SECOND PART. (NOW FIRST PUBLISHED.)



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At last 10 o'clock came, and the bench. At last 10 o'clock came, and the business of the day began. But though public curi-osity was on the tiptoe of expectation to see the prisoner, who was accused of the mur-der of his uncle, there was no sign of Fred

John Harmer's daughter was looking pale

of a rich red rose, and the soft pleading look of her brown eyes, like a gazelle's, fur-

nished all that was charming and beautiful. It was not a face that would lead you to ex-

pect great or heroic things from its fair owner. It was the face of a loving woman,

whom nature had made to be passionntely loved, although her beauty had nothing of

the sensual type about it. But those were mistaken who supposed that Mary Cameron was lacking in the courage to face the dread-ful ordeal through which she was passing.

formed by the love they bear for the dear object of their affection, can go through lit-eral fire and water rather than shrink in

At last the preliminary business was got through, and Fred Cameron was brought from the cells below and put forward. The young wife cast upon him a look of trendfirst affection and timet while M

steadfast affection and trust, while Mr. Veilum gaily nodded and stretched forth

All murders may be traced to one of six passions; momentary anger, love, jealousy, hatred, revenge, or greed. If the crime cannot be traced distinctly and beyond controversy to one or the other of the first five motives, then ascertain the individual who has a beneficiary interest in the death of the victim, and you will spot the real criminal at once."

II.

der of his uncle, there was no sign of Fred Cameron. For reasons that will presently appear, the police had decided to proceed with the regular business of the court before entering on the case that was stirring up so much excitement in the quaint, old-fash-ioned town. The crowd, temporarily balked in the main object of their quest, amused themselves with feasting their eyes on the prisoner's wile, who was seated at the solicitors' table by the side of Mr. Vel-lum-a stout jolly looking man, with bald head, frosted whiskers framing a rubicund face, and a merry twinkle in his eye, who was looking particularly in his element just then, as if like an elderly Mark Tapley he was happiest when circumstances were grievous. This is Mr. Doggett's dictum, and is quoted here not by way of subscribing to its strict accuracy, but as explaining the principle which that astate officer, Mr. Superintendent Jorkins, went on, in his endeavors to bring the murderer of Mr. Kenneth Frazer to justice.

When Mrs. Deborah Bint, Mrs. Fraser's housekeeper, informed the Superintendent grievous of Police at Rissborough, in answer to his and distressed, but even the anxiety she was suffering while a terrible change hung inquiries, that on the day when, as alleged, Mr. Fraser met his death, he had gone to over her husband could not quench the light of beauty that shone in her face. Rissborough and made a will in Cameron's It was not what you would call a strong face, if by a strong face you mean the face of a strong-minded woman with a masculine understanding and courage reflected in her countenance. But the delicacy of her features, the rounded curves of check and thin a masculine course of check and favor, after twice threatening to disinherit him, Mr. Jorkins decided that the murderer of Mr. Fraser could be none other than this graceless nephew, who had twice had the misfortune to incur his uncle's dischin, and the transparent clearness of her complexion, with lips like the opening bud pleasure. Who else was likely to benefit by he old man's death?

Mr. Jorkins argued, and not altogether unreasonably, when he discovered Fred in possession of his uncle's will, that the temptation had proved too strong for him. Motive? "There was no need to look far for motive," Jorkins said to himself with a chuckle. "Hadn't the young 'un and the old 'un had two bitter quarrels? Hadn't the old 'un disinherited his nephew on both occasions? What more likely than that this young artist-fellow having got the will in his possession leaving everything to gifted with one of those natures that, transhim, after being twice the victim of his uncle's vaciliation, had suddenly determined to put it out of his uncle's power to change his mind again. He had plenty of change his mind again. He had plenty of opportunities, on the occasion of that walk out to Clump Cottage, after which Mr. Fraser was never seen alive again. The road out from Rissborough, seldom used since King Steam had replaced the stage-coaches, was the loneliest in the neighbor-hood, and it offered abundant facilities both for the perpetration of a wicked deed and the disposal of the body afterward." Thus reasoned Mr. Jorkins, and to his thinking the chain of evidence was complete

venue gaily housed and stretched forth his hand, grasping Fred's in a hearty grip. Fred looked strangely white and rigid, though perfectly self-possessed. There was, however, a stern expression on his hand-some face, and a haughty curl of his lip, as he stood forth to unswer the accusation, married commetible with and. thinking the chain of evidence was complete enough for him to act upon. Previous to his visit to Maida Vale, the case had pre-sented itself to his mind as only one of strong suspicion. But when he discovered that the will (which in his judgment formed an important link in the chain of evidence that he was engaged in weaving), was found

he stood forth to answer the accusation, scarcely compatible with guilt. Mr. Jorkins, looking hot and flustered, rose to state the case, and commenced by saying that he would explain matters suffi-ciently to justify their worships in granting ciently to justify their worships for. the remand he intended to apply for. "Before this case proceeds," rose the dul-"Before this case proceeds," rose the dulask whether the body of Mr. Fraser has been "I will state to the bench the whole facts and produce my witnesses," Jorkins re-plied, with umbrage in his tone. But this answer did not satisfy Mr. Velbut this answer did not satisfy AIT. Vel-lum, who proceeded to protest, with a show of indignation, against his client being placed in so degrading a situation, when there was no charge to answer, except a his way. purely imaginative one, existing only in the heated fancy of the police, who, having dis-covered that an elderly gentleman had not reached his home, immediately jumped to the conclusion that he had been barbarously Cottage 1 murdered, and by his only blood relation,

came anxious, but as it was then very late, til he arrived. He offered a handsome apoltil he arrived. He offered a handsome apol-ogy to Fred Cameron for the precipitancy of his action in arresting him, before sven the body of Mr. Kenneth Frazer had been discovered; but Cameron, who was justly annoyed, and refused to be propitiated. In great heat declined any further communica-tion with the too-zealous officer, intimating to-him at the same time that he intended to obtain assistance and investigate the affair and Forbury, the groom, who lived some distance off, had left for the night, she was afraid to leave the house—the road was so very lonesome, she added—and did not therefore report the matter to the police until the next morning. until the next morning. Mr. Vellum rose to cross-examine this

