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good deal at what I considered Charley's "check" in thus making use of me. If I had finished up my work before he had it was only because I had worked at it more constantly, and now, instead of reaping the advantage in the shape of a few days' rest, he made it an excuse for sending me off on a lug-brious mission like this; and Charley would, no doubt, have a good legacy, too, out of it.

nothing to do for a spell-couldn't you

"What, in your name?" I exclaimed.

"Yes, why not? It's years since 1

was among any of the set. Th's letter

is from a Mr. Parchly, the solic tor to

the will, I suppose; he doesn't know me.

You are Jack Wiburn-it's only a differ-

ence of a Christian name, and it's all

To cut the matter short, I had to

consent-as I generally did where

I took the lawyer's letter, as a sort

of credential, and set out, grunbling a

Glad to see you." I did not reply, so

he concluded that I was Charley Wi-

one way or the other.

burn, without having said anything

But, when, after the funeral, the will

came to be read, I found Charley was

down for £5,000. That made me think

it harder lines than ever that I should

have had to come down in his place.

The weather was atrociously cold; the

March winds strong and blustering.

with showers of sleet and snow, and I

felt cold and miserable. At the end

of the reading of the will I was mak-

ing my way out to get back to the hotel.

when some one said: "Mr. Wilburn

believe?" I looked around and saw

a stiff, military-looking old boy re-

garding me with a smile through his

spectacles. "Charley," said he, "don't

you remember me?" I thought to my-

self: "Oh, now I'm in for it. Here's

a nice mess-all through trying to serve

Charley, Just my bad luck." This

feeling did not grow less when he said:

'Milly wants to speak to you. She

has been looking at you, and says she

can hardly recognize you for her old

She came up and shook hands, and

had ever seen. A sudden resolve came

into my mind. Rather than run the

risk of losing the chance I now had of

about my not being "Charley," let the

the open, manly look the fine old sol-

consequences be what they might.

pointed you out to me."

in the family, you know."

Charley was concerned.

go down for me?"

"What!" I "apturously exclaimed; "do you really bid me hope, Milly? Do you really think there is a possibility of your father-" I stopped and shook my head. "Alas, no!" I said, "such a thing could not happen to me. It would be Charley's luck, that-not mine." "Well," said Milly composedly, "they say you never know your luck till you try; but if you are too faint-hearted to try, why, of course-"

"I'll go off and find the major and have it out at once," I burst out.

And I saw him accordingly, and told him the whole story, humbling apologizing for daring to ask for his daugh ter's hand, when, as I was bound to tell him, I was not Charley, but Jack Wiburn, and I had no £5,000 legacy, and no prospects in particular, and "no luck!"

"H'm," said the major. "how is it Master Charley comes in for all the 'luck' in this way?"

phrase, but whichever pleases most the "I don't know, sir," I answered, dolefully. "He goes about more and makes

ing house finds it necessary to make a shipment to Europe, about the first thing that is done is to send for Mr. Shay, who has a virtual monopoly of this part of the business. Gold for shipment abroad is packed in kegs and boxes, just as the fancy of the shipper may dictate. For amounts exceeding \$500,000 kegs are generally used, as they are easier to handle, and contain \$50,000 each. The empty kegs are made of well-seasoned oak, and banded with hoops of steel. When packed and sealed each keg weighs nearly 200 pounds. The boxes used by the cooper are made of basswood or oak, neatly dovetailed. These are also bound with strips of steel. When Cooper Shay receives an order from a banker to pack a quantity of gold, the boxes or kegs are sent from his shop to the bank. There, with the help of a few trusted assistants, the packing is done in a room used for that purpose.

After the gold has been put in stout canvas bags, containing \$5,000 to \$10,-000 each, and carefully sealed, they are

capacity that when filled with water it. will bring the vessel to an even keel of two feet eight inches.

SAVED THE OWNER TROUBLE.

Burglar Opened a Safe When the Combination Was Lost.

The proprietor of a large store on High street went to his place of business at an unusually early hour one morning; in fact, the sun had not yet risen when he turned the key in the door. On entering he was surprised to find a man trying to open the door of his safe. He stood and watched him tor some time, apparently deeply interested in the proceedings, says the West Bedford (Mass.) Windmill, when finally the burglar swung open the door of the safe with a delighted chuckle, but happening to turn he saw that he was discovered, and became very much alarmed. He jumped up and was about to make his escape through a back window, when the merchant

called to him: 'Don't be in a hurry, my friend

come back and sit down awhile and

"Well, you see, I had the combina-

A DETECTIVE MYSTERY.

ful Bank Cracksman.

