Persons who have never suffered, says the Prairie Farmer, can coarcely realize the weak state to which acute illness or slow disease will reduce one's nerves, else they would not so often wonder why an invalid should be so notional, so childish, so fastidious, really, so unreasonable. It should be remem-bered that trifles are magnified in the cycs of a sick person; his world lies within the walls of his room, so let this sick-chamber be the plearantest, quietest spot in the house, end the sacred portal, past which domestic trouble or anxiety cannot pass. Whatever else may suffer for lack of attention, watch jealously that nothing is amiss in the care or appointments of this one room, and bring with you as you enter it a pleasant face, a cheerful word, and a goodly stock of patience, gentleness and forbearance. The sick room should be kept well aired, the bed linen tresh and clean, and the medicines out of sight. If the disease is of a contagious nature, sliced onions should be placed in the room, and changed once an hour. They will absorb the poison and prevent the spread of the disease.

The ingenuity of love and tenderness will suggest many soothing arts by which to while away the t lious hours of convalesence, and ease the burden of enfeebled mind and body. Doctors are more lenient now-a-days than they were in older times, and not only allow wat or for fever-parched lips but milk also; and if any one is hungry they let him eat, provided always he parakes prudently of proper food. Oftentimes appetite has to be coaxed by means of agreeable variety, and pleasing sur-prises. The preparation of food for the sick, and the proper manner of serving it should be the study of every woman in the land. Let the dishes used in serving the invalid's meals be the prettint the house affords; sound and spotlessly clean; the glass, silver and cutlery clear and bright, and the napkins whole and immaculately white. Bring only a small quantity of food into the patient's sight, and let the details of the arrangement be dainty and in good taste; avoid all lukewarm insipidities. As soon as the meal is finished, remove the empty dishes from the room. BEAF TEA.

Chop a piece of lean beef,-from the neck is best,—and put it into a wide mouthed bottle. Cover tightly and set the glass into a kettle of cold water. Heat to a boil, and cook stealily for three or four hours, then strain and press the juice from the meat, and season with salt. This is the most concentrated form of nourishment, and should be used when the patient is able to take only a small quantity. Another way of making beef tea is to chop the beef, and allow to a pound one pint of cold water. Let this simmer very slowly in a saucepan, and press the scraps of meat until all of the blood and juice is extracted and nothing left of the meat but tough white lumps. Strain and season to taste with salt. A little celery simmered with the meat gives a pleasant variety. INDIAN MEAL GRUEL,

Mix half a cupful of Indian meal with enough cold water to make it into a smooth paste, then stir this into a quart of boiling water; season to taste with salt, and, if admissable, a little pepper; boil slowly for half an hour or longer. Oat meal gruel can be made in the same

DRIED BEEF BROTH.

Simmer chipped beef in water until the goodness is extracted, then season half-brother would seem to be equal with pepper and a small piece of butter; with toasted bread. BEEF SANDWICH.

Scrape a little raw beef from a tender juicy piece, and spread it on a thin slice of buttered bread, season with pepper and salt and cover it with another slice of buttered bread; divide it into small pieces of equal shape and size, and trim off all the crust. Raw beef is very nutritious and easily digested, and, if scraped very fine, is exceedingly nice. CHICKEN JEULY.

Crack the bones of a fowl and put it into two quarts of cold water. Boil it slowly, removing the scum as it rises, Salt lightly, and, when the chicken is well done, remove the nice meat from the bones; pound the latter well and return them to the broth; boil until the liquor is reduced to a pint; add a very little pepper; strain the jelly into a bowl, or into small cups, which should first be wet with cold water. When cool remove the scum from the surface, and put the jelly on ice. Serve very cold. The chicken can be made into a salad, or, a little of the broth can be removed with the chicken, and some gelatine dis-solved into it. This turned into a mould with the chicken picked in flakes, will make a very nice dish of jellied chicken for the family table.

