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After the Ball.

Their long, bright tresses, one by one,
As they laughed and talked in the chamber
After the revel was done.

Idly they talked of waltz and quadrille, Idly they laughed like other girls, Who over the fire, when all is still, Comb out their braids and curls.

Robe of sa in aid Bru-sels lace, Knots of flowers and ribbons, 100, Scattered about in every place. For the revel is through

And Maud and Madge in robes of white, The prettest night gowns under the sun; Stockingless, slipperless, sit in the night, For the revel is done,—

Si t and comb their beautiful bair. Those wenderful waves of brown and gold Till the fire is out in the chamber there.

And the little bare feet are cold Then out of the gathering winter chill, All out of bitter St. Agnes weather, While the fire is out and the hour is still,

Maud and Madge together,-Maud and Madge in robes of white, The prettiest night gowns under the sun, Curtained away from the chilly night,

After the revel is done,-Float along in a splendid dream, To a golden gittern's tinkling tune,

While a thousand lustres shimmering stream,
In a palace's grand saloon. Flashing of jewels, and flutter of laces.

Tropical odors sweeter than musk, Men and women with beautiful faces And eyes of tropical dusk,-And one face shining out like a star,

One face hunting the dreams of each, And one voice sweeter than others are, Breaking into silvery speech,-Telling, through lips of bearded bloom, Au old, old story over again,

As down the royal bannered room To the golden gittern's strain Two and two they dreamily walk.

While an unseen spirit walks beside, And, all unheard in the lover's talk, He cluimeth one for a bride

Oh, Maud and Madge, dream on together, With never a pang of jenious fear, For, ere the bitter St. Agues weather, Shall whiten another year,

Robed for the bridal, and robed for the tomb.

Braided brown hair, and golden tress, There'll be only one of you left for the bloom Of the bearded lips to press,-

Only one for the bridal pearls, The robe of satin and Brussels lace, one to blush through her curis At the sight of her lover's face.

Oh, beautiful Madge, in your bridal white, For you the revel has just begun; But for her who sleeps in your arms to-night The revel of Life is done!

But tobed and crowned with your saintly bliss, Oh, beautiful Maud, you'll never miss The kisses another bath won!

Selections.

"Lost, Stolen or Strayed."

TROM THE NOTE BOOK OF A MEDICAL STUDENT. to me when a student in --- Hospital, by against my superiors-a proceeding for work from all competitors. I had not been a household servant of the name of Anne which I was often scolded, and not unfre in my lord's service two years, when the Fairly. She came into the Hospital to be quently threatened with dismissal. On the upper housemaid dying, I was promoted to cured of a disease to which her class are pe- occasion of my lady's loss my irritable and her situation—a rare thing—for upper serculiarly liable-a white swelling of the chufed spirit vented its bitterness against vants in a great house, must perfectly know knee. She was at that time about forty the whole noble order to which my lord's their business. I had worked hard to learn years of age. In her youth this person's family belonged. It is a wonder to me now mine thoroughly; and, moreover, knew all maid to a nobleman's family, the head of tinence and sauciness, but Mrs. Merry, the might be slow in acquiring. So my pert-Whom I shall call the Marquis of Cornberry, a personage of some celebrity, connec ted-and not remotely-with royalty. Perhaps it will be best if I tell the story in her own words, exactly as I put it down at the

time she related it. "My lady had an intimate friend, Lady Mosshill—a countess she was, and a very time of my lady's lecture and exhortation fair, beautiful woman to look at, pleasant to confess the truth, a cold, sneering smile, spoken, too, and not in the least haughty. that might have better sat on the features missing jewels, till the ensuing spring, when The lady was often on a visit to Lady Corn- of a fiend than of a living woman. berry, and her visits mostly lasted a very long time; for the Earl, her husband, was to keep clean my lady's suite of rooms and employed a great deal in Parliament, and those appropriated to Lady Mosshill, which phaving no children Lady Mosshill felt dull. were ner Lady---'s, I felt I was more pe-So she used to tell Theresa, my lady's sec- culiarly liable to be suspected than the serond maid, who attended Lady Mosshill when she visited at my lord's, to save her ladyship from bringing her own maid.

