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faintly. "A doctor-a doctor!"

him into the big closet.

med man.

torrified man.

faintly.

you."

And his was about to fling himself into a

chair; but John held him up; and thrust

" Dector, ch? Ch, yes, my boy, you shall

have a doctor-half a dozen of 'em. They'll

" Wh-wh-what do you mean?" gaspec

the stranger as John thrust him back, and

_" I am very glad you took arsenie," said

" Wh-wh-why; you tinfeeling wretch?"

" Because it leaves the body so nice and

" What do you mean?" faltered the pois-

" Mean ?" said John. "Why, that the

doctors will give me ten pounds for a good,

healthy, strong subject like you. I say, what

splendid lecture on anatomy that will be

ound you about the day after to-merrow?"

" Sell me-to the doctors l" groaned the

" Of course; but not you-your body. You

won't know anything about it, my lad; and

But the word was cut in half by John

" I say," he said, knocking at the panel.

" Yes-yes; let me out cried the man,

" Just die as quickly as you can, there's a

good fellow; and don't mind making a

noise, if it cases your mind-no one can hear

The man began to kick and hammer at

the door, and John walked up and down,

smiling and rubbing his hands. Then he

turned to the bar served a few customers

left the place in charge of a bar-man, and

went to where the stranger was still ham-

" Not dead yet?" John said with his

" Ne-no-no! Let me out," groaned the

"Well, I want you to die," said John

" But it wasn't poison-only powdered

chalk," grouned the prisoner. "Let me out!

"You secondrel!" cried John, opening

the poor, collering the stranger, and shaking

him. "Do you mean to say that was only

"Then you've rebbed me of ten pounds I

hould have got for your wretched caream."

" I'll never do so no more, sir-I won't,

" Soul !" cried John, shaking and kicking

him, "you haven't got a soul in your wrotch-

d, despicable body, or Pd shake it out.

Now," he continued, opening a side-door,

be off, and try and get some honest work to

lo, and leave off swindling. You're one of

the sort of scoundrels who put sonp into your

and humbug people with believing that

"Yes, sir-no, sir; pray let me go, sir,"

And at last, John set him at liberty, send-

ing him flying a little more readily by giv

ng him a sharp kick with his anything but

"I saw him again a week after, said John,

I don't think he'll ever try to poison him-

elf any more. At least, he added, after a

pause, and his face packered with a jovial

Old Si on Hell.

While they were resting from work at

"I hean'd er white man; readin' in de

" Shucks I" said old Si; "you'se got dat

" No, eah, dat was what he red in de

" Whudder dere wuz enny hell?" repeat-

" Yas, sah; whudder when er man give

at up hyer he went ter hell, or jess dis-

" Leokie healt I don't want no soute wid

sobody, but af eany man come foolin' round.

no wid dat sort of skriptur, he's gwine ter

heah me git up yander intershoutin' tones!"

" Kaise taint gwine ter do! Yerjess make

r nigger belebe dar ant no heafarter, an

see what yer comes ter. Ebery secon' house

'Il bo er coart houe' an' de houses twixt 'em'il

be jule houses. Hit's moughty hard ter

keep 'em strate now wid de Sheriff'an' bofe

" Den you'se on de side ob de finh un

" You'se right, honey! Ef you tink you's

gwine for loobe die wurld for play snow-ball

ome whar you'se 'rong. Dar's er warm

place Jess beyant heah for de manigers ob de

Freedman Bank an' chickenlifters ginrully,

else I'se gwine ter swap my him-book fer er

paper dis mornin' dat fokes wus 'butin' now

vhudder dere wuz enny hell or not !"

on and that the poisoning was a dodge,

was carrying a pair of sandwick

outh to make froth, and then fall down,

" That was all, sir-that was all !"

nering away at the door.

nouth to the keyhole.

man, "or I shall die !"

let me out!"

powdered chalk !"

on my sould won't."

ou've got fits."

sped the poor wretch.

smile-"not with challe.

oon yesterday Amos sald :

rong cend fo' next, sho !"

solved ter dus agin fo

" Why is dat?"

pack or hyards!"

paper !"

ed Si.

said Si.

anging to and locking the closet door.

obody else, for no one saw you come in."