"And so, because your master lost his way and did not return the same night, you set about the idea that he had been mur-dered?" Mr. Vellum jocosely remarked. "No, indeed, I did not. It was Mr. Jorobtain assistance and investigate the affair for himsel for himself. Fred, who had met Doggett in some of his Bohemian wanderings and entertained a high opinion of his sagacity, telegraphed to the Universal imploring that Doggett might be sent to him, if at liberty, to assist in the unraveling of the crime. kins who said that he must have been mur-"But what opinion did you form of the

The request was granted. It so happened that work in Mr. Doggett's department was slack, so that he could be easily spared; and Doggett was nothing loth to pit his wits against a body of local police, whom he held "I didn't form any opinion." "Oh, come, now; you must have formed some opinion. How long have you been in Mr. Fraser's service?" "Ever since I was a little slip of a girl." "And you have continued in his service

some opinion. How long have you been in Mr. Fraser's service?" "And you have continued in his service ever since?" "Except two years, when I was married. Then I lost my husband, and went back to his service." "So you must have been in Mr. Fraser's service twenty years or so?" "More than that. I am 42, and went when I was about 14." "Then, after being in Mr. Fraser's services some thirty years or so, you must have been well acquainted with his habits, and comp-tent to form an opinion upon his absence." "Well, I thought he might have had a fit? "You thought he might have had a fit? "You thought he might have had a fit? "You dought he might have had a fit? "You dought the was murdered?" "You did not think he was murdered?" reputation by unraveling the crime single-handed, upheld him in his decision. "You swear that Mr. Fraser did not re

Doggett took his rebuff in good part, and turn to Clump Cottage after leaving with his nephew in the morning?" "I do. Where should he be now but at turning to Fred quietly remarked, "When they have finished we will begin. The ig-norance of these local fellows is nearly equal home, and safe and sound, if he ever re-

to their obstinacy." The scene round Clump Cottage for many The court was at this point thrown into consternation by a voice crying out from the densest part of the thickly-packed crowd, "She's lying. I saw him go into the house days afterward mostly resembled an Irish eviction. There was a cordon of police round the fertile meads in the midst of which the house was situated, deployed in skirmishing order, while outside this ring "Order there!" cried Mr. Jorkins. "Who of police an excited crowd stood looking on.

"It's me," said a voice. "Jemmy Not only was business almost entirely sus-



pended in Rissborough, as tradesmen de-Walker, the village postman. Everybody watker, the village postman. Everybody knows me." "Come forward, Mr. Walker," cried Mr. Vellum, by this time growing excited at the ture matters were promising to take. But Mr. Walker had a difficulty in obeying his request, an opmulaist wadend in was he is

Mr. Walker had a dimiturly in obeying his request, so completely wedged in was he in the courd of ourious sightsears

somewhere unlawfully and against his will we entertain no shadow of doubt." The public clamor became so great that long before the police had concluded their investigations the prisoners were released, with an intimation from the Bench that any attempt on their part to leave the neighbor-hood would be construed as supplying a new element of suspicion against them that would instifu their waver

At last the astute Mr. Jorkins, com-pletely frustrated in all his attempts, gave up the task, withdrew his men from Clump Cottage, and announced that since the po-lice had failed to discover Mr. Fraser dead, they would now endeavor to unearth his hiding-place and discover him alive! Act-ing on the hint of the Rissborough Inde-pendent, the police ceased to keep a watch on the movements of the incriminated per-sons, believing that it they were left free to bearing bearing bearing bearing bearing

THE PITTSBURG DISPATCH.

PITTSBURG, SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 1889.

come and ro, means would be found before long to discover, where Mr. Fraser was hid-den. The opportunity thus afforded was seized upon for flight, and the news was not beized upon for flight, and the news was not long in circulating that the birds had gone and left their nests empty. When Mr. Jorkins gave up the game, Fred Cameron sent for Doggett, who had returned to his post at the Universal, while the tedious search of the local police was proceeding.

proceeding. A council of war was held on the evening

of Doggett's arrival, in a private room at the Phœnix, consisting of Doggett, Mr. and Mrs. Cameron and Mr. Vellaun. Mrs. Cameron and Doggett were the only two mem-bers of the party who maintained an air of cheerfulness Doggett was in excellent spirits, only to

be accounted for on the supposition that it was his opinion that the failure of Mr. Jorwas his opinion that the failure of Mr. Jor-kins was the prophecy of his own success. Mrs. Cameron was gay and hopeful, perhaps in order to counteract the gloom and de-spondency of her husband. Fred and Mr. Vellum irankly declared that Doggett was the leader of a forlorn hope. But Doggett was irrepressible, offering to "bet his head" that before to-morrow's sun went down the mystery at Clump Cottage would be un-raveled—and at Clump Cottage, too! he added.

added. Later in the evening they were joined by one of the local police whom Fred, by a judicious use of "backsheesh," had induced judicious use of "backsheesh," had induced to meet them in camera and detail every step that the police had taken toward un-raveling the baffling secret. This man, Marshall, was one of the most trusted men under Mr. Jorkins, and had never quitted his side during the long and wearisome search. His story was a long one, and when finished, Mr. Vellum shook his head grave-ly, and Fred became more dejected than ever.

"I cannot see what more can be done than has already been done," Mr. Vellum said. "It looks fishy, I must say," Doggett re-"It looks fishy, I must say," Doggett re-plied; "but for your confident assertion that you examined all those boxes I should have thought it likely they might hold the clew." "But that is impossible," Marshall af-firmed with great emphasis. "We un-screwed them everyone, and they held nothing but books."

"How many boxes were there?" Mrs.

