CONCLUDED FROM FIRST PAGE. and scarcely crediting his senses, he made Cliffia repeat her words.

'You shall not be a beggar, Clima while these strong arms are free!' said Frank Dwight. 'Go, and tell Wilfred Earle all that you have heard, and say that I will stand in the dock when the court opens to-morrow."

His last words were addressed to the man, who bowed and turned away, leaving them alone.

On the merrow Frank Dwight would be arraigned for forgery, and from the clutches of the law there seemed no es-

Our hero's trial opened in the presence of a crowded court, and progressed tapidly and with damaging certainly against him. His enemies were jubit ant, his friends correspondingly cast down, and the prosecution was conducted with a verdictiveness that elicited much comment.

Mr. Cashier Lords swore positively that the person who presented the forged paper was Frank Dwight. He admitted, under the rigorous cross-examination of the defense, that the banking room was not particularly light at the moment in question. Still, the admission did not lessen the positiveness of the oath. He knew Frank Dwight; he could not be mistaken.

Other testimony damaged the defense almost as severly. Several persons testified having seen Frank Dwight in the neighborhood of the Cosmos Bank about two o'clock on the afternoon in question, and the teller, a little nearsighted, had recongized him while in the institution. Against this array of testimony, coupled as it was with his previous denials, with the money found on his person, etc., the prisoner brought a solemn oath; but alone he could not prove the alibi he maintain-

The jury, a set of fine looking men, displayed their verdict in their looks, while the counsel were pleading. It was evident that the prisoner would be convicted; Wittred Earle felt this, as he stood with bowed head just without the railing whither he had retired for air. He thought of his child linking her life to a guilty man, of the last sentence she had sent him from his old Bible.

lowed. The case of the Commonwealth vs. Frank Dwight was about to go to tor in Cambria Co. the jury, and all eyes were turned upon the judge.

Suddenly there was a flutter at the enterance which increased as it rolled toward the bench. A youthful figure was pushing through the crowd, and the face that confronted the judge looksuit of gray, robed the effeminate form, and a if the hand it was that held the light brown hat.

the confusion was quelied in an in-

new-comer, in a clear, ringing tone. 'I wish to exonerate the prisoner at the bar. I am the gullty person. I presented the one thousand dollar forgery to Mr. Cashler Lords, and had it hon He_mistook me for the prisoner. Let him come forward, and scrutinize

'I see! I see!' he cried starting back. 'I have been terribly mistaken."

The judicial frown checked the buzzas that were rising in the court room. 'Proceed,' he said, looking at the stranger.

'I gave the prisoner eight hundred dollars on the day of the torgery, which would enable him to cancel a debt of honor that hung over his mother's head. I forged the check to get that money. I am-you see!"

That moment a wealth of dark brown hair dropped from its cunning concealment, and Clima Earle stood before the

people! 'i did jt all without his connivance, she went on, when the tumultuous burst of applause had subsided. 'He may have suspected, but he never

knew. Wilfred Earle started forward and stared into the eyes of his heroic daughter. That look was a long one, varu-

est and yearning, but had he not said that she was dead to him? Aye, and dead still she seemed, for without, a word he turned on his heel. The State refused to prosecute the real

forger, and Frank Dwight was at once set at liberty.

Cliffia returned to her uncle's house, and one day, several weeks later, a messanger came from her old home:

"Come back and bring him with you, Clidia, the message said. 'He is worthy of you, you of him,'

Frank Dwight took the speculator's dau, liter home, and with her, pardoned a hasty old man who was sinking

It to the dun depth of death. this absence during the fatal two hours, was occasioned by his visit to a neighboring city's jail, to see an old

He promised that he would never publish to the world his old friend's situation, and that promise he kept, the reader has seen how faithrully. He felt that Clina was the true forger; but the thought he kept in his heart of hearts, and he courted disgrace rather than betrayal.

Wrifted Earle is dead now; but Cliffla, lorgiven by every one, because of her devotion to the man she loyed, is a happy wife. I know that the render will overlook her crime. - Banner.

l'atragempate.

A blacksmith is always striking for Never kick a man when ne is down,

unless you are sure he can't get up. A newspaper published in a Western State, speaks of telegraph operators as

"Jerking the forked lightning." The wickedest boy in the West is now reported in Ohio, where he cut off three of his toes in order that he might not receive the benefits of the Sonday

school instruction. "I am weary of life-bury me deep on the hill-side," wrote a young man in Dubuque; but they pumped him out, and that same night he went to the circus and laughed till be gred at the anties of the trick mules.

Could anything be neater than the old darkey's reply to a beautiful young lady whom he offered to lift over the gutter, and who insisted that she was too heavy? "Lor, missus," said he, 'I'se used to lifting barre s of gugar "

"Wanted-a new hell," cries a Chicago secular paper; and "Wanted-a decent secular paper," is a small part of the interesting and cheerful reply of the Chicago Northwestern Caristian Advocate, which believes in brimstone

A wealthy farmer at Fulton, N. Y., has this potice posted up in his field: "If any man's or woman's cows or ox. en gits in these air oats, his or ner head will be cut off, as the case may be. A man eye um, and pay my takes, confoolization to a man who lets his critter run loose sald eye."

A Bedford, Pa., newspaper tells of a girl who stands qu a half bushel measure and gracefully shoulders toree bus. of wheat. To a doubting editor in an brother's gardens; of the writing in the adjoining county, the newspaper mentions the fact that she is a burnette, five The last words had fallen from the feet three inches longitude; that her prosecution, and a death silence fol- gravity is two hundred and twenty five pounds, and that she can whip any edi-

A Paris journal tells the story of a beggar who presented himself regularly at a certain coffee house with a clarionet under his arm. "Will you allow me, gentlemen," said he in an humble tone of voice, "to play a tune? I am only an amateur, and if you prefer giving ed like the prisoner's. A neat fitting me a few coppers I will spare you the anno yance of listening to me." Every one felt at once for a few stray coppers, and the a usician departed with a pro-'Silence!' thundered the judge, and found obesiance. This he repeated several evenings in succession. At last, one evening, a young man asked him in 'May it please the court,' said the a friendly manner to give them a tune, good or bad. "But I am atraid, sir, I shall disappoint you." "Never mind that; give us a tune." But I am a very poor player, and I have a very poor instrument," "No matter for that; I want to hear you." "Well, sir, since you in ist upon it," said the poor man,"I will tell you that I don't play."

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