"PENNY DREADFUL."

HOW THE MELODRAMA OF LIT-

ERATURE IS MADE.

It Takes More Plot Than Any Other Kind of a Production -- Some of the Methods.

I ran against two girl friends of mine last Saturday whom I haven't seen for a long time; so we all turned into ---- on Broadway to eat ices and have a "good talk." My two friends are literary-they have not exactly yet inscribed their names upon the roll of fame, but they are girls of great resource and have enough ambition to attempt anything, from fashion articles to blank



verse. Therefore, I was not surprised when they announced, with their mouths full of strawberry and vanilla:

"We're going to Europe." "What-on the proceeds of journalism?' I asked.

"No, on the proceeds of a 'penny dreadful,' " answered my tall friend, Magog.

"Do you mean to say that in this cynical and pessimistic age there is still a good, healthy appetite for the 'thoroughly impossible?'" I inquired.

"Of course there is," answered Midge, my short friend. Midge is always ready to handle the largest possible questions on the shortest possible notice. "The pessimists only judge from their own little circle. If there wasn't a demand we shouldn't have the good luck to furnish part of the supply, should we, Magog?"

beauty and wealth. You know what kind of a thing the good, old-fash-Well, the ioned melodrama is. 'penny dreadful' is the good, oldfashioned melodrama in the form of Germantown, yesterday, as she tossed a story."

"Yes, that's the idea," said Magog, who had meanwhile disposed of another ice, "and the stage properties of the good old-fashioned melodrama are found in the 'penny dreadful.' You must have a ruined castle."

"And a blacksmith's forge." "A secret panel, of course-that

goes without saying." "A horrible railway collision."

"And you might as well write a family jewels as go to a picnic without a corkscrew."

"Then there's the gamekeeper's cottage."

"And the portrait gallery-with the particular portrait with the great shadowy eyes that haunt every one.'

"And the skeleton hanging on a gibbet in the 'cold, relentless moonlight."" "Stop! stop! That's enough," 1

"Now tell me about the plot cried. -it's fashionable not to have one now, isn't it? That must simplify matters for you two wild romancers.'

"That's just where you're out. The 'Penny Dreadful' isn't fashionable. Just get that out of your head. It isn't as advanced as the 'Dime Dazzler,' or anything like as much up to date as what the English call the 'Shilling Shocker.' It's conservative, virtuous and unreal. But the plot !! Why we have to steal from Wilkie Collins, Dumas, Marryat. Mrs. Henry Wood, and heaps of others-for it takes about fifteen ordinary plots to run one 'Penny Dreadful' on."

"You seek," said Midge, "it comes out in numbers, and we have to leave our readers in a state of suspense at the end of each number.' It Is Not

"The name is an important feature," said Magog.

"Oh, yes," said I. "A compound arrangement."

"That compound arrangement has to mean a lot." said Midge. "For example, 'Gwen Chetwynd's Fate; or, in the Shadow of the Gibbet Tree.' '

"And you have a particular style of name for the creatures of your

fancy, don't you?" "Oh, yes; never anything common

-no Smiths, Browns, or Joneses, but

A Little Girl's Find.

"See, mamma, what I've got," gleefully said the 6-year-old daughter of Mrs. Henry Hill, Johnston street, a bundle of greenbacks, gold and an Englishman's visit to Niagara. A silver coins, and pennies, valued at \$400, into her mother's lap. "Where did you get all this?" was asked. "On a lot," said the little girl, innocently. Mrs. Hill made inquiries and found that her daughter had been playing on a lot at Duval and Green streets, and had really found the money lying on the dumping-ground. How the money got there is a mystery to the police, but it was generally believed that the money was accidentally Penny Dreadful' without a set of dropped in some ashes gathered from a distance and then thrown on the dumping ground. - Philadelphia Press.

