Anyono who saw rid ha w you would love you. I di not dream you had so much will power, or I would have tried-iratiesaly, a course not to have failen in love with such a wilful little body. How ver, now, I am glad you'll have to lo m I say. 1 will be at Lorie Station at sively hirty, sure, and we'll give the si-pr uttle town a sensation. Remember, seven-thirty. I can horily want to see

m, my own.-In haste, and always in o.e, yours, "EDUIN." " ih how blinded I have been !"

irolomly marmured the realer, as the hot tears can down her cheeks. "To hink that I could have been as easily uped by that chit of a girland and the an whose children I have brought up! And to-night-to-night he means to go nway with her, the insolent hus y ! Ch,

why -why was I ever born ." Mrs. Adams was envelope 1 in such an absentania led condition that shparently saw or heard no one, or nothng, at the family tea table that evening; and May, getting ready for her customary stroll, fell to wondering if it were imagnation, or if she really unintentionally bul o ten led her friend.

Waiting until she heard May close the loor, Mrs. Ada us quietly followed, much to the astonis anout of the children; and the darkness of the winter evening covcred the shadows of three very highly-

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has followed me, bearing a gun, and both of es where ready for any trick the benst noish be up to, but we were too h te. We found the spot where he had sto 4 for hours, and from which he had s I ind out to affack the horse, but he had quartly sneaked off. The elephant. when pursuing an ordinary course through the forest, leaves a broad trail whind him. He breaks down branches, i; roots small trees, and the prints of his big feet could be followed on horse back at a gallop. This feilow had gone of so o by that we were half an hour in pickg up his trail. There was not a broken nch, and he had set his toot down with the utmost care, and selected the handest soil. After getting a quarter of a mile away he had selected a rocky ridge to travel on, and we soon lost him outsrely.

Our camp was about three miles from the pot where the horse was killed. We always had one guard and a couple of tices, and as there was only the wild beasts to look out for, we had slept in perfect

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tringe and bear it; but you do not intend to leave meone cent; therefore you are abusing your best and most disinter-ested friend. Be civil." P. DUFF & SONS, Pittsburg, Pa. Then he will say:

"That is true ; but if I thought you worthy to be my heir, I should have a better opinion of you." Still, he does not say he has no need of me, still I stay with him. After all,

he is a good old fellow. He says of me : "Frank is not had, only crazy. Well, I am not crazy. Once or twice I blow up the little back attic atelier with a failure of an experiment. This is an accident that might have happened o any scientiff: man.

No matter; there is no longer a roof to the atelier. It can never blow off again. I go on with my experiments. If they can make diamonds, roved they can, why not make gold ? I ask. I'auline believes that I shall do

If the woman one loves believes in one t makes the heart strong, let who will carp. So-you have me.

One day I awake in the morning, and go downstairs to my uncle's room. We have no servant. We should be annoved by one. I rap at the door. No voice cries, "Come in." I rap again. Still no neswer, I open it. Ab, my God! There, on the bed lies my uncle ; his face is rigid, his hands are dropped by his side; his eyes are open, glassy, staring. He is dead.

I am physician enough to know this without a doubt. I do all I can to re-store him, if there is a breath of life remaining; but I am aware that it is vain. At last I sink down into a chair, and burst into tears. He scolded me. He did not approve of me. But we loved each other

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Suddenly I begin to tremble. The hair seems literally to rise upon my head. My flesh creeps. Is it fear? I think not. Death does not terrify me. 1 am used to the dissecting-room. I have been with friends of mine, who were

nedical students to rob new-made graves. No; it is not fear. I know, though I have never felt it before, that it is that winking which the spirit, clothed in esh, icels at the approach of a naked parit. Something is near me. Somehing touches me. Something calls my

HOME AND CITY MADE TRADUCT. "1'ranz !"* FURNITURE "Well? Am I wanted? Who are PARLOR AND CHAMBER SUITS, V0:1 ?" The answer comes:

A spirit. "That of my uncle ?" I ask.