" Wreteli!" roured the stranger.

limp and soft. The doctors like it so,"

hold a fine revel round your corpse."

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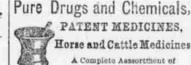
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POISONED IN DESPAIR,

John Grimjohn was a bit of a wag in his way, and after fifty years' experience gained behind the counter of a large refreshment saloon, he could pretty well tell what a man meant by his looks.

He was sitting very quietly one day reading his daily paper, and trying to understand how it was that the Turks and the Russian were both getting the best of it, when a seedy-looking individual entered the place.

"Glass of bitter," said the stranger heaving a deep sigh, and staring hard at John, as he took down a clear glass, and drew a fonusing draught of the amber liquid, which he placed clear and sparkling before the visitor. " Here are my last two coppers," said the

tranger, with a heavy sigh, as he laid them on the counter for John to rake them into "The last two-pence," said the man again, ss he laid his hand upon the stem of the

glass, staring hard the while at John as if he had expected the twopence to be refunded. " If I had come down to twopence," said John to himself, "I don't think I should spend it in beer. I might in tobacco; but I

bink it would go in bread," He did not speak, however, but sat down, and took up his paper, and began reading again. There was no one in the place so the

stranger went on again. " My last twopence," he mid,more loudly. When I have swallowed this beer, I shall

be a beggar and an outcast," " With a glass of beer inside him," said John sententiously. " Eh?"

" With a glass of beer inside him," said John, quietly. "Yes to be sure, said the stranger; "but the last glass-the last. The world has never given me a chance; the world rejects

myself-mix a deadly drug with this last glass, and be free of the world." John re-turned his paper, gave it a punch in the middle, got it folded conveniently, and

-scorus-does not care for me. I will poison

went on reading. "I say," continued the stranger, loudly, I will poison myself where I stand, and fall hero dead, as a warning to a brutal and unfeeling world,"

John went on spelling through his paper without moving a muscle.

" Here, then, is an end of my worthless elf," said the stranger, very deliberately taking a small packet from an envelope-packet that looked like the white powder that goes with the blue under the name of saidlitz; and this he opened very deliberate ly, and emptied it into the beer, where, for

the most part, it lay on the frish. John looked up, saw what he was doing, and the state of affairs-how the white powder emptied out of the paper refused to mix with the beer.

" Like a spoon?" he said, getting up and anding one.

" A spoon? Yes," said the stranger, with morking laugh that would have been worth ten shillings a night at the Surrey Theatre. As he spoke, he took the spoon, stirred the liquor, and threw the little piece of metal

down, while John resumed his place and went on reading. " Farewell, cold world, farewell !" mid the stranger. "They may bury me where they will. I might have been great; but now ah, now, poor, neglected one; -- they may boards. I knew that he was only frying it

bury me in sunshine or in shadow, I care He took up the glass, drained it to the 18st drop, and then, standing the glass down, held on by the counter, and heaved a tre-

mendous sigh-one which sounded like satisfaction at the goodness of the bitter beer. As for John, he went on reading as coolly

as could be, his lips moving as though he were spelling over the big words. The man uttered a roar, and moved to

wards the entrance, but unable to contain his annoyance, he turned sharply round, and

" Villainous type of a cold and heartless vorld," he mid, addressing John Grimjohn. you have taken my last coin; and you sit there and let me poison myself, without stretching out a hand to save-without say-

" Have you taken poison?" "I have—I have!" groaned the stranger.
"Have you really? Was that poison in

the paper ?" said John, coolly. "Yes; I have just swallowed a fatal dose of arsenia—one of the most dangerous of our

" An, I know what arsenic is," said John, " And I have taken enough to kill six

men," groaned the stranger in a hollow "Well, that was wasteful," said John, grimly. "You might have bought enough for buy, and spent the balance on beer." " Enough for six-enough for six!" said

the stranger, rolling his eyes; and speaking in tragic tenes. "Good I" said John opening a flap in the

unter. "Come in here? He caught the stranger by the cellar, drey him in behind the counter, through the barparlor, and into a kind of store behind where there was a large cupboard. " No one saw you come in," said John.

