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Just tho Same as it Uted to Bo.
 When they were young and med to gol
Butt the diricrene to n morer oror com
 Aner the vereen and prayers aro sald,
The old folks 1 light hue boys to ted,

And the old man laughs in tho morilogy

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 Or courne to the aged the right to hold
The years they wero happy, the bet that That the world grown better in growing oid


A Night's Adventure
${ }^{66} \mathrm{I}^{\mathrm{T}}$ was in the apring of 18-, I had Week, and had takem a place in the dill-
gence for Naples. There were two routes, one by way of Terracina and the other by
the Via Latinn, more inland. The dulgence, which made the jonrney only twice
a week, followed these routen alternately, so that oach road was traversed only once
in seven dayn. 1 dhose the inland route, and aftera long day's journey arrived The next morntrg we started again very early, and it was sarcely daylight when
wo reaclied the Neapolitan frontier, at an nhort distance from the town. There ou dismans, I was informed thant mitioe was not en reple. It was covered, indeed, with had boon procured without somie cost tand and that the all-important one, without which wone pogld enter the Kingdom of
Naples. I wis obliged, therefore, to alight, and to ound my wrotcted paspport
bank to Rome, my wrotobed nelf being doomed to romatin under polico surveillanco

at Coprano, until the diligenco sliouid | bring it |
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I had passed t 1 presently received a visith from the Capo de Polifis, who told me very civilly that I
must present myelf every morning and ovening at his bureau, but that 1 might hood during thie day. I grew no weary of thie dull place, that after I had, explored
the immediate victnity of thio town I bogan to oxtend my walkn to a greater din-
taine, and is I always roported mynolf to the police before night I met with no objec" on their part.
an Alatri, and was ren I had been a night overtook me. I had lost my way,
and could not tell how far I might be from my deatination. I was very tired and had with stones and relies from the nuins of

 with wood, seemed to shat me on every
vide. I was beginning to think seriously

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 in French, but there was no one that
swered my questions. Fortunately I had some matohes in my pocket and wan
able to light my candle. I then examined every part of the room carefally, and eb-
pecially the wall at the head of my bed, sounding it with my knuckles ; it was firm
and solid there as in all other places. I un-
fustened my fastened my door and explored the passage
and the two adjoining rooms, whioh wore
unoccupied and almost destitute of furniture; they had evidently not been uned for
some time. Search as I would I could gain no clue to the mystery. Returning to my room I sat down upon my bed in great
perplexity, and began to turn over in my
mind whether it was possiblo I could have been deceived-whether the sounds which
caused me so mueh distress might bo the
offspring of some dream or nightmare; but
to that conolusion I could not bring myself at all, much as I wished it, for the groan-
ing had continued ringing in my ears long ufter I was wide awake and conscious.
While I was thus reflecting, liaving Whilo I was thus reflecting, having
neglected to close the door which was
opposite to the side of my bed where I was
sitting I board a sof footstep at a dissitting, I hoard a soft footstep at a d
tance, and presently a light appeared the further end of the passage. Then
I saw the nthadow of a man cast upon
the opposite walls; it moved very slowly and presently stopped. I saw the hand
raised as if making a sign to some one,
and I knew from the fact of the shadow being thrown in advance that thero must the light was carried. After a short pause
they seemed to retrace their steps, without
my having lad a glimpse of either of my having had a glimpse of either of
them, but only of the shadow which had
come before and which had followed them as they withdrew. It was then little past
oue o'clock, and I concluded they were one o clock, and I concluded they were re
tiring late to rest, and anxious to avoid disturbing me, though I havo sinco thought
that it was the light from my room which chat it was the 1 ghte from my room which
caused them to retreat. I folt half inolined
to call to them, but. I slirank, without knowing why, from making known what
had disturbed me, and whill I hesitated
ting had disturbed me, and while I hesitated
they were gone ; so I faitened my door
again, and resolved to sit up and watch again, and resolved to sit up and watch a
littlo longer by myself. But now my can dle was beginning to burn low, and
found roysolf in this dilemma ; either 1 must extinguiah it at once or I should be left without the means of procuring a light
in case I should be again disturbed. I in case Ishould be again disturbed. I
regretted that I had not called for another candle while there were people yet moving
in the house, but I could not do so now without making explanations; no I grasped my box of matches, put out my light, and
hay down, not without a shudder, in the
 thinking over what had occurred, and by that time I had almost persuaded mysolf
that I had nothing but my own morbid magination to thank for the alarm which had suffered. 'It is an outer wall,' I saic oo myself, 'thoy are all outor walls, and
the houne is built of atone ; it is inposible that any sound could be heard through
anch a thickness, Begides, it neemed to be in my room, close to my ear. What an
idiot I ruust be, to be excited and alsrmed idiot I rust be, to be excited and alarmed
about nothing; Ill think no more abou It:' So I turned ou my side, with a smile
(nather a forced one) at my own foolishnes and composed myself to nleep. "At that Instant I heard, with more sound in my life, a ganp, a voiceloss grasp,
as if some one were in agony for breath, as if some one were in agony for breath,
biting at the air, or trying with desperate efforts to cry out or speak. It was repentwas a pause ; then again that horriblog ganplng; and then a long drawn breath, an
andible drawlog up of the alr futo the
throat, suoh as one would make in heaving throat, suoch as one would make in heaving not posibly have been heard unleur they
had been close to my ear; they neomed to ap out of my plllow. That foarful gasp
ing, and that drawing in of the breath, ing, and that drawing in of the breath, in
the darkness und wilence of the night,
seemed to make every nerve in my bod thrill with dreadful oxpeetation. Unconneiounly I nhrank away from It, crouching of hen