Cameron asked. "Fourteen altogether. No, I am quite sure," the man on, "that you will only give yourself trouble for nothing, Mr. Doggett, yourself trouble for nothing, ar. Dogget, if you lift those unwieldly chests (for they are big chests, four feet square, and un-common heavy) thinking to find anything besides books. There's a rare lot of them, but nothing else." The conference broke up soon after this; and when the nexty met at break fast the

and when the party met at breakfast the next morning Mrs. Cameron encountered

next morning Mrs. Cameron encountered Doggett with a smiling face. "I believe that you and I are going to solve this mystery at last," she said. "I would sooner have your help than twenty men," Doggett returned gallantly; and forthwith he launched forth into an ani-meted computer of his experiences of the

and fortawith he faillead forth into an ani-mated account of his experiences of the keen wit shown by female detectives. After breakfast the party set out in a wagonette drawn by a pair of horses. As they were taking their places, Mrs. Cameron | his servant's greed.

somewhere unlawfully and against his will we entertain no shadow of doubt." The public clamor became so great that long before the police had concluded their which was nearest the wall and the bottom

which was nearest the wall and the bottom one of all." Three men were buty with screwdrivers, amid a breathless silence on the part of Mr. Cameron and Mr. Vellum. They had not quite completed their task when the cover began to give, and the terrible odor that drove all five mem from the room told its fatal story—that the mystery at Clump Cot-tage was solved at last. Let the curtain fall over that terrible sight disclosed to view, when later in the day the light of the setting sun fell on the ghastly and mutilated remains of Mr. Fraser.

The following letter, received 12 months afterward, addressed to Fred Cameron, and bearing the Liverpool post-mark, though bearing internal date six months earlier, tells all that need to be told of this terrible

tragedy. "We write this, not knowing when we can "We write this not knowing when we can entrust it to safe hands who will convey it across the seas to an English port. We take this means of sending the letter, in order that the secret of our hiding from justice may not be discovered. Our motive in writing is to prevent any innocent person hereafter being accused of our crime. We murdered Mr. Fraser. When John For-bury returned from Rissborough without our master, he brought word that Mr. Fraser had made a new will that morning. We knew that a new will must be in your Fraser had made a new will that morning. We knew that a new will must be in your favor, Mr. Fred, All the, hope we had of enriching ourselves by the old will, which had left everything to us, was cut away at a stroke. We consulted together what to do. John Forbury said that he had seen Mr. Fraser, as he was coming out of Mr. Vel-lum's office, put what looked like a will in his pocket. This decided us. He would doubtless bring the will with him when he returned home. We meant to destroy the returned home. We meant to destaoy the new will and prove the old one, which will

new will and prove the old one, which will be found in the escritoire. "He was strangled after dinner, while sleeping in his chair. It was soon over. We searched in his pockets, but could not find any will. Then we knew that we had done what we had without any good. There were 15 chests upstairs containing books, only 1 of which had been unpacked. The chests were lined with lead—very thick, and were air-tight. Mr. Fraser would have it so; he was very particular about dust and said was very particular about dust, and said where air could not travel dust could not go. We knew the risk we ran, but the chest seemed just as if made for our pur-

pose. "The same night John Forbury put the harness on the horse and got out the eart, and we took the chest to his cottage. When the police came there were only 14 chests. We intended to bury it in John Forbury's garden, but the police made such a thorough

search of the house, unscrewing all those boxes, that John Forbury thought it would be safest to take the chest back again among the rest, for the police would never look there again, but they might take a fancy to dig about his garden

there again, but they might take a fancy to dig about his garden. "That is all. It will be useless for you to try and seek us out. You will never find us. We have escaped the justice of man. We wish we could say that we had escaped the justice of heaven! If Mr. Fraser had not raised in us hopes of being rich by quarreling with you, the deed had never been done. This is no excuse, or he would not haunt us as he does. We see him nights! God forgive us! DEBORAH BINT.

DEBORAH BINT. JOHN FORBURY," JOHN FORDURY." "Mary Shadwell is with us. She is my natural daughter. Her father, who married me, had another wife living. When I knew it, I left him. I was good once. Mary knew nothing of it until it was done, and she had to help to move the chests when we brought him back. The worst of all is, that my own daughter says she will never foreive me_never! "We nonishment never forgive me-never! 'My punishment is greater than I can bear.'

DEBORAH BINT OF SHADWELL.'" So perished Kenneth Fraser, a victim to art Deborah Bint took in the foul "Get two or three good screw-drivers if you can quietly." Doggett suggested that they might call at the police station and invite Mr. Jorkins to his bread for nearly 30 years she could have lent herself very easily to so cruel a murder. But it is noteworthy that the confession makes both persons equal actors in the dark tragedy, and that there is no attempt on the part of one to find exculpation at the

ports that the spring clip is likely to show an increase of 20 per cent. The drygoods market has been irregular. Reports from interior towns generally in-dicate improvement in the volume of busi-ness, and in the demand for money, which is still, however, in ample supply at all points for legitimate demands. The reports of slow collections continue. The rate of foreign exchange remains unaltered, though money here has been rather dearer. ports that the spring elip is likely to show

In Many Sections of the Country, Notwithstanding General

> COLLECTIONS ARE STILL SLOW. fron Slightly Improved, but Distarbed by Reading's Failure.

During the past week the treasury has taken in only \$600,000 more than it has dis-bursed, and the outgo to the interior has continued, but withdrawals for Europe do not reappear as yet. The stock market has BRADSTREET'S AND DUN'S REPORTS

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STOCKS DULL.