"The most mysterious affair I ever

known sleuth to a Washington Star

writer, "was a case in the west. A

detective had become famous by reason

of his success in ferreting out heavy

cohberies. It seemed that none of the

professionals could escape when he

once started upon their trails. After

a tame all such cases were placed in

his hands. The first one that he could

not discover the thief was a big bank

robbery, then after a year or two

another, then another; his reputation

was suffering, but it was still good,

as during the same period he was suc-

cessful in other difficult cases. He was

taken sick with fever, and while de-

brious told how he himself had per-

petrated the robberies, describing every

movement in detail. When he recov-

ered, it was claimed that his failure

to unravel the mysteries had caused

the raving confessions, but other men

were put upon them, and they failed

Europe's Greina Green.

It appears that the island of Heligo-

land still continues under the German

rule to maintain its character as a sort

of European Gretna Green. The Heligo-

land elergy are Lutheran, and are

elected by the people, after the ancient

Frisian custom. But most of their

services as ministers of holy matrimony

are not required by the members of

their own flock, but by outsiders who

cross the seas to the island for the sake

of getting married. Herr Berndt, the

organist and music teacher of the

island, has officiated for several years as

the "father" of numerous brides, and

has accepted his fee as ""zenge" no less

than 500 times. When he gives away a

la ly whom he has never seen before to

a gentleman about whom he knows

nothing at all, Herr Berndt accepts a

fixed "honorarium" of 100 marks-so

at least the Berlin Das Echoe tells us

in a notice of the organist's recent jubi-

The Sense of Direction.

If there be, as some suppose, a sixth

sense, by which animals, birds and in-

sects know in what direction to move

toward a given spot, how many strange

things it explains! The late Prof. Riley

once hatched some Japanese allanthus

silkworms in Chicago. He confined a

female moth in a small cage; he car-

ried a male of the family by night to

another part of the city, a mile and a

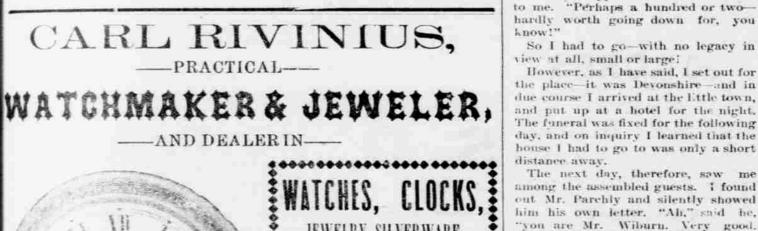
half away, and liberated it, having first

attached a silk thread to its abdomen.

In the morning the male moth was hov-

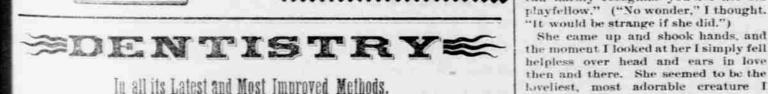
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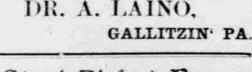






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himself more liked, I think, while 1-"I don't suppose it's much," he said I hesitated. to me. "Perhaps a hundred or two-"While you stick at home and work

Is that it?" he asked. "Well," I returned, "I try my best. You see, I have nothing else to rely onor hope for-like Charley. It's his luck -and mine!"

"However," said the major, "I have been told you get your pictures hung. and sell them, which is more than he does. Is that luck, too?"

To this I made no reply. I could not see its relevancy.

"Now, look here, Jack Wiburn," the major went on. "I knew you were not Charley Wiburn."(I looked up in sur prise.) "Milly told me; and I have made certain inquiries of my own, and I have something to tell you. The late Alex, ander Stephen Wiburn was a very old and intimate friend of mine, and had long ago set his heart upon Milly's marrying Charley" (here I jumped up excitedly, but he waved his hand to me, as a sign to be quiet). "But he was de termined that, if it came about at all, it should be spontaneous, and not through any compulsion or unworthy motive. But in that will you heard read the other day there was something you did not hear-it was mixed up in another matter; but it comes to this: That if Milly married 'his nephew,' he and she were to have a certain sum between them to begin housekeeping. I have consulted Mr. Parchly upon this matter, and he agrees with me that, as Charley's name is not expressly men tioned, and as he would not take the trouble to come down himself, even to the funeral of his poor old uncle, who had been so kindly disposed to him, if Milly likes you well enough to have you, you and she will be just as much entitled to the sum set aside as if Master Charley had married her, and I am sure I shall not object to the situation. In the will the only condition is that Milly shall marry 'his nephew,' and, of course, you are as much his nephew as Charley is. Therefore I leave it with Milly; if she says 'yes,' I say the same, and you will both have something to set up housekeeping with."

