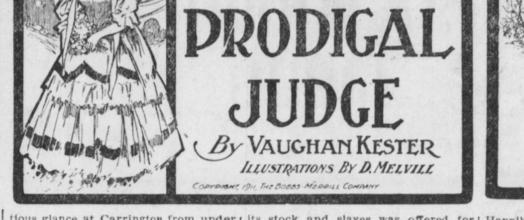


SYNOPSIS.

The scene at the opening of the story is laid in the library of an old worn-out southern plantation, known as the Bar-ony. The place is to be sold, and its history and that of the owners, the Quintards, is the subject of discussion by Jonathan Crenshaw, a business man, a stranger known as Bladen, and Bob Yancy, a farmer, when Hannibal Wayne Hazard, a mysterious child of the old southern family, makes his appearance. Yancy tells how he adopted the boy. Na-thaniel Ferris buys the Barony, but the Quintards deny any knowledge of the boy. Yancy to keep Hannibal. Captain Murrell, a friend of the Quintards, ap-pears and asks questions about the Bar-ony. Trouble at Scratch Hill, when Han-nibal is kidnaped by Dave Blount, Cap-ain Murrell's agent. Yancy overtakes Blount, gives him a thrashing and secures the boy. Yancy appears before Squire Balaam, and is discharged with costs for the plantiff. Betty Malroy, a friend of the Ferrises, has an encounter with Cap-tain Murrell's new for her Tennessee home. Carrington takes the same stage. Yancy and Hannibal disappear, with Murrell on their trall. Hannibal arrives at the home of Judge Slocum Price. The Judge recop-nizes in the boy, the grandson of an old time triend. Murrell arrives at Judge's of Judge Slocum Price. The Judge recog-nizes in the boy, the grandson of an old time friend. Murrell arrives at Judge's home. Cavendish family on raft rescue Yancy, who is apparently dead. Price breaks jail. Betty and Carrington arrive at Belle Plain. Hannbal's riffe discloses some startling things to the judge. Han-nibal and Betty meet again. Murrell ar-rives in Belle Plain. Is playing for big stakes. Yancy awakes from long dream-less sleep on board the raft. Judge Price makes startling discoveries in looking up land titles. Charles Norton, a young planter, who assists the judge, is mys-reriously assaulted. Norton informs Car-rington that Betty has promised to marry planter, who assists the judge, is mys-teriously assaulted. Norton informs Car-rington that Betty has promised to marry hfm. Norton is mysteriously shot. More light on Murrell's plot. He plans upris-ing of negroes. Judge Price, with Hanni-bal, visits Betty, and she keeps the boy as a companion. In a stroll Betty takes with Hannibal they met Bess Hicks, daughter of the overseer, who warns Betty of danger and counsels her to leave Belle Plain at once. Betty, terri-fied, acts on Bess' advice, and on their way their carriage is stopped by Slosson, the tavern keeper, and a confederate, and Betty and Hannibal are made prisoners. The pair are taken to Hicks' cabin, in an almost inaccessible spot, and there Mur-rell visits Betty and reveals his part in the plot and his object. Betty spurns his profiered love and the interview is ended by the arrival of Ware, terrified at possible outcome of the crime. Judge Price, hearing of the abduction, plans ac-tion. The Judge takes charge of the situation, and search for the missing one is instituted. Carrington visits the judge and allies are discovered. Judge Price visits Colonel Fentress, where he meets Yancy and Cavendish. Becoming enraged, Price dashes a glass of whisky into the Yancy and Cavendiah Becoming enraged zlass of whisky into th a duel is arranged. Mut Price dashes a glass of whisky into the coloriel's face and a duel is arranged. Mur-rell is arrested for negro stealing and his bubble bursts. The Judge and Mahaffy discuss the coming duel. Carrington makes frantic search for Betty and the boy. Carrington finds Betty and Hanni-bal, and a flerce gun fight follows. Yancy purcers and assists in the rescue. Bruce bal, and a fierce gun fight follows. Yancy appears and assists in the rescue. Bruce Carrington and Betty come to an under-standing. The Judge receives an import-ant letter. Solomon Mahaffy's last fight. Fights duel for the judge and is killed. Hannibal proves to be Judge's grandson, and toid the story of his life. Murrell's friends attempt to free him. Judge frus-trates plans. The judge comes into his own and Carrington decides not to leave Belle Plain.



