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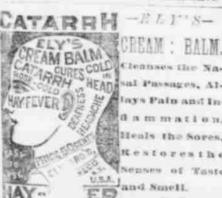
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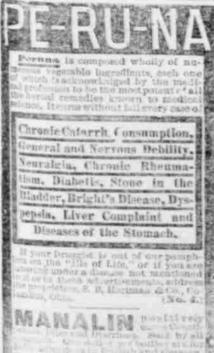


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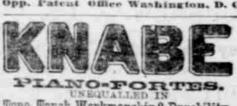
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A HUNTER'S STORY.

Twenty years ago, before the disappear tuce of the buffalo, and before the power of the fighting tribes of Indians was broken, a white man could get almost any port of adventure west of Omaha at a very

in which rise two of the branches of the Columbia River, was once a hunter's paradise, and it was there the cinnamon and prizzly bears grew the largest and were always aching for a row with some one. The first few white men in there after pelts chanced so many perils that it was nimost a miracle if any of them got out alive. The Indians were numerous and watchful, bears and panthers as thick as miceiu a farm house, and an adventure I some sort was sure to occur daily. I had been in a bit of cove or valley on the eastern side of the mountains for ten or twelve days before I got anything like

line of Washington Territory, and the country for a hundred miles around me was in the same savage state as when Columbus discovered the continent. The Indians were further east, on the Snake River, or further west, on the Columbia and its branches, and only detached parties were to be feared.

While this was a great burden off my mind, the bears and panthers were so nuserous that I was in a state of constant clarm through the day, and dared not shot both eyes to sleep at night. I had a pack and a riding mule, and on the first night of my arrival, while I had a bright fire burning, and the animals were tethered within a stone's throw, a panther sprang upon old Bob, my riding mule, and clawed him in a terrible way sefore I could get near enough to settle im with a bullet. Three or four bears prowied around my camp all night, and the screams of a panther kept my eyes wide open until daybreak.

However, after I had thinned out the colony by a dozen or fifteen, the varmints began to give me a rest. On the tenth or eleventh day of my stay Heft camp at an early hour in the morning loaded for bear. I followed the valley up for half a mile, and then turned

It ascended very gradually, and I had been following it for half an hour when it took a sharp bend to the right. At this point there was a hole in the right-hand hill, and as I halted to look at it I wondered if it was not the home of some say nere beast.

and I also had a knite and revolver. The bullet struck bruin in the left

shoulder, and he spun around a dozen times like a top. I was reloading when he got ready to form a closer acquaint. wounded to overtake me.

some and I went down with a crash. Gisl grizzly was within twenty feet of ne when I got up, and I patched my rifle roar he uttered lifted me a foot high, and I minds a dozen extraordinary leaps, but it wasn't a minute before I realized that a little. No man can guess how far a

I believe I could have kept clear of this ear down to the mouth of the ravine, t if he pursued me far enough he would retain to overtake me. I made up my nice, and might be large enough for the

Gid grizzly was hardly more than a rod chind me when I plumbed into the hole, of secombled ahead on hands and knees. free going in about ten feet the hole urned to the left and narrowed considerune to the end.

hi, but ready to bite and scratch if my

ders touched him. the cave. It was five minutes before I | mules during the night. heard him working his way in, and by his time I had recovered my breath and serve. I was certain be could not reach

pulled himself slong. By and by I saw his eyes shine. He could come no further. His claws dug atthe rocks and his roars of rage deafened-

him to redouble his roars of rage. For about ten minutes I felt very queer over the situation, but all of a sunderrit truck me that I had gained nothing by he change. In place of being a fugitive was a prisoner. The bear showed no disposition to retreat, and I now became care of the fact that the cave had a rank antell and that the body of the bear prevented the fresh air from entering. Helt that I must drive him out, and I did a very foolish thing. I edged nearer

his eyes and died. I congratulated myself for a moment, but then it dawned upon me that I had choked up the passage to liberty with the carcass of a bear weighing at least 600 astempt I could not stir it an inch. I had