No need to tell the joy with which I heard the unexpected news, or the speaking to her I would say nothing heartiness with which I thanked the kind-hearted major.

"I'll go off and tell Milly at once," I "Don't you remember your little said; but I had not gone far when he called me back.

"You don't ask how much you will blush and an entrancing look of her have to start housekeeping upon," he beautiful eves. "Well, it's not so surprising, for I should never have known said. ou, either, if Mr. Parchly had not

"What matter, sir, since you think it enough ?" I answered. Before I exactly realized what I was "H'm; but you may as well know doing I was whisked off to Maj. Rain-You might not think it enough." field's house-as I found the name of "How much is it, then?" I asked. Milly's father to be-to dine, calling at "Fifty thousand pounds," said the

the hotel for my evening "togs" on the major. And this is what Charley lost and I

I found the major's house a neat, gained by that journey-Milly (worth quiet-looking little place on the outmore than all) and £50,000 skirts of the town. He lived alone with And now Charley won't speak to me his daughter (his wife being dead), a or to my wife-for Milly and I are marhousekeeper and one servant. Though ried-and he says I merely took ad-

vantage of him; but I say, as I used to everything was comfortable, there was that indescribable air that gave one say before, it is all his luck-and mine the impression that they were not too -Gentlewoman. well off as regards this world's goods. Since I was not too well off, either,

An Unhealthy Business.

this would not have troubled me, but In a recent medical report of Prof. for that legacy of £5,000 I was sup-Celli it is stated that in the rice fields posed to have come in for. "Was that around Ravenna, Italy, the workers, the secret cause of this sudden friendmostly females, are bowed nearly double, emaciated, with ashen-gray liness?" I asked myself. But when I looked at Milly, and saw the frank complexions, all to gain 12 cents a day, giance of her truthful, honest-looking and their children are anaemic, tymeyes, I felt ashamed of myself; nor, panitic and under-sized. - St. Louis when I regarded the major, and noted Globe-Democrat.

Not Scientific.

Take two girls at school, says the Philadelphia Times, chums they have been through all the years of study and fun they have passed together, they separate at graduation swearing cternal friendship, letters fly back and forth for a time, and then one pays the other a visit. Ah, how many illusions have been dispelled in that reunion? Life has changed one, perhaps, from the girl of a year ago into a woman, while it has left the other where she was. After the first good talk over old

ever sick I shall protest against going

to a hospital so long as there is breath

in my body. I'll die at home or in the

street, but no hospital ever gets me,

OUTGROWN FRIENDSHIPS.

Sad Changes in the Sunny Fields of Com-

radeship.

Is there anything more distressing

in life than a friendship outgrown?

This doesn't mean one that has been

broken off through some difference of

opinion, some misunderstanding that

a few words could have set right, or

an estrangement the result of a hasty

temper that prompted ugly words and

untruthful, bitter sentiments; no, a

friendship outgrown is the unhappy

product of too much worldliness or

one side or the other. Perhaps educa-

tion would be the better word, or a

knowledge of the world a more comely

outcome of the same never varies.

remember that."

times they cannot help seeing that there is something different in the atmosphere that was once so thoroughly congenial. The visit over, a few more letters, then silence and another friendship lost in that great labyrinth of change that has grown up on the sunny fields of comradeship.