LOUNGES, BEDSTEADS, The answer comes: TABLES CHAIRS,

"Who are you, then ?" I cry. Mattresses, &c., "I have no name. Listen. The spirit f your uncie is in another world; his 1605 ELEVENTH AVENUE, nody is empty. Look from the window, There lie has broad lands. Think of the ALTOONA, PENN'A money that lies in the bank. If you

had that money and these lands you Lar Citizens of Cambria County and all would marry Pauline to-morrow." ters wishing to purchase honest FURNI-"Ay," I say. "But they are not mine. TURE, &c., at honest prices are respectfully invited to give us a call before buying else-He did not choose to give them to me.'

"You may have them," whispers the where, as we are confident that we can voice. "Divest yourself of your body. Sllp your soul into that which lies meet every want and please every taste. Prices the very lo sest. [4-16-'80-tf.] there. Then you at once become the

ossessor of all his lands, all his wealth, You can marry Pauline to-morrow." "But I shall be old, and die soon ?" I

"No," says the voice. "Your soul has its destined time to stay an earth. You will live your own life out. You will have his pains and aches, but they will not kill you. He was a handsome old man-handsomer than you." 1 drop my head into my hands. I

nak- NO CHARGE UNLESS PATENT IS "If I wish to change again, can I ?" I We refere, here, to the Postmaster, the upt. of Money Order Div., and to the offi-"While the body remains unburied,"

s my answer, "I am ready, then !" I cry.

Suddenly I see something vague, yet awful. I sink upon the floor. In an instant I remember every incident of my

that I eased Pauline's heart. She always believed me-she would now. I went out into the street. I sought Pauline's home. Before it was a garden bright with tulips; at one end a pretty sum-mer-house. I heard a sound of soft sobbing there. I entere I. I saw Pauline. Her head was bent down upon the rable; she was weeping bitterly, I stopped and kissed her forchead. She

looked np. "Ah, my good Herr Muller." she said, weeping, "you have come to me. We will mourn for him together."

"Pauline," I said, "listen. Believe me. I have always desired by other men seorned. At last I have learnt a great secret. This is not Herr Muller. It is Franz Wurzel. My soul has taken poss ssion of my poor uncle's body in order that I might hold the wealth he left behind him, and so marry you. My form appears old, but I actually am as age die is 'intaglio,' or concave. young as ever, and I love you more decontrolly

"Ali, ah !" I heard her say in a low tone. "It is true, theu, the old man has ost his mind. Foor old man?

Then she addiressed me softly : "Let n e lead you home, sir ? After a little you will feel better."

"Pauline," I cried, "believe me. Kiss me, Pauline." "He is quite mad," she screamed, and fell fainting on the floor of the arbor. I heard steps approaching and fied. How I loathed the form I had taken ! If Pauline would not believe my story, of what value was all the gold now commercial centers of the world." nine ? I had only gained an old body,

full of aches and pains, by my odd freak. My only hope was that the spirit had not deceived me, and that I could once more regain my lost self. I hurried homeward, but rapid walk-

idg did not suit my gout. I hobbled painfully ; at last, at a certain door, I sat down to rest. While I was catching my breath, I looked up at the brass plate that shone upon its panels. It hore the name of the legal gentleman who hall transacted all my uncle's business. A bright thought struck me. I

knocked and was admitted. This time I was waty. "sir," I stid to the notary, "you are,

doubtless, surprised to see me here to-day, but my poor nephew's sudden death shows me the transitory nature of lite. I have long wished to alter my will. You have it in your possession. Let me see

With some surprise he unlocked the safe behind him, and drew forth a tin case, from which he produced my uncle's will.

"This was a great mistake," I said, "Why should one provide for old bachelors who should have provided themselves with wives long ago ?" I said. And I took a knife from the table and cut the parchment into fragments. "If Hans Emil Muller lives until to morrow, h : will make a new will. Good-day, S.L.

I bowed and hurried away, leaving the man of law staring after me in

amazement. What did I care?