I was wondering how I should get out ir, when I heard the scream of another and at the entrance of the cave, and in moment more realized that the mother of the cult punther had arrived. It was for me that the body of the bear The panther went wild with fury when her kitten began to call. She bit and clawed at the bear, and by a great effort pulled it back a few inches. Had not the space been so contracted she could probbly have drawn it out, but she did not we a fair show to use her strength. Her yes locked at me over the body of the bear, and if one ever saw fury it was in

I have her a comple of shots, hoping to noor the rest st. Now here | drive her off. I think I wounded her in |

the head, for she set up a terrible screaming and ran out, but in two or three min-

utes she was back again with more fury I now pushed her kitten forward, hoping she would be appeased at its restoration. It climbed over the bear and reached her, and she took it in her mouth I was a pleased man over this result. for the cave was as hot as an oven, smelled powerfully smart of panthers,

and the powder smoke almost stifled me. Being a bit rattled had brought on an intense thirst, and I felt that I had got to do something pretty soon or suffocate. Pretty soon I crept forward, and began pushing at the great carcass, but had not been engaged over two or three minutes when the panther returned. She had car-

ried her kitten to a place of safety, and We got into conversation after travel-She realized that the carcass must be got out of the way before she could come at me, and had I not seized the grizzly by the cars and hung on she would have pulled the body out of the cave. She hung to it for half an hour before she among nearly all classes of society. quit the job, and then she retired in a way which left no doubt that she would

match and looked at my watch. It was nearly noon, and I was really suffering the rocks over my head, and I licked it with my tongue and in that way got

> words, roused my interest. "Do you care to tell it?" I asked. A quick, involuntary shudder gave to his voice a slight tremor, as he answered. "I wish I could keep from thinking of it, but I might as well tell it as to sit here quaking in silence over the awful memory of it."

He paused a moment, drew a long shuddering breath, and then he began; "A little over a year ago what I am about to relate happened to me. I had established a very good business, chiefly among the upper class of tradespeoplethough, of course, I did not decline any call upon me that promised a reasonable

spatch from Paris, asking me to take charge of a dead body that was to be sent from Paris to London for burial. I was to meet it at Dover on the arrival of the night boat from Calais, and make all the arrangements for its further transportation by rail, and I was referred to a weilknown banker as security for my ex-

about an hour I heard them growling and smarling outside, and every click of their claws on the rocks was plainly audible, but by and by they gave it up as a bad It was now close to 3 o'clock, and I went at the careass with the determination to up reading to keep myself awake. push it before me. It was too late; the imbs had stiffened like sticks, and the feet caught at every inequality and resisa giant in strength, a born hunter and Indian fighter, penned up like a rat and with it at Victoria station. It came to me, even with all that meat

"One of my wagons was there, waiting to take the body to my place, where I was instructed to keep it until the next morning, when the proper parties the berial L

appear later in the day. "When I got to my shop, it still lacked

ing home, but made myself as comforta-

with a thing but black plumes and graveclothes and palls and collins about him. "That was the feeling I had when I

Luck was with me, however. The Indians crossed the valley too high up to discover my camp, and I found the mules That afternoon, as I was looking after some traps set on a creek about a mile from camp, I found a panther dead in a thicket. He was an enormous fellow and had two bullet wounds, and it did not presedec. need much cogitating to convince me that

he was the male of the pair which sought his head, and almost any other animal would have died at once, but he had not but had traveled a long five miles from

> only light in the room came from the dying fire. I became aware of that presonce the very instant I awoke. I had got to turn my head to see it. But

> but I can tell you that I did not feel just then that the cornse out in the other

> face the thing, whatever it was. "Were you ever locked up in a topib at night?" the undertaker suddenly asked

ANUNDERTAKER'STALE

opinion; but I have not yet so far failed in charity as to wish any of these scoffers

I had run over to Paris, had spent a couple of weeks in that bright city, and was on my way home again. I took a night train from Dover to London, and in the compartment which I occupied there was but one other passenger-a sharp, intelligent looking man, with a very

ling more than half the distance in that silence which is invariably adopted by Englishmen when they meet. After discussing general subjects, a remark of my companion's led me to say that he seemed to have land a very wide experience, and

marked hesitation. "Yes, I am an undertaker. I have had a good deal of experience, and I have had my share, I think, of remarkable adventures. I never take this ride from Dover to London without a very painful recollection of