> A certain prominent and excellent lawyer of Chicago, but one of the quietest and most unobstrusive of men, steals around noiselessly, with his hands meekly clasped on his breast and a seraphic and perpetual smile. A bon mot at his expense is told of the late Emery Storrs, of Chicago, a brilliant advocate and an exquisite wit. He went to the lawyer's office and inquired for him, but was informed that he was out. "Oh, no, he isn't," he replied; "I know he is "But I assure you, Mr. Storrs, in." he is not in." "Now," responded Mr. Storrs, "I know better; he must be in, it is so still in there!"

Rare Book.

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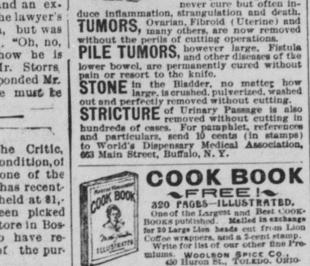
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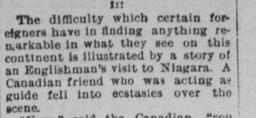
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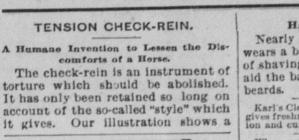
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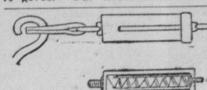
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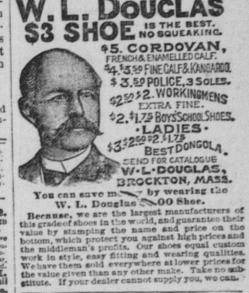
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We collaborated over it," said Magog.

"On the principle of two heads being better than one?" I inquired. "Well, you see, one head with one average imagination is not enough,"

answered Midge. "No, I should think not," I replied. " My idea of preparing to write such a thing would be to retire into solitary confinement long enough to try and regain the wild and impassioned longings of 16. Then, when my brain was properly on fire, I should start in.

"And you would probably produce a boy's book of stirring adventure or a psychological novel. No, you've got the wrong idea altogether," answered my large friend, decidedly. "The great thing to guard against is originality."

"That's convenient for you-no effort required."

Midge, "or we won't tell you how we deleys, Glendinnings"-did it."

"You seem to have done it by being perfectly natural; but who reads your stuff?"

"'Our stuff,' as you call it is the favorite reading matter of the oldyoung person of neglected educa- your love scenes?" said Magog with pride. tion.

"Her neglected education accounts for he taste," I remarked.

"Do you want to hear anything about our system?" asked Midge,



THE OLD YOUNG PERSON OF NEGLECTED EDUCATION.

loftily, "or do you want to keep on saying clever things and failing dismally?

"Oh, you have a system?" "Certainly we have. Our readers being, as I said, old-young persons of neglected education-and school girls-we have to cater to the tastes of people who prefer romance to realism.

"A penny dreadful," said Midge, reflectively, "is a highly imaginative story, dealing with aristocracy,

A SCHOOLGIRL READER.

"Don't try to be funny," said Chetwynds, Fitzherberts, Cholmon-"Does the old-young person of

neglected education scorn Browns and Joneses?"

'She wouldn't waste her time on them."

"On what lines do you conduct "Our proposals are ideal propos-

als-exactly the opposite of what real proposals are," said Magog. "Now, I believe in what Oscar Wilde says, that when you come to think of

it, it is the women who really propose. Now, I had a proposal the other day. I had flirted with the man and had been nice to him, but I had to help him out with his proposal before I could refuse him properly. A girl doesn't want to refuse an undeveloped proposal. Now, the man in the 'Penny Dreadful' has a perfectly phenomenal flow of impassioned language, and he proposes grammatically, enthusiastically and artistically. If he is the hero the girl merely has to ruise her great pansy eyes to his, or if he is the villain all she has to do is to spurn him; there's a good deal of spurning done in the 'Penny Dreadful.'

"Well," said Midge, "you may be as scornful as you please, we know what there's a market for, don't we, Magog?"

"Yes," answered the big partner. 'And it says a good deal for the romantic tastes of the reading public that there is still a decided demand

for the 'Penny Dreadful.'" "A good deal for the neglected education, you mean," I replied.

And they said I was jealous. T. M. W.

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