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Selected Loetry.

As breezes stir the morning A silence reigns in air: Steel-blue the heavens above,

- Moveless the trees and bare Yet, unto me, the stillness
- This burthen seems to bring-' Patience! the earth is waiting
- Waiting for the Spring.' Strong ash, and sturdy chestnut.
- Rough oak and poplar high, Stretch out their sapless branches
- Against the wintry sky. Even the guilty aspen
- Hath ceased her quivering, As though she too were waiting,
- Waiting for the Spring. I strain mine ears to listen. If haply where I stand
- But one stray note of music May sound in all the land. 'Why art though mute, O blackbird? O thrush, why dost not sing?" Ah! surely they are waiting,
- Waiting for the Spring. O heart! thy days are darksome; O heart! thy nights are drear
- But soon shall beams of sunshine Proclaim the turning year. Soon shall the trees be leafy.
- Soon every bird shall sing Like them, be silent, waiting, Waiting for the Spring.

FROM PETERSBURG.

Petersburg, April 4, 1865. DEAR MARY-Here we are at last, snugly distant North. If it is fit that it should encamped in this pestiferous rebel city. be, should be so. It is "a time to dance," Two days have passed during which it in the true scripture sense of that word. was not possible for me to write. You A few secesh looked on from the streets in will receive the present letter duly written sullen gloomy silence. Our soldiers marchon confiscated rebel paper; but don't be ed through the principal streets with bannot wonder at you, being a slave owner."

ners and music, and a through the principal streets with bannot wonder at you, being a slave owner."

"O, bother the slaves," broke in the imafraid, it wont hurt you.

In order to keep the run of my diary, I the rushing of many waters. must go back to Saturday night. The in- Our regiment captured two flags, and tervening events are so many, and so ex- many prisoners. Our Brigade was the first citing, I can hardly remember when that to enter the city. Our Brigade commanvas, though it is only Tuesday.

About midnight on Saturday night, we we are the city guards. This position is were aroused from our slumbers by heavy ours by way of honor. The 9th Corps has firing on the left of our Division, and at covered itself with glory. once all were out of their bunks, and the The city is terribly shattered by our regiment on their way to the front. The shells. division of our Corps captured four rebforts and held them to the end. Just before daylight our Regiment went in,

osing only two men killed and seven Sunday was devoted to the pious task of whipping the Johnnies. The battle raged life depended upon solving a problem in two minutes, he would spend one of the two in deciding how to do it. So in reading the scriptures; if you are pressed for within easy musket range, and yet in a time, (and this should be a rare case,) then safe position. One random shell burst spend the precious moments on a portion quite near me, but not a Minnie whizzed of a chapter. When you feel that the overhead. I was at the flank of the two mind and heart begin to drink in the sentiarmies, so that the balls and shells passed and drain the heavenly chalice, because at right angles to my position. I kept my the Divine Spirit is filling thy cup. It is a position until 5 o'clock, p. m. The rebs true, solemn and interesting thought, that made several desperate charges to retake we are to wait, to linger, to tarry for the their works, but were repulsed every time. The view was magnificent beyond descrip- ures of knowledge, known only to him who tion. I could see our line stand like a wall thus coolly, piously and philosophically studies the Word of God. lear their shouts of victory as the routed rebs fell back in utter confusion. The din retains so little, that quotations are so nd roar of battle was terrific, but the blundering and incorrect, if the reason is houts of victory could be heard above all not found in the fact of hasty reading of safely I will try to get word to you." the discordant uproar. When darkness set the Word of God. There, as elsewhere, a n we had driven the rebs to their last line Observer. f works, and our shell fell in the city rom all directions, except from across the e men needed rest, and breakfast, dinner ated in this manner; and supper, all at once; for they had eat-

ad bridge alone was saved. Our losses the river they explored, and thence to the anded and prisoners is estimated at ful- the word 'Illinois' more fully accords with cape by the back way." in the deserted houses, and gave themis almost covered with muskets and the by garments cast away by the fleeing os. Their dead were scattered everyere. Thus ended the fight—thus ap- than enough for all the manufacturing and Mr. Felder, give me one of your pistols."

and the bridges after them, having sat-

ated them with turpentine. The Rail-

Glory to God," and other like expressions, the belief that in one year or eighteen

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I asked him how he got away. He an-

perheads at the North, will say that the

pated darkies. Between the Copperheads,

very decidedly with the latter.

that the Northerners are cannibals.

that fills your hearts at home. I know the

have not time to write

blessing to come from the word before us.