"It was a beautiful, still night, in the saw it placed in one of the luggage-vans of the train; and in due course arrived

two hours of daylight, and, as I felt no slight responsibility, I didn't think of goale as possible in my office for the rest of

London, and when I went to sleep in my chair, after stiering the fire into a blaze I slept very soundly-very soundly, that is, for awhile, for it was still dark when I woke up in a sudden and startling way. taker asked, turning his eyes full upon his story, "what mysterious influence that is which makes you feel another presence in the same room as yourself,

know of any occasion when it can seem norequeer and awful than when it comes to a man locked up in the dead of night He turned his eyes to the floor again,

"I was sitting before the firerlace, with my back to the door that led from the office to the shop. I had purposely left the door ajar. The fire had died down to a dull-glow, and it seemed to me that a breath from the Arctic zone had penetrated the room. I cannot describe the kind of cold it was. My very bones seemed to be ice. And then I felt that

The undertaker seemed terribly af-He made a strong effort to recover himof all, it trembled with an ever-deepening terror as he went on, curdling my very blood in sympathy. "I had turned the gas out when I sat

down in my chair to sleep, so that the "Mind, sir, this is not a dream. I was as fully awake as I am at this moment. The thing was there! It was at the back of me. It was between me and the door,

me motionless in the dim, ghostly light, and was looking at me. "My God, sir! it was awful to sit still and feel this thing, and try to make up my mind to turn my head toward it! I am pretty well accustomed to corpses,

room was any commany for me. "Well, there I sat-feeling that borrible gaze fixed upon me, in the utter siland the death-like cold creeping | economy now, you know." through my veins-striving, struggling to nerve myself to look around and to

sponse; I could not spenk. "I have been," he said, "but it was nothing-nothing to those few minutes, while I sat palsied with terror, with that thing behind me! ___-

"At last, in a kind of nervous spason, I sprang to my feet and turned toward the door. The sight froze met There is no other word for it-I was rigid. I could no more stir than I could arrest the motion of this train now and instantly. My very heart stopped its beating I wonder I didn't drop dead myself, for there not six feet from me-with the livid pailor of death on its face, and its glassy eyes glued to mine, stood the corpse! "Then it began to approach me. It did not seem to walk-it glided, and not till It reached me did it make a single apparent movement. Then - just stand up,

will your I can illustrate better what occurred." I did to, and he rose at the same time. and we stood facing each other in the compartment. I was dimly conscious at the moment that we were crossing Battersea bridge. The undertaker, as he

went on, repeated upon me the actions he described. "Then this dead thing," he said to me, "slowly lifted its arms and laid its ici fingers on my cheeks and moved them gently downwards to my shoulders, pressing hard against me all the time on either side, as I do now on you, and wherever the hands lay they seemed to draw the very life out of the firsh beneath them. Slowly-oh, how slowlythey glided on downward from my

into his own veins! was sucking my substance! What I lost he gained! He enriched himself by making me poor, and it would end ...

"Victoria!" shouted a guard, opening the carriage door. "Bless my souil" exclaimed the undertaker, "are we in? I must hurry to eatch my train out." He seized his satchel, and was on the step before I could get my brenth to say: "But the story! I want to hear the end

He was on the platform now. "Oh! there isn't much more," he called back, "The ghoul succeeded-that's all!"

the way home, I tried to conceive what the nudertaker could mean. How could the dead man have succeeded? Here the undertaker was, alive and well, teiling me the story. It was very annoying and disappointing to be so backed, after beapparently doomed never to know the

got out of the cab at my door I could find no loose change to pay the driver-yet had some when I took that train at Dover; my well-furnished pocket-bookthough that, too, I had at Dover-was gone as well; and my watch and chain had followed suit. It is painful to lose confidence in hu-

man nature in this way-ODDS AND ENDS.

-If there is any person who wants copy-right it is the editor. So much copy wrong is what is wearing out his

for the only seat in the street car found himself "crowded out" to make room for 'more interesting matter." -"I don't wish to say anything against he in livi fund in question," said a very polite gentleman, "but would merely re-

my is, I hope your honor'll consider the of easy.

