THE SIX DUMB-BELLS OF CASTLE SCHRECKENSTROHM. BY DAVID SKAATS FOSTER.

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SYNOPSIS.

Julius Waterbury, an American traveling in Germany, decides to pay a visit to nits friend, John Jenkins, who has married a German girl of noble family and settled down in the town of Oldendorf as Inited States consul. Waterbury finds Jenkins very much under his wife's dominion. In the evening the two friends goon' to see a military baloon ascension. The baloon escapes, and, the friends resuring home later than expected, Wacrbury is kept awake half the night by a curtain lecture in the next room. Getting up, he discovers the baloon caught in a railing outside his window. While disentanting the baloon he is accidentally carried off by it, and wafted some distance to the castle of Baron von Schreckentroling, on an island in the torrent of the same name. As he passes the parapet of the castle, he drops to the platform behind it, at the same time a man standing there jumps into the car and goes away with the baloon. Waterbury description to a room, evidently occupied by the man who had just left, whose name. August von Dunkelheim, he finds on a letter. Waterbury throws himself on the head and sleeps till morning. He then makes his toilet, and descends to the room below, where he finds a breakfast set out. Partaking of this, he then explores the eastle.

PART III.

Coming out of my chamber, I noticed door on the opposite side of the land-ing. I opened it and found myself in a large apartment with stone floors and stone-vaulted roof. Passing through stone-vaulted roof. Passing through this, I came into a long corridor, similarly finished, in which there were a number of casements or loopholes. Thrusting my head through one of these apertures, I saw ahead of me a great hexagonal tower, thirty or forty feet in diameter; then passing through a doorway at the end of the passage I intered a hallway of hexagonal shape, and from that I knew that I was now the dys-sided tower which I had seen in the six-sided tower which I had seen ladies, for intruding upon you, but you from the window. This hallway was are the first persons I have seen upon lighted by a shaft from above, and in its the island. I arrived here last night.



THE SIGHT OF SIX YOUNG DAM-

center was a winding stairway leading to the lower story. In its six sides the p were six doorways leading into as many bedrooms. I examined each of these chambers in turn and found them all notably alike. The same richly-stained mullion windows were in all of them; the same delicately-frescoed walls and cellings, the same luxurious rugs and Louis Quinze movables. In each room there was a quaint and nar-row bed with the whitest of counterpanes, the softest of mattresses and the downlest of pillows. I tried one of them, like little Silver Hair in the house of the three bears: then, seeing how I had disarranged it, I felt exceedingly guilty, and with haste and as silently as possible I withdrew to my own part of the

Again descending the tower stairrage to the bottom and turning to the left, instead of to the right, I passed through a spacious, vaulted passage, and coming to a great pair of oaken doors, I opened one of them without much trouble and found myself upon a carved stone porch, which led down into a courtyard. In this open space I walked about and surveyed at my ease the castle and its surroundings. It would be a difficult matter to describe the building, or collection of buildings, as more properly it might be called. It was a conglomeration of feudal Gothic Moorish architecture: towers round and square, great battlemented walls, turrets and donjon keeps and all that sort of thing. And what made it eem more incongruous was that a con-iderable portion of it had been renodeled and made habitable in a comparatively modern way. A great part of it, crumbling and discolored with time and almost covered with lyy, looked as though it were a thousand years old, while other parts seemed new and comfortable and showed the marks of present occupancy.

Outside the castle and the court there

Cutside the castle and the court there rose a stone wall about eight feet in height, continuous save opposite the castle porch, where there was a break or gap, some fifteen feet in width, or wider. This gap had originally been filled by two huge gates of wrought and twisted iron, which, now rusted from their hinges, lay back on either side against the wall. Through this open space I could see the black swirling flood of Schreckenstrohm go sweeping by; and beyond the water a wagon road that wound up the hill through the forest.