Let any man give us a reason why, when

man man must reap as he sows .-- N. Y.

"A party of Frenchmen set out upon

TOWANDA, BRADFORD COUNTY, PA., APRIL 20, 1865.

Miscellaneous.

TWICE AT BAY your mind the scene on the banks of the It was midnight in East Tennessee, not his sister. Advertising in all cases exclusive of sub- Red Sea, when Miriam led the dances of the night of nature, but the middle of that heard one ebony darkie say to his "Mas- night in East Tennessee. It was nearly siety and style, printed at the shortest notice. The sie," "Massie, if you want to hire out, I twilight, when a young man and a young REPORTER OFFICE has just been re-fitted with Power will give you work." I talked with one girl sat at the open window of a fine mansion near a pleasant little village-a village now almost swept out of existence by The girl was Mary Basham, an orphan, swered: "Why, I flanked em." Not- who, with her brother Richard, had inheri-

withstanding all this, the miserable cop- ted the splendid property of her parents, consisting mostly of land and slaves. The to be free. I only wish they could be made them in common, and she also owned a sum to take the vacant places of the emanci- in Louisville bank shares. Her brother other man's and you shall not touch him had taken up arms to protect his property, and Sambo and Dinah, my sympathies are as he said, and he proposity thought, and was then a Captain of Confederate gueril-Mary," persisted Dick, who was inclined to as he said, and he probably thought, and 'uabobs" all fled with Massie Lee, and if not improper, in Mrs. Grundy's eyes,

that she should love that fair-haired young his army. But there are here plenty of Union men and women. When our troops dow, for Ernest Felder had no riches, except a fair share of talent, and a true, honed over. With streaming eyes they KISSED est heart. He was only a music teacher, you, until you are sober." the old flag. In many instances they threw and a German at that. Consequently he their arms around the first Union soldiers was worse than a Yankee, and a marriage that entered, and imprinted on their sun-that entered, and imprinted on their sun-that entered, and imprinted on their sun-wary Basham could make.

"You are foolish, Ernest," said the girl, with him would be as bad a mesalliance as

same vile copperheads tell us there are no as she plucked a flower from the vine and must search the house." Unionists in the South! I know that the pulled it to pieces. "What is the Union to you, that you are so anxious to make great mass of even the southern soldiers you, that you are so analous to make young man to stop instantly. "Do you what can you do for the Union by hiding know this can of powder, Dick Basham?" out in the woods and mountains, and being selves. The genuine secesh are only the rich planters and nabobs of the South, and hunted down at last, and hung or shot, or a few ignorant whites that fully believe been subject to annoyances, you have escaped harm; and now, if you will simply Mary, I can't describe what I have seen submit to the new order of things, all will be well, and you will not be troubled.' here. It has filled my heart with joy un-

"The Union is everything to me, Mary speakable. It is an earnest of that which Basham," said the young man, "for it shelis to come. Richmond too is ours. The morning dawns upon our nation with recame to this country an exile; and under to out of that powder! You are excited; splendent brightness. I know well the joy the Union I have enjoyed the fruit of my and the least slip of your finger would labor, and have been happy and contented It would be worse than ingratitude to decannons have roared, and the merry church sert it now, because I happen to be among bells pealed forth their notes all over the

> "Then you will leave me," said the girl, as she tore a flower passionately.