THE MARINE BAND. Formerly Made More Noise Than Music

The Hoom-Pah Horn. "The Marine band, now the pride of the nation's capital," said an old musician to the Star writer, "had but few brass instruments except bugles when it was organized. - Indeed, there were but few orass instruments in use in those days, for cornets, alto horns and tubas are comparatively new. I remember to have seen the Marine band marching through the streets of this city, led by six violinists, with two or three violas, a fiddle in size between the ordinary violin and the violoncello. Nearly all the other instruments were reed, flageolets and clarionets, with an occasional French horn. The big attraction of the band for street parades was a chime of bells, which were carried on a big stick above the player's head. He shook them as the band marched along, and made a great deal of noise if not music. Cymbals, drums, bass and snares, were more in evidence as features than they are now. The Marine band had the honor and credit of inventing what was called the hoompah horn. It was a horn of immense size. It was not intended so much for musical purposes as it was to carry off plunder. . Whenever the band officiated at receptions, banquets and the like the bandsmen packed it full of good things for the children at home."

HIS RETORT COURTEOUS.

Would Change the Story So as to Give Due Credit. Dr. Chalmers, the eminent divine,

was fond of telling the following story: Lady Betty Cunningham, having had some difference of opinion with the parish minister, instead of putting her usual contribution in the collection plate, merely gave a stately bow. This having occurred several Sundays in succession, the elder in charge of the plate at last lost patience, and blurted out: "We cud dae wi' less o' yer manners, an' mair o' yer siller, ma leddy."

Dining on one occasion at the house of a nobleman he happened to repeat the anecdote, whereupon the host, in a not over-well pleased tone, said: "Are you aware, Dr. Chalmers, that

Lady Betty is a relative of mine?" "I was not aware, my lord," replied the doctor; "but, with your permission, I shall mention the fact the next time I tell the story."

Volcanoes and Icebergs. In recent years the size and number of icebergs seen in the south Atlantic and south Pacific oceans have both been enormous, and various suggestions have been made to account for the phenomenon. Evidently something unusual has been going on in the unknown regions surrounding the south pole. The latest suggestion bearing on this subject

put in the boxes or kegs, which, in turn, are sealed with tape and wax in three or four places. They are then placed on a truck and conveyed to the steamship pier. Not once has anyone ever tried to molest the truckman, but this may be through ignorance of the precious load he is driving. Another reason, too, is that the truck is always guarded by several armed men.

It is no exaggeration to say that the amount handled by Mr. Shay, if converted into double eagles, would make a pathway 100 feet wide around the globe. Certain it is that if the money were all his, Mr. Shay's wealth would be greater than that of the Rothschilds. Vanderbilts, Rockefellers, Goulds and Astors put together.

"Are you not sometimes possessed of a strong desire to run away with a portion of the many millions which you handle?" asked the reporter.

"Never," said the cooper, with smile. "The metal weighs too much, and I don't think 1 could carry it very far before I got caught myself." The old cooper has been engaged at his trade for upward of 35 years. He has amassed a modest competence, and lives with his family

of grown-up children in a neat little house in Brooklyn. When he goes home at night he forgets all about the fortunes which pass through his hands, and is probably more contented than any of the millionairs of Wall street. -Washington Star.

HOME-THRUST.

Lord Mansfield's Scotch Blood Loses Him an Important Case.

It is said that the saying: "Much may be done with a Scotchman if he be caught young," which has passed into an historical witicism, was first spoken by Dr. Johnson in reference to Lord Mansfield. An amusing little incident is said to have given rise to the remark.

Lord Mansfield, having received his education entirely in England, always considered himself an Englishman, but the fact that he was born in Scotlan.I was once referred to with great effect. Gen. Sabine, governor of Gibraltar at the time, having failed in his attempts to extort money from a Jew, sent him back by force to Tetnan, in Morocco. from whence he had come to Gibraltar. The Jew afterward went to England,

fore the jury, he said:

where? Why, to the place of his nativity! Where is the cruelty, where the hardship, where the injustice of banishing a man to his own country?" Mr. Nowell, counsel for the Jew, re

torted: "Since my learned friend thinks so lightly of the matter, I ask him to suppose the case his own; would he like to be banished to his native land?" The court rang with peals of laughter, in which Murray himself joined

An amusing little story is told in connection with a French journalist, who, in his early days as a reporter, had a deep-rooted aversion to the regulation note book of his order, and hitupon a method of taking notes which afforded him great satisfaction. He wore large, white linen cuffs and upon them, by the aid of a tiny pencil, he took down his notes and impressions obleege."-Detroit Free Press. in all sorts of places, unobserved by those around him. At first the laua-

the wrinkles begin to come it is time to be amiable to everybody." "II'm. Perhaps you are quite right

"Thank you, dear, but that one is

much better of you than of me; it might

veloped a pair of cross-eyes in his ab-

sence. No, as I say, I really felt it my

duty to sit. I lay awake for two nights

deciding whether it should be a full

"That made no difference, dear; the

"Humph! He couldn't have been more

"No. I wanted to wear my new

evening gown, but he decided on the

old silk waist I wore under my jacket.