Advancing to this aperture in the masonry, I found some stone steps leading down into the water, and looking up the stream I noticed something ing up the stream I noticed something else, which struck me as remarkably odd, namely, a rope of iron wire, which coming from the highest casement in a tall tower, which rose some fifty feet from where I stood, stretched across the river and disappeared in the tree tops of the woods on the opposite side. I climbed to the top of the outer wall, without much trouble, and walking upon it for several hundred feet I passed around the upper end of the castle end of the island, and now was able to get a much better idea of both, and of the plunging river or torrent, which swept down, about sixty feet in width, on either side. I now looked in vain for any means of communication between the castle and the main land. The the castle and the main land. The flood was so deep and the current so furious, as it pounded against the rocky that the perfect woman is she who can be furious, as it pounded against the rocky banks, that crossing in a boat was utterly impossible, and the question of how I was to get away became nor and more of an enigm. The stand seemed to be about two hundred feet in width and some five or six hundred in length. It was completely encircled in length. It was completely encircled at its outer edge by the wall upon which I was not one perfect woman is she who can consult and the question of how I was to get away became nor of an enigm. The stand seemed to be about two hundred feet in width and some five or six hundred in length. It was completely encircled in length. It was complete

and set me wondering, if such a thing were possible; the sight, namely, of six young damels, all of them hand-some, and two or three of them passing anything I had seen, both in face and figure, in that quality which is called beauty. They were sitting upon rustic seats, or reclining upon the turf. Two of them were reading. The others, in various dolce far niente attitudes, were

day dreaming, or gazing at the sky, or otherwise killing time. They were of different ages, the oldest not over twenty and the youngest not less than lifteen. Though each had some trait of feature color or expression, which dis-tinguished her from the others, there was that in their general appearance which led me to believe that they were sisters. They were alike and yet unfilke. And that which pleased me infinitely more than all the rest was the fact that they were not saying anything

thing.
They had not noticed my approach, but presently one of them looked up and saw me. She immediately sprang to her feet. This drew the attention of the others to me. A second one followed the example of the first, and these two, hurriedly picking up something from the ground, darted away into the shrubbery. As they fled, I perceived shrubbery. As they fled, I perceived the twinkling of bare white feet, and one of them let fall a tiny shoe upon the grass. Their forms were so sinuous, so perfectly molded, and their motions so quick and graceful, that they seemed more like wood nymphs cnan

The remaining four raised themselves from their recumbent positions and gazed at me curiously and without a particle of alarm. I advanced toward them, hat in hand, and thus accosted

You will please pardon me, young the island. I arrived here last night, and I wish to pay my respects to the master of the house. Will you kindly tell me where I can find him." The four girls simply looked at each other and smiled. Then they gazed at me again, without uttering a syllable in reply.

ger. I took the letter and read aloud the following words:

"Dearest Tsoide: I learned today that my brother-in-law's brother. August von Dunkelheim, is to visit you and the rest of my cousins at the castle. As you have never seen him, you will doubtless wish to know something

"You are the daughters of the pro-prietor, are you not?" All four nodded emphatically, then

ooked at each other and smiled again.
"The other two who fled as I approached, are they your sisters?"
Once more they nodded simultane-

"I have heard that the Castle of Schreckenstrohm stands hereabouts. Can you tell me if this be it?" They gave the same affirmative sign.
Then the one to whom I particularly addressed by questions, she seeming to be the oldest, turned to her sisters and raised her eyebrows in a sarcastic

'The Herr Graf von Schreckenstrohm is then your happy father. Will you condescend to tell me whether he is at

home?"

This time they all shook their heads, and they were so decided about it that I thought they would never get through shaking them. Here was a very odd kind of a reception. I had never had such an experience before. The expression upon the faces of these young women was more than ordinarily intelligent and lively, and they could answer my questions with nothing but nods and shakings of the head. Perhans they were trying to have some haps they were trying to have some amusement out of me. I would be facetious in my turn.

"Are all the people on the island dumb?" I asked. dumb?" I asked.

For answer, they nodded slowly.
They no longer smiled, and their countenances took on a tinge of sadness.
When I asked the question, I did not suspect that such was the reality. Their manner now made me think seriously that I had hit upon the truth. But I could not wholly hallers it very

that I had hit upon the truth. But I could not wholly believe it yet.
"My dear young ladies, do you mean to affirm, really and truly, that you are all inute? That none of you can articulate a word?"

They nodded still more sorrowfully than before; and the oldest one, for whom I had begun to have something of a liking, cast her eyes down and they

of a liking, cast her eyes down, and they seemed to be filled with moisture. I had now come to the experience which prompted me to write this story. These were "the six dumb belies of Castle Schreckenstrohm." In the title, I did not, it is true, use exactly this form of spelling but it was intentional; for how otherwise could I sum up and picture the chief episode of the narrative with-

the chief episode of the narrative without letting the reader into the secret
before it was time to do so?