"I must, Mary, unless you can be con-But that is not to be expected, and I do pistol into the powder. One--two-"

ners, and music, and a tumult of joy, like petuous girl. "They are more trouble than and I reckon we'd better be goin'. they are worth, and always were. Dick I always felt as if I belong to them more der, Col. Ely, is the Military Governor, and irksome. But as for those guerilla bands like that of Brother Dick's, they are a distheir drunken orgies! I dared him to do READING THE BIBLE.—Read your Bible mit such an outrage on common decency their horses and rode away. slowly. Take time, even if you have but and he will find that there is as much blood A great mathematician once said, if his

> ing rifle upon his shoulder, who came hur- ply of provisions. riedly over the lawn toward the house. Hardly stopping to knock he entered the Mary Basham and Ernest Felder were talk-

resting the butt of his rifle upon the caret; "sorry to come in so sudden like, but To search the Scriptures with the clear, Our boys kept gaining ground foot by foot. To search the Scriptures with the creat, the guerillas has been huntin' for you in as a very promising officer. the village, and they ken trot. So there ain't no time for tradin' horses, ef you want to git off."

Mary," said Ernest, as he started up. must bid you farewell now, and perhaps forever.

No use talkin' about the Federal lines

As he spoke, about twenty horsemen, THE NAME OF ILLINOIS.—The Chicago Post dressed in homespun imitation of the Con-Appoint ox. After dark there was a lull, says the name of the State of Illinois origin- federate uniform, rode up the street, and halted in front of the mansion. They were ing on their arms, the rebs were stealthi- their subsistence upon the game. They leaving the city. Soon after midnight found at the confluence of this river with dle was quite unsteady. the Mississippi, an island thickly wooded

ver in great haste, carrying with them party of explorers, encamping upon the is- I'll be bound. It is enough to destroy any

'Isle aux nois'-which name was given to used to be, to do it."

thirty thousand. In their retreat they tainly a French termination—and the rapid shot fire. "You can do no such thing, for and we were whirled away in almost total of it in the same manner as the other. "You can do no such thing, for and we were whirled away in almost total darkness."

financial wants of the people; so there is ere in the streets. "Bress the Lord." will be in every man's pockets who is fru- a pistol in hand, proud and defiant, and ry him in. It was Ernest Felder. gal and industrious. There is a reason for beautiful in her pride and defiance.

of the scene here on that eventful morn. I heard one chony darkie, say to his "Mas" that persecuted region was crushed under the Davis despotism. It was political mid-your heels? None of your ragamuffin cutthroats shall enter this house; nor shall

you until you are sober."
"Don't be foolish, Mary," hiccoughed the officer.

now, or hang." "Ernest Felder is here," answered Mary, has not meddled with your niggers, or any while he is under my roof."

"It is my roof as much as it is yours, the Basham's" was fairly up in his sister.

"It is not; for you said the house was to be all mine while the war lasted, if I would let you have Jake and Henry. If it

Come on, boys," said Basham as he commenced to stagger toward the house. "My sister is carrying the joke too far. We are not to be turned from our duty by a girl. Make way there, Mary, for we

"Halt there for your life!" his sister almost shouted, in a tone that caused the said she, as she pointed to it with her pistol. "And this?" thrusting the muzzle imprisoned? So far, although you have been subject to annoyances, you have esof your thieves approach a step nearer, I will blow house and all to atoms, as far as this can of powder can do it."

"Hold, Mary!" exclaimed her brother, whom her desperate resolution had almost send you, and perhaps all of us into eter-

Now mark me ; I give you until I count twenty to mount your horses and ride away from here. If you do not vinced that it is politic as well as right to seek neace and safety on Union ground.— leave in that time, I swear to you by the blood of the Basham's, that I will fire the

> one of the men. "I can see it in her eye, "Of course she would," said Basham, al-

Basham is welcome to all of them, if he wants them, except Hessy and little Jim. her for a sister of mine, if she hadn't spunk enough for that. Well, she must have her than they belong to me, and the feeling is way this time, and we will have chances "We are going now, Mary," he contin-

mitted. Dick has said he meant to bring his gang of ruffians here some night, and and your duty as to fall in love with that "List". give them a supper—as if I would stay in the house where these wretches are holding dearly for it."

