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not often." 4 What "Three bottles, with ease." "Ay, that is bad. You have a red face and look

the wold, barring when I'm dining out, which is ow's duor; and so eatirely had I been occupied accrue to both of us from our union, that I was half-way up stairs before I began to think of an excuse for my intrusion. The drawing-room was vacant, and I was left for a moment to woulder singing exquisite my anecdote of New Zealand irwhether I was not actually in some temple of the resistible, and we again forgot ourselves till it was Loves and Graces. There was not a thing to be necessary, in common politeness, to ask me to dinseen which did not breath with tenderness. The ner Here her sober attire, which for some months ceiling desplayed a little hearen of sportive Cuhad been a niece of mere gratuitaus respect, was pids, the carpet a wilderness of turtid-doves. The exchanged for a low evening dress, and my soul, pictures were a series of the loves of Jupiter, the vases presented nothing but heart's-case and lovefind room for my increasing transports. Her spirlics bleeding ; the very canary birds were inspirits were sportive as buterflies, and fluttered over ed, and had a nest with two young ones: and the the flowers of her imagination with a grace that cat herself looked kindly over the budding beauwas quite miraculous. She ridiculed the rapidity tics of a tortoise-shell kitten. What a place for a of our acquaintance eulogized my modesty till it sensitive heart like mine ! I could not bear to look was well nigh burnt to a cinder, and every now upon the mirrors which reflected my broad shouland then sharpened her wit by a delicate recurders on every side, like so many giants ; and would ence to Appollo and the shoulders of Hercules. have given the world to appear a little pale and The third and the fourth and the fifth day, with interesting, although it might have injured my life wice as many more, were equally productive of a dozen years' purchase. Nevertheless, I was excuses for calling, and reasons for remaining, till not daunted, and I looked round, for something to at last I took upon me to call and remain without talk about, on the beauty's usual occupations, which roubling myself about the one or the other. I was and appeared to produce an instantaneous effect, I found were all in a tone with what I had before received with progressive cordiality; and at last even upon the stony-hearted directors themselves. remarked. Upon the open piano lay " Auld Robwith a mixture of timidity which assured me of the in Grey," which had, no doubt, been sung in alluanticipation of a catastrophy which was, at once, sion to her late husband. On the table was a halfto decide the question with the insurance office, finished drawing of Apollo, which was, equally and determine the course of my travels. One day without doubt, ment to apply to her future one I found the Peri sitting rather pensively at work, and round about were strewed the seductive tones. and as usual, I took my sent opposite to her. of Moor, Campbell and Byron, "This witch,"

The next morning found me again at the door of

"Since you will have it so," retorted the philos opher, "it contains a complete list of all the arts ime when the destority of the thieves of Delhi and wiles of cunning women-but I am sure you was proverbial, it happened one day that a Nawaub

INGENUITY OF AN EAST INDIAN THIEF .- At a

was bargaining with the shop-keeper for some ar-

ticle he wanted to purchase. . In order to be more

nor had I lived in any way by which I was likely to contract it. Accordingly, on the following day, I caught myself very coolly knocking at the wid-

er I was cut off by the yellow fever or devoured by canabals, but that I had business which world prevent me from availing myself of either alternative for two months, at least.

ould not learn anything from it, and so it would had alighte 1 at one of the shops in that city, and Euphrosyne, who gave me her lilly not interest you." ceived me with the smile of an old acquaintance. "Are you certain that your list is complete?" Affairs went on pretty much the same as they did said the lady again. on the preceding day. The poem was long, her

ne ! said the lady with an irresistible smile.

INSURANCE/AND ASSURANCE

But as in a parent's prayer

Unto Hix to bless and spare!

[Bernardine .- I have been drinking hard all night and will have more time to prepare me, or they shall be to out my brains with sillers. I will not consent to die this day, that's certain, Duke-O, sir, you must; and therefore I beseech

you look forward on the journey you shall go. Bernardine.--I swear I will not die to-day for anyman's persuasion -- Measure for Measure.

