



Dr. Cassin's Watch. Captain Polson, returning from a cruise of eight months, finds that his daughter, Christine, during his absence, has become engaged to Jack Metcalf, a smart young lawyer who has won her heart in a lawsuit.

On the fourth day, time getting short, Christine went on a new tack with her keeper, and Susan, sorely against her will, had to follow suit. Christine smiled at him, Susan called him Mr. Tucker, and Miss Polson gave him a glass of her best wine.

He prescribed half a pint of linseed oil hot, but Miss Polson favored chlorodyne. The conversation turned on the deadly qualities of that drug when taken in excess, of the fatal sleep into which it lulled its victims.

"I should think that's about it," said Christine, holding the tumbler up to the light. "It's about 500," said the horrified Tucker; "don't take that, miss, whatever you do. Let me measure it for you."

ONE FOOT WAS ACTING IN A MAN-NER TILL OF INTELLIGENCE.

through the directions. After that he was not at all surprised to see the book fall from his charge's hand onto the floor and her eyes close.

"I knowed it," said Tucker, in a profuse perspiration, "and later on in the afternoon actually consulted him as to a bad cold which Christine had developed."

"You're doing very well," said the captain, who had no intention of attending any more to Christine. "Very well indeed, I'm proud of you."

"It ain't a man's work," objected the boatswain. "Besides, if anything happens, you'll blame me for it."

"You're the only man I can trust with such a delicate job, Tucker, and I shan't forget you." "Very good," said the other dejectedly. "I obey orders, then."

"The next day passed quietly, the members of the household making a great fuss of Tucker, and thereby filling him with forebodings of the worst possible nature. On the day after, when the captain, having business at a neighboring town, left him in sole charge, his uneasiness could not be concealed."

"I'm going for a walk," said Christine, as he sat by himself, working out dangerous moves and the best means of checking them. "Would you care to come with me, Tucker?"

ANECDOTES OF BILL NYE Several Funny Stories Recalled About the Dead Humorist.

Where Nye Drew the Line—His Resignation as Postmaster—His First Poem. His Favorites—Eli Perkins' Truthful Reminiscences.

When Bill Nye was elected justice of the peace in Laramie City, says the Times-Herald, he went to a shoe dealer named Kipp to get that man of means to go on his official bond.

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Addressed to O. Wilde. With limber legs and lily on the side, We walk in the park and business And uncouth west.

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A letter, responsive to one of jest as to his experience. "If I ever have any influence in the New Jersey, you shall some day have a nice new mill that never been played on and as pretty a 7/8 crown as there is on the evergreen shore."

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Nye's Politics. In politics Bill Nye was a Republican, but he was not a political crack shot in his writings. In fact, Democrats are the largest readers of his books.

Defining Literature. The attention of the public was first called to the humorist's writings on account of his vigorous English. His language was of the wild west type. For example: The professor of rational psychology of Boulder college wrote to "Boomerang" and asked the editor the question: "What is literature?"

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