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| moanin |} knecs, It oeased, and immediately

monning sound
out into out into an awful, protracted groan, waxin
louder and louder, as if under agouy, and then dying away nlowly and gradually into nilence, yet painful
distinetly nudible even to the last.

| " $A s$ soon as $I$ could rouse myself from | in |
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| the freezing horror which secmed to pene- | I |
| trate oven to my joints and marrow, I |  |
| n |  | crept away from the bod, and in the farth.

est corner of the room lighited with shaking hand my candle, looking auxiously ful rovelation as the light flashed up. Yet, if you will believe me, I did not feel alarm-
ed or frightened, but rather oppresed, and penetrated with an unnattural and over-
powering sentiment of awc. I ecomed to in the presence of some great and horrible mystery, some bottomless depth of woe, or
misery, or crime. I flirank from it witts a sensation of intolerable loathing and sus-
pense. It was a feeling altin to prevented me from calling to my landlord. 1 conld not bring myself to speak to him of
what had pased, not knowing how nearly
he might be himelf involved in the mystory. I was only duxious to encape as
quietly as possibie from the room and the loonse. The candle was now beginning to
flicker in its socket, but the stars were
waning outside. and thene waning outside, and there was space and
room to breathe out there, which seemed
to be wanting in my room: so Thastily opened my window, tied the bedclothes to-
gether for a rope, and lowered myelr silently and safely to the ground.
"There was a light burning in the lower
part of the lhouse, but I crept noiselessly
trees, and in due time came upon a beaten
track, which led me to a road, the name
which 1 had been traveling on the previous
night. I walked on, searcely knowing
whither, anxiously onty to increase the fir tanco from that aceursed hoise, until the
day began to break, when nlmost the firat
body of men appronching me. It was with
no small pleasure that I recornized at
head my friend, the Capo af Polizia.
trouble you bave given me ! . Where have
you been? God be praised that I
you been? God be praised that I seo yon
safe nud sound ! But how ! What is the matter with you! You look like one pos-
seased."
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where I had lodged.
"And what happened to you there?"
"I was disturbed in the night. I conld
not sleep. I made my escape, and here I
aim. I cannot tell you more."
"But you must tell me more, dear sir
forgive me; you must tell me everything. I must know all that passed in that house.
Wo have had it under Wo have had it under our surveillance for
a long time, and when I heard in what reotion you had gone yestorday, and had
not returned, I feared you had got in some mischiof there, and wo were even now upon
"I way to look for you.
I told him I heard strange sounds, and at spot. He told me by the him to th spot. He told me by the way that the
house was known to bo the resort of ban-
ditti. deceived their ill gotten goods, and helpod
them to dispose of ther
"Arrived at the spot, ho placed his mon about the premises and instituted a atrict
search, the landlord and the mau who was search, the landiord and the mat who wh
found in tho houno being compelled to acoompany him. The room in which; I had
slept was carefully oxamined ; the floor was of plaster or coment, so that no sound
could have passed through it; the walis were sound and solld, and there was noth. ing to bo soen that could in any way ac-
count for the strange disturbance I had experienced. The room on the ground floor underneatl my bedroom was next inspeot ed ; It contained a quantity of atraw, hay, brick, and on tuming over was paved wid was heaped together in
they had been recently disturbed.
"Dig hore," sald tho oflicor
hall fal womething hidden here,
"giue"
"The
tarbed. 'Stop', he oried 'I much dis-
hat lies there; come away o
"Dig, I nay. We will find out for our-
"Let the dead rest," cried the landlord heaven come sway, and hear what I shall
"Go on with your work," suld the ser-
geant to his men, whio were now plying
pickax and ickax and spade. "I can't stay here and ave it," exclaimed is the body of my son, my only sou-let im rest, if rest he can. Ho was wounded
a quarrel and brought home here to dic. thought ho woald recover, but there was oither, doctor nor priest at lhand, and in pite of all wo could do for him he died. my fault ; it many not yet bo too late to make peace for him.