"It is inconceivable to the virtuous and praise worthy part of the word, who have been born and bred to respectable idleness, what terrible straits sure the lot of those scandalous rogues whom Fortung has left to shift for themselves !" Such was my feeling ejacul tion when full of penitence for and "three bottles" ran hurry scurry, round the tathe sin of urgent necessity. I wonded my way to the attorney who had swept together, and for the most part, picked up the crumbs which fell from my father's table. He was a little grizzled, sardonic animal, with features which were as hard as his heart, and fitted their leather jacket so tightly that one would have thought it had shrunk from wast ing, or that they had bought it second hand and were pretty nearly out at the elbows. They were completely emblematic of their possessor whose religion it was to make the most of everything, and amongst the rest, of the distresses of his particular fuends, amonest whom I had the happiness of starding very forward. My business required but litle explanation, for I was oppressed by neither rent-rolls nor title-deeds; and we sat down to con poler the readiest means of turning an excellent income for one year into something decent for a few more. My adviser, whose small experienced eye had twinkled through all the speculations of the age, and at the same time, had taken a very exact admeasurement of my capabilities of turning them to advantage, seemed to be of opinion that I was fit for nothing on earth. For one undertaking, I wanted application; for another I wanted capital .--

"Now," said he, " as the first of these deficiencies is memediable, we must do what we can to supply the latter. Take my advice :-- Insure your life for a few thousands, you will have but little premium to pay, for you look as if you would live forev. er; and from my knowledge of your ratile-pated | ward. habits, and the various chances against you, I will give you a handsome sum for the insurance." Necessity obliged me to acquiesce in the proposal, and I assured the old cormoront that there was every likelihood of my requitting his liberality by the most unremitting perseverance in all the evil habits which had procured me his countenance. We

shoek hands in mutual ill-opinion, and he obligingly volunteered to accompany me to an Insurance Office, where they were supposed to estimate the duration of a man's life to a quarter of an hour and odd seconds.

We arrived a little before the business hour, and were shown into a large room, where we found several more speculators waiting ruefully for the oracle to pronounce sentence. In the centre was a large table, around which, at equal distances, were placed certain little lumps of money, which my

a poplectic. You will, no doubt, go off very suddeniv." "Devil a bit. My red face was born with me. and I'll lay a bet I live longer than any two in the

"Oo never fear! I am the sweetest temper in

foom " "Never you mind that. I don't mean to drink more than a bottle and a half in future. Besides, I intend to get married, if I can, and live snug." A debate arose amongst the directors respecting this gentleman's eligibility. The words "row," ble. Every dog had a snap at them. At last, however, the leader of the park, addressed him in a demurring growl, and agreed that, upon his paying a slight additional premium for his inegularities, he should be admitted as a fit subject.

It was now my turn to exhibit ; but, as my friend was handing me forward, my progress was arrested by the entrance of a young lady with an elderly maid-ervant. She was dressed in slight mourning, was the most sparkling beauty I had ever seen, The charman politely requested her to take a seat at the table, and immediately entered into her business, which seemed little more than to show herself and be entitled to twenty housand pounds, for which her late husband had ensured his life. "Zounds," thought I, "twenty thousand pounds und a widow !?

hu-band made to good a bargain with us. I told hedge way and worked upon the roads to maintain him he was an elderly, sickly sort of a man and not likely to last: but I never thought he would have died so soon after his marriage."

An elderly, sickly sort of a man! She would ined before her, and let her hear a favorable report of me. As luck would have it, she had some further transactions which required certain papers to

"Gentlemen," said my lawyer, with a smile ly sent it through the external teguments, "allow ceive he is not of your dying sort."

The directors turned their eyes towards me with evident satisfaction, and I had the the vanity to believe that the widow did so too. "You have a good broad chest," said one. - « **1**

dare say your lungs are never effected." "Good shoulders too," said another. "Not like-

ly to be knocked down in a row." "Strong in the legs, and not debilitated by dissipation," cried a third. "I think this gentleman will suit as ".