THE

massive boulder go into place.

when I die."

during, too, as he was," he murmured.

Then when the bitter struggle came

and he was wrenched and tortured by

longings, his strength was in remem-

"My salvation has been a costly

thing; it was bought with the blood

abandoned all idea of going to Eng-

suggestion he named the place Earl's

as though she were making careful was able to buy it in. choice of her words.

"When you come back in three years, Bruce-"

ly. There was a light in his black and he marked the spot with a great look. eyes that seemed to penetrate to the square of granite. The judge, visibly most secret recesses of her heart and shaken by his emotions, saw the soul.

"Three years, Betty?" he repeated again.

Betty, her eyes cast down, twisted her rein nervously between her slim, He turned to Yancy and Hannibal, and white fingers, but Carrington's steady added: "You will lay me beside him glance never left her sweet face, framed by its halo of bright hair. She stole another look at him from beneath her dark lashes.

"Three years, Betty?" he prompted. bering his promise to the dead man, "Bruce, don't stare at me that way, and it was his custom to go out under it makes me forget what I was going the oaks and pace to and fro beside to say! When you come back-next Mahaffy's grave until he had gained year-" and then she lifted her eyes the mastery of himself. Only Yancy to his and he saw that they were full and Hannibal knew how fierce the of sudden tears. "Bruce, don't go conflict was he waged, yet in the end away-don't go away at all-" he won that best earned of all vic-

Carrington slipped from the saddle tories, the victory over himself. and stood at her side.

"Do you mean that, Betty?" he asked. He took her hands loosely in of my friend," he told Yancy. his and relentlessly considered her It was Hannibal's privilege to give crimsoned face. "I reckon it will al-, Cavendish out of the vast Quintard ways be right hard to refuse you any- tract such a farm as the earl had never thing-here is one settler the Pur- dreamed of owning even in his most chase will never get!" and he laughed fervid moments of imagining; and he softly

"It was the Purchase-you were go- | iand to claim his title. At the judge's ing there!" she cried.

"No, I wasn't Betty; that notion Court. He and Polly were entirely died its natural death long ago. When satisfied with their surroundings, and we are sure you will be safe at Belie never ceased to congratulate them-Plain with just the Cavendishes, 1 selves that they had left Lincoln counam going into Raleigh to wait as best | ty. They felt that their friends, the I can until spring." He spoke so Carringtons at Belle Plain, though ungravely that she asked in quick alarm. titled people, were still of an equal "And then, Bruce-what?"

"And then- Oh, Betty, I'm stary- the judge, they doubted if royalty iting-" All in a moment he lifted her self laid it any over him. slender figure in his arms, gathering Mr. Yancy accepted his changed her close to him. "And then, this- fortunes with philosophic composure. and this-and this, sweetheart-and Technically he filled the position of

tious glance at Carrington from under | its stock and slaves was offered for | Hannibal's education and the preparaher long lashes, and went on slowly, sale, he, as the principal creditor, tion of his memoirs, intended primarily for the instruction of his grand-

One of his first acts after taking son, and which he modestly decided possession of the property was to to call "The History of My Own have Mahaffy reinterred in the grove Times," which clearly showed the Carrington still regarded her fixed- of oaks below his bedroom windows, magnificence of his mind and its out-THE END.

SHOULD BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY "Harsh and rugged like the nature of him who lies beneath it-but en-

Childish Mind, Groping in Darkness, is Craving for Information That Is Denied It.