COMING TO THEIR SENSES.

not reappear as yet. The stock market has been dull, irregular and somewhat de-pressed, but transactions have been mainly confined to the traders on the floor, and the hope of success in organizing the inter-State compact still sustains holders. The general average of prices for com-modifies has declined during the week about one-third of 1 per cent. The business failures number 281, as com-pared with a total of 232 last week, as d270 the week previous. For the corresponding ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.] NEW YORK, March 8 .- Special telegrams to Bradstreet's, while reporting very generally improving weather, do not record an increased movement in the volume of busi-

ness except at Kansas City, Louisville, St. Joseph and Chicago, where drygoods and groceries, and boots, shoes and lumber have the week previous. For the corresponding week of last year the figures were 253. been in better request. The inauguration ceremonies may have had some little influence in checking trade, as is reported, but probably less than did the Mardi Gras car-

The Lake Shore Issues Iron-Clad Rules to nival at New Orleans. Govern Baggage Smashers-The Fate The Southern country roads are almost That Awaits Such Flends. impassable, particularly in Texas and The Lake Shore road has issued iron-clad

Louisiana, and mercantile collections rerules to govern the conduct of baggage main slow and unsatisfactory except at smashers. The men will be fined for every Chicago. At Boston wool is inclined piece of baggage broken through rough toward weakness; at New York fruits and handling, and they are instructed to exfurniture are in quite active sale and Western centers report an improving demand for hardware and lumber. From most direc-tions word comes that general business is ercise care in the performance of their duties. If the plan succeeds on the Lake Shore

fair only. the chances are that other roads will follow Stock speculation at New York is nar-rowed by fears of financial complications arising from the copper situation and talk of further rate troubles. Bear manipulation has been rife, and prices tend to weakness. suit. The idea is indersed by a number of local railroad officials interviewed yesterday. Said a Baltimore and Ohio man: The baggage smasher has been the subject of has been rife, and prices tend to weakness. Bonds are strong, and prime investments scarce. Money at New York is a shade harder in anticipation of spring demands. Call loans 23/@3 per cent. Foreign ex-change is slightly easier on decreased in-quiry. Demand sterling, \$4 883/@4 89. newspaper jokes and gibes for years. I really think that the men have felt complimented

THE COTTON STOCKS.

Reports to Bradstreet's from 2,774 correspondents at 2,449 towns in cotton States show a total stock held on February 26, 1889, at 937 enumerated towns of 162,353 bales of cotton, against stocks at same towns on Feb-ruary 1, 1889, of 260,980 bales. At 1,512 towns no stocks are reported. At 424 towns on February 26, 1889, there were 108,000 bales held, against 129,000 bales a year ago. bales held, against 129,000 bales a year ago. Reports of the percentage of the crop mar-keted on February 20, 1889, by 1,268 corres-pondents, 47 per cent of the whole number answering this question, are that no more cotton remains on plantations, while 712 correspondents, 27 per cent of the whole number, reports stocks on plantations of 1 to 3 car cant

to 3 per cent. Moderate offerings of refined sugar, more urgent demand and stimulating reports from primary sources and from Europe, from primary sources and from Europe, advanced prices at. New York and New Orleans ½@3-16 cents. Refined at New York advanced 1-18@½ cent, and at San Francisco ¾ of a cent. The Bay State (Trust) Refinery is reported as permamently closed. Under the new method of con-trolling the sugar trade, the importer of raw is likely to disappear; the raw market has already practically passed to foreign dealers. Cuba really controls the situation now, with prices ene-fourth cent above the now, with prices one-fourth cent above the American market: Coffee has been in better demand at seven-eighths of a cent advance on more confident speculation in Europe,

demand at seven-eighths of a cent advance on more confident speculation in Europe, infavorable weather reports and still fur-ther reduced erop estimates from Brazil, running as low as 3,000,000 bags. Reports to Bradstreet's of stocks of wheat on March 2 at nearly 1,000 points of accumulation in the United. States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, conserved 4662 718. empirical states and elsewhere at the value of scoured wool and are used here as such. It is

think that the men have felt complimented by these right-handed slings, and their real in smashing other people's property has increased amazingly. Numerous complaints are con-stantly being made by passengers, and this is the uniform experience of every man in the passenger busines. Thave watched the evolution of the trunk with the greatest interest. The bent of the manufacturer has been to thwart the railroad fiend at every point. The cheap paper light-weight has been rot thwart the railroad fiend at every point. The cheap paper light-weight has been rot at every turn like a manacled prisoner. Still the big strong box, covered with iron at every turn like a manacled prisoner. Still the baggage smasher gets in his work. The villain makes no distinction in pieces. Heavy trunks are thrown down on the plat-forms, piled on grips in profusion, and it has gotten to be such a common occurrence to see the contents of a box protruding, that I am astonished when I go into a baggage room, and don't observe this ordinary spectacle. All hall to the new rules of the Lake Shore, and I hope the other lines will take stringent measures arainst this foe to the haspiness of humanity. the other lines will take stringent measures against this foe to the happiness of humanity.

AN APPEAL TO WINDOM. Philadelphia Wool Men Want Some New

Tariff Rulings. PHILADELPHIA, March 8 .- At a meet-

ing of the Executive Committee of the Philadelphia Wool Merchants' Association, to-day, the tariff on wool and woolen goods was discussed and it was unanimously agreed to send the following letter to Secre-

The Philadelphia Wool Merchants' Association beg to call your early attention to the large and increasing importations of goods and wool under schedule K of the tariff act of 1883,

n Fred Cameron's pos ession, the suspicio that was working in his mind began to as-sume the form of certainty, that only needed the dire agitation displayed by Fred, and which Jorkins set down to fear, to render There was one circumstance however

that sorely troubled Mr. Jorkins on his re-turn to Rissborough, after lodging Cameron in jail. Though he had satisfied himself before taking a journey to town that a mur-der had undoubtedly been committed, the body of Mr. Fraser had not then been discovered. He would not have adventured on such a journey if he had not felt convinced that the instructions given to his men must result in the recovery of the body of the murdered man before he returned.