-The Dunkard Church in Pennsylvania quietly,"and no one saw you take the poison?" has 15,000 members in round numbers, and "Only you -only you," said the man, in the United States not far from 75,600

TREATMENT OF TYPHOID FEVER.

From the Toledo Blade. Visiting last week at a friend's, I chanced to pick up the Blade; and read the inquiry in the Household in regard to gaining strength after having typhoid fever. This will depend much on the treatment while having the fever. In the first place I wish to state a fact here for everybody to mark down. No one can get absolutely well of any kind of malignant fever, without much bathing, done in a proper manner. I will give you my own experience. I nursed four of my children through typhoid fever. We were compelled to accept the services of a physician who did not believe in bathing. o'clock at night. As soon as he was gone, my girl and I brought in a large tub of topid water, and put them all through it-rubbing them briskly, and the moment I lifted them out I threw around them a warm, dry blanket, and putting my hand under, wiped them dry, and then slipped on their warm night dresses (made of coarse muslin), and oh! how sweetly they slept-only occasionally asking for a drink of water, which I gave them whenever they asked for it-clear cold water-and as much as they wished Nature knows what she wants. Well, my children were well three weeks ahead of anybody else's. * * * * They gatherod strength rapidly, and no signs of any boils or sores. One day the doctor came running in, and said, "Mrs. W., there is something which puzzles me in your children's case. When I began with them, I had no idea, with their frail constitutions, I could bring them all through, but here they are, all well, and soundly well. The fever as not settled in a limb or maimed one of them." I responded ; " Doctor, I know you want the truth." "Yes," said he, "for God's sake let us have it; for Minnie B. is dying, and if any one can save her you can-I cannot." I confessed all. I bathed them, not only at ten o'clock at night, but at ten in the morning, when he went to the country, While we were talking, Mrs. B. sent in hastfor me, saying her little girl was in spasms and was dying. She was their only child. The doctor accompanied me. O, you should have seen that horrible black and parched tongue, and that poor, fever cateri child. clutching wildly at everything, to appreciate what followed! The doctor said, "! have done everything I can. The child is dying. But I want you should let Mrs. B. give her a bath, It may relieve her in death." We soon had the water ready. I took her on my lap, and soothing her and talking to her, so as not to frighten her, I commenced putting her feet in the water,

and you can kill a well person by bathing him improperly = * A MINISTER'S WIFE,

METHODISM IN 1877. The Methodist Almande for 1878 furnishes it detail the official statistical summaries for 1877 of the various Methodist Churche throughout the world. Selecting from the many tables the items giving the number of Hinerant preachers, the local preachers, and the lay members, we have the following

and gradually sliding her down in the water

up to her neck, and wetting her head with

my hand. You should have seen the calm

look of sweet content that came over her

face. The spasm passed off while in the

water, and that was the last. I took fler in

hand, and by bathing the fever out, she

gradually grew strong and well. You can

cure a sick person by bathing him properly;

summaries:			
	Intin.	Local	Lay
		Pr'h'rs.	
Methodist Episcopal	11.256	12,583	1,673.
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African M. E. Zion.	1,500	2,500	2007
Evan. Association	538	540	105.0
United Brethren	1,952	2007	1483
Union Am. M.E.Col	101	99	2.1
Method, Protestant.	1,314	925	1153
Am. Wesleyan 1876	250	200	25.0
Free Methodists	224	196	19.5
Primitive Method.,	199	164	333
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Total Meth. in U.S. 22,974 25,448 5,515,512 Meth. in Canada... 1,642 2,077 Other Foreign Meth 4,098 38,601

Grand total....... 28,714 67,12f 4,083,888 The summaries for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and for the Colored Methodist Episcopel, are for the previous year, as the latter summaries have not been officially announced. The latter figures would show a considerable gain over the

Of the Methodist Churches in the United States, the first eight may be classified as "Episcopal Methodist," or Methodist Churches under the supervision of itmerand bishops. The other four have no hishops (none in name), and may be classified as "non-Episcopal Methodist." Following this classification we have the figures :

| Rin. Lord | Lay | Prh'ra In'h'ra | Memb's, | Epis. Moth. in U. S. 29,664 | 24,958 | 3,141,843 | Non-Episcopals | 2,810 | 1,485 | 173,469 |

The table shows a net increase in the United States during the year of 1,594 itinerant preachers, and of 117,365 lay members. The total net increase of Methodist lay membership throughout the world, for the year 1577, is 211,309.