"After I had lived at my lord's for about most forgotten, and rarely talked about .-twelve months the housekeeper sent for us My hot impatience of blame, real or impuof the servant's hall, one morning, to come ted, began to calm down. I gave satisfacall together to her room. We wondered a good deal what could be the matter, but grainally we found ourselves all collected in the housekeeper's groom. Mrs. Merry's speech was a sharp one, very much to the purpose, and not at all satisfactory-at my Lady Mosshill came again to pay my rooms so late.' least to the feelings of some of us.

"It is very unpleasant business I have to speak about,' said she; 'but it worries me a good deal more than, I dare say, it will

her diamonds, and of course suspicion falls shall, as all lady's maids hate those on it was six o'clock that evening before I got library, where my lord and he were to hear buying up all the cotton in Liverpool; per hundred pound note in payment and de-

"There was a general exclamation. At last some one requested to know if suspicion had fallen on any particular individ-

"'Not as yet.' Mrs. Merry answered .-Miss Dormer and Mile. Theresa, my lady's own attendants had desired their drawers and boxes, even their pockets might be young persons.

the guilt imputed.

"As for myself, I was excessively indignant, for I kept my lady's room clean, that I would have died sooner than have taken the diamonds, I was very vindictive .-I got severely rebuked by the housekeeper. "No one is accused,' she said, in reply to

my angry defence 'but some one has taken them; they could'nt go without hands, that is certain. They are very valuable, and my lady will feel anoyed at their disappearance.

"We all went to the drawing-room to my lady, and demanded that our boxes and our persons might be searched. She acceeded to the request.

"'No one need feel agrieved,' she observed, at this proceeding; 'innocent persons, of course, will remain blameless, and the guilty only will be detected.'

"The search was made, but fruitlessly .-As Mrs. Merry observed, the house was well nigh turned out of windows; yet neither my lady's diamonds nor the thief who took them were discovered.

"A detective officer was brought into the house, but even his sagacity failed to discover the truth; and so, for a time, the matter dropped; not, however, without leaving a soreness rankling in every dependant of that noble household.

"I believe now, that I had what is usually called too much spirit for my station in life-perhaps I ought rather to say, too much temper. I was no more individually suspected than any of my fellow servants; but I had a sturdy honestness of soul, and it galled me terribly to think my honesty should be suspected. II frequently declared that I should never rest till the real thief was discovered; and, to say the truth, my restless and suspicious vigilance renderod me as good a detective as if I had been trained to the business.

"My father, who was a shoemaker in the village where my lord's principal country residence was situated, was a very violent rural politicion, and a fierce upholder of what he called the 'Peoples Rights.' I used to hear him harangue his neighbors. hour after hour, on evenings when his work was done, and they met in the kitchen -which served our family for a 'parlor, kitchen and hall'-over a pipe and a tankard: for, with all his violence of a party spirit, my father was no pot-house frequenter. He was like many Englishmen of his class, whom I have since observed, a fierce decrier of the vices of our aristocracy-their pride, arrogance and extravagance-and yet, withal in his heart of hearts, a secret admirer of a lord. It must have been owinto her household, my father did not offer jewels seemed as far off as ever. the violent opposition which might have

living with 'real nobility.' "However, I had imbibed enough of his way herself, so I suppose she had a fellow tained. feeling.

us all into the drawing-room, and Lady Mosshill was present. She wore, the whole

"I was the more irritable, because, having vants who were more remotely employed.

"However, time were on; Lady Mosshill returned home, and the diamonds were altion in my work, for I was determined always to do every duty well, and I wished to stay in my present service long enough to obtain a first-rate character.

"Things were thus coming round, when lady a visit of some length. Mademoiselle Theresa announced it some days before her ladyship's acrival.

"Dat munvaise sujet, mi ledi Mosshill, is and you shall go to her room den."

whom-not being their real mistresses-they into the room to clean it. are forced to attend. 'It must be dat you and ground her white teeth.

femme de chambre.

in the grounds together, their arms around | detect one. each other's waists, their hands clasped, they could scarcely be a moment apart. We could hardly help laughing in the servants' friendship which existed between these ladies, neither of them much less than fortyone of them, my lady, the mother of grownup daughters.

"Lady Mosshill had been Lady Cornberry's visitor about three weeks, when, one morning, my lady's bell rang as if the hou e was on fire. Miss Dormer, who was chatting to me on the grand staircase, which it was part of my duty to hearthstone every morning, ran up stairs for her very life; and some of the men-servants came running from the different offices on the stairs .-Everybody believed something serious had occurred.

