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A Mystery Unraveled.

I had been doing the continent in a rambling way as I had stopped for a few days at Venice... Here I met my old college chum, Dick Glover.

"By George!" I exclaimed, suddenly, as we stopped before the piazza San Marco. "There's as handsome a picture as I ever saw. Innocence personified!"

"In what way?" I asked indignantly. "I never saw a sweeter face in all my life."

"Well, I'll tell you the story as near as I've heard it. The woman is Countess Ardotti. Her husband, the count, is reputed to be immensely wealthy, while the wife was but a poor peasant girl when he married her."

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One night I was proceeding homeward at a late hour, when I heard a stealthy footstep behind me. I turned quickly, and just in time to catch my assailant by the arm.

The muzzle of my weapon was a convincing argument, and he did not dare disobey. I marched him straight to the house of my friend, Dr. Glover. As I marched my prisoner into the doctor's presence, I, for the first time, caught a glimpse of the face beneath the cloth hat.

"See here," I said, assuming my fiercest tone. "You are fairly charged with the murder of Count Ardotti, and you shall go free, otherwise I shall give you into custody for your attempt upon my life."

The doctor listened in open-mouthed astonishment, while I drew up the statement in legal form, and compelled the man to sign it. Then we accompanied him home, and had the truth corroborated from the unwilling lips of the daughter.

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"This man alluded to showed such an amount of strong dislike to me that I resolved to find out the cause. All I could learn, however, was his name, and the fact that he was the father of a half-witted girl."

nal hanging to his person, invades the quarry into buying some worthless steel or shell ornament at ten times its real value, and near by the incessant clatter of barbaric music invites you to some saloon where Africa or Asiatic drinks are served in all their native nastiness.

"The Chinese and Japanese exhibit about the same things as at Vienna and Philadelphia, curious silks, ivory and carved wood-work, vases and lacquer work. The Chinese have one or two of the same carved beds with open work pillars and canopies which they sent to Philadelphia."

The main exposition building is divided into five parts, attached to a common hall in front and rear. These parts are each many hundred feet in length and together cover many acres of ground.

But how about the display of the United States, my readers are probably asking. While the quantity of our material is nothing to what we had at Philadelphia, our part of the Exposition is as a whole creditable to us.

The plan of breaking the large building up into long, separate sections leaves a point from which such a grand view can be obtained as through the central aisle of the main building at Philadelphia. Owing to this vastness of the Exposition does not impress itself upon one at first sight as it did at Philadelphia, and it is only when you have wandered through the sections that you begin to have a realization of how large the display really is.

Not the least interesting and instructive part of the Exposition is to see the people from all parts of the world. An American man and

off the highest honors. She has on exhibition a very complicated piece of machinery for embroidering, which admits a roll of cloth fifteen feet wide and works it into any desired pattern.

"Where is Turkey?" "Turkey is the capital of Norfolk." "Where is Tunis?" "Tunis is the capital of China. The people there lives on bands nests and has long tails."

"What do you know of Joseph?" "He wore a coat of many garments. He wore chief butler to Fero and told his dream. He married Pottifer's daughter, and he led the Gypsians out of Bondage to Kam, in Galilee, and then fell on his sword and died in sight of the promiss land."

"What is a miracle?" "Don't know." "If you saw the sun shining over head at night, what would you call it?" "The moon." "But if you were told wasthat it the sun?" "I would say it was a lie."

Another boy, giving his impressions in regard to Moses, wrote as follows: "He was an Egyptian. He lived in a bark made of bull rushes, and he kept a golden calf, and worshipped brazen snakes, and he had nothing but kwahs and manner for forty years. He was kory by the air of the ed while riding under the bow of a tree, and he was killed by his son Absolon, as he was hanging from the bow. His end was peace."

She made about 20 gestures in half a minute, and he helped the sabbath the gate and said: "Dear children were all I'll send my wife down to some advice. You see? But she picked up her

Golden Grains. Ambition may be designated as avarice on stilts. The best poetry is that which moves the heart most. A compliment is usually accompanied with a bow, as if to beg pardon for paying it.

English School Examination. An English writer has been sharply criticising the management of the London public schools, known as the "Board Schools," and produces the following as specimens of the written examinations of some of the scholars: "Where is Turkey?"

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An Obdurate Man. She was a stylish young lady about 18 years old, and to accommodate a friend she took the baby out for an airing. She was wheeling it up and down the walk, when an oldish man, very deaf, came along and inquired for a certain person supposed to live on that street.

Four-Footed Mail Carriers. Between two of the remote towns of Michigan the mails are carried by means of dog teams. The sledge is simply a thin, flexible board, six or seven feet long, and a foot or more in width, tramped up at one end to enable it to rise over obstacles in the path. Along the edge, or either side, is a low rail, to which the load is securely bound with cords.

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A Short Intermittion. The other day a comatose was observed in a farmer's wagon on the street, and a citizen advanced to discover that the farmer and his wife were having a regular old-fashioned domestic fight in the bottom of the wagon while the horses were eating grass over the curb stones.

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