The two younger maidens who had
disappeared at my first approach now
returned, properly stockinged and shod,
and the whole six—representing every
possible charm and beauty which the
human female, from the age of fifteen
to twenty, possessed—standing and sitting, were grouped around me in a
radiant semicircle, in ecstatic rapture.
Here are six girls, thought I, each one
of them in her way as lively as a of them in her way as lively as a dream, not one of whom can speak a



READ AS FOLLOWS: "WE KNOW WHO YOU ARE."

word. I remembered the dainty breakword. I remembered the dainty breakfast which I had eaten that morning, and at once the old adage came to me that the perfect woman is she who can cook but who cannot talk. Here was not one perfect woman only but a half dozen of them. The gardinen Predigt of Frau Hilda von Waldeck Jenkins was still fresh in my memory, and I declare that if such thing had been possible I would immediately and incontinently have fallen in love with the whole six.

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In this direction were obeyed, but as he tried the smallest boot on his largest foot he exclaimed, petulantly: "Confound that fellow! I ordered him to make one larger than the other other, and instead of that he has made one smaller than the other of the other."

That was a triumphant appeal to an Irish lover of antiquity who, in arguing the superiority of the old architecture over the new, said: "Where will you find any modern building that has lasted so long as the ancient."

An Irish magistrate, censuring some

nette, with a siender but perfect figure, large, dark, melancholy eyes, a creamy complexion and wealth of dark, glossy brown locks, at this produced from behind her a writing pad with pencil attached. After tearing off a page which had been scribbled upon, she wrote upon the pad and gave it to me. The handwriting was full of character, and was charmingly feminine. I read as follows:

"We know who you are, and how you

Before handing it to me she had shown it to the girls nearest her. They now watched my face, and glanced at each other with looks of mischievous amusement. I was somewhat non-plused. They were either bent on mystifying me, or they took me for some

"Then," said I. "you have been told by Frau Jenkins, and you saw the balloon last night when it passed over the castle."
The Schreckenstrohm ladies looked wonderingly at each other, and my par-ticular favorite snatched the pad and

We have heard nothing from Frau Jenkins, though we are acquainted with a lady of that name in the city. Neither do we know what you mean by that nonsense about the balloon. We know that you are Herr von fun-kelhelm, of Munich, and that papa

orought you here last night, after we were all in bed." "Mesdemoiselles Schreckenstrohm,"

Then how did you get here?" Impressively, and with exact detail, I narrated the manner of my arrival at the castle, and of Von Dun'telhein's departure from it. I have never reen incredulity so fully and annistakably depicted on the human counterance as it was upon the pretty faces of the six countesses. One of them, an otherial blonde creature of about seventon, thrust a little hand into a reticale which hung supended from her held. which hung suspended from her belt, produced a letter, unfolded it and handed it to me-at the same time, with triumphant air, pointing to the open-ing paragraph with a taper index fin-ger. I took the letter and read aloud

will doubtless wish to know something about him. In the first place, you I thought their conduct somewhat peculiar, but I made as though I did not notice it, and said:

"You are the daughters of the pro-

BIG GAS SHOW.

It Will Be Held in Gotham After the

(To be continued).

Holidays. The artificial gas interest of this country is an exceedingly important and extensive one. There are in the neighborhood of 1,200 cities and towns of the United States lighted in large part by manufactured gas. In addition there are thousands of homes in which gas is being largely, if not wholly, em-ployed for cooking and heating pur-poses. About \$600,000,000 is invested in poses. About \$600,000,000 is invested in gas works property in this country, and the gas interest is perhaps second in importance only to the investment in railroad properties.

The gas industries propose to hold an

exposition at Madison Square Garden exposition at Madison Square Garden, New York city, opening on January 27, 1897, and holding for two weeks. At this exposition will be shown every practical apparatus and appliance which enters into the manufacture or distribution of gas as an illuminating or healing agent.