"Presently, Miss Dormer came down stairs, as white as ashes; she went into the housekeeper's room. I must tell the truth ry's apartment, in hopes of hearing something; and something we did hear, for Miss ed the door and walked boldly in. It is Dormar had left the door on jar, and was speaking in loud excited tones.

"'Where can they be? Who takes the things?' said Mrs. Merry, in a vexed tone. "'That, heaven only knows,' said Dormer, half crying; 'but one thing I knew, innocent people, Mrs. Merry, are not to have their characters taken away every moment in this way; and I shall give my lady warning, that's what I shall do. Some devil's in this house,' said the lady's maid, stamping her foot violently, for she was by no means remarkable for mildness.

"'Go, Mrs. Merry, pray, go,' she continued, 'to my lady; there's her bell again.' "The portly housekeeper bustled up stairs

to my lady's room, scolding, as she came out, because we were idling there, she said, listening to what was no business of ours. "'It was our business,' James, second

footman, said, 'if anything was wrong again deranged, do you think?' with my lady's diamonds: we had been suspected once, and might be suspected again.'

our work: but we did not rest till we questioned Dormer, and learned that my lady had lost more jewels.

"And again there was a fine commotion ing to the latter feeling, that when my lady searching, detective officers; and again, as expressed a gracious intention of taking me | hefore, suspicion fell on no one, and the lost

"Many of their servants left their places. been expected from one of his radical opin- Such constant attacks of suspicion were too ions. Some resistance on his part certainly much; but they gained nothing by that, occurred; but the shallowest observor might only the remark that perhaps they dreaded have seen it was assumed more for the sake discovery. As for me, though I spoke my of consistency than for any dislike to my mind freely enough, I stayed. I had been preferred by my lady, because I had been brought up in a model school of hers, where The following strange event was related prejudices to set myself up as a talker I had carried off the prizes for household first place was in the capacity of house- that I was not at once sent away for imper- the ways of the house, which a stranger housekeeper was somewhat inclined that ness was reprimanded, and my services re-

> "And the commotion died away again, I took a particular spite against Lady and six weeks passed away in peace and Mosshill on the first occasion my lady had quietness. Lady Mosshill, on leaving Lady Cornberry's house, went to Paris for the winter.

"We saw nothing of her ladyship who had been loud in her remarks about the she arrived on another visit, intended to be a lengthened one.

"She remained about a month; and, at length, to the great joy of the servants, who hated her, gave notice that she would depart next day. On this one, she kept her own room all the morning; superintended the packing by Madlle. Therese; and finally, with her own hands, packed a small valise with a few necessaries, for she was to spend a day on her way home with some peer, whose name I forget now. All this Therese told us, when she came to take up hot water for Lady Mosshill's toilette.

"'I wish she would leave her room,' said is thrown back by these ladies keeping their

"'Nevare you mind, Anne,' said Therese; is going to my Lor' Varden's for dinner.

"Therese was gone down to tea; I looked till that moment, when I saw that strong invention that will provide broadcloth at get her rooms ready, ah-bah! but I hate round; Lady Mosshill's things were all man, the noble gentleman, the great states sixpence a yard; perhaps that vulgar look- but as his right.

her so moosh-she is vat you call the beast cleared away, and packed ready for depar- man, the loving husband,-for even Lord in the sty-cochon-ah-cochon-cochon! ture. The value stood on a chair close to Mosshill's enemies gave him that credit- their hats, on account of his reputed wealth, his note on the counter." and Theresa stamped her little kid-shod foot, the toilette; and I noticed that though the bowed with that great grief; my heart relenkey was in the padlock, yet it was not ted, and I burst into a fit of violent tears. "'She give to me an old robe vat I vould locked. I stood, broom in hand; and strange not pick up from de street,' she said, as she thoughts, for which I could never account Lord Mosshill all I knew. For some mineearched; and it had been done without any ran up stairs; and, to say truth, I was far came over me. To this day I can hardly utes I could not speak for my sobs; but result affecting the characters of these two from being ill-pleased at Theresa's spite, tell what prompted me so powerfully that I Lord Mosshill came to me, and, poor servant for I liked, as I before said, Lady Mosshill could not resist the temptation. I placed girl though I was, and the cause of great "Everybody was vociferous in denying very little better than did my lady's French my hand on the top-Lady Mosshill's night sorrow to him, and abjured me solemnly, as robe came first; then a small basket; and I cared for peace here or hereafter, to tell "In a day or two Lady Mosshill arrived, further down, a case of Morocco. How my the truth. I felt as if I were on my trial and my lady and she were as intimate as heart beat as I took it in my hand; how for life or death. Somehow, all my scorn though only under housemaid; and knowing ever. They were, indeed, the dearest of stealthily I looked round the room, as if I for rank deserted me, and I told the whole friends, and any one, to see them walking were about to become a thief instead of to from first to last, concealing nothing, not

