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.....MY FRIEND THE MANIAC

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you happened to lose it."

narrator went right on:

"T must say, it seems like tempting royidence," said Redmond. "With a thousand dollars? And strange light in his little eyes. "De-transported by the seemed to be al-ways busy about something. Would go off as soon as he'd finished his Providence," said Redmond. "With a thousand dollars? And most of that in non-convertable cidedly crazy," I thought to myself, for checks?" I laughed. "You put Provi- he had taken no notice whether, for dence on a par with boodle aldermen."] me since the lamp had been lit. Pres-Redmond smiled dubiously. "It's a ently he drew a huge red bandanna foolish thing to do on the face of it. handkerchief from his pocket and be-

Morgan." "Nonsense. I've slept with that box under my bed for five months. You look of his hands was due to the fact ought to know by this time that a Ja- of his having no thumbs, not even malca darky wouldn't dare to steal so stumps much. Yams and cocoanuts he'll help himself to fast enough, but not sixty

or seventy pounds in silver." "Well, I hope you're right, old fel-

low. It's your funeral, after all, as bear musk?" you say in the states. Take care of yourself," and with a wave of the hand Redmond trotted off after the rest of be born under the shadow of the eagle's the party, while 1 settled down to the wing. I am one of that grand nation prospect of two uninterrupted weeks of sixty million-at least they have at the maps.

We were running a flying line across the mountains, just to choose a route for the projected railway, and often had to cover a tract of country two or gular.' three miles in width, so there was usually a stack of topographical notes on hand. The other three white mem-bers of our party and most of the men were going ahead to finish some intermediate work before we jumped ten miles to our next camp, while I, with a cook and a hostler, kept house alone.

There was no time to be lonely all day, but when I had finished dinner that evening, after once more assuring myself as to the lack of my unread nevels, had subsided with my pipe into a steamer chair, the house began to seem rather desolate. It was a much better shelter than we usually got, having a very large center apartment, which served as office, dining room, and sitting room, and two small bedrooms on each side. The servant's quarters were in the detached kitchen, a hundred feet back of the main build-

Having nothing to do I went to bed early, noticing that there was a storm coming up-apparently a heavy one, from the watery bank of clouds off to the east. The mosquitoes evidently missed my companions as much or more than I, for they were walling and lamenting so loudly that my little room seemed full of them, and every now and then they would make a desperate attempt to appease their hunger on quarter rations, so that, between these assaults and sultriness, sleep came reluctantly. Redmond's warning about the money would linger in my mind, somehow. I was treasurer and paymaster for the party, and the cash-box happened to be unusually well filled just then. Upon thinking the matter over, however, nervousness seemed silly enough, for we feared a money robbery so little that we never thought of closing the outside doors a night in good weather,

I had just fallen into a dozy, stupid state, after a long vigil, when I was startled by the sound of voices in front of the house. Hastily rising, I listened again, but could hear nothing. Ordinarily the occurrence would have made little impression upon me. But Redmond's uncomfortable doubts had somewhat shaken my calm sense of security after all. It could not be the servants, for they were on the other side, and all of them slept like logs, as first I flunked on my exams. I couldn't I had often discovered when wanting some one to take care of my horse late lege for the old farm. It was just hapat night.

ways busy about something. Would go off as soon as he'd finished his breakfast, and I'd never see him again till supper-time. I thought it over day after day while I was plowing-it's astonishing how much thinking a man will do, sir, with the lines around his gan to dust the sleeve of his coat. I wrist and the plow running smoothdrew back in disgust, for the peculiar and one day I had a kind of instinct to go over to Maggie's, So I left the horses right there in the furrow and ran

cross the fields till I came to their He glanced up quickly at my motion. Ah, you den't like musk? I do. It garden. Then I crept in behind the cose-bushes and got close to the summer-house-and there they were, sir makes me think of the muskmelons at my old home-and then he couldn't he with his arm around her waist and she resting her head on his shoulder. "You are an American?" I ventured.

"'But I'm engaged to your brother, "Yes, sir, it was my fortunate lot to heard her say. " 'That may be,' says he, 'but you're going to marry me'; and then they of sixty million-at least they have both laughed.

"I went back and finished my plow-ig. Next day it was hot, awful hot. This was becoming more than interng. "Bill,' I says to' him, 'let's go for a "No soul, you say? That is very sin swim this morning. 'All right, old stick-in-the-mud,' he "Singular!" He rose from his chai

rles out, in his hearty way. 'I didn't in his excitement, "Singular! Well I should think so. Why, my dear sir "Singular! Well. know you dared stop plowing for half a day, for fear you'd forget how,' here isn't a museum manager in the "We went to the creek and swam states who wouldn't be glad to give me round for about an hour. Then he a hundred dollars a day. Think of itaid he was going out, and turned over The Man Without a Soul' in huge red on his back to float, shutting his eye

letters on a gilt background. And what on account of the sun, and I swam up s more, sir, here is the place it was eside him and hit him with all my night on the temple and held him His voice sank to a confidential whistunned as he was, under the water till per and he rapidly unbuttoned his shirt. ie drowned."

