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CHAPTER IIL-THE NIGHT OF hand that pointed straight to my cham-DREAD. Sir James and I took suppor that Sale and the dense air were filled with the

urday night in his own dining-hall, sound of greaning and little sharp where we found a fire on and the table shricks of ultimate agony, as of one set. For it had been the first of his that wished to die but could not. concern when we came to the house of Whereat, for very agony, I fainted James Murr to send a messenger to the away. mansion house to warn them of our ar- When I came to myself I hay along

the wall by the door, rigorously cold short story competition, and the kind of tale that could secure such a prize is a matter of the utmast literary import. rival. brought trouble upon him. For so gin of the bitterness of the night. The soon as we entered the hall, I heard a hours was silent within, and the latchshrill voice call to Sir James from un hole dark. But about the house and He went within, leaving about there went the same whispering upper room. one Spofforth, his servitor, to take me and crying of flands, claimy and fallto the supper chamber. Then I heard in q-tow sharp and quarreleous, now the sharp tongue which I took to be more faigh and fearsome, till in a little that of the Lady Standsfield berate Sir | time the crying came erain worse than James because that he had not come ever below my chamber window. So, straight to his own home, but had before I day if to look out, not knowgone to a changehouse with a guest. ing lost whet I might see the devil and all his angels at carnival. I made shift not hear. Nor, indeed, did I hold it to to commend me for preservation and be my duty to listen over carefully, for ction to the majesty of God the excuse which a man makes to his At last I manual courage to go to

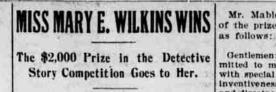


He Lighted Me to My Room.

wife concerns himself alone, and even the church claims no authority over such privileged communications. In a space Sir James came within the chamber and partook of supper with me, speaking clear and soberly as was went upon certain books of sermons which he loved to read, such being his taste. But of his family, or of the sorrow concerning his son, he

spake no further word. Then, so soon as the clock had chapped 10, he rose and called in the servants to worship, which at his request I took, praying about the space them invisible, or whether it was that as follows: of three-quarters of an hour, and never my eyes had become more accustomed better in my life, as is great comfort to to the darkness of the night, but as I received at this office on or before May uated at Williams College, and entered me now to think upon. After this, stood behind a great rough tree I again 1, 1895; it is desirable that they be re- journalism. He joined the staff of the without a word spoken, he rose. I gat sight of the demons with their bur- ceived as early as possible. den. They were scrambling by the side would have returned to speak of other things, but he checked me with a sol- of the water, and I saw them lay their must come within the lines prescribed five years later. Mr. Mable is without emm movement, strange in one that burden upon a cake of floating ice in the offer, otherwise it cannot enter question one of the three or four leadhitherto had been so merry withal. "After the Bulk on Saturday nicht." with a thing like a shepherd's "clep" or be purchased at a fair price, he said. "It is our custom to take our grook.

candles and get to bed."



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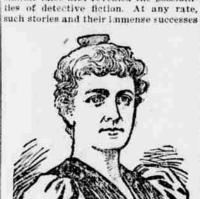
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- Qette best possible evidence that it script. was a very good short story, indeed,. Two thousand

dollars is the largest sum ever won in a short story competition, and the kind of tance as a guide to the producer of salable fiction. It was a detective story.

Probably the great popularity of the

"Adventures of Sherlock Holmes" and



had fallen in the night, the veritable resemblances of evil spirits, dragging away that which seem to be a heavy burdon. And once more, even as I looked forth, there came the terrible ervine voice that awakened mo, as high as before, so that again 1 fell down as a dead man. Nevertheless, though I own that in things which are so counted o. the flesh, I am far from being a brave man, yet

the window, and, looking out, I saw

upon the thin sprinkling of snow that

now, from very desperation, and be cause I feared that the evil spirits would come and take me away in like Mary E. Wilkins. manner when they had disposed of their ent burden. I gat courage to rise prompted the Bacheller Newspaper Synand and do my breeches upon me. "Then dicate to make its unprecedented offer.