ady by her own father, the Marquis of-

were passing to and fro. The family were -we all followed to the door of Mrs. Mer- half hour previous to dinner; not knowing or heeding if visitors were present, I openmore than nossible that such a breach of duty would have been punished with instant wild looks and excited manner. There were present my lord and lady, my lady's two

rothers, and two or three strange visitors. "My lady rose up from her chair, "'What does this mean, Anne?' she said. "I was too eager to exonerate myself and my fellow-servants at that minute, to have much regard for the noble presence I had intruded on, not being indeed at any time overawed by contact with great folks, from

therefore I said-"'Please, my lady, will you listen to

what I have to say?' "'Good Heaven!' said her ladyship, holding her scent-bottle to her nose, and turning to know the end of this strange story; and and Mrs. Dalcimer must have her accusto my lord, who stood on the hearth, 'is she

"'No, my lady,' said I, 'I am not mad, if "Mrs. Merry angrily bade us go about lady, in the servants' hall, of stealing your the British Court, Lady Mosshill returned. lady, who's the real thief, and the true cause

of your servants, my lady, being wronged.' "When I said diamonds, my lady jumped

"'My diamonds?' said she. 'Lead on,

girl; I'll follow you!" "I wanted no more. Turning round, I ran up stairs, followed by my lord, my lady, my lady's brothers, and even one or two of elf punished the crime of Lady Mosshill; a people as in poor servants. We never stopped till we got to Lady Mosshill's apart- would be useless and foolish; though as I brought my lady to the valise, took the case out (acknowledging I had broke into it,) of her death. But for the disgrace inflicted opened it and asked my lady if these were from amazement, and I believe horror, for though lady Cornberry never scrupled to giveness; but I find it hard still (especially believe ill of a poor servant, she was dreadfully shocked to find a countess could be a thief. When every one had become quite convinced, that Lady Mosshill was the culprit, I was dismissed, and my lord and my lady, with their guests, decended to the drawingroom. Dinner had been waiting some time, and after some talk, they all went to

had a tray taken there to them. "The fruit of their resolves was soon known; James was summond, and he came to recurn to his house. Certain, it is, she out. never came back; and my lord himself sear-I, not in a very good humor, 'all my work ched Lady Mosshill's trunks, before her spinners, and brokers and agents througed things were sent to Milberry after her. together, and were as busy as bees in a Then we heard my lord at the same time hive. What were they doing? Ah! that I had written an account of the whole affair to cannot say, Hundreds of thousands of 'my ledi, she vill dress herself directly. She Lord Mosshill, who did not write a reply, pounds, I am told, change owners on market but same himself to my lord; and there was day in this same Exchange, without a scrap a terrible scens.

my testimony. I had rejoiced in my deed haps the money was being found for some manded change-not as his reverend ac-

"Lord Cornberry desired I would tell even my curiosity and wrong behavior in "I opened that case, which I had found looking into Lady Mosshill's valise. When would have taken them for two of the veriest in Lady Mosshill's valise; and there, on a I had concluded, my Lord swore me to the boarding-school misses, brimful of senti- bed of snowy quilted satin, reposed two of truth of my statement on the Holy Bible. ment and romance. It was in conversation my own lady's most valued jewels-a brooch And I was dismissed, sorrowful and repenalways 'my love,' and 'my dearest,' and of diamonds, and a bracelet of emeralds and tant enough. I do not mean that I should diamonds mixed. I had seen them on Lady have concealed the truth out of regard to Cornberry's toilette but the day previously; Lady Mosshill's rank and station, but I cerhall, when we talked of the sentimental and Miss Dormer herself had pointed them tainly was overstepping and only gratifying out to me as unmatched for beauty and my revenge, to expose the lady to strangers value. They had been presented to my by the violent manner in which I stated the trath.