Glancing around cautiously, he held it I had forgotten to smoke in my atten open, and the lamp-light fell upon a on to his story. At the last words I ghastly, livid scar right across his sprang to my feet with an exclamation breast. I was quite sure by this time f horror. Then I realized that the that he was mad. How he had strayed fellow was certainly crazy, and resumed to this out-of-the-way place in the my seat, but the glib connectedness of nountains, fifteen miles from the nearthe story was so convincing that est railway station and as far from ould hardly believe it was not all true the northern coast, was a mystery, but The narrator went on with no sign that clearly the wise plan was to humor he had noticed my movements.

"I dragged the body to the bank and "Pray, tell me," I said politely, "how lay down beside it with one arm about its waist, like as if I had swam in try-His eyes sparkled. "With pleasure; ing to save him, and waited. 'Twasn't ue may I light a cigarette first?" I offered him a cigar, which he ac terrible yelling, and presently a lot of

epted and I took one myself. The them came down and lifted us together into a cart-for they couldn't loosen and across the iron bridge just outstorm had arrived and the rain was beginning to patter down outside. My companion resumed his seat and lit my arm-put out clothes on top of us, and threw a blanket over the whole his cigar, thus again showing those thumbless hands, the sight of which made me shudder. Crossing his legs, and threw a banket over the whole thing. And, sir, as we joited along. I felt the dead body move, and it turned, and twisted its head about with the and twisted its head about with the he puffed away for a moment and bewater dripping from its hair, and leared

at me with its dead eyes, and whis "You see, sir, I once had a brother pered that it was going to take my soul ome people are fond of their brothers for its life. -I hated mine. I never had a chance "I shricked and screamed, but no beside him. He always used to beat ody seemed to hear, and the thing me at marbles, at baseball-at everyonly grinned and reached down and thing we did. Why, my earliest recoltook a great knife out of Bill's coatlections are of the times when he would pocket, and slowly opened it with one take away my bread and molasses, him hand, catching me by the throat with the other. I fought and cried out and wo whole years younger than me, too, and then he would cry because there tried to get away, but it wasn't any wasn't any more, and my mother would whip me for bullying him." use. First it cut off my thumbs-just to remember me by, it said, for the

I could hardly help laughing at the coul would be so black it would not know that-and then, with a swift gash across my chest, it suddenly tragic intensity of the speech, but the grabbed something and disappeared. "It was the same way at college; he

"So I came on here," he continued in bewildered manner, "and, an----" could ride better, row better, swim better, sing better, talk better. Everybody liked him. I was 'Billy Norris' At this instant there was a heavy brother,' and when he finally took a knock at the door, so sudden and unexpected that I jumped up again, upstand it any longer then, so I left colsetting my chair.

"Come in!" I cried, and with a rush, nervous little black-moustach iness to feel that he wasn't by man

streaming in over my face. It took a few seconds to get things straightened out in my mind, but present I remem-thought you were cleaning out makka bered with interest the strange narraway back there in the bush." tive I was expecting. When one has "So I was, but two of my country been in the bush five months, any sort men cleaned me out last night. of break in the monotony is welcome,

and this adventure promised to be quite out of the ordinary. There was board. no noise from the next room, so I con-"How do you know they are?"

cluded that Dr. Barclay was not up yet, and I dressed quietly for fear of disturbing him. Walking out into the cried. office, I saw to my surprise that his they weren't born yesterday, I can tell door was open. With a sudden suspicion I stepped inside-there were the wet clothes in a pile on the floor, but Come along; we haven't much time the room was empty. A glance into now, the opposite room showed that the We

crazy ran back to my own apartment-the tin box was not there! I was so overcome by this discovery

that I weakly sat down on the bed for an instant, but a flood of rage and ndignation soon moved me to action. Down the hill I tore to the old works, The soft clay held the wheel marks like wax; no need to look inside-there were the tracks leading out and down to the main road, and then turning

with a sharp swing to the right. So they were bound for Kingston, and in a two-horse buggy. Back to the house ran as fast as my legs would carry me and, panting for breath, caught up copy of the Gleaner. "Sailing from Kingston. From Kingston for New York, the Alicia, at 3 p. m., Wednes-day." I looked at my watch: it was already half-past seven, and there were forty miles and a range of mountains

between me and the city. "Murphy!" I called. "Murphy!" "Yehs, wukmahsa, me hyeh, suh." "Saddle Brutus and start for Bog Walk with six quarts of corn. Lively about it now, I want you to be away from here in ten minutes."