I went out and followed on to see what As no coupon scheme or other claptrap the spirits might contrive. But because contrivance marred the contest, the by their master's arts they were in- competition rapidly assumed an inter-visible, I saw no more of them till I had national character, and some of the stumbled down the steep bank to the greatest authors living entered the lists. river side.

Perhaps the details of the competi-It is an ill place thus to adventure tion, the surprises of the result and the into under silence of night, for the trees high average of the tales entered for grow close together, so that I knocked the prize form a story fully as thrilling and brul ed myself as I went. But to as the best place of work submitted my great joy I came, by-the-way, to a That story is here told. Even the dislittle burn with water still running in it appointed may not remain unconsoled in spite of the frost. So this I crossed, when it is mentioned that one exceland when once I stood on the other side lent tale-"A Diplomatic Mystery," I thanked God, knowing that no evil which was written by A. E. Evans of , Cheltenham, England, failed of serisnirit could now overpass to me. Then, whether it was that by my ous consideration by the judges because crossing of the running water the spells it could not be divided advantageously. of the spirts had no power to render The circular sent to competitors ran

"It is imperative that all stories be which the chief devil drew toward him the competition. All good stories will ing critics of the country. Among his

speaking authors.

author. This was not be a for identi-in clamb r, crying and quarreling as fore, up the tink out of my sight. fore, up the tink out of my sight.

know not, but certain it is that when which was also to appear on the story

orning to light my fire she found me. These rules were violated in a number of instances Some of the manu-

ich bleeding feet and scanty gar-ients, lying in the midst of the floor, s on 2 that hid been overtaken un-ienty, and the bed-coverlets all autors did not hesitate to avow their isone structure and scanty gar-ients, lying in the midst of the floor.

rown hither and thither, even as I names. Their stories, of course, could

id cast them abroad when I leaped om my bed.

By which I am encouraged to think legible handwriting and otherwise com-

hat the fury of the fiend had been plied with the conditions of the compe

acreifully restrained in my case, and tition were not thrown out. The au-

hat Providence had more interest in ne, in spite of my shortcomings, than n my modesty I had believed. thors who persist in rolling their manu-scripts were fumerous. Their stories were read, however, but if the writers

submitted.

to propitiate.

So, with a dignified and gracious mien, this should be some cantrip by which seeking clean stories which will inter- Literature." He is a frequent conhe lighted me to my room, with gravity they might get the power to overpass est the average newspaper reader and tributor to the magazines and ravit

Mr. Mable's letter, giving the titles tation, to stock all the jewelers' shops of the prize-winning stories, is in full, in Christendom, and to anticipate years of production in the mines of south June 8, 1895. Africa and Goleonda. Gentlemen :-- I have read the storics sub-But some ingenuity was displayed

mitted to me in typewritten manuscript with special regard to dramatic interest. fect. Sometimes, when the diamonds ject. Sometimes, when the diamonds order to throw suspicion upon an in-

of an Eye." Yours very truly, HAMLINTON W. MABIE. nocent party. Messrs. Bacheller, Johnson & Bacheller. As a matter of course, hundreds of When the sealed envelopes were stories dealt with murders, some unopened it was found that the author of der circumstances of most revolting "The Long Arm" was Miss Mary E. brutality, and others on the most re-Wilkins," the well-known writer of fined, scientific and up-to-date meth-stories of New England life and char- ods. Hanging, shooting, poisoning and acter. Miss Wilkins had in this in-stance worked in collaboration with story a man was murdered by tele-Joseph Edgar Chamberlin, of the edi- phone; in another a detective subject torial staff of the Youth's Companion. to fits of somnambulism arrived at the ought to be the Mr. Chamberlin is widely known also conclusion that he himself must have as the "Listener" of the Boston Tran- committed the murder, the perpetrator of which he was seeking to dis-