"If a doubt for a moment disturbed my | "What happened afterwards Mdlle. The mind it was soon dispelled; I knew those rese and Miss Dormer told me. Lord Mossjewels again too well to be deceived; I did hill when, indeed convinced of the truth, imnot doubt long. Now, after the lapse of plored my lord to hush the matter up. His years, perhaps the wish that I had acted family was one of the oldest in England otherwise comes across me now and then; and I have always heard one of the proudest but at that time I was young, somewhat The blow of such a discovery went nigh to vindictive, and fiercely sensitive about the break Lord Mosshill's heart. He, however, honesty of the poor. I threw down my firmly did his duty. He broke open the broom, and replacing the jewel case where drawers, jewel cases, and private repositor-I had found it, I went out of the room, lies of his Countess, and found all Lady Cornlocked the door, and flew down the great berry's missing jewels. They were returned, staircase, regardless of the servants who with an epistle to my lady herself, that Miss Dermer said would have touched the heart all assembled in the drawing-room for the of a tigress to show mercy. But for her bosom-friend my lady had none; she said matters had gone too far to be concealed-that my lord, in his first wrath, had sent for his solicitor, and revealed all! At the same time Lord Mosshill received my lord's letdismissal, had it not been for my pale face, ter, he received one also from the lawyer, demanding restitution of the stolen jewels.

"Whoever set the matter affoat, this is certain; the day after the discovery, the cost Lord Mosshill large sums to suppress all further appearance of the matter in the matter was quite notorious enough in high circles: and Lord Mosshill received an intimation from the very highest quarter that whom I had seen a good many little actions; his lady had better travel. That is the polite mode of banishment now-a-days, I believe; and to travel, Lord and Lady Mosshill were forced.

"I lived long enough in my lady's service means a happier woman for the knowledge. you mean that; but you accused us, my About five years after her banishment from forty pounds. diamonds. I said then, my lady, as I say My lady and her daughters one night were of money! It is clear that he prizes it only now, it isu't always poor folks who steal .- proceeding in their carriage to a splendid If you, my lady, or my lord, or any lady or fele at Palace. Some stoppage occured gentleman, will please come with me to in Piccadilly, and my lady, to beguile the Lady Mosshill's room, I'll show you, my time was looking about her. Suddenly her eyes fell on a lady, who' sitting on a balcony, half concealed by flowering plants, was watching sadly the gay cavalcade of splenup quite alert, though she had been fainting did equipages. The eyes of the ladies met few minutes before, in the fear that I was My lady uttered a slight shrick, and sank back in her carriage; the lady in the balcony fainted dead away, She was taken thence to her bed, from which she never

more rose. "Shame-remorse-humiliation-deathits the visitors. Curiosity is as great in fine crime aggravated by her attempt to cast it on poor servants. For her, pity, I think, ments. I unlocked the bed room door, have said, my share in her detection gave me trouble enough-especially when I heard on those who never before knew shame-for her jewels. She was silent for a moment the injuries inflicted on innoccent sufferers -I can only say she scarce deserves fornow years have made me a sadder, wiser woman) to forgive myself!"

Change for a Hundred. BY ALBANY FONBLANQUE.

It was market day in a great noisy manfacturing town not many thousand miles removed from Lancashire, and the confines of the dining-room, with the exception of my that neighboring county so celebrated for lord, Lord John, my lady's eldest brother; the "euteness" of its inhabitants. The those gentlemen retired into the library, and railway had brought in thousands of people that morning, from all parts of the adjacent country, most for business, some for pleasure, some for a convenient mixture of both down to tell us that one of the grooms was | Men came in to make money, and made it to take herse and ride directly to Milber- or not according to circumstances; their ry Castle-the place to which Lady Moss- wives and daughters came in to spend mo hill had gone on a visit. This groom we key, and found no difficulty in accomplishfound, was bearer of a letter to Lady Moss. ing their object; other people came in for hill; and the English lady's maid informed other purposes (as will appear before the us that my lady told her the letter was conclusion of this faithful narrative,) and from my lord, forbidding the noble culprit were equally successful in car ying them

In the Exchange, merchants and cottonof writing, or earnest to bind the bargain. any of you. To speak plainly, and with-coming, Anne,' said the French girl in her out any presemble, my lady has lost some of broken English. She hated my Lady Moss-hill's pleasure, for all that; his wife's guilt; and I was sent for to the being clenched? Porbaps some one was cash—Sophy was a lucky girl!—offered a breathless attention of the spectators, come

ing old fellow, to whom all are touching is buying what he knows very well be will never be able to pay for; and who that there could be no possibility of danger Majesty's High Court of Chancery.