-Smith: "Who is that philanthropist so carefully sprinkling asnes on the slides on the public sidewalks?" Brown: He is not a philanthropist. He is the resident of an accident insurance asso-

London for some books to fit up his master's library, in the following terms: 'In the first place, I want six feet of

heology, the same quantity of meta-

physics, and near a yard of old civil law -Mrs. Finigan: "He's no better, doctor. You towld me to give him as much of the powder as would lay on sixplace. I hadn't a sixpince, but i gave nim as much as would go on five pinnies

-Miss Todidum (complaisantly): "Ah, Mrs. Goldbags, no one could mistake who the mother of these handsome ildr n is. You ought to be proud of them, for they inherit all their mother's beauty and grace." Mrs. Goldbags: "So

down kero-ene lamp, "your voice i ner,' because you always begin with 'Oh, - Metrose Journay,

-The tables were turned in rather a funny way the other day upon a particularly vigorous speaker at a Woman's Rights meeting. Waving her long arms like the sails of a windmill a lady asked : "If the women of this country were to rise up in their thousands and march to the polls, I should like to know what there is on this earth that could stop them !" And in the momentary siler which followed this peroration, a still, small voice remarked: "A mouse

row evening, Mr. Sampson of course, she said, with a bewitching smile, "and you must bring lots of money with you." Mr. Sampson was so overcome by the smile that he was on his knees before he knew it, and presently everything was as it should be. "George, dear," the girl said later on, and she said it thoughtfully, "perhaps it will be as well for you not to bring too much money to morrow evening. We ought both to practice

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"Now, say something decidedly cool to him." Jack whispered to his companion when he saw the waiting lover; and Roy saw the best head, the devoted attitude, the whispering Ups of Jack; but then he knew how her face would light at sight of him. What was Jack Atherton to

him the most careless, indifferent greeting in the world. "I am gial papa was not alone!" she said chearfully, taking the chair Jack draw forward for her, although Hoy had

She ran lightly up the steps and gave

an hour longer; and the evening has been Roy felt as though he had dreamed a dream and was awaking from it. Was this his gentle, adoring sweetheart. ---

an inward chuckle. Roy stood there, unbending and unsmiling. "I have waited to see you, Ione," he enid distinctly in a tone touched with annoyance. "I want to ask at what hour I may call to take you for a drive

to Palmer. You said once that you would like to go there." "Too late, old fellow," put in Jack, with a broad smile, "Miss Valon has promised to take that very ride with me to-mer-

Hoy turned to Ione with a start, but she was not looking at him; her dark eyes, smilling and soft, were turned upward to meet a glance-as tender as he could make it-from Jack. . "You will not go with me to-morrow?" "I have promised to go with Ja-Mr.

Atherton. "Then you will ride with me on the following day? "Our tennis battle comes off that day," reminded Jack softly.

Roy furned upon him with a frown, "You seem to monopolize Miss Valor 8 time," he said curtly. "I would like to," was Jack's unmoved answer, and then, thinking he had done all required of him, he took his leave. e-Mr. Valon had disappeared, and the betrollied lovers were alone, and lour was as

first time you have treated me in this manner, and I want to understand it Are you going to throw me over for Jack Atherton? Be honest with me. Are "Does my being civil to him annny you,

you prefer him to me, as you certainly seem to, since you take his escort when mine is at your service-But your escort is so rarely at my service of late, Roy: and H preference is given to the one whose society in sought

nn lint vaurself? The worther living

"Never, my darling," he cried passionately, dropping on one knee beside her chair and putting his arms about her; sugger for my hour of my Hiel And I will promise you now that, after heaping one engagement which I have made with Miss A terton, I will not even look at her again if I can belp it. You'll go with me to marrow, ione, and send Jack an excess?"

"No, Hoy; since you intend to an an engagement engagement with Miss Atherica I will keep mine with her cousin."

He remembered the words of the blonde, face darkened. Cantering through the main street of the riverside, and there, dashing over the And he vowed in his soul he would.