But why is he buried in this place ?"
"Ve did not wish to make a Nobody knew of his death, nud we was as good as another when once the lite was out of him. Wo are poor folks, and "The truth at length came out. Father hi son were both members of a band of
hieves : under this floor they concealed han one mondering cornse-victims who and occupied the room in which I slept,
and
latere met their death. The son was, indeed, buried in that spot; he had
ceen mortally wounded fin a stirmish with ravelers, and bad lived long enough to re-
ent of his deeds and to beg for that priestwas necessary to secure lits pardon, In onfessor to urged his father to bring the confessor to his bedside; in vain be had on-
rented him to break offt from the murderas band with which he was nllied, and to
ive hionestly in the fature ; his prayer were disregarded, and his dying admoninysterious warning which had roused me house that night, another crime would have been added to the old man's tale or that awful groaning - whence did they prothat I will express no opinion on the sulaving my life, and at the same time put ing an end to the keries of bloody deed gen in that house. the diligence from Rome, and start-
d the next morning on my way to Naples.

Brought Hin to Time. In one of the upper counties of North Ben Sykes had courted a fair one for some cears but either was not ready or willing, At last she got mad, and declared she courted her again. courted her again.
Bill, hearing
Bil, hearing of this, went and once
nore put in his claim; but he was a more put in his claim ; but he was a sourvy
ellow in some things, and neither dad nor mam was willing.
So ho secretly goes to B., getr a liconse,
and that night they made off for a Getme aquire. On their road to happinest, however, got an inkling of what was going on, and
when he met them he understood how the cauc lay.
"Sally," nays he, "I've fooled with you, you still prefer me to Bill Patterson, just
say po and I will give him a thrashing aka lina liconse, and make Moody mastry us to-niglit.'
Ben gave Bill was too strong for the new Ben gave Biil a thraching, took his gal, which cost him neventy-itive centa, and was of wita his plunder to Moody's.
tand how one did not so well understand how ane man could be marrio
virtue of a license granted to another. Ben said he did not himself underatand aw quibblest, bat this he know, that unit too. The hint was enough for Moody, who, witbout moro ado, pronounced them man and wife.

Pleasant Surprise for a Family. Madison, Ind., laas dolivered to the familly of the late Dr. Sehusaler a tin box which had been plaved in his oustody by the Dootor nome time provious to his death. The box contained twonty-five thousand dollars oxistence of the bos anve Reightmyer.
Ler baby wan born In Columbia, La caster county, recontly which hus bat one
arm and ono leg, the only foot being ulhaped