CRACKERS AND CREAM.

Split six Boston crackers; place them in a soup plate and pour boiling water over them; as soon as they are softened, drain off all of the water and sprinkle the crackers lightly with salt, then pour over them sweet cream. This is an especial favorite with little children who are not feeling very well, and is often relished by older people.

FRUIT BLANC MANGE.

If the fruit is fresh or canned, use the clear juice; if preserved or jellied, reduce it with water. Add sufficient cornstarch dissolved in a little cold water to the boiling hot juice to make a quaky jelly, but not enough to make it firm like blanc mang. Let all boil together for two or three minutes, then turn into a dish to cool. Serve cold with sweet cream and powdered sugar.

TAPIOCA JELLY.

Soak a cup of tapioca over night in a pint of water. In the morning set it on the back part of the stove and add a cupful of warm water; let it simmer slowly, stirring it often to prevent burn-Cook until it looks clear, and if too thick add a little boiling water. Flavor with sugar and lemon juice, and turn into wet moulds to cool. Serve with sweet cream flavored with vanilla and sugar to taste, and a little grated nut-

BICE AND BLANC MANGE.

Mix four tablespoonfuls of rice flour in a little cold milk, add a pinch of salt. Stir this into a quart of boiling milk, and boil and stir for ten minutes. When partly cool, add the whites of two or three eggs beaten to a froth and cook again until almost boiling, then turn into a wet mould. Serve with cream sweetened and flavored. Farina, or arrow-root, may be cooked in the same manner, omitting the eggs and the second boiling.

PLAX SEED LEMONADE. Pour a quart of boiling water on half a cupful of whole flax seed, add a dozen of raisins, the juice of two lemons and a little liquorice root shredded flue. Sweeten to taste; let all come to a boil,

then set away in a covered pitcher for a couple of hours. This is an excellent remedy for colds and very palatable as

Current, raspberry, wild cher-blackberry or cranberry jelly dissolv-in a little hot water, then put into ice water, forms a refreshing drink for persons suffering from fever.

COCOA SHELLS, Put two tablespoonfuls of cocoa shells nto a little cold water; add to them a pint of boiling water and boil for an hour; strain, and ald a pint of rich milk; let it come to a boil, and serve. This makes a delicious drink, and very acceptable when coffee and tea are found to be injurious.

COUGH SYRUP. Put five cents' worth of pine pitch into a pint of water. Let it simmer until the water is well impregnate 1 with the flavor. Dip out the gum which re-mains undissolved and add honey enough to sweeten, and make a thick syrup. Strain this and bottle. Dose, a teaspoonful four or five times a day a cording to heaverity of the cough. It will afford speedy relief.

Taking it Coolly.

Some of many instances of extraordinary coolness in the midst of danger and otherwise that have been recorded are here offered to our readers, together with some amusing sayings and doings. When gallant Ponsonby lay grieviously wounded on the field of Waterloo he forgot his own desperate plight while watching an encounter between a couple of French lancers and one of his own men, cut off from his troop. As the Frenchmen came down upon Murphy, he, using his sword as if it were a shillelagh, knocked their lances alternately aside again and again. Then sud-denly setting spurs to his horse, he gal-loped off at full speed, his eager foes following in hot pursuit, but not quite neck and neck. Wheeling roun I at exactly the right moment the Irishman, rushing at the foremost fellow, parried his lance and struck him down. The second, pressing on to avenge his comrade, was cut through disgonally by Murphy's sword, falling to the earth without a cry or groan; while the victor, scarcely glancing at his handiwork, trot-ted off whistling "The Grinder."