The next evening Myra received a note enjoy. It was those suddenly turned from her dainty lovell-OUR GRANDMOTHERS WAY ness to look after the dark-eyed girl whom

dued by an explanation coming from ene-The trick is the latest English enstorn. on being presented to people of note. The movement is a difficult one, and if universally adopted the fair saciety belies will find some difficulty in perfecting homselves in the account lishment, for, unlike their grandmothers, the e cation of the modern girl in that respect

has been neglected. Courtesies and backboards were long and out of date. Now, together with the old spinning-whitels, they are being brought to light and favor once more.-Toledo Blade.

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> "I never order a fire in my room at a country hotel. I carry a warming apparatus along which is both convenient and not cestly to myself. See," And he pulled out a pair of nippers and

by. I yank it off with my ni pera, spray, on my own panent appliance, and then sit by the window and watch the city one tienk sink down towards the ground wallo-

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than ever.

and backed out.

was now bent on revenge.

watch at the entrance.

but the ensiest one.

interference.

When the panther had gone I struck a

for water. There was a damp spot on

some relief, but I would have traded my

whole outfit that day for one glass of cool

water. I felt that I was in a bad box,

and as is generally the case in such in-

stances, I thought of every way out of it,

I reloaded my revolver, and planned to

wait until the panther would leave the

neighborhood, but about 2 o'clock I sus-

pected from the movements in the tunnel,

that the one I had encountered had

hunted up her mate and brought him to

the front. Such soon proved to be the

fact, but as only one could enter the place

at a time, it was no advantage to them.

They took turns tugging at the carcass of

the hear, and the new comer would have

dragged it out in short order but for my

There was a space of about six inches

between the body and the roof of the

tunnel, and, though the fumes of the

revolver along until close to the panther,

and then put two bullets into him. He

let go his hold and then backed out, and

the way he did rave up and down that

I had wounded both, and neither of

them ventured into the place again. For

ted my efforts. There I was, a man of 30.

before me, that I was doomed to die of

hunger, and it was only as the sun had al-

most been lost sight of outside that com-

mon sense returned to my aid. The way

to rel myself of that care as was to cut it

up. It ought to have occurred to me at

the very outset, but the race and close

I had a stout hunting knife, and I had

just begun work on the bear when I heard

the voices of Indians outside. I also

heard them inside, for one of the fellows

crept into the tunnel a few feet and

shouted in his own language to his friends

but the beast doesn't seem to be at

He backed out after flinging several

missiles at the rear of the cave, and from

the voices and movements I was satisfied

that it was a hunting party numbering

eight or ten persons. They sat down

right there for the night and built acamp

fire, which reflected right into the mouth

of the tunnel, and kept their chatter

They had three or four dogs with them,

and the miserable curs took turns at

trying to raise an alarm. One of the In-

dians encouraged his dog to enter, and

the animal came almost to the dead bear,

and raised such a fuss that had the red

men been the least suspicious they would

have investigated. I did not get a wink

of sleep that long night, and was a thank-

ful man to hear the Indians move off in

They had no sooner departed than I fell

As the Indians had gone down the ra-

vine from the mountain I expected that

they would discover my camp and lie in

hood that the wild beasts had killed both

One of the bullets had gone square into

only survived it for two or three hours,

The Things That will Pay.

We might imagine a man looking over

his final accounts and reading there of

thousands expended in building blocks

and dwellings, and nothing devoted to

the everlasting habitations which only

the blessed shall enter. We might im-

agine a man spending his millions for

railways, steamships, manufacturies, merchandise and mines, all of which would be left behind; while perhaps among the accounts we might discern the

record of a single penny that had been

used in sending forth a tract which has

saved a soul; a sixpence spent in encour-

aging and instructing a little child, who growing to manhood had electrified the

world with his works, and won many

souls into the kingdom of God; or a

shilling spent in feeding a hungry soul,

beyond, that a penny thus expended might be more fruitful of blessing, satis-

faction and reward, than millions ex-

pended in the luxury, the business, or the

Too Many Weddings.

ministry of the Protestant Epigeopai Church, at his request, Rev. J. J. Sheeper,

who has been marrying so many couples

Bishop Whitaker has deposed from the

The things that will pay are the things

mbush for me. There was also a likeli-

to work upon the bear, and in the course

of half an hour had out him up so that I

sticking their heads into the opening and

a-going until nearly midnight.

the morning about sunrise,

could squeeze out.

safe and sound.

the cave.

done for God.

in Camden, N. J.

to get at me in the cave.