He had carefully sifted the testimony of Deborah Bint, the housekeeper, Mary Shadwell, the housemaid, and John Forbury, groom and gardener, and had abun-dantly satisfied himself that Mr. Fraser had not returned to Clump Cottage. He had instituted a strict examination of the premises, inside and out, without discovering the slightest sign of his presence, or evidence of crime. He had witnesses galore to prove that Mr. Fraser had been seen setting out for his home in company with his nephew, about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, after which no trace of Mr. Fraser could be found; nor was there any evidence of the whereabouts and occupations of Cameron, until he rushed breathless into the Phœnix, just in time to pay for the dinner he had not eaten, and to jump into the 'bus that was then ready to start to catch the last train to town, which

The station-master and porters were ready to swear that Mr. Fraser had not been seen at the station that day, and were prepared to testify to the excited state which Cameron was in when he took his ticket and seated himself in the train. The road from Rissborough to Clump Cottage had no tortuous turnings; and there was no reason why Mr. Fraser should quit the highway, where, if any accident had befallen him, he must ong since have been found. Where, then, was Mr. Fraser? Mr. Jor-

kins saw no help to the conclusion that at some point on the journey home he had been beguiled on some fanciful errand to quit the highway, and there had been done to death and buried from sight. Where his remains were hidden it would not be long before his men discovered.

Notwithstanding the confidence in this reasoning, Mr. Jorkins would have hesitated to take the extreme measure of arresting Cameron on suspicion of the murder of his uncle, if he had not felt that his visit to Maida Vale was a false step, seeing that if Cameron was guilty of his uncle's murder-and on that point Jorkins had no doubt-he would take to flight now that he saw suspicion was directed against him. If inno-cent, he argued, Cameron had no right to object to suffer inconvenience in order to aid in the unraveling of a dreadful crime. But Mr. Jorkins was confident that by the

But Mr. Jorkins was connect that by the time he returned to Rissborough the body would be found, and he determined, as we have seen, to risk the arrest of Cameron and the displeasure of his superiors, if he should prove to be mistaken. Either way, he considered that he stood to win or lose. Either way, He would lose credit if he suffered the real criminal to escape by excess of timidity. whereas, if matters turned out as he antici-pated, he would cover himself with renown, as a shrewd and active officer to be depend ed upon in emergencies. On the other hand, were wrong, the worst would be a

"wiggine" from his superiors, and possibly an action at law for false imprisonment. Mr. Jorkins certainly considered himself. safe for the "wigging" when he learned, after his return, that the body of Mr. Fraser had not been found. But he was too tena-cious of his opinions lightly to withdraw from the course on which he had embarked, and when his subordinate, Inspector Ellis, suggested that it might be well to release prisoner on his own recognizances, and have him watched to see that he did not leave the town-especially as the court met at 10 c'clock on the following day-he curtly

The ways of country justices are like Bret road Harte's Heathen Chinee, "peculiar;" and the chairman having intimated that they would hear Mr. Jorkins first, motioned to that officer to proceed. Mr. Jorkins, collecting his wits, which

just going in." "What time was this?" had been somewhat disturbed by Mr. Vellum's interruption, commenced to state his case, after a somewhat tedious exordium his case, after a some what wigging" that he in deprecation of the "wigging" that he might get, attributing any little lapse of little late that night." might get, attributing any little lapse of which the Bench might think him guilty to was no chance of mistake?" an excess of that zeal that had so frequently on former occasions received the enco of the bench.

"What stuff is this!" exclaimed Mr. Vellum. "Decidedly weak, I call it. If Mr. Jorkins has made a mistake, let him say so at once and end the matter, without beating about the bush in this manner." tion," said Mr. Vellum. Jorkins grew purple in the face at the innuendo that he could be guilty of making

a mistake; but his equanimity was restored when the chairman blandly remarked. We have decided to allow Mr. Jorkins to state his case, and we beg that he may allowed to do so without interruption." Mr. Jorkins once more began, and intimated to the justices that he would bring forward evidence to show, in the first place, that a murder had undoubtedly been com-mitted. He would convince the court of that, by testimony that admitted of no reasonable doubt whateyer; and he thought

that when the bench heard the evidence they would hold that it was a case of absolute certainty. It would, no doubt, be more satisfactory to the justices, he went on to say, if the police were in a position to avow that they had found the body, and

that it bore upon it marks of the crime that had undoubtedly been committed (there a scornful laugh burst from the deep chest of Mr. Vellum); but he had every reason to hope that before the evidence of the witness had been taken, the body would be recovered. Witnesses would then detail to facts, point-ing to the prisoner as the perpetrator of the orime, and the bench would then be in a position to decide whether there was suffi-cient reason to justify the further detention of the prisoner. For his own part, he de-clared in conclusion, he should have no

clared in conclusion, he should have no hesitation in asking for a remand. Mr. Vellum once more rose in protest, and this time it was manifest that his indigna-tion was not feigned. He spoke as a man, and not as a hired advocate. But again the magistrates, after consulting together, decided to hear the evidence. Witnesses were at once called who swore that they had seen the prisoner and Mr. Fraser leave the town together in the direction of Clump cottage, but as this fact

direction of Clump cottage, but as this fact was admitted by the defence, Mr. Vellum

declined to cross-examine. Before calling witnesses who will impli-cate the prisoner, I shall now call Mrs. Bint, the deceased gentleman's house-keeper, and his housemaid, Mary Shad-well, who will prove that Mr. Fraser did not return home.

Mrs. Deborah Bint deposed to this fact, and swore that from the time Mr. Fraser left home in the morning of Tuesday she had not seen him. She explained that she was under no concern about her master's absence after Forbury's return, until late at night. She thought that he had stayed in Rissborough with Mr. Fred, and expected that he would return in a fly from the Phoenix after Mr. Fred had left,

"We won't do that, Ellis. We shall find the body in Risely-wood. Get graphels and of the last train from Riseborough she be-

the crowd of curious sightseers. But a way was found, and soon Mr. Wal-ker became visible as he was hoisted shoul-Mr. Jorkins having thus disp der-high and passed over the heads of the spectators into the witness-box. He was a little bandy-legged fellow, whose pedestrian

"You saw him go into the house

"None whatever."

surveillance.

Mary had fainted.

"There was nobody with him.