One of the features of the exposition will be cooking demonstrations both afternoon and evening, two competent demonstrators having been secured for this work. A gas tower of large dimen-sions has been arranged for and will be one of the great curiosities at the fair: consisting of an extremely orna-mental and most brilliantly illuminated spectacular piece, the dimensions of which will be twenty feet at the base, and running to a height of 55 feet, on which will be artistically arranged about 2,500 gas jets.

Evidently the gas people propose to demonstrate to the public that their product is capable of producing equally. if not superior, lighting effects to those claimed for the electric light.

Two Irishmen were working in a quarry, when one of them fell into a deep quarry hole. The other, alarmed, came to the margin of the hole and called out, "Arrah, Pat, are ye killed intirely? If ye're dead, spake." Pat reassured him from the bottom by saying in answer, "No, Tim, I'm not dead, but I'm spacheless."

A domestic, newly engaged, presented to his master one morning a pair of boots, the leg of one of which was much longer than the other.

"How comes it that these boots are not of the same length?"

"I raly don't know, sir; but what bothers me the most is that the pair downstairs are in the same fix."

An Irishman, having feet of different sizes, ordered his boots to be made accordingly. His direction were obeyed, but as he tried the smallest boot on his largest foot he exclaimed, petulantly: "Confound that fellow! I ordered him to make one larger than the other other, and instead of that he has made one smaller than the other."

New York, Nov. 2.—Stocks were irregular but in the main firm. The irregularity of prices was the result of realizations by professional operators who bought at considerable lower prices and who now believe that a reaction is overdue. A feature of the market was the buying of the low priced issues and the execution of orders in the gilt-edged stocks such as Lackawanna, Lake Shore, Consolidated Gas, etc., by commision houses. Under this process Lake Shore rose to 153, Lackawanna to 160½ and Consolidated Gas to 163½. The activity and strength of these as well as other stocks resulted from the continued easy working of the money market. Manhattan was conspicuous for an advance from 99¼ to 102½. Sugar and Chicago Gas were weak for a time the former seliment. 99% to 102%. Sugar and Chicago Gas were weak for a time the former selling off 1% to 120% and the later 2% to 76%, but subsequently there was a rise to 122% and 77% respectively. The Granger group was not materially changed at any time from Saturdays closing figures. The market, closed strong in tone, net changes show gains of % to 2½ per cent. Total sales were 302,167 shares.

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New York Produce Market.

IRISH BULLS.

One of the most interesting of recent compliations is the "Handy Book of Life published by J. B. Lippincott. From this book is gathered the collection of lifest book is gathered the collection of lifest bulls hereto aspended:

"My dear, come and go to bed," said the wife of a jolly son of Erin who had just returned from the fair in a decidedly the western state; "you must be direadful lifed, sore, with your long wark of six miles." "Arrah, get away with your noisense." said Pat. It wasn't the length of the way at all that fatigued me, 'was the breadth of it."

A young Irishman who had married in when about 19 years of age complaining of the difficulties to which his early marrake subjected him, said; "He would never marry so young again if he lived to be as ould as Methuselah."

An invalid, after returning from a southern array of your noise when a wurrild o' good, gob'l away. I've come back anotter man allogether; in fact, I'm quite myself again."

An cecentric lawyet thus questioned a client; "So your uncle, Dennis O'Flaherry made a memorandum of the reply and thus continued: "Very good. And your rather, Patrick O'Flaherry, did he have chick or child."

Two Irishmen were working in a quarry, when one of them fell into a deep quarry hole. The other, alarmed, came to the margin of the hele and called out. Philadelphia Provision Market.

Philadelphia Provision Market.

Philadelphia, Nov. 9.—Provisions were in steady jobbing demand and firm. We quote: City smoked beef, Ilal2c.; heef hams, Sirair.25, as to average; pork, family, Sil; hams, S. P. cured, in therees, Siga 25c.; do. smoked, loalic., as to average; sides, ribbed, in salt, 44a445c.; do. do. smoked, 5a54c.; shoulders, pickle-cured, 5a54c.; do. do. smoked, 6a645c.; pichic hams, S. P. cured, 5a54c.; do. do. smoked, 5a64c.; pichic hams, S. P. cured, 5a54c.; do. do. smoked, 5a64c.; pichic hams, S. P. cured, 5a54c.; do. smoked, 5a64c.; bellies, in pickle, according to average, loose, 54a65c.; breakfast bacon, 7a74c., as to brand and average; lard, purc, city refined, in therees, 54a64c.; do. do. do., in tubs, 54a64c.; city taloiw, in hogsheads, 34c.; country, do., 24a34c., as to quality, and cakes, 35c.