"Yehs, wukmahsa, me gone, suh." "When you get there rub him down and feed him-two quarts. I'll be along by the time he finishes and will go on with him."

"Yessuh," and in a few minutes 1 aw him make his way down the steep path and start off at a canter. I took some breakfast, had my mare put to the trap, and an hour later was spinning along in the same direction. We made the first nine miles in just

an hour, which was remarkable time, considering the fearful hills, and my spirits rose, I vowed I would catch the thieves at any cost. One after anlong before I heard old Silas making a other the familiar mileposts were passed at a steady trot, and at quarter to eleven we swung around the sharp turn side of Bog Walk. As we clattered along the street I saw Murphy coming oward me, and it was evident from his face and attitude that something vas wrong. "Well, what is it?"

"Brutus, him cahn't go, wukmahsa, lim lose shoe way back by Harewood, a' him bery lame, suh.'

I went to the blacksmith shop and ound that the pony could hardly put his foot to the ground, for the boy had

vidently ridden him hard with the ose shoe, breaking his hoof badly Mrs. Gibson, who kept the only team or hire in the town, greeted me cor-"Goin' to Kingston? Well, dially. ain't that too bad-a couple of gentlemen came by at daybreak this morning and got my horses. Was in an awful hurry; said they'd come from Port Antonio last night." the deck:

My heart sank. The mare was not in ondition to go further, for, expecting a change here, I had not spared her. and the next train on the railway did not reach the city till 5 o'clock. The station-master was sympathetic. "If done the trick. Get up, you fool." you must get to town, sir, there's a goods train due in ten minutes. The antly drew the unopened box from one conductor'll probably take you through

Goodwin, coming forward, "What in JONAS LONG'S SONS.

box with a thousand dollars. I've chased them all the way. They're of

This staggered me for an instant. "They must be-they're bound to be," "They came to Kingston, and you. They knew their only chance was to get off before the news arrived. We stepped up the gang-plank and

man too was gone. Swiftly I on deck. There were fifteen or twenty passengers aft, but my friends were not among them, so we started forward.

"There they are! There they are! I whispered excitedly, as I saw leaning against the port rail two men, one very tall, the other ridiculously short. Their backs were toward us, but I knew those figures, despite the fact that they were dressed in other clothes. We stepped briskly up.

"I arrest you in the queen's name," said Goodwin, laying his hand on the tall one's shoulder. They both wheeled like a flash and I was dumbfounded to see that they looked entirely different from my visitors. Both had beards, the large man's brushing his chest, and their faces were totally unlike the ones I remembered so well. My jaw dropped and I gazed from one to the other in stupid astonishment.

'What the devil does this mean?" said the little man, flercely,

"See here, Morgan," began Goodwin in a disgusted tone, observing my amazement: "you don't mean to say-But I had glanced at the tall man's He wore gloves and the hands. thumbs looked very stiff and woodeny, I grabbed the one near me-it was stuffed.

"It is the man, Goodwin," I cried, Arrest them both.

By this time all the people on board were around us. As I touched the glove the wearer gave a shrick and sank down on the deck, foaming at the mouth, twitching all over, and apparently in a fit.

"This is an outrage," shouled his companion. "This gentleman is my patient, a very nervous and excitable man, and now you have brought on all the trouble by your confounded mistake. I shall stay over merely for the pleasure of prosecuting you."

There was a murmur of sympathy from the bystanders, but I was too certain now to be humbugged any "I think, Dr. Barclay," I suglonger. gested. "you would find it more comfortable if you would remove your beard and wig."

Goodwin snatched the fellow's hat off and with it came the hirsute growth which had puzzled me. The crowd howled in delight, and I turned to the steward "Bring up this gentleman's luggage.

He says he is going to stay with us a little longer." Barclay glared at me so viciously

that I was glad the inspector had taken the precaution of handcuffing him. Presently the steward appeared with two big valises, and at sight of them the prisoner became more furious than ever. He turned with an oath to Norris, who was still wallowing about on

"Get up out of that, you long-legged gawk." he said, kicking the prostrate figure. "If I could have cut a few inches off those spindle shanks and put 'em on your old thumbs, we'd have The fit ceased as Goodwin triumph-



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Standing there in perplexed uncertainty, I suddenly caught my breath from 5 in the morning till 6 in the evas a subdued shuffling noise came from ening, and enjoyed it far more than the office, I stole cautiously to the shelf in the corner, picked up the sixshooter with which I had been practicing that afternoon, and felt around and held it to his eyes for a moment. for the box of cartridges. It seemed strange enough to remember afterwards that I did not begin to be really alarmed until I discovered how shaky ever found in me I'm sure I don't know, my hands were. With every chamber loaded, I started back through the ad- it-I had gone down to drive our cows joining bed room so as to enter the office at the far end, since the sound had let his fences go to pieces and the catseemed to come from the corner by my door. The moon was behind the clouds, leaving the room in utter darkness, and I stepped slowly along in my bare feet, fearing to run against a chair.