Towards the close of the fight of

Inkermann, Lord Raglan, returning from taking leave of General Strangways, met a sergeant carrying water for the wounded. The sergeant drew himself up to salute, when a round shot came bounding over the hill, and knocked his forage cap out of his hand. The man picked it up, dusted it on his knee, placed it carefully on his head and made the salute, not a muscle of his countenance moving the while, "A neat thing that, my man!" said Lord Raglan. "Yes my lord," returned the sergeant, with another salute, "but a miss is as good as a mile." The commander was probably not surprised by such an exhibition of sang froid, being himself good that way. He was badly hurt at Waterloo, and says the Prince of Orange, who was in the hospital, "I was not aware of the presence of Lord Fitzroy Somerset until I heard him call out in his ordinary tone, 'Hallo! don't carry that arm away until I have taken oil my ring!' Neither wound nor operation had extorted a groan from his

lips."
The Indian prides himself upon taking good or ill in the quietest of ways, and from a tale told in Mr. Marshall's "Canadian Dominion," his civilized unemotional. Thanks mainly to a cer-tain Metis or half-breed in the service of the Hudson Bry Company, a Sioux warrior was found guilty of stealing a horse, and condemned to pay the animal's value by installments at one of the company's forts. On paying the last installment he received his quittance from the man who had brought him to justice, and left the office. A few months later the Sioux returned, advanced on his noiseless moccasins within a pace of the writing table levelcd his musket full at the half-breed's head. Just as the trigger was pulled the Metis raised the hand with which he was writing and touched lightly the muzzle of the gun; the shot passed over his head, but his hair was singed off in a broad mass. The smoke clearing away, the Indian was amazed to see that his enemy still lived. The other looked him full in the eyes for an instant and quietly resumed his writing. The Indian silently departed unpursed, those who would have given chase being stopped by the half-breed with, "Go back to your dinner and leave the affair to

When evening came, a few whites, curious to see how the matter would end, accompanied the Metis to the Souix encampment. At a certain distance he bade them wait, and advanced alone to the Indian tents. Before one of these sat crouched the baffled savage, singing his own death-hymn to the tom-tom. He complained that he must now say goodbye to wife and child, to the sunlight, to his gun and the chase. He told his friends in the spirit-land to expect him that night, when he would bring them all the news of their tribe. He swung his body backwards and forwards as he chanted his strange song, but never once looked up—not even when his foe spurned him with his foot. He only ang on, and awaited his fate, Then the half-breed bent his head and spat down on the cronching Sioux, and turned leisurely away—a crueller revenge than if he had shot him dead.—Chambers'

Newspapers at the White House.

The Boston Herald's Washington correspondent says: The white house is liberally supplied with newspapers, only a few of which are kept on file. Grant used to have one of his secretaries cut out the leading editorials on political topics in the New York daily papers, and occasionally from papers published in other cities, which cuttings were handed to him in a bunch for his personal perusal late in the afternoon or in the even ing. Mr. Hayes does not follow this system; or, rather, he has materially modified it. It is the duty of one of the clerks at the white house to take charge of all the newspapers received Enough of them to fill a bushel-besket is received every day. Many of them are unimportant. The newspaper clerk cuts from most of the influential papers such editorial and other matter as he thinks of interest to the President, which he afterwards pastes in scrapbooks, of which a series is kept. The President, from time to time, runs over these scrap-books and sees what the newspapers of the country are saying about him and his administration. Mrs. Hayes takes a number of religious weeklies, mostly of the Methodist denomination, and these, with an illustrated paper, and copies of daily papers, containing matters of special interest to the family of the white house are usually

African Witcheraft and Cannibalism.