"I did not," emphatically.

turned?

myself.

is that?'

going to the extent of having some heavy bests unscrewed, only to find that the said chests were filled with Mr. Fraser's precious feats, notwithstanding his infirmity, were the talk of the neighborhood, and one of the omes that the book-worm had not had most noted personages of the little town leisure to unpack. He had conducted his search so thoroughly within the house, that Indeed Jemmy was "quite a character in "Now, Walker, listen to me," said the Chairman, "I think I heard you say that e was not very sanguine that any further efforts in the same directions would be re-warded. But the snubbing he had received you saw Mr. Fraser returning to Clump from the bench had not been without effect, and Mr. Jorkins resolved that he would be a model of wariness, and leave neither chink "I saw him go into his house." The reader will remember that the path

nor crevice unexamined. It was all in vain. The house was exeading to the house was visible from the olored by the men under him, in his own presence, from room to room, and from cell-ng to basement. But there was no sign of I saw him turn in at his gate first, before had come up to it; and when I got there he Mr. Kenneth Fraser, living or dead. Then began a more prolonged and tedious search was standing on his doorstep, as if he were within the inclosure of the grounds, which "As near 6 o'clock as possible. I am due in at Rissborough at 7 o'clock, and I was a lasted for many days. Wherever there was an appearance of the ground having been disturbed, although such appearance seemed to indicate almost infallibly that "You knew Mr. Fraser well, and there the ground had only been disturbed by Forbury in the pursuit of his occupation as "Knew him well?" Jemmy replied dis gardener, men were employed to dig deep in the hope that they might find the remains dainfully, "I knew him as well as I know my own face in the looking-glass." "And you are sure there is no mistake?"

of the victim buried under the innocentooking soil. "I would like to ask the witness one ques-But this also failed. Then transvers trenches were dug, and bored with iron rods with like results. And as these and The Bench bowed an assent. "Was Mr. Cameron with Mr. Fraser?" other like efforts proved abortive, men be-gan to talk of the Mystery of Clump Cot-

tage, and the newspapers teemed with para-graphs recounting the daily search and the "He has not been sworn," cried Mr. Jorkins, excitedly. "I don't think that matters at all," the graphs recounting the daily search and the barren result. After every foot of ground of the kitchen garden had been examined, there only re-mained the orchard—if that can be called Chairman replied ironically. "Not a bit of it," replied Jemmy glee

fully, as he began to realize what a new im-portance his intervention would give him, and how many pots of beer it would be good an orchard which consisted of meadow land that remained in the same condition as for at the Phoenix that night. "Swear me if you like. With book or without book, it when Mr. Fraser purchased the propertywith the addition of some scores of young fruit trees that had not yet reached the digwill be all the same." "It is not in the least necessary, nity of fruit-bearing. The orchard was mown, but the most careful scrutiny failed the. Chairman replied. Then, after delivering a sharp reprimand to Mr. Jorkins "for your

to reveal that a single sod had been dis-turbed; and at last Mr. Jorkins was fain to indiscretion and officiousness, misnamed seal," he proceeded to address a few words confess that wherever else the body of Mr. Frazer might be, it was not to be found at seal, 'he proceeded to address a few words of sympathy to Fred Cameron, who was looking on Jorkins' discomfiture with a scornful curl of the lip. "I should be glad of a word of advice," Clump Cottage, nor anywhere on premises.

But Mr. Jorkins, who was sorely nonsaid Jorkins, now in a humble tone, and thoroughly creat/allen. "What am I to do now?" lussed, would not confess to defent. The The Bench consulted for a few moments.

same maneuvers he had adopted at Clump Cottage were gone through, in much less time, at John Forbury's cottage. Bisely wood was searched inch by inch, and the pool again dragged. Only when every place, likely and unlikely, had been ex-amined in the neighborhood, and each alike had which dive nu the sheat seture the and then the Chairman turned and ad-dressed Mr. Jorkins. "Our strictures are entirely limited to the unwarrantable step you took in the arrest of Mr. Cameron. We agree with you so far, that the disappearance of Mr. Fraser raises had refused to give up the ghastly secret, Mr. Jorkins announced his intention to have the Thames dragged, as a last resort. When this, too, failed, the police, com-pletely at their wits' end, fell back on the the strongest possible suspicion that he has met foul play. That has been our opinion all along from the moment we heard your all along from the moment we heard your case. But after the perjured testimony of theory that Mr. Kenneth Fraser must either have voluntarily absented himself, and was preserving the secret of his retirement for the womant Bint, who must have been lying to conceal a guilty knowledge we entertain no doubt whatever. If you like to go through the formality of applying for a warome reason best known to himself, or that he had been spirited away and was being rant against her you can have it, unless you prefer to have her at liberty under police forcibly detained.

The latter theory had been first broached The latter theory had been first broached by the local newspaper, which, as the weeks slipped by, began to write furious articles, challenging the justice of the magistrates in subjecting the three prisoners to per-petual remands when the proof that a crime had been committed was not even forthcom-ing "If" and the Bischerner Ladi "I apply for a warrant against Deborah Bint, John Forbury and Mary Shadwell. It is more than one pair of hands that has been engaged on this job," Jorkins said. "You can take them," the Chairman re-"Take them downstairs, and don't lose sight of them," said Jorkins to Ellis. ing. "If," said the Rissborough Inde-pendent, "it is to be accepted as a fact that orough Inde pendent, "it is to be accepted as a fact time. Mr. Fraser did actually return home on that fateful Tuesday, and that no sign of his remains can be discovored, it is a more rational supposition to conclude that the accused have stopped short of murder, and have araftily contrived to hurry him away "My client is of course at liberty," said Mr. Vellum. And as Fred Cameron, set at liberty with renewed expressions of sym-pathy from the Bench, was moving toward Mary, she staggered to meet him, and then fell a limp figure into his arms.

have craftily contrived to hurry him sway to some secret place of retirement. Prob-sbly they have accomplices. In that even their liberation, which is by this time due to justice, may be found in the long run to further the ends of justice, by supplying the police with some clue that may enable them to penetrate the secret of Mr. Fraser's retreat, for that Mr. Fraser is detained III. As soon as the court broke up Jorkins despatched a posse of constables to take possession of Clump Cottage, with instruc-tions to allow no person on the premises un-

contrived to whisper in Doggett's ear. Mr. Jorkins having thus disposed of his forces began a fresh search within the house. He had been conducted over the house when first Mr. Fraser was reported missing, even

be present at the solution of the enigma, and, Fred making no demur, the suggestion

Jorkins at first declined to make one of a party bent on a wild goose chase, but allowed himself to be persuaded, after much argument, if he might bring a witness with him. He even consented on those terms to bring the screwdrivers with him that had been employed in vain on a former occasion. His condition was complied with, and while he was accommodated with a seat inside,

Marshall, in plain clothes, mounted the box and sat by the side of the driver. The bright face of the driver. The bright face of Mrs. Cameron, and her clear steady eyes shining with intelligence, set Doggett ruminating as they were being driven along to Clump Cottage. "What could it mean?" he asked himself.