The conversation was here interrupted they got off safely; and when the boy re- mistaken for another person, as the by a rough looking man, dressed in brown turned she sent him back to their tempora- words, "Do not fail me this time" omespun, badly tattered, and carrying a ry hiding place, with two horses and a sup- dently proved. Who was the count alluded?

some narrow escapes, reached the Federal was excited, and I resolved to go front door, and pushed into the room where lines in safety. Finding a number of his in the part thus thrust upon me till I could them in high rank, he joined that arm of the her words in English, so correctly spother, and the service; and as he had a thorough milsoluched hat from an unkempt head, and itary education, and was as brave as a man or knew me to be a foreignor, or perhaps what haste we may, so that you can depart

"It has come sooner than I expected, sabres began to make a very pleasant sort of sunrise in that region. In the advance mor to resist.

I thus come sooner than I expected, sabres began to make a very pleasant sort of sunrise in that region. In the advance mor to resist. of the grand army, which at last carried

a villainous set to look at, and were armed when they entered the village; and his among society in general-and I went out en nothing since the night before. While they afterward named, providing themselves rifle to a flint-lock pistol. At their head formerly had, was indignant at his death, her at the Place Vendome. ur boys were thus resting and recruiting, with bark canoes, and relying chiefly for rode a young man in the gay uniform of a and resolved to revenge it, if she could Confederate officer, whose seat in the sad- find a shadow of excuse for so doing. So my driver before her carriage appeared, soned.

pronunciation of the French 'Isle aux nois' they have already surrounded the house. commenced a raid upon the pigs and poul-darkness. sould naturally lead to the Anglicism of Come now you two, you are men, and you try. Mary warned them off, but they the terms into its present shape, 'Illinois.' | have arms, and if it comes to the worst, laughed at her, and ordered her to open the through the streets of the great city, I see an opportunity. You know the count opvou know how to sell your lives dearly .- door, threatening to break it open if she ing nothing but the dim form of the fair unposes your marriage, for no other reason riages, divorces and deaths in regular order. Gold -The amount of gold produced But let me do my part first, for I tell you refused. She again warned them off, and known beside me, having no idea of the diyearly in this country is not far from sev- that not a man of that gang shall cross leveled her gun at the foremost man. The rection we were going. I thought over have neglected to drink her health! enty-five millions of dollars. This is more this threshold while Mary Basham lives! soldier laughed and advanced toward the some curious stories I had heard of strandoor with a rail to burst it open. Mary gers being by one means and another de- been so thoughtless?" I refilled the glass, ing his mother remark that she was fond of Quite overcome by the intrepidity and Basham coolly sighted her piece, but as coyed in dens of robbers, and began to feel a surplus left for commercial exchange with foreign countries. There need be no Felder almost mechanically handed her a haired officer rode up in front of the dismy hotel, and I had not a single weapon my lips. The eye of my fair hostess gleamed with a laughing measurement of the high spirited girl, Ernest she drew the trigger a fine looking fair rather uneasy. My pistols had been left at my hotel, and I had not a single weapon my lips. The eye of my fair hostess gleamed we offen puff away with a laughing with foreign countries. There need be no fears of a gold famine in the future. Under with me, unless a small pocket-knife might with a peculiar light, now watching me breath all better thoughts as you blow breath all better thoughts as you blow away the down from a dandelion in seed. was a scene that beggars all description the present high tariff, and with the in- out from an adjoining closet a large tin can bullet in his shoulder. He fell from his be so called. I had not the feeling moreo- closely. Thousands of contrabands, male crease of American manufacture, in a very filled with powder, carried it into the hall, horse, and had only strength enough to orand female, big and little, old and young, few months gold will circulate freely and threw open the door, and stood there, with der the men to protect that house and carner, to give manly courage; and I could

enough for the gallant captain, whom a commission as a lieutenant-general could not have induced to walk in a straight line. Discovery the wounded officer in the some mistake, and taking a hurried lease leep. As she perceived this, the mask of some mistake, and taking a hurried lease leep. As she perceived this, the mask of some mistake, and taking a hurried lease leep. As she perceived this, the mask of some mistake, and taking a hurried lease leep. As she perceived this, the mask of some mistake, and taking a hurried lease leep. But he staggered on, until he was brought house was the best protection she could when the carriage came to a sudden stop. to a sudden pause by the ringing voice of have had. It was two months before Ernest fully recovered, and when he was able "Halt there, Dick Basham!" exclaimed to return to duty, Mary Basham felt that the daughters of Israel, and you can judge dark and detestable night during which the indignant girl. "What do you want she was not forgetting her position in mar-

A MYSTERY OF PARIS.