"It smells very strong of hear in here,

ravine made my hair stand,

job and went away.

first as helpless.

pursuit had upset me.

outside:

owder almost choked me, I shoved my

early hour in the morning. The Blue Mountain country of Oregon,

It was within forty miles of the south

into a ravine which was the bed of a creek

I had moved on about five hundred feet when a grizzly, which had been lying down among the broken rocks, suddenly rose before me. I was looking for his kind, but his appearance was so sudden and he showed fight so quickly, that my heart was beating altogether too fast as I pulled up for a shot. It had to be a snap hat, for not more than thirty feet separated as. Mine was a single-barrelled rifle,

He had worked-up the ravine and had worked down, and we were now a undred feet apart. I knew I could not firish loading before he reached me, and there was no other way but to run for it and hope that he was too seriously In those days I could run like a horse, and I was accustomed to all sorts of ground, but I hadn't made ten jumps en this occasion before my foot supped on a

nto libe face as. I took a new start. The he was holding his ground, if not gaining wounded and enraged beast will pursue

ne cliff. It was large enough for me to but once inside I could turn and s my revolver.

bly, and seven or eight feet further on I As I did so my hand encountered someing soft and furry, and there was a hiss nd a spit that told me that a kitten panher was present. I felt all around me in he black durkness, but the kitten was the only living object. He was a little follow not more than four or six weeks

The grizzly did not follow at once into se within six feet, and was rather glad o hear him wheezing and snorting as he

It was now my turn, and I gave him two shots from the revolver which caused

to him and put four bullets into his head. and after a long-drawn moan he closed ounds. I thought I might be able to such it before me, but when I made the done an idiotic thing, and there was no any to repair the error.

and saving a useful life. How easy it would be to see in the light of the great

Perhaps I am more sensitive to the horrible than most of my fellow men-am,

in fact, more easily wrought upon. At ail events I have fancied that at times, when I have been telling this experience of mine, I could detect certain indications that some of my hearers were of that

put to a similar test. grave face.

"Yes," he answered slowly, and with a

We had still nearly a half-hour's ride before us, and his manner, as much as his

"I received one day a telegraphic di-

"This looked like good business, so I lost no time in getting the necessary permits and went to Dover in the evening. I had some details to attend to there in order that everything might be in readiness. and no time lost after the boat arrived. Then I had nothing to do but wait. Isat late fall, with an almost full moon, I remember, and the boat got in to time. I received the box containing the body, and

would call to make arrangements about "So far, of course, there was nothing specially remarkable about the affair. it is a little unusual in such cases not to find some one connected with the deceased accompany the body; but I hardly gave that matter a second thought. I had no doubt but what the right persons would

"You must bear in mind that all the sleep I had secured was a broken, uneasy slumber on the journey from Dover to "Have you ever wondered," the undermine for the first time since he had begun hough you hear no one and see no one? It's a queer feeling any time, but I don't

and a cold tremor crept through my own flesh in the brief and ominous pause he made before he went on in a lower voice: suddenly woke from sound sleep to full consciousness with a chilling shudder of

facted, even now, by his recollections of that night. It was impossible to resist the infection, and my own flesh was creeping in a very uncomfortable way. self and to steady his voice, but, in spite

I knew it was there! Who it was or what it was I didn't know; but I was sure that some living thing was standing behind

me. I could only shake my head in re-

shoulders to my breast, beneath my coat, like this. Try to conceive it-try, if you "Wherever they touched they drew something away from me-some virtue seemed to go out of me. And then the frightful thought came to me that I was dying by piecemeal!-that I was parting with something dear to me as life-bit by bit I could feel it ebbing-chbing, and at last the horror grew to a conviction, This ghoul was drawing my life's blood