I reached home at last. I hurried to the room where the watchers sat. I turned them out without ceremony. locked the door, and turning back the sheet, looked for the first time upon my own features, divested of the color and expression of life; upon my own form, frozen into marble immobility.

It was an awful moment. Words cannot paint it. I retreated from the collin. I crushed myself against the wall. I cried aloud :

"Give me back myself - my dear old self! Give me back myself ! It came again, that creeping of my flesh, that curding of my blood, that

rising of my hair; the white and awful presence ; the flood of minute memories; the nothingness.

"I shall break down the door !" cries a voice. "He has been there four hours. Hans Emil Muller, answer! Are you there ? Speak !"

I struggle to a sitting position. I look around. I am sitting in my graveclothes in my coffin, and in the corner lies the form of my uncle Muder.

WANTED AT LORIE-A LADY OR-gaussi for the Baptist Church None but those having the proper about meed apply to EDW15 ADAMS. ped into the 'Weigh Room,' where truck loads of silver were being weight. "That

scale you see there is a model of accuracy, and will weigh from ten thousand Two hours later she stepped off the ounces down to one-hundredth part of train at Lorie Station, and made her way an ounce. This smail balance weighs directly to the home of Teddy s father.

from twenty ounces down to the one-five-thousandth part of a grain. In fact "You are an applicant for the position of organist in our church, I presume " said Mr. Adams, looking down rather we must have accuracy in this work. not only to check our operations, but to pompously at the slight girlish figure. maintain the reputation of this office, "I am," shyly answered May, giving which is such that our stamp of weight him a remarkably sweet look from under and fineness passes current in all the

her dark evelashes. "And you consider you have the required ability " continued the quis-tioner, being only human, and melting perceptibly under the influence of the

A coin is said to be "proof" when it is stotty face. specially struck by hand press, instead "These are my only credentials," was t by steam press, from a polished planthe applicant's reply, as she quietly laid chet, and a "proof set" is a complete set of proofs of current coins. A "pattern petore ta n a certificate from a well-known conservatoire of music.

piece" is an early specimen of proof "Very gool-very good, in lead!" remarked Mr. Adams, examining the paper; "and if you consider the salary from a newly adopted coinage die or dies. An impression in soft metal to test an experimental die is called a "trial uticient, we will be glad to secure your When a piece is struck from servic -. We have been so ong wathout a capable musician, I trust you will regular dies on experimental dies with experiment legends, devices or designs, pardon me if I ask you to give the choir it is denominated an "experimental its first rehears il to-night ?

piece." Trial and experimental pieces. All of which resulted in May A. Fieldstruck for mint purposes only, will not ing taking up cosy little quarters near be issued, circulated or sold. Pieces the church, with a ion sly but lovely sittle popularly known as restrikes, talse metal widow, Mrs. Hastine.

pieces and metallic replicas, or copies, "So glad to have you, my dear," are prohibited by the revised statut s. chirruped that gossipy little lady. "It's Proof and pattern pieces are sold by the been so long since we've hat a regular superinten lent of the mint. The superintendent will furnish without charge, a organist, that the congregation will be delighted. The only trouble is," she pattern piece to any incorporated nam's ad ied dolefully, "I'm afraid we won't be natic society in the United States. In able to keep you long." such cases, if the pattern be in gold or

"Why not ?" questioned her young silver the value of the metal will be reboarder.

"Well, there are not very many attractive young ladies hereabouts," was the reply. "And the young men will not be long in discovering the number is in-The Southern bound mail train on the creased, and coax you away."