Chicago Grain and Provision Market. Chicago Grain and Provision Market,
Chicago, Nov. 9.—Futures ranged as follows: Wheat—November, 767aa77%c.; December, 774a78%c.; May, 824a82%c. Corn
—November, 24%a24%c.; December, 25%a
25%c.; May, 25%a29c. Oats—November,
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a224c. Mess Pork—December, 17.15a7.024;
January, 17.56a8.024; May, 28.40a8 37%;
Short Ribs—December, 33.80a3.77%; January, 53.924a3.77%; May, 41.75a4.22%c. Cash
quotations: Flour, steady, firm, unchanged prices; No. 2 spring wheat, 767aa
79%c.; No. 3 spring wheat, 74a77%c, by
sample; No. 2 red, 43%a88c.; corn, 24%a
25%c.; oats, 18%a19c.; ryc. 37%a38c.; barley,
36c.; flax seed, 76a76%c.; timothy seed, 25.55,
nominal; mess pork, 57.05a7, 15; lard, 34.15a
4.20; short clear sides, 34.12%a4.15; whiskey and sugars unchanged.

and to describe the odd way in which I came here."

The oldest maiden, whom I by this time fancied exceedingly, a tail brunette, with a slender but perfect figure, large, dark, melancholy eyes, a creamy complexion and wealth of dark glossy.

New York, Nov. 9.—Stocks were irrectuled to good, \$1.75a3.25; wethers, \$3.90a3.70.

Chicago Live Stock.

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Union Stock Tards, Nov. 9.—Cattle—Market strong and 10a15c. 12 ther; common to extra steers, \$3.50a5.30; stockers and feders, \$2.90a1.75; cows and bulls, \$1.60 a3.60; Texans, \$2.20a4.15; western rangers, \$2.20a4.06. Hogs—Market strong and 5 alechigher; heavy packing and snipping lots, \$3.25a3.65; common to choice mixed, \$3.30a 3.70; choice asorted, \$3.30a.365; light, \$3.30a 3.65; pigs, \$2.40a3.55. Sheep—Market strong and 10a25c. higher; inferior to choice, \$2a 3.50; lambs, \$3a5.25.

Oil Market. Oil City, Nov. 9.—Option oil and credit balances, 117.

BRUTE AT BAY KILLS HIMSELF.

Foiled in His Heinous Attempt, He Ends His Life.

New York, Nov. 9.—Little Bertha Graff, the 14-year-old daughter of Max and Rebecca Graf, who live in an East Side tenement, was attacked by a man with a pistol in the cellar yesterday afternoon. On escaping from him, after alarming the house with her screams, he turned his pistol on himself, firing three shots, which proved fatal.

The man jumped out of an angle as Bertha was going upstaids. She saw a revolver in his hand and screamed. He grasped her by the throat and choked her so hard that she could hardly

her so hard that she could hardly breathe. She became desperate then and struggled furiously. The tenement, roused by her screams, became alive with tenants. As they rushed to her rescue, crying vengeance, the man turned the pistol on himself and fired just as the girl's brother tore her from his grasp. The man's body lies unidenhis grasp. The man's tified at the morgue.



The light in the windows after midnight but too frequently tells the old, old story of the awful torture of approach-ing motherhood for some illy-prepared women

pared women.
All too often death lurks on the doorstep. This is a story that would seldom be told if women would but properly prepare themselves for the duties of motherhood. If a woman will take the right care of the organs that make motherhood possible, approaching maternity will have no fears for her. Nature intended that all women should bear children, and did not mean that this duty should be a cruel torture. Woman's own ignorance and neglect have made it so.

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hree miscarriages," writes Mrs. Ney, Sully Co., S. Dakota. "Last eto one of your Memorandum I found your "Favorite Prescrip-ded to prevent it. I took eleven have a bright boy five months to God and your medicine."

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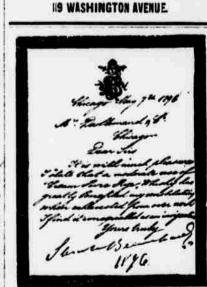
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