-and he was gone before I could say an-As I followed a porter to a cab, and all ing so wrought upon. The undertaker had left me no address, so that I was

Only "apparently," however. When I

-The editor who saw a lady making

mark in the lauguage of the poet, that to -Judge: "Have you anything to say before the court passes sentence upon you?" Prisoner: "Well, all I've got to extre e youth of my lawyer, an' let me

-This is the toast which the modest rishman drank to the Englishman 'Here's to you as good as you are, and here's to me as bad as I am; but as good as you are, and as bad as I am, I'm as good as you are as bad as I am." -A steward wrote to a bookseller in

an' two halfpinnies, and it's done him no good at all, at all,"—Fining Folia.

told : but you know I never met my ishand's first wife."-Judge -"Miss Allabone," said Mr. Bean, as hey sat by the oim light of a turn donstant reminder to me of a beautiful song," "Ah! Mr. Bean, how sweet of you to say that. Is it any particular ong?" "Yes; the Star-Spangled Ban-

-"You will come to our fair to-mor-

Neighbor- 'So you've not a nea set-ting, have you? I didn't know you kept Little Girl-"No'm, we don't, but Birs. Smith signin' to lend us a ben that wants ter set, an mathought if you'd lead us some eggs we've got the nest outreits."

THE LOAN OF A LOVER. "I wouldn't stand It!" said Myra Bell, with a flash in her blue eyes which would make one think she really would not stand much without protest. "But I know he loves me best of all,"

gently answered her stately, dark eyed friend, Ione Valon. "If I had a doubt of his affection I would set him free to-day; but, much as he pains me, greatly as he sometimes seems to neglect me, I know that in his heart he cares for no woman as he does for me."

A faint color was in her olive cheeks, a

touch of pain shadowed hersteady, gentle

eyes, but Myra tossed her blondo hoad "Then let him prove it," she said sleavply. "Why, one might swear he was the lover of that cousin of Jack's, he hangs about her so constantly since she camhere. I just met them new riding together. Why don't you pay him back in similar coin? Flirt with some nice fellow and have as merry a time as he bas."

"Pray, where would I find the man who would permit mu to fire with him?" she asked, leaning back indoleatly in her per, den chair, a slight curl on her young Hp. "Myra, you are laughing at me. "Not I," asserted Myra, bringing down a little foot with some show of force on the green sward; "let me loan you my

Ione smiled.

"I know that Jack was over his cars in love with you two years ago," said Myra laughingly. "He told me all about it when he asked me to wear his ring; but that is all over and Jack loves me now and I love Jack; but I want you to let him play the devoted admirer to you for a month or so, just to see how Itay Howel "He doesn't know Jack is anything to me, and when he finds him at your side

half the time he may give you more of his

own precious time and less to every

precious girl he meets. See here, Ione, if

se really loves you is will teach him that

it is possible to lose you, and, dear, I love

you too well to look on and see you neg-

"What!" Ione sat erect, genuinely sur-

prised. "You would have the flirt with

Jack Atherton, my dear Myra?"

lected as you have been lately. May I tell it had stung her sorely, even in her perfect faith, to find that any fair face could lare her lover, and that he could go hither and thither with devotion that he had pledged

"Yes: I will try the experiment," she

said at last, and Myra sprang up and

"The, dear," she said engerly: "and here

he comes now, riding like a prince through the sunlight. Ione, begin to day-this very hour! Go in and don your rilling dress; tell them to saddle your partir most, you lor a month have cared not for to Jack. Yes shall ride with him to "arevery day! and now go, lone, not harry He ready in ten minutes or I'll not loss So, half coaxed, haif palled out of her

chair, lone stood up and went toward the

house, while Jack Atherton, in electiones

the gate and cantered up the drive.

to a small backoning hand, turned in at

Now, Jack was a bandsome young man

he cose in the second see, with a bronzed, hauging face and a pair of snemy, due to

eyes, and it was no secret in the prenty Hitle town that he had been very much in love with ione Valon, while the transfer of his affections to Myra was a happy secret between the lovers; so, when twenty minutes later, he and Ionercounted at the door and rode down the drive and out to the sunlight of a fair June day the laughter on his firm, handsome lips and the hot color on lone's young face might very easily be misread.