Seaboard & Rosmoke Railroa i came n ar "No danger of that" emphatically rekilling a young lady on Friday. Just plied May. "My only desire here will beyond Margetisville the road runs for be to please you all.'

some distance through a kind of swamp which is a favo ite place for fishing. Miss Noni Jaques was sitting on the emthe rejected applicants for the position bankment indulging in the soluctive ability; but if she succeeded in that rework of angling for eels, when the mail spect, she disp eased them in another.

train came thundering along. Thore was "It surely looks queer," whisper d the enough room for her to remain in safety. where she was, but with the usual nonpresence of mind which generally prevails on such occasions she got up an l silence about herself.

started across the track. The engineer "it bolles no good," commented the did his best to stop his train, but was un able to do so. The locamotive strua girl wears two plain rings on ner Miss Jaques and hurled her from the riage-finger, and keeps to hers if so much, but," they conclude I with a sly wink, "a track. The train was stopped and backed pretty face goes a long way with any man; and a blind man could set Mr. to the place where she was supposed to be lying a mangled corpse. The trainmen and passengers, however, were amazed to fin I a very much frightened yount nent.

anp exceedingly angry young hily, who had escaped all injury except having the back of her dress torn out, having been saved from a terrible death by her bustle. Something About Wires. There are twenty thousand miles of

"We have secured a treasure," obtelegraph wires in New York city. Of served Mr. Adams to his wile; "and in

DOPIC. house, yet walking, one after another, about a square apart.

"They do it very wen, somoonise! Mrs. Adams, the last of the three ; "very well indeed. He, my own busional for the evening papers; and she, the abandoned creature, always takes a walk for exercise after supper. Well, Lorie will have a sensation !

A locomotive whistle sounding, the poor little woman hastily brushed away for tears, and in a few moments was standing in a dark corner of the station

ant. cornta One moment of intense agony, then a tell tigure, mulled almost beyond recognition, jumped from the train, and, to he amazement of the watcher, caught May in his arms, totally oblivious that a centleman was enjoying the scene from he station-door.

"My dear little wife!" fell upon the ears of both interested watchers. "1-East the sentence remained unfinished, for both the man and woman, starting towards the couple, exclaimed :

"Well, now," said May's companion. "you're both awfully kind to come down here to meet a fellow. Why didn't you tell me, darling, that they knew.

"I didn't suppose they did," faltered May. "1-I don't understand-"Nor 1," interrupted Mr. Edwin

Adams, senior, for he it was who looke t in surprise at the unexpected family gathering; "and, young man, will you be kin i enough to explain what all this means

"Certainly," answered Ted ly, or Edwin junior, "to be sure. This little girl is my write, and niter I started on a trip, the, noticing your advertisement for an erganist, determined to come up here and win your love. All nonsense, of course, as I told her in my letter-anyone would love her. But I thought I would give you all a surprise, and come some unexp stadly, and told May to most me her : to-night, and I would take her up to you and introduce her over

again as Mrs. May Fielding Adams." "Considering your yoath, Teddy," said his father sedately, "I think you did remarkably well to secure May.

"Let us go home," suggested Teddy's mother. "I only came out for a little change myself, and, thank Heaven, have seen the change !"

The latter part of her sentence was unrinured almost beneath her breath. at the first part met with the approval at one very well satisfied couple and one

very happy couple. Great was the satisfaction of the town when it became known that the fair

organist was Teddy's wile. "It seems as though she ought to be-long to us," said Mrs. Adams, s nior, to "And you can never tell how Te hly. sappy it made me to discover she was vour wife !

An Accommodating Softran

Several days ago a stranger made his

the Grand River Valley train would go

"In about twenty minutes," was the

"Then I'll have time to get a drink,

"That's good. I always profer to travel

He returned in five minutes, wiping

"so, sir; you still have fourteen min-

"That's good ; I guess I'll go back for

his mouth on the back of his hand, and

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elopement?

won't L?"

asked

"You will."

utes to spore."

a little brandy."

on a still horn of whisky."