It was during the season of the carnival, "We only want that goldarned and I was at a market ball at the French Dutch Tory Abolition piano tuner, if he is Opera-House in Paris. It was past three in in the house. He must fight for the South the morning, and I was seriously thinking of retiring from that wild, boisterous scenenot to call it by any harsher name-in and he is no Dutch Tory Abolition piano which I had been a participant for hours. tuner, but a gentleman, and that is more I was weary—weary of the dance, the lights, than you are now, Dick Basham. He has the music, the crowd, the noise and confudarkies love their masters, and do not want der brother; but the mansion belonged to tinually dinned into my ear by the flirting maskers-and I had withdrawn from the press and seated myself in the most quiet spot that I could find.

While I was thus sitting apart from the But now for the whites. Of course the "great catch," and it was certainly strange, the Basham's "was fairly up in his sister."

| Instruction of the white in the saw that the "blood of throng, listlessly gazing on that which no life, do not attempt to escape, or call for the Basham's "was fairly up in his sister."

| Instruction of the was thus sitting apart from the blood of throng, listlessly gazing on that which no life, do not attempt to escape, or call for the Basham's "was fairly up in his sister." dress of a page, sauntered quietly past me, and said in a low, guarded tone: "Mon sieur will not seem to see or hear, but will look for the blue domino with a single spot and determined me, to go forward and see tect you in your guilt! Not a single drop of red on the bosom, and follow so carelessly as not to attract notice !"

I was only sure this language was only intended for me, by finding there was no other at the moment within hearing; but what was meant, if it had any meaning, I was at loss to conjecture. I would have questioned the page, notwithstanding the caution not to seem to see or hear, but the individual had already passed on too far, and was about mingling with the noisy crowd.

As I sat thinking the matter over, it occurred to me that I had been mistaken for another person, and that what had been said assuring promptness. was intended for some one else. If this was so indeed, it might lead to a novel adventure, and no one was ever more ready for a novel adventure than myself.

" Look for the blue domino with a single spot of red on the bosom, and follow so carelessly as not to attract notice." I repeated to myself. "Very well—I think I will if only to discover what it means."

was about to seek slowly passed along, guide me." nity."

not very near me, but in plam view. 1

"I am as cool as ice, Dick Basham," and arose with a yawn, and quietly, with a sleethere was a slight hesitation. It might be there was a slight hesitation. It might be en upon my fevered brow, and thought of swered the girl, "and my nerves are as py, indifferent air, sauntered after the firm as iron. Now mark me; I give you blue domino. I had no difficulty in keeping were reawakened. Could it be that we my narrow escape from death, there came in sight-for the masker's, so disguised, moved very slowly through the crowd, seemintended leaving the house, it was not apparent to me then, nor for sometime after "I'll be bound she'd do it, Captain," said and being really very much fatigued, and take was merely a ruse, and for her own the wine offered me, my rifled body would graceto the country and ought not to be per- ued, "but you will be sorry for this, and her say in English, in a low, sweet, musical with the door closed behind us; but her the first place I could bring no charge of

"Never fear but that I can take care of will meet you at the place Vendome-after solation in the thought.

and what was the plan on foot, to be per-Ernest Felder, after much hardship and fected during his absence? My curiosity old friends in the cavalry force, some of ascertain something more definitely. And may well be, his promotion was quite ra- both-made me more eager to fathom the pid; so that in the course of time he was mystery. Perhaps some may blame me. known as Major Felder, and was spoken of knowing as I did, there was a mistake, for seeking to find out that which did not con- for one who by her own showing was an It was many long months after the mid- cern me; and I have nothing to say in my intimate friend? The thing hardly seemed night of East Tennessee, before the gleam defence, except that I saw before me the possible. If true our resemblance to each of Union bayonets and the flash of Union prospect of a novel adventure, that tempta-other must be remarkable indeed: if not

If I can reach the Federal lines relief and protection to that persecuted entrances, for three ranks, on as many deal of nervous anxiety. She stepped out tion, to play the fool. people was a fine squadron of cavalry, streets-namely one on Lepelletier for those which occupied, after a slight resistance, who came in carriages, one on Pinion for door that was slightly ajar, and returned now, Mr. Felder," said the rough looking the village near which Mary Basham lived.
This squadron was commanded by Major Bateliere for those who came on foot. My and with a decanter and two wine-glasses farmer who owns a thousand miles of pas-This squadron was commanded by Major Ernest Felder.