But we have little to do with the Exchange and those who frequent it. This great town -which is to be nameless, for certain sufficient reasons-goes to dinner at 2 o'clock, eats a great deal of cold meat, and drinks a great deal of hot wine; and being a town of inferior organization, gastronomically ful consequences from which any other their work, much shopping takes place. The principal jewelers in this nameless

goodly sight their shop windows afford upon market day, especially when the old year is heavy gold seals that hung, more majorum, after the fashion of our ancestors, from his his ruddy cheeks that bodes well, he is altogether the sort of person at whose table you would like to have a place, and in whose

your name. Mr. Elephant (Castle, his partner, is at home) has a high respect for the cloth, so he bows profoundly to the clergyman as he enters, and his reverence, who is urbanity itself, bows to Mr. Elephant in return .-The jeweller is charmed. Politeness is not whole affair was in the newspapers; and it a stable commodity in this nameless town. Great is its wealth; but the magic "tuppence a week," which in some other quarjournals of the day, But by that time the ters is devoted to the acquisition of manners has been but sparingly expended by the parents of the present generation of its denizens. Mr. Elephat knows a gentleman when he sees one; and sending his young he could "to swear agin them"-drove offman to wait upon some other customer, at tends to the stranger himself.

The simple-minded pastor at once states his errand. Thursday is New Year's Day, when the end came, considering the share I | tomed present. What shall it be? Somehad taken in it, I was, I assure you, by no thing useful, you know, and not very expensive, not more than thirty or perhaps

It is pleasing to hear the good man speak as the means of giving pleasure to others. Many valuable trinkets are exhibited for selection: but are rejected with a corresponding number of smiles by Mr. Dalcimer as "trifles." At last a very solid gold watch with chain and pendants, heavy and plain, fit for the wife of a bishop, is produced and approved. Fifty pounds is the price, and whilst Mr. Elephant's young man is finding a case wherein to pack it, the Rev. Blank Dalcimer takes from his pocket a fat black pocket-book, and from its interior a bank note for one hundred pounds. He to have such a pocket-book, and such a pocket-book would not have been complete without such a large crisp bank note in it. There are some people whose very tooth-

picks proclaims their respectability. The Rev. Blank Dalcimer was very sorry he must trouble Mr. Elephant for change-Mr. Elephant would be only too happy to oblige him. Mr. Elephant could easily oblige him upon market-day. The respectable pocket book, with pounds in small notes in it, is placed in one ample pocket, the new watch, in shining morocco case, is led Banners were flying in the air, and carefully deposited in another, and the reverend purchaser is leaving the shop politely as he entered it, when a young man dressed in the extreme of fashion-so far in the extreme as to be in danger of tumbling over the other side into the abves of vulgarism. bustles rudely in, and runs against his rev-

The good man is not angry, only hurt; stooping to pick his hat which had been displaced in the shock, he furtively rubs his damaged chin, and upon recovering himself recognizes the youth who caused the mis- side-walk, seeing a hole through a ladder.

brings you here?"

"Oh I've come to buy something for Sophy, sir; but I hope I have not hurt you?" "No, not much; but you should not be so impetuous. Are you returning by the fourfifteen train?"

want to speak to you about the shooting over the glebe lands, so buy your baubles, my dear boy-buy your baubles-at once."