Every trace of useful information is carefully concealed from the very b afloat. young child. A rattle, or at most a rubber doll, is its only plaything. As it grows older it is very slowly and gradually introduced to the various guages it has as yet no conception. Its constant questions are for the most part answered "humorously" and hence incorrectly, or they are not answered at all. This eternal "humor" is most galling of all. Why should a human infant be such an irresistible joke? The lower animals take their young seriously and train them from the start with a very deflnite purpose in view. Yet their possibilities are infinitesimal as compared with those of the average baby. And we sit calmly by and enjoy the "humor" of childhood and insist that the child is enjoying itself also, even though its little soul may be thirsting for information which is laughingly denied it. And we continue to put off the inevitable day when the child will have to take life seriously and 981/2c. hence, according to our tradition, sadly

rank with themselves; while as for One important point which is quite overlooked by the upholders of the brainless child is the fact that nonsense and silliness are just as taxing to the infant mind as useful information would be. It requires no more mental effort to realize that A is A chickens, 15@161/2; ducks, 16@17; than to grasp the extraordinary fact geese, 14@16; turkeys, 18@19 that a mass of brownish softness is a "fuzzy ittle Teddy bear, yes it is." In fact, the letter A has a distinct advantage. And at a more advanced age it is certainly less puzzling to be told that five and five make ten than to have one's own respectable pink toes described as a series of pigs going to market or entering into the various other activities of life .-- Sigmund Spaeth in Harper's Weekly.



Dun's Review says:

"Business in nearly all departments continues very satisfactory, the volume of transactions making an imposing total, as is evidenced by the week's statistics of bank clearings. LD. There is a general feeling of conservative optimism. Favorable conditions in iron and steel are firmly maintained. Production of pig iron continues at a high rate, and what approaches a congestion of orders prevails in steel products. Labor troubles in the New York clothing trade produce more or less uncertainty in its various branches, but dry goods generally display activity.

"Extreme cold weather has prevailed in many sections, and damage to the fruit crops is reported. Foreign trade statistics continue to reflect the country's big commerce, both outward and inward."

Wholesale Markets

NEW YORK .--- Wheat --- Spot firm; No. 2 red, 1061/2 nominal elevator and 1071/2 nominal f o b afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 99% f o b afloat. Corn-Spot firm. Export, 561/2c f o

Lggs-Firmer; receipts, 4,682 cases.

Fresh gathered, extras, 31@32c; extra firsts, 30; firsts, 28@29; seconds and lower grades, 24@27; held fresh, averforms of the animal kingdom. Of the age best, 22@24; poor to fair, 16@ mysteries of numbers and of lan- 21; fresh gathered dirties, 18@19; checks, 15@17; refrigerators, firsts, local storage charges paid, 20@21; firsts, on dock, 20@201/2; seconds, 19 @191/2; thirds and poorer, 14@181/2; state, Pennsylvania and nearby henfery white, good to large size, new laid, 36@38; do, selected whites, defective in size on quality, 32@35; Western gathered whites, 28@35; state, Pennsylvania and nearby hennery browns, 32; do, gathered, browns and mixed colors, 28@31.

Live Poultry-Firm; Western chickens, 15@151/2; fowls, 16@17; turkeys, 18. Dressed poultry firm; fresh killed, Western chickens, 12@19; fowls, 151/2@161/2; turkeys, 14@23

PHILADELPHIA .- Wheat-Firmer; No. 2 red, in export elevator, 98@

Eggs-Higher. Pennsylvania and other nearby firsts, free cases, \$9 per case; do, current receipts, free cases, \$8.70 per case; Western firsts, free cases, \$9 per case; do, current recelpts, free cases, \$8.10@8.40 per case. Live Poultry-Higher; fowls, 15@ 16½c; old roosters, 11½@12c; spring Dressed Poultry-Firmer. Turkeys, nearby, fancy, 23@24c; do, fair to good, 19@22; do, Western, fancy, 22@ 23; do, fair to good, 15@21; do, No. 1, old, 20@21; fowls, Western, fancy, large, 16@161/2; do, smaller sizes, 11 @15½; old roosters, 12½; roasting chickens, fancy, 16@18; broiling chickens, choice, 19@22; capons, fine, large, 21@22; do, smaller sizes, 18@20; ducks, fancy, 17@19; do, fair to good, 14@16; geese, fancy, 15@16; do, fair to good, 12@14.