The Almanac also gives this table of carefully prepared items:

proximation of the amounts contributed by the Methodist Episcopal Church for the year 1877. These estimates are under, rather than byer, the true amounts: Conference collections..... Miscellaneous collections...... Expenses for Sunday school...... Expenses for new churches and * * His last visit was made at ten The first session of the fourth Philadelphia District Conference was held in Salem M. E. church, Philadelphia, Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 12, 13, Rev. W. J. Paxson, P. E. presiding: Rev. A. M. Higgins, Secretary. The report of the Presiding Elder shows there are in the district forty-two stations and eight circuits; in all, fifty pastorial charges. The Church property consists of sixty-five houses of worship, nineteen parsonages, eighteen burial-grounds, and several other pieces of property, the income of which is devoted to church purposes. The estimated value of this property at the date of the last annual conference was \$1,524,880, on which there was reported an indebtedness of \$236,035. PARAGRAPHIC. about \$563.253. cents a bushel, at which price it is a cheaper -Mr. Whitten, a member of the Virginia House of Delegates from Tazewell county, five pairs of twins.

-The city debt of Lancaster is stated at -Kansus farmers estimate corn at fifteen

fuel than coal or wood. -It is remarked of the average Chicago couple: "Two souls with but a single thought

how to get rid of each other.,'
The lumber business has been prosperous in Clarion county this year. One firm shipped 3,000,000 feet without losing a board.

is the father of sixteen children, including -Harvard College is making money. The receipts of the year 1877, exclusive of

gifts and legacies, were nearly \$60,000 in excess of the expenses. -The business men of Louisville have etitioned the Kentucky Legislature for noney with which to carry out plans for improving the Kentucky river.

-The Boston Board of Health has decid-

ed that diphtheria is "a disease dangerous to public health," within the meaning of the law, and it requires physicians to report all cases occurring in their practice. -Under the poetic title, "Murmurs of the Tied," a San Francisco paper recounts a year's wreck on the shoals of married life.

There were 243 divorces granted in that city during 1877. On the other hand there were 2000 marriages. -Jackson's Day was celebrated in New Orleans by a grand military parade. Les Gardes Lamyette carried the remnants of a

flag that passed through the battle of New

Orleans-"a king of shreds and patches, but still a kine." -A train on a Florida railroad the other day passed a man on horseback, and there until they discovered that the animal was tied to the fence.

-The Rev. Mr. Harrington preached a sermon in Lancaster, N. H., in support of the doctrine of everlasting punishment. Descon Holton stood up and argued on the other side of the question. -Addis MacVeagh, cousin of the Hon.

Wayne MacVeagh, and a leading citizen of

Williamsport, Pa., died several days ago. Two years ago he was the Democratic candidate for Mayor of Williamsport, -A Telephone Company, with a capital of \$50,000, has just been incorporated at Baltimore "for the construction, owning and operating the telephone on telegraph wires

in the State of Maryland." -John Griffiths of Girardville, Schuylkill county, Pa., has a wife and daughter who for many years saved all the money it was possible, and finally built a block of houses in Pottsville, which they presented to Mr. Griffiths, who had been kept in total ignorance of what they were doing, while none of his every day home comforts had been de-

nied him. -Messrs, Alsopp & Sons pump 600,000 gallons daily from thirty three-inch wells, and Mesers, Bass & Co., 500,000 gallons from twenty-five-tube wells at Burton on Trent, Thus two broweries consume enough water to supply a town of 40,000 inhabitants. Although some of these Burton wells are within a stone's throw of the Trent, the quality, level, and temperature of the water differ from those of the river water.

-Capt. Roudaire, who has been surveying for several years, by order of the French Government the desert of Sahara region, has discovered that between Chegga, at the south of the province of Constantine, and Gaber, on the coast of Tunis, a depression 3,250 feet exists. This depression is divided by only two barriers and the hillocks are but 146 feet high and 65 wide at their highest points. The question of creating a sea in the great desert, from the waters of the Med-terranean, is thur assumed to be practicable.