quaintance had done as a matter of favor

"There! change that, he said, and flung

Now it seemed to good Mr. Elephant, knows but that those sanctified individuals in changing a note even for so unusual an in white neck cloths are contracting for a amount, when presented by a gentleman of supply of thread hearing a lie upon its la- Mr. Dalcimer's appearance and mannerbel, in order to cheat the poor seamstress of Mr. Dalcimer!-why he might be an Arct. her duel Such things are done, we know, bishop. But this young Rapid with his thanks to that much villified tribunal-Her hands thrust in his pockets of his peg-top trowsers, with his ballet-dancer pin, and his birds-eye scarf, chewing a toothpick, with his hat cocked, was a different sort of customer. He could not be a bad character himself-oh no! did not the divine call him "Frank," and would be frank any but respectable people? But young men will be young men, and sometimes keep very bad speaking, is not afflicted with those fright. company. He might have been imposed upon himself. So, the exchange being near town of more fashionable and dyspeptic at hand, Mr. Elephant dispatched young habits would suffer. Consequently, for Rapid's note to the master of that place to about one hour after the time I have named, be scrutinized, pretending, all the time, that there is a lull in the transaction of business he was sending it out to be changed. The and whilst the bees are on their return to messenger returned and whispered to his employer that the report was that the note was a perfectly good one, and he rather town are Messrs. Elephant & Castle, and a ashamed of himself for having kept his worthy customer waiting whilst he indulged in such unworthy suspicions-hastily changed at its gasp, ann all the "pretty-pretties" for the defaced note, and having handed the new year gifts are exhibited in glittering difference and Sophy's "baubles" to Rapid, rows therein. So thinks an elderly gentle. was bowing his customers out, when-oh man from the country, a clergyman of the that this pen should have to record it!--a Church of England evidently, from his spot- policeman, breathless with haste and exless white neckcloth, snug chin, and the citement, dashed into the shop and seized the reverend gentleman and his lively young friend by their collars, and I am sorry to fob. There is a well-to-do creaking in his add that the respectability of the former carefully polished boots, and a smile upon dropped from him like a cloak and he stood trembling, the very picture of a detected swindler.

"W-w-w-what's the meaning of this!"

gasped poor Mr. Elephant. will you would have no objection to find "Why, that you have two of the most noorious forgers in England in your shopthat's all," replied the man in blue; procee-

ding to handcuff his prisoners. "Have you changed any notes for them?" "Y--y-yes t-two of a hundred a piece." "They are forgeries then, the cleverest .-Here, give them to me." Mr. Elephant obeyed mechanically. "I shall have to produce them at the police office to make the charge-Hil cab," and the constable, having secured the darbies on his captives, thrust them into the cab, and having told the still confused jeweller to come along as quick as

where? Echo makes the usual response! For never from that moment has Mr. Elephaht set his gaze upon either of his customers; the pretended policeman who took them into custody; the cabman who drove them away; the watch; the jewelry; the change, or the perfectly good Bank of England notes for one hundred pounds a-piece, with which their ingenious fraud was committed.

BLONDIN NOWHERE--OUTDONE BY AN ED-TOR!-The local of the Cleveland Democrat takes off the account of Mons. Blondin's "rope walk" over Niagara, in the following rich style. Those who have read the particulars in the papers will appreciate it:

On the morning of the Fourth, the local editor of a prominent evening daily paper in Buffalo, accomplished a feat which places Mons. Blondin's tight rope act at Niagara quite in the shade. He crossed Main street, the principal street in Buffalo, on a crosswalk without stepping off. When it is known that the aforsaid local had been emwas just such a man as you would expect ployed in seeing the old Fourth of July out and the new Fourth of July in, some idea may be formed of the, magnitude of the undertaking. The cross-walk chosen for this during feat leads from Thomas' Saloon to the Terrapin Lunch. The side walks on each side of Main street were crowded with spectators, by far the greater number being on the side on which the Terrapin is located, they being sustained and soothed by an unfaltering trust in his ability to perform it, and his willingness to treat when he got over. Numerous Star-Spangnumerous bands were playing the air of the Star Spangled Banner, while a Calithumpian band were putting on airs genererally. About 8 o'clock the local emerged from Thomas' Saloon, and was greeted with immense spplause by the crowd on the other side, who were impatient to have him come ncross and treat. It was really a treat to come across such enthusiastic fellows.

Before attempting to cross, he performed numerous wonderful feats, such as telling the time of day, walking a crack in the &c. The cross-walk was about thirty feet "Why, bless my heart, Frank, what in length-and, in order to make it steady, he had about thirty glasses of buck beer as guys, thus affording one guy to each foot, without mentioning the "guys" on the opposite side-walk, who were standing by ia expectation of a drink. Like many other performers he was dressed in tights-"Yes. sir. I think so?" replied the youth. having been tight for two weeks before, in "Then we may as well travel together. preparation for his feat.

Only once did he betray the alightest irresolution, and that was when his eagle eye took in the immense concourse on the other The dear boy lost no time, he selected a side waiting for him to treat. Scorning a diamond and opal necklet, brooch, and balance pole, he steadied himself a moment bracelet to match; value fifty pounds, net against a lamp post, and then, amid the