Paul Du Chaillu, the well known African exp'orec, tells the following about witchcraft and cannibalism in Africa: The great curse of that country is its superstitions, and it is very hard to get at the bottom facts about their religious belief. They have two names which represent our ideas of God and of Satan. The latter is the source of all evil and witchcraft. When a person is sick he is bewitched by some one, and like sorcerer or sorceress has to be killed. The doctors point them out, and they have to swallow poison to prove their innocence. This poison is the root of a tree called bundo, belonging to the strychnine order, but these doctors take and do not die. Here, if a man secs the new moon over his right shoulder, or his left, it is lucky or unlucky; but there it is unlucky if he sees the new moon at all, and on the day of the new moon nobody dare go out of his hut. The queen of witcheraft lives in the moon, and the people of the world are the in-sects on which witchcraft feeds, sud when witchcraft is very hungig she sends the plague and kills more people. Those who have any connection with the spirit in the moon are women, and must be in a trance. The people are honest in their beliefs, but of course there is jugglery among them. Among many tribes canpibalism exists, but I think it is a sort of religious feast, as they do not kill people purposely except pris-oners of war. As among the Indians, they have no mercy on those taken in war. I made inquiries about this cannibalism : I wanted to know which were best eating, women or men. They all agreed that the women were best. Their war dance is perfectly terrible. They cover themselves all over with war paint and with clay that has been saturated with the dccayed flesh and braius from the heads of their dead warriors, which they always keep in a particular house in every village. Then they have a dance, and when morning comes each man cuts his hand in several places and lets the blood flow into a large wooden dish, and they rub themselves with that blood and then go to war.

Oswego's Romance.

The Oswego (N. Y.) Palladium gives the following pleasant little story, in which Oswego, Franklin and Jefferson counties have a share: Memories differ on the point, but it was either twenty or twenty-five years ago that Mr. George Adams, a rising young lawyer of Malone and a widower, was married to Miss Trendway of this city. Miss Treadway was at the time a handsome woman of perhaps twenty-five, and Mr. Adams was n imposing-looking man, some ten years his wife's senior. The'r tempers were incompatible, and after a couple of years of married life they were divorced, Mrs. Adams coming home to her fether's house and Adams continuing his law business at Malone. A few years after this Mr. Adams went into the Eastern States and married a ledy named Jones, who, we understand, has relatives living near New Haven, in this county. This marriage was without issue, and about two years ago M13. Adams No. 3 died, About this time Mr. Adams had risen to the prominence of a judge, and was working graduelly up. Three months ago Mrs. Adams received a letter from har former busband, tae purport of which can be surmised only; but a correspondence was begun between them, and day before yesterday Mrs. Adams accompanied by a coup'e of lady friends from here, met Mr. Adams in Mansville, at the residence of a sister of his first wife, where the long-separated couple were again joined in the bonds of wedlock, which it is hoped no man can again put asunder. Mr. Adams has two daughters by his wife living, one of whom is married and resides at Sandy Creek. All's we'll that ends well.

Fruit as Medicine.

A London paper remarks upon the great number of oranges eaten by the Spaniards, it being no uncommon thing for the children of a family to consume ten or a dozen oranges before breakfast, which is some hours later than in our hurrying nation. Such wholesale consumption of what we look upon as a luxury appears to have no ill effect. The testimony of a late eminent physician authorizes the use of fruit as most wholesome immediately upon waking in the morning; he, in fact, prescribed such a regimen to a friend as the only invigorating and permanent cure for indigestion, facetiously remarking that he gave her a piece of advice, which, if it were known to his dyspeptic patients would cost him his practice, as they might prefer so simple a remedy to his professional visits.

Apples of Gold in Pictures of Silver.

"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." When the body becomes diseased, the mind is thereby necessarily influenced. National wars, State dissensions, neighborhood broils, and family differences, are more frequently than otherwise the result of diseased and disordered constitutions. When the body is suffering, the mind, acting in sympathy, will become irritated and perplexed. When the physical system is in health, the mind perceives things in their true light, and the disposition assumes a very different phase. Nothing more directly tends to destroy the happy, cheerful disposition of a woman, and render her peevish, nervous and fretful, than a constant endurance of uterine disorders. The diseases peculiar to woman take away the elasticity and buoyancy of health and reduce her body and mind to a mere wreck. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a real peacemaker in a family. No woman suffering from uterine disorders can afford to be without this remedy. The Favorite Prescription saves unremedy. The Favorite Prescription saves un-necessary doe or bills, prevents divorces, wards off suicides, brings back buoyant, joyous feelings, restores the woman to health, and her family to happiness. It is sold by all druggiste.