He wouldn't let me have the negative I

"Good gracious! You surely can't be

well, dear. Was there anyone on whom

you wanted to make a good impression

"Not a soul. The truth is that those

negatives showed me two wrinkles I did

not know that I possessed, and when

despotic had he been a dresmaker."

photographer merely glanced at me and

"And which did you decide on ?"

face or three-quarter view."

said: 'Profile.' "

wanted, either."

in the next room?"

have caused him to think that I had de

smoke a cigar, while I straighten things But how did you like the photographs up a bit, and then come to breakfast with me. You have done me a great when they were finished?" "Very well; they had a vielding, ameafavor." ble look, calculated to produce a great "Why, how's that?" asked the burglar, in great surprise.

effect upon a man who has just made a fortune." tion of the safe on a bit of paper, and "Pshaw! Any girl would look amiable

at such a man, unless-" last night I accidentally locked it in "She was already engaged to one who the safe and forgot how to work it. I had made a fortune some time ago; 1 spent most of the night trying to get. know. Well, I sent the photograph to the thing open, and came in early this Charley, when I finally got it. What do morning to have another try at it." you think he wrote me in reply ?"

"Is it possible that he didn't like it ?" "Oh, no; he liked it very much. Said Was the Noted Sleuth Himself a Success that his wife thought that my style of hair-dressing perfectly lovely, and-" "But I didn't know that he had a knew in detective circles," said a well-

wife!" "Neither did I," said the girl with the lorgnette. "Do you think I'd have taken all that trouble if I had known it?"-N.

Y. Journal. OBLIGING COL. WRIGHT.

They Made a Big Mistake, But That Didn't Count.

There wasn't any particular excite ment over the hanging of the man pointed out and arrested at Big Bend as the chap who stole a pack mule from Col. White's camp, over on Fish river. One of White's men, who was over after bacon, happened to meet the stranger, and he went to Jim Redfern. president of the vigilance committee, and said:

"Jim, is it a good day fur a hangin"?"

"Wall, tolerably fa'r," replied Jim. "The kuss who stole our pack mew? is down in the tin-front saloon." "I see. And you want him hung?"

to find any clew whatever. The detective retired and lives in elegant style, "I don't keer no great shakes about it but whether or not he was as successmyself, but I reckon the kurnel would be ful in eluding law as in enforcing it will probably never really be known."

"I'm willin' to obleege Kurnel White, as he's a good friend of mine, but do you think the critter down that has

any objeckshuns to bein' hung?" "He don't look like a man who'd kick about it. 'Pears more like a critter who'd be glad to be off the airth." "Wall, we'll take chances on him." said Jim, and he went to his shanty and got a rope and asked eight or ten of the boys to go along. When the crowd reached the tin-front saloon the stranger was just comin' out.

"Say, we want you," remarked Redfern. "What fur?"

"Goin' to hang you!" "Cause why?" "Fur stealin' Kurnel White's nack

mewl." "Wall, fire away!" He was escorted to a tree whereon a dozen or more men had been duly hanged, and lifted upon an empty

whisky barrel and the noose placed over his neck. "Want to say anything ?" asked Jim.

as all was ready. "Nothin' 'tall." "Then let 'er go!"

An hour later White's man, who had started for home, returned to hunt up Mr. Redfern and say: "Look-a-yere, Jim, that feller didu't

steal our mewl." "No!"

"They got the feller and the mewl over at Clay City and hung him this mornin'. I thought this was the feller, but I must hev bin mistook." "I see. Wall, he's bin hung and buried and we can't help him any. We'll jest let the next one off to even up things. My compliments to the kurnel, and tell

sister -- Youth's Companion. him I shall always stand ready to Cannon Ball's Wonderful Flight. The most careful experiments ever

pleased."

and sued the governor for damages. Lord Mansfield, who was then known as Mr. Murray, was counsel for the governor. In the course of his defense be-

"True, the Jew was banished; but

with a right good will .-- Youth's Com-

He Wrote on His Cuffs.

panion.