The author of "The Twinkling of an cover. Eye" was discovered to be Professor Brander Matthews, of Columbia col-very largely in the contest, but no spe-

cially ingenious treatment of the sub matter of the utmost literary impor- foreign to her, and has taken first rank which were murders, and ostensible in it at the first attempt, was born in murders which were suicides. There Randolph, Mass. She lived for some time in Brattleboro, Vt., but on the unusual accident that in some instances "might USe murder, and in other cases

> early as she could talk. Her first se- written by Americans. There were rious literary efforts were in the direc- many, however, in which the scene was tion of children's stories. Afterward laid in foreign countries, one, two, and

> pers' publications. Probably her There were several civil war and strongest work is "Pembroke," Next revolutionary detective stories relating that she herself ranks "A New Eng- to sples and stolen or intercepted disand Nun" and "Jane Field." The Rev. patches. Most of these were weak. Dr. Phillips Brooks pronounced "A The superiority of the professional Humble Romance" the best short story ever written. Her understanding of mediately apparent to the reader. Even New England life and grasp of New the poor stories by those accustomed England character have given her a to write were more easily read than world-wide reputation. those of the non-professionals, who Professor Brander Matthews, the win- took up so many pages in coming to

of English literature at Columbia col- under way.

lege in 1871, and from the law school of the trouble and expense of having his that institution two years later. He story set up in type. The scene was has written coplously for the maga- laid in France, but in his endeavor to zines under his own name and that of give it a French atmosphere he had "Arthur Penn." He is the author of only succeeded in investing it with a "The Theaters of Paris," "French Brooklyn tone, and his mistakes, even

Tale of Treasure Trove in the Streets Still another was comic in its abusrd-of New York," "The Royal Marine," ity. It must have been written by one "This Picture and That," and other vol- of Lord Byron's "bread and butter umes. Professor Matthews is also the misses" at a boarding school in Bos-author of several plays. "A Gold Mine" ton, for the scene was laid in that was played by Mr. Nat Goodwin with city. The humor of it lay in the exsuccess, and "On Probation" was writ-ten specially for Mr. W. H. Crane. the manner in which the business of

a North Carolinian by birth. He was formerly a member of the staff of the Century Dictionary, Afterward he became literary editor of the New York World, and is now editor of the Lit-

Hamilton W. Mable, LL. D., who made the final decision, was born at Cold Spring, N. Y., in 1845. He grad-Outlook (the Christian Union), in "As to length, each story submitted 1879, and became its associate editor volumes of literary criticism are "My



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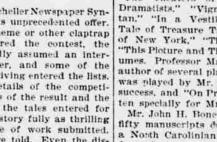
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and affection shook me by the hand, and zo departed, taking leave of me without a word. As all may believe, it was with they grip them. But as I looked I saw some fear upon me because of the say ing of Renwick and the power of the evil spirits that I laid me down. For strange as it may appear, so long as I ter did not progress to their satisfac- constructive art developed in its treatshared the fanatic opinions and lay abroad in the fields, I was not feared of held the crook, stelled and pushed with upon the broad piece of ice, so that the devil himself; but would have wrestled with him had he called upon pon is axle, and, with the black burme in the heather, where oft it was my hap to lie alone. Yet since I drew in ian still upon it, glide out of my sight lown the water. The company of deand set my feet in milder courses and easier ways I have been none so set 1

my mind; but as it were, more easily feared and less assured of my interest Nevertheless I laid me down, and what with the tiredness of a long day's travel and our so recently having well supped. I was asleep before I knew l Yet it was a troubled and unstable rest with many startings and much uneasl ness, for I felt that there was that about the house that night which was more than canny. I knew not how long I slept; but it must have been well into the deep silence of the night that I was waked out of sleep by a cry so wild, s strange and so loud, that It shook my reasonable soul within me. Yet seemed that I must have heard it in my fream, for only the echoes of it lingere in my ears when I sat up in bed, trem bling, and with my night-gear dam about me with the affrightment.