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THE SHADOW OF FATE.

BY JUDGE JARVIS. A rider was threading his way over a road which lay along the hills at the base of the Blue Ridge Mountains, in the region known as the Piedmont of Virginia, about the sources of the Rappahannock river. The man himself might be described in the same language, as far as it would apply. Beyond this his age was about twenty-three, his hair brown and full in lock, his eye of a grayish blue. His way quickly brought the traveler to a stream now running over its banks. Slipping easily from his saddle, he tightened the girths, slackened the crupper, and, gently patting his animal, addressed a few affectionate words to him. Remounting, he fixed himself firmly in the saddle, gathered his bridle in a manner to impart to his companion his own energy and

determination, and moved into the creek. Turning up the stream, he proceeded for about a hundred yards along the bank, and then struck boldly across in a direct line, with the horse's head slanted up current. The depth of the water did not sensibly increase in the course of eighty yards, and the stranger was congratulating himself upon the probability of getting over without a wetting, when the animal in two steps increased the depth until he could no longer hold his footing, and sprung boldly into the middle of a deep, rushing channel. In an instant the rider had seized the mane of the horse in his left hand, and slipped smoothly out of the saddle to the lower side, where he floated along.

Man and beast battled bravely with the flood for a moment, when the former was startled to feel the horse flinch and turn with a terrific snort down the current. A quick jerk upon the left rein served to procure but an instant's pause in the precipitate course of the beast. but in that instant the stranger became aware of another presence by the touch of a slimy object against his hand.

Raising his head above the neck of the charger, he saw dimly outlined upon the waying and shimmering surface a dark and undefinable object. The next moment the desper-ate plunges of the beast had obstructed his vision, when, with the self command of one accustomed and nerved to the hardship of athletic sports and a soldier's danger, he swung his leg over the back of the animal and gathered himself up in the saddle.

Reaching out a hand, he was about to the object of his horror, when it exposed the

ghastly features of a woman.

For an instant only he hesitated; then, recovering from the thrill, he grasped the head firmly by the loose, flowing, tangled mass of

raven tresses, and raised it above water on the pommel of his saddle.

Turning his head again up stream, he renewed the combat with the tide. Twice it seemed as though man, woman and beast must all succumb, and twice the noble struggles of the animal cheated the turgid grave of its victims. victims.

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Finally, the hoofs once more crunched the firm bottom of the stream, and ten paces brought the party safely to the shore.

Feeling the forebead, he found it cold; the hands were also chilled, but he thought he felt a slight flutter of the pulse. Tearing open the dress, he pressed his hand against the heart and found it still warm.

His efforts to resuscitate her were soon rewarded, and, after a few moments, the woman made an attempt to speak, which resulted, however, only in a moaning cry.

At this point he began to look for other assistance, when he observed a light upon the hill above the creek. Once more raising the body to the pommel of the saddle and mounting behind it, he sought the road. body to the pommel of the saddle and mour-ing behind it, he sought the road.

One stepped around to receive the woman, and another entered the house to procure the stimulant.
"What's this?" said the one who was assist-

ing the traveler in dismounting the woman.
"Send for the nearest physician at once." They lifted the motionless but revivi The stimulant was soon brought, and, upon a sofa.

The stimulant was soon brought, and, upon a small portion of it being administered, the woman indicated an increased vitality by a broken gurgle. This, after a while, gave way to clearer articulation, in which, however, only syllables were omitted. These were in turn

syllables were omitted. These were re-succeeded by one or two sharp cries of pain, which gradually subsided into a moaning chat-ter of wailing, incoherent sentences. At this point the stranger, in raising his hand to her head to brush the tangled hair from her brow, noticed a clot of blood upon the wet skin of his finger; rubbing it off, he

found no trace of a wound.

