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seeing out of them. He uses them, as a which the name of Baker has been unworrule, for purposes of observation, gentlemen. Still, I admit I was once taken in have refrained from making any remark have refrained from making any remark it, after all; but I was swindled.

who happened to be in my office when its brilliancy to nature.'
Mr. Blook called asked, I remember, to "They hooted me; they heaped oppronounced the stones to be of the purest water; telling me afterwards the ring was "I'll bet him five pounds it's paste, worth about seventy pounds. Mr. Blook's said one. initials were engraved inside the hoop of the ring: 'R. B.'; and besides that, it was 'And I.' a ring of peculiar and rather old fashioned make. Indeed, having once seen the for another. Well, Mr. Blook got into difficulties, and went so entirely the bad, that I never saw or heard anything more of him. But about two years afterwards, whilst walking down a back street, my eye was taken by a ring exhibited in a pawn broker's window. 'Mr. Blook's ring,! I exclaimed directly; 'I'll swear to it. It was in a tray with a number of very seedy looking rings, and was as dis-colored and dirty as they were. I went into the shop and asked to look at it. The pawn broker, an old Jew, said 'vesh: know mosh about ringish himshelf. They the monish advanshed upon them, with a very shmall overplush for interesh—thash

There was no mistake about it. It was Mr. Blook's ring, and had his initials to know, as they were his property—hired was Mr. Blook's ring, and had his initials to know, as they were his property—hired inside. But how did the Jew get it? He would soon tell me. Referring to his book he found it had been pawned two years ago in the name of Smith—Thash all he knew. Would I buy? It was dirt cheap—three pounds twelve and cost him all the monish?

"Three pounds twelve." I repeated.

all he knew."

thinking he had made a mistake; for the possession of them, and free from the anxring was worth twenty times that am'nt!
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his suspecting its real value, and partly— of their ringsh. O my bleshed heart, on-well knowing the disposition of the pecu-ly think of it?

certain Mr. Rlook had not pawned it at day next he will ruin me,—sh-help him, the Jew's, or the Jew would have known he will. O Mishter Baker, think of it: its value. The ring must, then, have eitwenty poundish—all in gold—sholid ther been lost by, or stolen from, a subset money. Now my tere, what do you shay?

our town, which I occasionally visit. The I W. H. Baker. I certainly did ask him members are of an easy and somewhat for more money. We compromised it at lively disposition; generally given to inlast at twenty-two ten, which he paid, dulge in that playful style of banter popularity known as 'chaff.' My diamond me fourpence halfpenny to this day. "Twenty-two, nite and sevenpence-half-tend chaff as well as most more but I me the party and fifth five pounds is seventy. stand chaff as well as most men; but I put penny, and fifty-five pounds, is seventyit to you, if when you know very well your seven, nine, seven and a half. It just brilliants are real, it isn't a little annoy-paid for he real diamonds; for I brought ing for the chaff of a whole body of people the ones I had previously hired of the to assume the character of persistent disjeweller, and had them set in a ring the belief in the value of your jewelry? For face similies Mr. Blook's except that the instance, the waiter answers the bell.

tort; it was the gentleman with the paste diamonds.

" Again, there are kinds of sham brilliants known as Irish Diamonds, and Isle that "the art of playing a violin requires Wight Diamonds. The club (not one or to recognize such distinctions, and insisted on designating the whole class of shams as 'Baker's Diamonds' 'Baker's 'Baker's Diamonds' 'Baker's Paste,' my gems were also denominated. They actually sent me by s They actually sent me by post a circular of somebody's Baking Powder, adding to it at the end, where it says the public is respectfully cautioned against spurious imitations, but more particularly against a rather spacious preparation to deceive the unwary, known as Baker's " Paste." Now, after two or three weeks, this became tiresome. Still, I took no notice, and affected not to think the remarks in-

"I hardly know what made me go and work, and yet never takes anything but call on my friend, the jeweller. It was not that I had any doubt of the genuine-

The Montrose Democrat ness of the diamonds, especially as he was the very man who had before valued Mr. Blook's ring at seventy pounds. But it had been so dinned into my head they were false, that I wanted just a formal confirmation of the estimate he had previously formed of their worth.