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over the heavier weights.

No. 2 do, \$11@12.50.

@8.50.

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lots nearby, as to quality, 55@60.

\$13.50@14.50; No. 1 clover, \$13@13.50;

18; No. 2, do, \$16.50@17; No. 1 tang-

led, \$12.50@13; No. 2 tangled, \$11@

12; No. 1 wheat, \$8; No. 2, do, \$7@

7.50; No. 1 oat, \$9@10; No. 2, do, \$8

Millfeed-Spring bran, in 100-lb

sacks, \$24@24.50; flour to white mid-

dling, do, \$26@28; Western middlings,

do, \$24@24.50; city mills, do, \$24@

24.50; do, bran, do, \$24.50@25; do,

Butter-Creamery, fancy, 36; cream-

ery, choice, 34@35; creamery, good, 31

@33; creamery, prints, 35@37; cream-

ery, blocks, 34@36; ladles, 23@25;

Maryland and Pennsylvania rolls, 22@

Cheese-Quotations for jobbing lots,

Eggs-Maryland, Pennsylvania and

Live Poultry-Chickens-Old hens,

White Pekings, 17; muscovy, 15@

Dressed Poultry-Turkeys, choice,

white middlings, 100s, \$30@31.

Straw-No. 1 straight rye, \$17.50@

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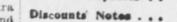
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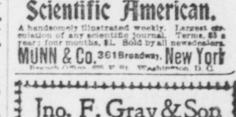
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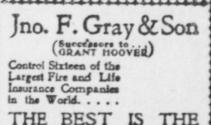




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CHAPTER XXXIV (Continued.)

Betty Malroy and Carrington had ridden into Raleigh to take leave of their friends. They had watched the stage from sight, had answered the last majestic salute the judge had given them across the swaying top of the coach before the first turn of the road hid it from sight, and then they has turned their horses' heads in the direction of Belle Plain.

"Bruse, do you think Judge Price will ever be able to accomplish all he hopes to?" Betty asked when they had left the town behind. She drew in her horse as she spoke, and they went forward at a walk under the splendid arch of the forest and over a carpet of vivid leaves.

"I reckon he will, Betty," responded Carrington. Unfavorable as had been his original estimate of the judge's character, events had greatly modified it.

"He really seems quite sure, doesn't he?" said Betty.

"There's not a doubt in his mind." He was still at Belle Plain, living in what had been Ware's office, while the Cavendishes were domiciled at the big house. He had arranged with the judge to crop a part of that hopeful gentleman's land the very next season; the fact that a lawsuit intervened between the judge and possession seened a triffing matter, for Carrington had become infected with the judge's point of view, which did not admit of the possibility of failure; but he had not yet told Betty of his plans. Time enough for that when he left Belle Plain.

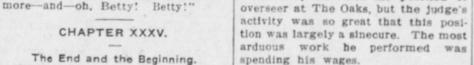
His silence concerning the future had caused Betty much thought. She wondered if he still intended going south into the Purchase; she was not sure but it was the dignified thing for him to do. She was thinking of this mony showed that so simple a thing | prone to call the Portal of Hope; for now as they went forward over the as perjury had no terrors for them. while his charity was very great and rustling leaves, and at length she His fight for liberty was waged in and he lived with the splendid air of plen-

dreadfully-yes, and the judge, and only human, the outlaw escaped with sistence to transact business with Mr. Yancy!" she began.

ty?" he inquired, leaning toward uer. ever, before the expiration of his discovered that he esteemed them as "You, Bruce?-Oh, I shall miss term. you, too, dreadfully-but then, per-

back---"

peated, dwelling on the numeral.