Bateliere for those who came on foot. My fair unknown had stated that she would fair unknown had stated that she would on a silver waiter. Dick Basham had been killed while mak-ing a brave but desperate defence against far to prove that she laid claim to the highthe overwhelming force of the Federals est rank among those present, if not indeed placing the waiter on a small table, pushed sister, although she did not leve him as she on the Rue Pinion to order a fiarce and join self on the opposite side.

I reached the place first, and dismissed with the "blood of the Basham's" boiling which stopped near the triumphal pillar of in her veins, she seated herself at the win- Napoleon le Grand. As I hastened up to the Mississippi, an island thickly wooded with black walnut. It was at a season of said Mary, as she cooly surveyed them from the window, "and he is drunk, again, the year when the nuts were ripe, and this from the window, "and he is drunk, again, the Mississippi, an island thickly wooded with black walnut. It was at a season of said Mary, as she cooly surveyed them from the window, "and he is drunk, again, again, More troops came pouring into the vill- opened by a small gloved hand from the in- She coughed slightly, and removed hers unmost of their light artillery. They land, greatly enjoyed the luxury of this man's respect for himself to associate with the bridges after them, having satthe island the 'Island of Nuts'-or, in French could induce a gentleman as Dick Basham seldom treats very tenderly the country just see that my unknown was its only occu- I replaced the glass, that I had never tasthrough which it passes, nor is discipline pant, and I quietly entered and took my "Come, Ben Sterling," said Felder, who always preserved as it should be, Some seat beside her, feeling a little nervous and The rebel loss in killed, territory and State. This explanation of had hastily seized his hat, "we can yet es- of these men were excited by liquor, and somewhat guilty, I must confess. The door the flavor!" she said, with her sweetest smile. others were foraging about as they chose. was then shut quickly. I heard the sharp 'No!" exclaimed the girl as her eye A number of them made their appear- snap of a spring, the blind was let down, in my hand, and soon managed to get rid

For nearly an hour we rode in silence not but admit to myself that, should harm When Mary Basham saw who it was come to me through this adventure, it would glance around the apartment. the very air. Their eyes sparkled, heir ivory shone. They danced, and jumpThey danced, and other like expressions, the belief that in one year or eighteen months' time it will be as abundant as it is troopers, dismounted, and walked toward death of her brother in this new calamity, folly and her coolness and firmness forsook her like expressions, the belief that in one year or eighteen months' time it will be as abundant as it is troopers, dismounted, and walked toward and her coolness and firmness forsook her like expressions, the belief that in one year or eighteen months' time it will be as abundant as it is troopers, dismounted, and walked toward and her coolness and firmness forsook her like expressions, the belief that in one year or eighteen months' time it will be as abundant as it is troopers, dismounted, and her coolness and firmness forsook her like expressions, the belief that in one year or eighteen months' time it will be as abundant as it is troopers, dismounted, and walked toward and her coolness and firmness forsook her like expressions, the belief that in one year or eighteen months' time it will be as abundant as it is troopers, dismounted, and her coolness and firmness forsook her like house. The path was hardly wide

entirely. She did her best, however, to some time, and had just come to the denusical voice of the fair masker—the sil- her proud lip curl in scornful triumph.

> tive language, tended much to reassure me. by the driver. As I descended the steps me, saying: and offered the lady my hand, I glanced by lofty buildings. If I had really been en- sciousness, she added, in quite a different tremble.