hard roadway with the soft, cool river breeze on their faces-with the laughter yet dancing from Jack's lips to his eyes, and yet the soft red still flushing Ione's olive checks-they met and passed another pair of riders Such a pretty girl as Jack's consin wast -all plak and white daintiness and big gray eyes and flossy, golden hair-but Roy Howel, riding with her beside the river

"That was cousin Jack; who is the

lady?" asked Miss Atherton, after they

the town, they wound their way along

had passed with a low merry words. "Ant He has been in love with her, then, for a long time. I hope she cares for Jack, he is such a noble fellow." Why was it that praise of Jack was so suddenly distasteful to Roy Howel? He "Miss Valon is betrothed," he said, dis-

he had neglected for her.

tinetly. ---"No; to another." > The presty, bubyish lips widened in a soft, merry hugh, which somehow did not please the youth. "Then let that other man look to it: let bim guard her from my fascinating consin," she said, "or Jack will steal his sweetheart; for Jack is one of the very nicest young men I have ever met, Mr. Howel, and such men as he seldom woo in valu. You know him, though," "Yes, I know him, but I have found

The san is setting, Miss Atherton; shall

"Yes, and when we ride to-merrow."

"Pardonme; but I have no engagement

which will prevent my riding to morrow."

we turn homeward?"

She looked at him in wonders for a month he had been her daily envaller was the pleasant firstation at an end and her visit only half finished? Ah! perhaps he had heard of her engagement to Leonard Blaine, the damly of her native city, and that was why he would not ride with her on the morrow. A vain little amile dawned on her line If he had Leonard's money; but, pshaw! she would not allow him to spoil her visit by giving up those long, torely rides, those pleasant wanderings in the sunset, those delightful rows catheriver;

and when she parted with him at her

uncle's he had forgotten all about his

slight uneaslness concerning Jack and

Miss Atherton a row the afternoon of the

day that would follow on the morrow.

thought, generously; "Pil call around so-night and ask her at what hour shoul be rendy. Guess I'll take her for a drive. Poor child! she must have miscel me bately," But when he called at Ione's home in the evening he did not find her, as usual, waiting to welcome him wit eyes and shy, aweet glances; she had gone with Mr. Atherton to spend the

He started; she didn't miss him so greatly, after all, then. He sat on the veranda chatting with Mr. Valon until the evening was far spent, and then Ione and Jack came slowly up the path, his mellow laugh flowing out on the still air, followed by the girl's silver ripple of merriment. It irritated Roy, why he could not have | my room gets warm," -

evening at Myra's.

drawn one forward too. "Had I known you were here we might have remained Jack, stationed at her chair back, gave

cool and serene as Hoy was his and an-"See here, Inne," he began, "this is the

"Civil to him! Why, you have declined two invitations from me to accept ins; if

"No, dear," she answered, lifting her even to his with the olden sweetness in them; "you love me best, but you forget

"Jack may steal his aweetheart," and his "Do you know," he said suddenly, "that I am jestous of Jack Atherton? Don't tease me if you love me, dear." "Then give me consideration for con-

from lone which she seemed greatly to "I return your precious Jack, dear Myra; the experiment has been a com-

Revival of the Old-Fashioned Courtesy. The old-fushioned courtesy of our grandmothers is being revived again, though in a modified form. At a requisi reception at the White louse a fair young girl was presented to the President. As he took her hand she ducked down about six inches with a movement which might be termed the lightning courtesy. The same little bob was repeated a moment fater as she shook. hands with Mrs. Cleveland. Some of the hystandersexclaimed. "How awfully country!" but were quickly sub-

The Industry of Rearing Sponges for the M. Oscar Schmidt, professor at the Uni-

To morrow I will give to lone," he | new industry on the coast of Dalmatia, How One Brammer Reeps Warm. Said a traveling man in the Palmer

> a gas-burner which would throw a flame nt least seven inches wide. "It's this way," he continued, "I register and go to my room. The burner is, of course, plugged with entron so that you can't get enough light to see the bed