Never had I heard so great and fear ful a crying. It seemed to me like th crying of a demon from whom or stronger has snatched a prey. But will the pertubation in mine own head an dashing of my spirits by the ur earthly cry which awoke me, I coul not tell whether the noise was in mir imagination or whether I real had heard it. But it was soon eler to me that the confused din about th house which went and came like a fitfu was no imagination, but pro ceeded from the machinations of the evil spirits which Mr. Renwick has presaged would follow me. Then, in deed. I was in a tenror to which all that had gone before as nothing.

Sometimes the noise seemed like th confused sound of many personos walk ing and struggling together. Wherea I knew that the fiends strove to be a me, but were restrained by some One that for the moment was stronger-a it might be, my good guardian angel So I endeavored to fall to the pray ing. But such was the power of Satan and such the tremor of my spirit that all the prayers I knew had departed from me. No words came to my mind save some old babbles of the mathematics I had learned long ago when was at the Edinburgh college, which now stood me in no stead at all, for th least little imping devil cares no jot for all the mathematics of Euclid. Then there came again the din of voices louder than before, the trampling of many feet in the rooms above me

and along the transe. At last I heard them come through the passage, as it had been to enter at my door, which may well seem a daft-like thing to do. For what would evil spirits care for bolts, whose ordinary way of entering a chamber is through the keyhole.

When I had locked the door I fell of my knees, and, mine eyes being oppo-site to the latchet-hole, I looked through, and saw what seemed to me very terrible—the form of a man, all black, stand with a light behind hin, black, stand with a light behind hin,

and with a bare shining sword in his heat of summer.

unning water, and so get at me to which can be published to advantage and also a constant deliverer of litertear me in pieces-as is their devilish in installments of about two thousand ary addresse before the colleges and wont with Christian ministers when words each. We hold that a very high other literary bodies. His permanent quality of art is consistent with these home is at Summit, N. J., where he the demons stand and stamp upon the requirements. The novelty and inge-mirgin of the water as though the mat-nuity of the plot and the literary and critical and editorial work, he has written much concerning nature and out-Then the chief black fiend that ment are considerations which will door life.

probably most influence the minds of Among the well-known writers who the judges in reaching a decision. The submitted stories in competition for the saw it slowly turn about like a wheel judges will be gentlemen of unquesprize were Anna Katherine Green, author of "The Leavenworth Case;" Flortionable fairness and competency. "To facilitate our work and insure ence Marryat, Duffield Osborne, Roblegibility, all stories submitted must be ert W. Chambers, author of "The King in Yellow;" Howard Fielding and

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the stories was the announcement in All the stories were read in the first the first paragraph that a crime had instance by Mr. Bacheller and a been committed and the immediate staff of experienced coadjutors. In acintroduction of the astute detective cordance with the terms of the compewho proceeded to unravel the mystery. tition, every manuscript had to be type-Such a bold treatment was not calcu written and accompanied by a sealed lated to afford an opportunity fo envelope containing the name of its author. This was not to be opened until

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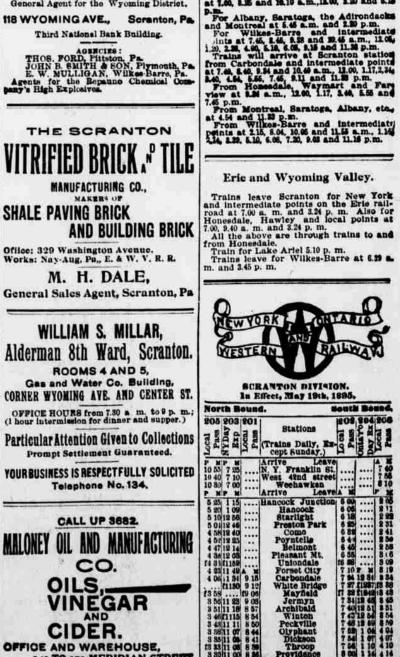


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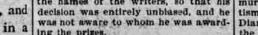
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