"Come my friend!" pursued the lady, whose face was still concealed by the mask, and taking my arm as she spoke, she led ne forward to a door, which she unlocked ish her wicked work; and at that moment

felt cold and damp. I hesitated, and even eye fixed upon hers, with a severe and pendrew a step back.

deed been mistaken for somebody else-no not flatter yourself I have been ensnared! less, in fact, than an Ennglish baronet -- I know you, and boldly came here to dethe end of the strange affair.

ventured to say; "but what if the count should have returned during your absence?" to my friends by daylight, your mansion the like it is time I had spoken in the ledies' bearing the like is the like it is the like it is the ledies' bearing the like it is the l the ladies' hearing, and I was not a little law, and every living soul in it will be ta-curious to know what effect my voice might ken into custody! Now mark well what I produce, notwithstanding her eyes had been say! You must instantly yourself conduct had at no time been masked myself. To my to falter in the least or attempt to raise an great relief she did not indicate in any way that there was anything wrong in either God in heaven, you die! Now give me the sound or the words, but answered with your hand lead the way !"

you disappointed me before?"

The next minute the object for which I walk better with such a sweet friend to passage, into the court, through another

were both playing a part? that the whole affair from the beginning was merely a plot reeled forward like a man intoxicated! ingly with no particular purpose. If she to decoy me, a foreign stranger, into her not certain I was not the sport of a mischie- wicked purpose she was permitting me to soon have been cast into the rushing watvous page, I was about to depart myself think that I was deceiving her? The very ters. I believe, moreover, the mansion, and finish my knight's adventures in my idea under the circumstances, was so start-grand as it appeared, was only a den of robown bedroom, when I perceived my fair unknown coming towards me with a finger on her lips. She came up close beside me and have given half of my fortune to have been foreigners—and that many a poor unsusstopped, apparantly for the purpose of ob- safely at my hotel. It was now too late, pecting soul had taken its flight from there serving something in another part of the however to attempt a retreat; we were house; and then, to my surprise, I heard groping our way through a dark passage cate with the police, for the reason that, in "Listen my friend, but seem not hear. away that she could not withdraw it with- I did not wish to become involved with the In five minutes I shall leave the house by out my consent. Daylight, moreover, could French courts of law; but thankful beyond the entrance on the Rue Lepelletier, and not be far off, and there was some little con-expression for my own escape, I firmly re-

We presently came to a flight of stairs, er mysterious adventure in Paris! other opportunity before the count's return a long narrow corridor, with several sharp and he will find that there is as much blood of the Basham's in my veins as in his. I will let master officer know that I am not to be frightened by him."

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"There now, Sir Richard," she said gaily, "you shall seat yourself in that fauteuil,

before daylight, if you wish." Could it be that even here, in this light, at such close quarters, she still mistook me dreadful purpose. I seated myself as di- 3d, the fool who is not satisfied with being The French Opera-House had three main rected, and awaited the result with a good a fool in reality, but undertakes, in additionally a fool in reality, but undertakes, in additional transfer or the french opera-House had three main rected, and awaited the result with a good a fool in reality, but undertakes, in additional transfer or the french opera-House had three main rected, and awaited the result with a good a fool in reality, but undertakes, in additional transfer or the french opera-House had three main rected, and awaited the result with a good a fool in reality, but undertakes, in additional transfer or the french opera-House had three main rected, and awaited the result with a good a fool in reality, but undertakes, in additional transfer or the french opera-House had three main rected, and awaited the result with a good a fool in reality, but undertakes, in additional transfer or the french opera-House had three main rected, and awaited the result with a good a fool in reality, but undertakes, in additional transfer or the french opera-House had transfer or the french opera-House had three main rected, and awaited the result with a good a fool in reality, but undertakes, in additional transfer or the french opera-House had three main rected and the french opera-House had the french oper of the room for a minute, through an inner

"Here is your favorite sherry, Sir Richard," she said, with a very sweet smile, the latter up before me, and seating her-

As I filled the two glasses, the thought occurred to me that the wine might be poi-

nentally, "but not otherwise." We touched glasses, and both carried the wine to our lips. My eye was upon her. ted anything better.

"Try another glass; one hardly gives you

I thanked her, refilled the glass, took it "Now, then," she pursued, "let us ar-

range our plan about Mary, while we have ry of the brave Gen. Sedgwick. But, by the bye, Sir Richard, you This is systematizing the thing. "True!" returned I, "how could I have

"To the health of my dear Mary, and our music, exclaimed, "Then why don't you buy ing quickly round "What sound is that?"