"She must be bleeding!" he ejaculated
"see if there is a cut anywhere."

An examination soon revealed a ghastly
wound, an ugly, gaping abrasion upon the
left side of the head, above the ear, and just behind the temple. The locks were matted over it, and the blood still oozed slowly from

its mouth.

Pending the arrival of a doctor, the stranger clipped the hair from around the wound, and, after bathing it with feminine tenderness, he gave the patient over to the charge of the ladies of the house who were in attendance.

"I presume you are the host, sir," said he, at once, addressing the elder of the two. "If you will be kind enough to let me have a bed, until I can get rest for an hour or so and dry my clothing, I shall resume my journey under great obligation to you. Matters of importance urge me to lose no time, and I shall only delay until my horse can recruit for the balance of my ride. In fact, but for the incident of finding the unfortunate lady in the creek, I should have continued on the road without consulting my comfort so far."

"Will you tell me how you happened upon

"Will you tell me how you happened upon the adven'ure, and how you account for the lady's wound and present condition?"

The traveler gave a brief account of the events, without, however, throwing any light upon his own identity or business.

"May I ask your name, sir?" inquired the host, whom we will introduce to the reader as Mr. Thornton, or Squire Thornton, as he was dubbed by his neighbors in honor of his being a justice of the peace.

"I beg pardon for the misconstruction. My name is Gaspard Durer, a short while since a soldier in the French service. Do you see anything in my appearance or anything else about this case which justifies you in interrogating me officially?"

"Until one who is found with a body that has been murdered or dangerously assaulted has accounted satisfactorily for his presence there, there is a legal suspicion fixed upon him."

"If I must be detained to satisfy the law, I

yield to the annoyance with as little impatience as possible where the officer of the law exeras possible where the officer of the law exer-cises his duties so courteously."

After a few more remarks were passed, the squire bade his son Eddie conduct the gentle-man to his room and see him well provided for

man to his room and see him was possess to the night.

After the traveler bad left, the vagrant still lingered. Shifting his hat restlessly but mechanically, he seemed to resume a conversation which had probably been interrupted by the stranger's exit from the stable.

"Pears to me now"—an expression which indicated the result of some mighty reflection for his calibre—"Pears to me as be ain't telling the truth. He ain't named Gasper Deray, because he'd a said so fust. 'Pears to me he looks like old Raoul Dupuy, and Gaston afore him; and, if I ain't mistaken, he's been in these parts afore."

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"Who's the woman, Randy?"

"I have been looking at her, but 'pears to me I never seen her afore—leastways, she don't come frever seen her afore—leastways, she don't come from about here."

"The resemblance of Durer to the Dupuys is striking, and I thought at first he was the son of Gaston, who has been absent so long. What think you my son?"

"Can't say, father, but his resemblance to Mr. Dupuy at the manor would be noticed by any one."

"Perhaps," suggested the vagrant, "he's a son of Dupuy himself, if half they bring from furrin parts is c'reot; 'pears to me he must have more'n one."

"And your friend Raoul sin't too good for a fraud or a lie," chirped the vagrant.

"We will dispense with your comments on the character of my friend," retorted the squire.

"No offence, squire, but 'spense or no 'spense, I knows the laws, and allers take care to have proof afore I says a libel on any man."

"What do you know of Raoul Dupuy, villain, that you dare maintain such a thing concerning his character, which is polluted by your mention of it?"

"News wind what I know sculps so long." mention of it?"
"Never mind what I know, squire, so long as I ain't said it," answered the tramp.
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"What is your opinion, doctor?" asked the squire.
"It is rather early to ask an opinion about the patient, squire. The skull is fractured, and it may be necessary to trepan it, if any portion is bearing on the brain."
"Do you think the blow will permanently affect her brain, or that she will be sound in mind should she recover?"
"If the pressure of the bone upon the brain be removed, she will doubtless recover her senses. But until she is completely well again, and oven after, no risk must be taken in the case. Absence of excitement or noise is indispensable, as the slightest mental shock might make her a raving maniac. Blows upon that region of the head have been known to deprive persons of the power of speech, and if she is not kept perfectly quiet, she may recover only to linger out a dumb existence."