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> " Yes,' ho answered; 'when it had diamonds in it-not when it has paste.'

" Talking the matter over, the jewetler sugested, that on Mr. Blook getting into diffiulties, the first thing he did was to sell the diamonds out of his ring, and get their places supplied with paste; whilst, finally, he had pawned it himself with the

Jew, as a paste ring.
"Well, William Henry,' said I to myself, the Jew has jewed you, and the club has chaffed you, and you may consider yourself trod upon, after the manner of peaking."

" But the worm will turn. "Did the jeweller let out diamonds on

hire? I asked.

"Would he have a certain alteration, which I suggested, made in my ring in a fortnight"s time?

" He would. " And keep it secret?

"Certainly—business was business."
"For the whole of that fortnight I never went near the club; that was proba bly the reason why my appearance club dinner was greeted with such lively sallies about Baker's Paste. One would be wag recommended me, whilst helping

"Only once, gentlemen," said Mr. B., scure allusion to the gems on my little finger, I thought it time to fire, keeps his eyes open, in a general way; "Gentlemen, said I, for some weeks I keeps his eyes open, in a general way; "Geutlemen, said I, for some weeks I William Henry also takes the liberty of have listened to casual observations in

by as dead a swindle as could be; I am having been firmly persuaded they could not ashamed to own it. I made money by only apply to industrious tradesmen emit, after all; but I was swindled.

"It was about adiamond ring. I knew the fellow who had it for many years in that such remarks were intended in the way of business. He was a commer-allusion to the ring I wear,-a ring-I cial traveler, and used always to flash this take this opportunity of informing you ring about whenever he came round on which, unlike the wits who have amused his journeys. A jeweller friend of mine, themselves at its expense, is indebted for

be allowed to examine it; and had pro- brious epithets on the name of Baker;

" So will I,' said another. 'And I.'

So said eleven of them. · " Really, gentlemen, said I, I am sorry ring, no one would be likely to mistake it you should take the matter so much in earnest. All I can tell you is, I believe my ring to be a diamond ring, and this, notwithstanding I will freely admit I only paid a very small sum for it."

"They laughed and hooted me still

more at this admission. They said that settled the question, and that it was paste. " I told them I didn't think it was.

" Well, would I bet?" " I would rather not.

" More hooting.
" At length, very reluctantly, I overcame my scruples. The name of Baker I might see his ringish: but he didn't is a name too closely allied to the gentle bred (arms, four lorves, ppr-segant, quarwosh unredeemed pledges—thash what tered—crest, the doe, levant) to allow it they wosh—and they wosh all marked at to be wantonly sullied. I bet.

" We adjourned to the jewellers's. "Without question, they were diamonds,' the jeweller decided, 'and some of the finest he had ever seen.' He ought

Three pounds twelve !' I repeated, tation for diamonds to be as good as the

It was talked about, and noised abroad;

couldn't undershtand every thing in his ty-five poundish—dead robbery—clean bish nish, you shee, from flatironsh to diknow that fokshs do shometimes come "I bought the ring after beating the and pawn real diamoushe parhte, sho as Jew down half a crown, partly to prevent to have less incresh to pay for taking care.

"I wore my new purchase about, with no little inward satisfaction at having bettered a Jew at a bargain. In my own mind, I accounted for its coming into his shall it to me, or I shall be a ruined old possession somewhat in this way; Mr. manshe. The time wosh not out, and Blook must have sold the ring when in Mishter Smit nis come to redeem it, and difficulties to some one else. It was quite he shars that it dosh not get it by Satur-

quent possessor; and the finder, or thief.
(whichever it happened to be.) being ignorant of its value, had taken it to the ear to the distress of the old man? There Jew, who knew no better.

"There is a certain commercial club in our town, which I occasionally visit. The W. H. Baker. I certainly did ask him

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