"That httle woman has some scheme in her head, I will swear. Screwdrivers, indeed! I will take the hint and see where it leads

Accordingly, upon arriving at Clump Cottage, Doggett was first out of the vehi-cle, and, with an air of determination, he announced that the first place he meant to visit was the room where the unpacked books of Mr. Fraser were kept. Jorkins gave a dissatisfied grunt, and

cast a look of unmitigated contempt on the

when they reached the room Doggett When they reached the room Doggett when they redened the room loggett turned to Jorkins and inquired, "How many of these chests are there?" kicking one of them with his boot. "Fourteen of them," Jorkins replied. "We examined them all, and found every one filled with backs"

one filled with books." "When did you do this?" asked Doggett.

"We examined the boxes when we searched the house the first time," Jorkins

'Not on the second occasion, then ?' "Certainly not! What use would that be? We had ascertained before that they

contained nothing but books." "The first thing we have to do," said Mrs Cameron, putting an end to the discussion, "will be to see if the number tallies."

"You have just taken the very words out of my mouth," Doggett replied.

But the task was not a light one. All the chests had been made by the same maker, were stouly made, a little more than four fect square; and being well filled with books, required considerable strength to move. But Fred and Mr. Vellum helped Doggett with a right good will, while Jor-kins and his subordinate, Marshall, con-

vinced that they were wasting time and strength, looked on. The chests were in an unfurnished room upstairs, and were piled one upon another in an irregular fashion.

"Why, all the boxes are screwed down again." Doggett exclaimed. earth did you do that for?" "What on

"We unscrewed one box at a time," Jor-kins answered, "and as soon as we had ex-amined it we pushed it out into the passage, and then, as I thought the books might take harm if I left them exposed to the dust I care instructions to a comparison to dust, I gave instructions to a carpenter to

screw them down again as he received them. We did that with the whole 14, one after the other; and then, when we had emptied the room, we put them back again."

It was a long time before these heavy chests were moved so that they could be counted. The task was completed at last, and the reader may be left to picture the astonishment on the blank visage of Mr. Jorkins when Doggett satirically requested him to count—FIFTEEN !

him to count—FIFTEEN ! Ves; there were 15 chests in all. One more chest had been added to the number since the day when Mr. Jorkins had opened 14 boxes of books, belonging to Mr. Fraser, and which he had not lived to unpack. "I thought so," Mrs. Cameron quietly remarked, with a deathlike pallor on her ince. I will go down stairs; I cannot stay to the end of this awful business. "Fred, you had better come, too!" But Fred was too excited to listen to his wife's appeal. After Mrs. Cameron left the room, Dog-

expense of the other. Fred Cameron was made a rich man by his succession to the life-long savings of his uncle, but riches have not enervated him, nor slackened the enthusiasm with which he follows his calling. Of him it may truly be said he loves Art for its own sake. It is not often that he or his wife refers to the sad end of Mr. Fraser. When he speaks of it he always remarks to his wife, "If that idict Jorkins had only possessed your withe would have paid a visit to the station-master, as you did before any of us were up that morning, and ascertained how many chests were on his way-bill, when, uncle moved to Clump. Cottage. Clump Cottage. "Yes, and then you would have been

spared that terrible indignity." "So I should, but then I should never have known what a brave little wife I had and a clever one to boot. I knew you were good, dear, but I never suspected your powers as a detective." Doggett's summing up of the whole mat-

boggett summing up of the whole mat-ter was very characteristic. "Ah! the mystery at Clump Cottage, to be sure! The honors were divided between me and the lady. A good detective was lost when Mrs. Cameron took to hanging over her husband while he paints 'Studies in green and yaller.""

[THE END.]

NEXT SATURDAY. The Way of the World.

· JAY GOULD IN DANGER.

A West Virginia Town Pulls Telegraph and Express Compaules.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA., March Considerable excitement was created by the Considerable excitement was created by the arrest of the local agents of the Adams and United States Express and Western Union Telegraph Companies, on warrants sworn out by the city authorities. The arreats were made under an ordinance passed May 24, 1888, which authorized the city of Parkersburg to collect a license of \$500 and a 2 per cent tax on the amount of business done by the express and telegraph companies of the city. All of the gentlemen were released on their own recognizance to allow them time to conier with their counsel and com-pany officials.

The matter comes up for examination on is dull. next Saturday. The companies will all contest the right of the city to collect such license and percentage, and the agents are talking of suing the eity for false arrest and detention. The agents arrested were A. S. Beckwith, of the Adams Express Company, G. W. Cover, of the United States Express Company, and Russell Cook, Superinten-dent of the Western Union Telegraph Company.

BILL NYE descents upon his bine-blooded ancestry and records some sweet thoughts upon the artistic manner in which pig-sticking is performed in Chicago, See to-morrow's DISPATCH.

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Canada, east of the Bocky Mountains, aggregate 44,683,718, against 47,414,612 bushels February 1, and 52,740,403 bushels January 1, 1889. ed wool and are used here as such. It I

AGRICULTURAL LINES.