I could preceive that during these compliments and a few others, the widow was very much infriend told me were to reward the labors of the lu- clined to titter, which I considered as much as a life insurance : with compliments, condolences, quisition, amongst whom the surplus arising from flictation commenced; and when I was ordered in- parcon, pertubation, and peter-plu-perfect imperfiabsentees would likewise be divided. From the to another room to be farthered examined by the nence. The lady looked surprised, broke my me oblige you to become an ensign in the West would make their prospects even in this life; nevkeenness with which each individual datted upon surgeon in attendance, I longed to tell her to stop speech with two or three well bred ejaculations, Indies or a missionary in New Zealand, you may er should we find them yielding to the groveling his share and ogled that of his absent neighbor, I all I came back. The professional gentleman did and astonished me very much by protesting that rely upon my interest there.

thought I, "is the very creature I have been sighbeen mightily imposed upon." "Ah, madam I" observed the chairman, "your ing after! I would have married her out of a her; but with twenty thousand pounds-ay, and ion-by yourself." much more unless I am mistaken, she would cre-

ate a fever in the frosty Caucasus !" I was in the most melting mood alive, when the door opened, marry again, of course ! I was on fire to be exam. and in walked the fascinating object of my specu lation. She was dressed in simple grey, wholly without ornament, and her dark brown hair was braided demurely over a forehead which looked be sent for, and, in the pause, I stepped boldly for- as lotty as her face was lovely. The reception she gave me was polite and graceful, but somewhat

distant, and I perceived that she had either forgotwhich whitehed the tip of his nose, and very near- ten, or was determined not to recognize me. I was not quite prepared for this, and, in spite of me to introduce Mr. -----, a particular friend of my constitutional confidence, felt not a little emmine who is desirous of insuring his life. You per- barrassed. I had, perhaps, mistaken the breakings forth of a young and buoyant pirit, under ridiculous rircumstances, for the encouragement of volatile coquetry; and, for a moment, I was in doubt whether I should not apologize and pretend that she was not the lady for whom my visit was intended. But they she was so beautiful! Augels | table vagabond, ---- but I love you to my soul." and ministers! Nothing on earth could have sent me down stairs unless I had been kicked down !

"Madam," I began-but my blood was in a tumoil, and I had never been able to recollect precisely what I said. Something it was, however, about my late father and her lamented husband,

absence and the East Indies, liver complaints, and

Thus the conversation was gradually resum the philosopher pocketed his book, and so far forgot himself and his system of philosophy that he was kneeling before the lady, holding one of her hands between his own; and who knows what might have been the result, had not the lady espied at a distance her husband, who was returning which was brimming before was in an agony to home. Struck with terror, she exclaimed, "I see my husband at a distance, returning home rard! Should he find you here, he will put both of us to death. I see but one chance for your escape, conceal yourself in this box, of which I keep the key.?

> itate to conceal himself and the lady locked the box and drew the key. As the Arab entered his tent, the lady met him with a smile saying, "you come in good time-for a stranger, calling himself a philosopher, stopped at our tent to rest, but so far forgot himself and prepriety as to talk to me of

The Arab began to foam at the mouth with rage: but who can describe the agony of the philosopher who could in his retreat hear every word that was

"Where shall I find the wretch !" exclaimed to a similar presumption ?"

"I have been thinking, " said she," that I have "Here in this box," said the lady holding out

"By one of whom you have the highest opin-

" In what do you mistrust me?" the word Diadeste." "Come, now, will it please you to be candid, and tell me honestly that all that exceedingly intelligible story about your father and the liver com-

plant, and heaven knows what, was a mere fabrication ??? "Will it please you to let me thread that needle, for I see that you are taking aim at the wrong end

of it ?" Nonsence! Will you answer me?" "I think I could put the finishing touch to that sprig. Do you not see ?" I continued, jumping up and leaning over her. "It should be done soand then so. What stitch do you call that ?" The beauty was not altogether in a modd for joking I took her hand-it trembled-and so did

"By whom ?" I monired

"Will you pardon me ?" I whispered. a sinner, a counterfeit, a poor swindling, disrepu-The work dropped upon her knee. ______ xi ____

In about a fortnight from this time I addresse the following note to my friend:

DEAR SIR,-It will give you great pleasure to have lost your wager. As I intend settling the inIt may be supposed the philosopher did not hes-

spoken!

the Arab, "that my sword may put an end forever

the key. The enraged Arab snatched it out of her hand,

but she soon retook it in a fit of laughter. " Instantly pay me a forfeit, for I have caugh you at last accepting a thing without pronouncing

For a while the Arab stood as il petrified, and alter recovering a little from his anger, said-"1 have lost, and must pay the forfeit, but let me request you hereafter to gain your ends without givng me such bitter vexation."