After breakfast a servant, whom the squire

After breakfast a servant, whom the squire had dispatched across the creek upon his first arising, returned with the information that Mr. Taylor—the gentleman whom the stranger had left at his gate on the road—would be over immediately after breakfast.

Upon the arrival of Mr. Taylor, he and the squire retired for a consultation, to which they after awhile called Randy, the vagrant. They then returned to the traveler, and, after hearing his account once more, and comparing the time of his leaving Mr. Taylor with that of his arrival at the squire's, they proceeded to the creek in company. reek in company.

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Upon their arrival the squire addressed the traveler:

"I have taken counsel with Mr. Taylor touching this case, which seems a deep mystery, after all the information we have been so far able to gather; the lady seems unknown even to Randy, who visits every house in this and the adjoining counties, and you are equally a stranger to us, I consider, however, that you have been fully discharged from any connection with the affair. We must first attempt to gather something from the lady herself.

At this point the doctor came out of the sick room. He stated that the lady had greatly improved during the night, and that the wound was, in all probability, not serious; the lady had even recovered, in a measure, the control of her mental faculties and language, though she was not fully conscious or coherent as yet.

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The squire, Mr. Taylor, the traveler and the doctor together proceeded to the bedside of the unfortunate woman, the stranger—being assured of his release by the words of the squire—first ordering a servant to bring his horse to the door before leaving the piazz.

Upon reaching the bed the woman opened her eyes, and, seeing the kind, manly faces of the squire and Mr. Taylor, she faintly smiled, and ran her eyes over the rest of the group.

She passed the doctor witcout any variance of expression, and then rested them upon the face of the stranger.

The eyes becames set in a horrible stare, the light forsook them, the pupils dilated; she raised herself to a sitting posture by a convulsive movement of the arms; then, crouching to her knees and throwing herself wildly down on her face, she shricked out with a curdling moan:

moan:
"Oh, oh, Dupuy! don't, don't!" and consciousness once more left her.
Despite his self-command, the traveler paled. He at once retired with the gentlemen, however, to the piazza. Nothing had passed between the group until the doctor broke a painful constraint which had fallen upon all.

"Gentlemen," said he, "the worst mishap that could befall this unfortunate lady has just occurred through her having seen this gentle-man, Mr. Durer. She is a raving maniac. She man, Mr. Durer. She is a raving maniac. She may die, she may recover after a lingering illness; but, in any event, she will be fortunate if she ever recovers her reason. Darkness has settled upon her brain for a long night, which may never be followed by the dawn."

"To what, doctor," asked the squire, "do you attribute her shock?"

"She was evidently stricken with horror at the sight of Mr. Durer, whom, from my knowledge of the laws of the human brain, she has in some way associated with the violence which has been done her, to her great terror.

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There was a pause, a painful lull.

Then the squire spoke to Durer.

"The case, sir, has taken a new turn. You will not be surprised that I conclude it my duty to commit you, to await further developments in the matter. Upon the last syllable he strode from the piazza, booted and spurred, his steps clanging

an echo to his voice. One spring and he was vaulted into his saddle; he brushes away the servant who holds his bit with imperial disdain, servant who holds his bit with imperial disdail, and turns his horse at the gate.

The animal clears it with the activity and fire of his master, gathers himself on the other side, and before the squire can recover from the stupor of amazement, is off like the wind.

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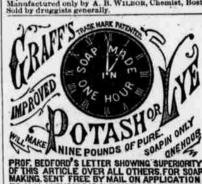
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