And of course he never could, for who would think Mrs. Adams ever suspected her husband of being a party to an

Please them she certainly did. Even could tin I no sault with the new comer's appearance at the Union Depot and asked Officer Button how long before

envious midens of the town -"to say the least it is old that she should come here alone and maintain such a determined

mothers of the outshone maidens, "when Adams is very well satisfie I with his ap-

In spite of all insinuations, however, May's charming manners and close application to her duties soon won the general esteem ; and when, a little later a vacancy occured in the town school by a unanimous vote she was confirmed

When he again returned he felt in good spirits, and, ascertaining that he still had six minutes to spars, he said : as teacher, much to the delight of the "Now that's what I call liberal, and I'll lay in one more drink." The last one proved more than he

this number one company operates and controls more than five thousand miles. ord r to keep her with us, I mentioned that you would be glad to have ber board

guard awoke me, and stated that some conger monaced the camp. He had men lucking about, and the budocks accured areadly exclude. The entry was aroused as quietly as possible, the fires were allowed to burn low, and in a short, time the statements of the seminel were critical. Somebody or something was urking about. We were in the honcountry, but the movements were too heavy for the king of beasts. The noise assed clear around the camp and back, nd then all was quiet. We were under aros ter half an hour, and then, all being still, we lay down, and all but the sentined were soon asleep. An hour later, as suddenly, as if shot from the gun, the old solitary of the day charged into our camp, trumpeting like the blasts from a local otive, and evidently in a great rage. It was he who had been lurking about for two or three hours. He had approached the camp as carefully as a man could walk, and had passed around it to locate everything and decide on a point to charge from. When we got the arm, he placed himself in the shadow of some bushes, and the natives, who examined the spot, said he stood there for an hour and a half without moving

Eloody and destructive work followed flie charge of the elephant. He stepped n and crushed a sleeping native, pieked a s wond up and dashed him to the earth a Coruse, and broke the back of a third ho was trying to get out of his way, Ie was soon among the bullocks, knockog them right and left with his terrible blows, and just then I got my gun ready. this charge had been so sudden and fierce that we were all demoralized for two or three minutes. Fortunately for us all, some one had the sense to throw light brush on one of the dying fires and start d a big blaze. This seemed to disconcert the elephant, and he showed signs of retreating. In this he was encouraged by two of our bullocks, who dashed at him for a fight, and taked him severely with their stout horns.

I was dancing about waiting to get a shot, and I if tell you what I saw that clephant do. He picked up a bullock. weighing at least 960 pounds, and that with his trunk above, and swing him alout as easily as you can hit an axe over your head. He held him in the air a mute, and then flung him clean over our Cape Colony wagon to the ground. The buil alighted on a large heap of treshly cut grass, and was but little injured.

I opened on the elephant just as he lung the bullock, and he at once Lolted out of camp, carrying three bullets with inn. He had scarcely got clear when he topped into a hole in the ground, furched orward, and went down with a broken eg. Lefore he could get on his feet again I had given him his death blow. ite had killed three men and four balleka, and his death gave us deep satis-Inction.

Another Chot at the Saturday Half-Holl.

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wen holidays without "Labor Day." Is re is no Saturday half-holiday known

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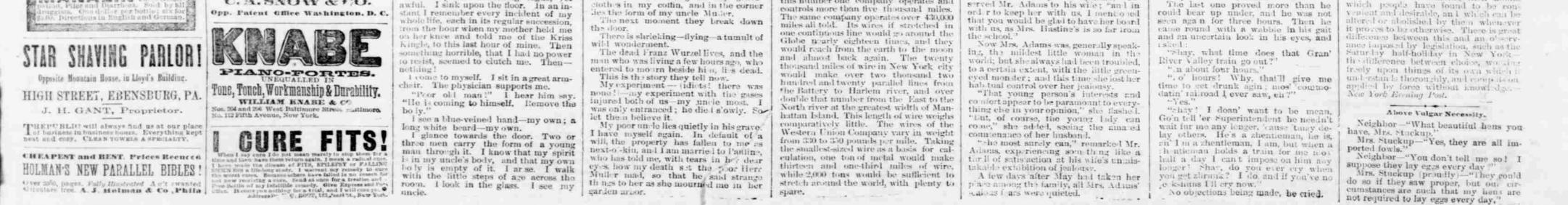
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A correspondent suggests, in a letter

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