After a while the Arab had to attend to other business, and left his tent, and the lady unlocked the box, in which she found the poor philosopher more dead than alive. On saying, " you are safe," the philosopher vaulted numbly from his retreat. "Depart in peace" said the lady to him, " but do not forget to record this day's occurrence in your book "

MORAL CHARACTER,-There is nothing which adds so much to the beauty and power of man; as a good moral character. It is his wealth-his influence-his life. It dignifies him in every station exalts him in every condition, and glorifies him at every period of life. Such a character is more to be desired than everything else on earth. It makes a man free and independent. No servile toolno crouching sycophant-no treacherous honor hear that my prospects are mending, and that you seeker ever bore such a character. The pure-joys of truth and righteousness never in such a person. surance on my wife, I shall, of course, think you If young men but knew how much a good characentutled to the job. Should your trifling loss in | ter would dignify and exalt them-how glorious it

at his case, the Nuwaub had shipped his right foot from its shoe, and had placed the said foot-on the chuboatra, or raised floor of the shop, while his leftfoot remained in its shoe on the ground. A thief slyly abstracted the empty shoe, and made off undetected. The Nuwaub, when he had completed his purchase, put down his right foot, and then discovered that the shoe had disappeared. A search was made, uselessly of course, for the lost shoe, when the Nuwaub sent one of his attendants to a shoemaker with the remaing shoe, with an order for another to be prepared immediately to match it. He then got into his palanquin shoeless. and went his way. The thiet, watching his opportunity, straight to the thoemaker, and assuming a tone of authority, told him that his master, the Nuwaub, having found the missing shoe, had sent him to countermand the order he had given-and would

therefore thank him to return the shoe left at his shop," The unsuspecting shoemaker, taking the thief for one of the attendants of the great man. quietly gave him up the shoe, and thus the thief possessed himself of the pair, with which he salely decamped, and was never more heard of.

A Novel Plence .- Don Juan De Castro, fourth Portuguese Vicenov of the Indies, after having sus ained the memorable siege of Disa against the arms of the King of Cambaya, and triumphed over forces which appeared irresistible, resolved to rebuild that fortress from its foundations, in order to prepare himself for another siege. Unfortunately the royal finances were exhausted; there were no precious articles nor any means of paying the laborers and soldiers employed. The Portuguese merchants at Goa having been frequently deceived by the promises formerly made, were no longer willing to give credit to De Castro. His son, Ferdinand, had been killed during the siege. He was desirous of disinterring his bones to send them as a pledge to the merchants of Goa, that he would perform his engagements with them, for the money which he wished them to advance. But they were no longer to be found; the fiery climate having already reduced them to dust. He then cut off one of his mustachios, which he sent af a gage of honor that he would fulfil the conditions. "I have no pledge which I can now call mine." he thus addressed them, "except my own bean, which I now send you by Rodriguez de Azevedo: for you must be aware that I no longer possess gold, silver or effects, nor any thing else of any value, to obtain your confidence, except a short and dry sincerity. which the Lord my God has given me." Upon this glorious gage, Juan de Castro in fact obtamed the money of which he was in want: and his mustachio afterward redeemed by his family from the hands of his creditors, is still preserved as a moment of his loyalty and devotion to the intorests.

If your children have a cough, be sure to take them to some uburch on Sunday, where the coal gass will bring out the full strength of their lungs. A constant barking may keep awake some of the sleepy sinners.

of his country.

and base-born passions of human nature. the contraction of the second s