The End and the Beginning. When Murrell was brought to trial

Certain trifling peculiarities surhis lawyers were able to produce a vived with the judge even after he host of witnesses whose sworn testi- had entered what he had once been



"Oh, Betty! Betty!"

turned in the saddle and faced him. out of coart with incredible bitter- ty that belonged to an older order, "I am going to miss Hannibal ness, and, as judge and jury were it required tact, patience and perthe relatively light sentence of twelve him; and his creditors, of whom there "I am to be missed, too, am I, Bet- years' imprisonment; he died, how- were always a respectable number, The judge, when he returned to He explained to Yancy that too great

haps in five years, when you come Raleigh, resumed his own name of certainty detracted from the charm of Turberville, and he allowed it to be living, for, after all, life was a game-"Five years!" cried Carrington, but known that he would not be offended a gamble-he desired to be reminded he understood something of what was by the prefix of Gereral. During his of this. Yet he was held in great repassing in her mind, and laughed absence he had accumulated a wealth spect for his wisdom and learning, shortly. "Five years, Betty?" he re- of evidence of undoubted authenticity, which was no more questioned than fifteen years old who was married a with the result that his claim against his courage. Betty hesitated and looked thought- the Fentress estate was sustained by Thus surrounded by his friends, Mdme. Medzukami's grandmother to

ful Presently she stole a surrepti- the courts, and when The Oaks with who were devoted to him. he began still alive at the age of 92.

they were aggressive and determined.

Graceful East Indians.

Describing the women of India, a writer says: "Even the most withered toil-worn hag has a dignity of carriage and a grace of motion that the western woman might envy. The 'sari' is draped in an easy flowing style and adjusted as it slips back with a graceful turn of the silver bangled arm, the skinny legs move rythmically, and the small feet fall with a silent and pantherlike tread. It is the beauty of natural and untrammeled motion, and says much in favor of the abolltion of the corset, for the Indian women retain their uprightness and suppleness of figure till bowed with age. "The commonest type is the coolie

woman, who undertakes all sorts of rough work, carrying heavy burdens on her head, and she is, perhaps, the least attractive, for her workaday garments are usually faded and dirty: yet, even among this poor class of burden bearers, we see many with handsome straight features and supple well proportioned figures.

"No matter how poor their garments, jewelry of some sort is worn: necklaces of gold or beads, colored glass or silver bangles and heavy silver anklets."

Poor Nobles of Italy.

Lecturing in London on an out-ofthe way tour in Central Italy, Alexander Keighley said he learned on good authority that a fine medieval castle in good preservation in one of these Italian hill towns had been sold to an Englishman for \$195. The poverty of the nobles in Italy

was sometimes pitiful. He found one per pound, art 191/2 @ 20c. majestic pile inhabited by an old woman of aristocratic family but misnearby firsts, 27c; Western firsts, 27; erably poor. Showing outwardly as West Virginia firsts, 26@27; Southern much as possible, of its ancient state, firsts, 25@26. Recrated and rehandled the only furniture within it was a eggs, 1/2 @ 1c higher. deal table, a chair and a battered

candlestick. heavy, 15c; do do, small to medium. In the town of Asisi, while he was 15; old roosters, 10; young, 16. Ducks talking to a priest, some poor little children persisted in begging, and the 16: puddle, 14@15. Geese-Nearby, priest told him they were the chil-14@15c: Western and Southern, 13; dren of a count. Kent Island, 16@17. Turkeys-Choice

Youthful Grandmother.

hens, 20c; young gobblers, 18@19; old Probably the youngest grandmother toms, 17; rough and poor, 10@12. Guinea fowl, each-Old, 25c; young, in the world is Mdme. Kups Medzu-11/2 lbs and over, 45; do, smaller, 30. kami, the wife of a farmer in the province of Idza, Japan. The woman. 20@21c; do, fair to good, 19@20; old who is now 28 years old, was married toms, 18. Chickens, young, 16@17e; mixed, 15@16; old hens, 15; old roosyear ago and has given birth to a son. ters, 10@11. Ducks, 16@18c; geese, nearby, 15@16.



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