Wheat flour stocks March 2 were 1.823.362 barrels, against 1,981,731 barrels February 1, and only 1,378,024 barrels March 1, 1888. The decrease in wheat stocks since January 1, amounting to 8,056,000 bushels, is a triffe less than the corresponding decline in 1888, but stocks March 2, 1889, were 30 per cent smaller than one year previous. Wheat has regained the loss of the early part of the week. Export of wheat (and flour as wheat) this week aggregate 905,510 bushels, against 1,383,594 bushels last week, and 1,603,583 bushels in the like week of 1888. Drygoods jobbers are active at New York,

owing to good weather and heavy drives in dress ginghams. Commission men report a slight improvement in the re-order demand for seasonable goods. Prices are well held, the only important weakness noted being in the direction of low grade ginghams. Woolen goods show little new life. Buyers are conservative. The movement of goods

on orders is of fair proportions. Baw wool is quiet, with prices rather in buyers' favor, and small stooks aloue hold up quotations. Cotton is in good demand, with prices un-changed at New York, but higher at Liver-neal and leading Southern markets

pool and leading Southern markets. Crude iron has been dull and unsatis factory East, West and South. Bessemen iron is 50 cents higher. Rails nominally, \$28, east, with shading probable. Anthracito coal prices will be marked down 25 or 50 cents per ton next week.

50 cents per ton next week. Business failures reported to Bradstreet's number 221 in the United States this week, against 243 last week, and 168 this week last year. Canada had 36 this week, against 67 last week. The total of failures in the United States January 1 to date is 2,948 against 2,485 in 1888. DUN'S WEEKLY REVIEW.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of

trade says: The failure of an important iron establishment has checked, at least for the moment, a feeling of increasing confi-

dence, which seems to have been due any increase in demand than to a decrease The Consul is Protesting Against the Seadfeeling that buyers are likely to be con-

Consul General of the Provisional Governservative. In bar iron and plate there is no improve ment of Hayti, was to-day preparing a protest to be laid before Collector Magone to ment, and rails are unchanged. Nails are weak, and the market for structural iron is slow. The coal market is also so despondent morrow requesting the customs authorities to prevent the departure of the Atlas steamer Andes for Hayti to-morrow. He alleges that the steamer carries a quantity that a meeting of the companies is expected next Tuesday, it is said, to reduce the schedule of prices. But actual sales are re-ported about 50 cents below the schedule of guapowder and other munitions of war to Legitime. already. The market for bituminous coal

Another Complaisant Democrat. is dull. The copper syndicate is supposed to have been much relieved by the consent of the American mines to reduce their output from 15 to 25 per cent. In February, how-ever, the syndicate had to take 10,000 tons, while the sales were only 1,307 tons, and an output of \$2,200,000 per month of the sales have LOUISVILLE, March 8 .- United States Marshal A. J. Gross to-day sent his resignation to President Harrison, to take effect upon the qualification of his successor. The cause assigned is his belief that all Federal offices should be filled from the party in outlay of \$2,500,000 per month must ulti-mately prove trying. The price of copper here declined only to 15% cents for March, but fluctuations at Boston were severe. In power.

tin there was not much change. Lead to confer with the Big Four road about inactive at 37 cents. combining the two lines. It is expected that the roads will unite, and, as both lines are good ones, such a combination will be OIL AN EXCEPTION.

Oll has risen a fraction, but coffee has again been advanced nearly to to 19e, and

the market for pork products is stronger, with mess pork 50 cents higher at \$12 50. After declining sharply to 943/c, a fall of 3c, wheat rose to 95c on Thursday, but de-3c, wheat rose to 96c on Inursuar, but decline dige on Friday. The decline was due to further information of the large stocks to further in Dakota alone, according to

remaining, in Dukota alone, according to the latest figures, about 11,000,000 bushels

but on Thursday there was a quick ad-vance. Corn and oats have risen ½c each, with but moderate transactions. The price of cotton has been maintained. Reports from Cuba helped an advance of 3-16c in raw sugar, but leather is again a gold. Select your paper now. ARTHUR, SCHONDELMYER & Co., TTS 58 and 70 Ohio st., Allegheny. shade weaker for some grades, and the tone of the wool market is depressed by con-servative demands of manufacture and re-

giand, France and are used here as the value of scoured wool and are used here as such. It is evident that they are being manufactured abroad in large quantities for the purpose of avading the legitimate duty. Second-Wool tops, by Treasury ruling of February 17, 1831, were held to be secoured wool, in "other than ordinary condition," and hence they were rated at 60 cents duty. This was not questioned until January 21, 1837, when the At-torney General sent an opinion to the Secra-tary of the Treasury which, if carried into effect, would have reduced the tops to 30 cents. A hate verdict in the United States Court in New York sustained the rate of 60 cents. Third-The improvements in machinery and the changes in goods are such that so-called or combing wool as described in class 11, but are made of such clothing wools as are de-scribed in class 1. These goods are not what was intended by goods "composed wholly or in was intended by goods "composed wholly or in part of worsted," but should be classed as "manufactures of wool" as "made wholly or in part of wool." We therefore respectfully ask that you make

We therefore respectfully ask that you make such rulings as will prevent scoured wool from being imported under the name of "waste." that will confirm the 60-cent duty on wool tops, and that will clussify so-called worsted cloths as woolens. We beg to state that we are ready to furnish proof and argument on these que-tions should you wish to appoint a time for a hearing.

ASSAULTED AN EDITOR.

Sam. J. Roberts Dangerously Wounded by an Opera House Manager.

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 8 .- Sam, J. Roberts, editor of the Kentucky Leader, was assaulted on the street this morning by Charles Scott, manager of the Opera House, who approached from behind and struck half a dozen quick blows before Roberts recovered. from the first blow. Roberts has an ugly gash on the back of his head, which physi-cians say was made with some metallic instrument. Scott was subsequently arrested on two charges, assault and battery and cut-ting with intent to kill. The assault grew out of criticisms of the

Opera House management in the Leader. Mr. Roberts' wounds have been dressed and he is at his desk. Mr. Roberts Lexington from Canton, O., where he was somewhat known in politics.

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letter to President Harrison, containing a la amount of good advice, given in his ours in ttable, humorous style. See to-morrou's

PATCH

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NEW YORK, March 8 .- T. Haustedt, the