"Where? what, Sir Richard? what do him, be felt as if he was sliding down a ou hear ?"

"I think I was mistaken," I said after a pause, during which I had managed to get ent of a buffalo, says—"The smallest farid of the wine without drinking it.

When she returned to me again I was in the act of removing the empty glass from my lips. She saw this, and on the instant a strange expression of wicked triumph flitted accross her beautiful features. It was momentary, but it was fiend-like. I felt my blood curdle. My worst suspicions then were just! I was ensnared! How was I to escape? Instantly I resolved that she should not again quit my sight, and my hope lay only in threats upon her life, while alone with me and in my power. She now, without alluding to the plan which we had ostensibly come together to discuss, commenced an animated conversation about the masked ball-glancing furtively at me the while, as I fancied to note the effects of the wine. To be certain I was right in my surmise, I thought it best to feign a heavy nature was also removed, and I saw her "Here we are at last," said the sweet dark eyes gleam with a deadly light, and

very tones of which, coupled with my na- length she ceased speaking, and for a minute or two sat and watched me in silence. The next moment the door was opened Then as if to make sure, she approached "You pay me but a poor compliment Sir quickly around and perceived that we were Richard, to fall asleep in my presence !" n an inner court, surrounded on all sides And then, on finding I gave no sign of contrapped, escape was now impossible, and a tone: "Poor fool! It shall be my care you sudden feeling of alarm made even my hand do not awake again! You have played your part to suit me, and I will play mine to suit

myself!" She turned away as if to leave the room, I laid hold of her arm. As she looked around All was dark inside, and I fancied the air in alarm, she found me wide awake, and my etrating expression.

"What!" she exclaimed with a light "Madame," said I, in a low stern, meas-laugh, "are you afraid to enter here to-ured tone, "if you would save your guilty These words convinced me that I had in- You have played your part and I mine! Do e end of the strange affair.

"Of course, I am not afraid of you," I Your whole establishment is under the surdeceived by my personal appearance, for I me clear of your premises, and if you dare

White with terrified amazement, and Oh, if that is all, have no fear, for he trembling like an aspen, the guilty wretchcannot possibly reach Paris under three ed woman stood cowering before my stern But how was it, Sir Richard, that penetrating glance. For nearly a minute she seemed to much overpowered to move 'I must explain that some other time," I from the spot. I took her hand, grasped it evasively replied. "Here, madam, please like a vice, and silently pointed to the door give me your hand," I added as she was At length she went forward with tottering about to set forward through the dark passage in advance of me; "I can always dark corridor, down the stairs, through the passage, and opened the last door that ad-She gave me her hand, though I fancied mitted to life and light. Morn was just

The mansion just quitted stood on the meshes, for the purpose of robbery if not banks of the Seine, about two miles below murder? that what I supposed to be a mis- the old city; and I believe if I had drank to the eternal world! I did not communihand rested in mine, and I held it in such crime against any; and in the second place,

A Good One.-While passing down the As known cause—perhaps physcology—ore

> Nothing was so much dreaded in our school-boy days as to be punished by sit-ting between two girls. Ah! the force of education! In after years we learn to submit to such things without shedding a

> range and classify the different sorts of fools in this world : 1st, the ordinary fool, 2nd, the fool who is one and don't know it.

farmer who owns a thousand miles of pasture, and a patch of corn larger than Scotland, while he has got so many cattle that he has to boil the fodder for them in a

FIGURATIVE .- A man being asked what he had for dinner, replied, "A lean wife and the ruin of man for sauce." On being asked for an explanation it appeared that his dinner consisted of a spare rib of pork and apple-sauce.

SHEEP are thought by Mr. Quilp to be like ladies' dresses, as improperly folded

The only chance for some men's hats to around for pennies.

What is the difference between a bee

and a donkey? One has the honey and the other the whacks. A ten thousand dollar monument is to

be erected by the Sixth Corps to the memo-California papers publish births, mar-

That was a smart youngster who, hear-

"Hark!" said I, suddenly, look- away the down from a dandelion in seed.

she exclaimed, with a startled rainbow, with Yanky Doodle in each hand.

A western editor acknowledging a pres-