I had reached a point which I judged to be about the center of the room. and, having heard nothing, had almost persuaded myself that it was all fancy on my part, when there was a rustle and a movement apparently ten or tweive feet ahead. I stopped short, with the hair on my head feeling alive and the rest of me feeling dead-all but my spine, up which cold chills were running in a most unnerving way, and my heart, which had began to thump like a paving-hammer. was horribly scared. If the thing had been visible, it would have been a comparatively simple matter to tacit, man or beast, with a good pistol, but the impenetrable blackness and the diabolical possibilities conjured up by a vivid imagination were almost overpowering.

Levelling my weapon, I called out "Who is that?" in a tone meant to be commanding. There was one awful instant of silence, and then the glare from a bull's eye lantern flashed into my face. I hastily pulled the trigger and there was a crashing of glass as the lantern went to the floor. Another interminable moment, while I tried to decide whether or not it would be best to risk another shot, and then a great band of moonlight shot through the windows to the left-there stood the motionless and indistinct figure of a man a few feet from me.

"Who the devil are you?" I cried, covering him.

He gave a start and stepped forward into the light. "Can you really sea me?" he asked, as if in astonishment. "I can see you plenty well enough to

put a couple of holes through you if you take another step this way." "Most peculiar," he murmured. "I

thought-ah, no; how stupid of me. It was only the soul he wanted, not the body.'

This remarkable speech and the fellow's utter disregard of the fact that my revolver was pointed at his head so surprised me that I involuntarily lowered my arm.

For the third time-who are you?" I stammered. "And where in the day my husband, who is a well-known world did you come from?"

The clouds had once more covered the moon, leaving us in the darkness. Forhaps it would be well to light a Jamp first," said this strange person noticed some improvement. We kept on calmly. "L-er-think my lantern is broken."

In silence I lit the big lamp on the drawing table and then turned to inspect my visitor, who had seated himsoif and was ruefully surveying a large hole in his cuff and sleeve, evidently made by my bullet. He was very tall, with closely cropped sandy hair and undistinguishable eyebrows. Th freckles on his face were so large that

put me in the shade, and I rubbed along trotted into the room. He was drenched and spattered with mud from head to foot, and left a pool of witer at any other part of my life. each step. As he appeared my visit-Mr. Norris, for that was apparently or's face brightened. his name, took out red bandanna again

"Hello, Roger," he called out, "Glad o see you. Thought you'd be along soon. My, but didn't you eatch it though!" he added with a laugh. "And then-and then, sir, I fell in love. She was the prettlest, sauciest girl in the whole district, and what she "You exasperating rascal," begar the newcomer. Then he turned to me 'My dear sir-can't tell you how sorbut one day-ah, how well I remember ry. Shameful. Put you to such inout of her father's corn. He always convenience. Now, Norris, come out with me. Leave the gentleman in tle would stray across. And while I peace The queer figure in the chair actual-

was shouting and yelling at the animals. I heard a rustling back of me y began to cry. "No, no, Roger," he pleaded with a whimper. "Get all wet, and I turned-and there she stood, just nasty, moist. Cold, consumption, die as pert and airy as a Jenny Wren. "'Your old cows loose again, ch?" And what then without a soul?" "You musn't think of going out on

says she. "'Yes,' says I; 'I'm thinking they'll such a night," I hastened to add, "If always be coming here with the fences you didn't get actually drowned, you'd drive over a bank and break your down.

the eye.

neck. As it happens, there are three "At that she looks up at me impudent-like. 'Why, you have got some vacant beds here, and you and your friend had far better spend the night sense after all.' she says. " 'And if they thought like their maswith me."

"Well," I declare. Good of you." ter, 'tis not driven out at all they'd said the little man promptly, "Since be.' I went on, looking her straight in you say so-Norris, go in there: go to bed." The lanky figure rose with set "She didn't say anything to that, but The lanky figure rose without a

word and disappeared in one of the blushed and turned away. I don't know rooms. "And now, must explain. You how it happened, sir, but the next see, I'm doctor. Take care of him yonthing I knew I had my arm around her der-wrong in the head, you underwaist. 'Don't you think if the places were joined. Maggie, there'd be less stand."

"Yes," I assented. "I gathered as trouble with the cattle?' And she much from his conversation." gave a little nod, and when I finally did He shook all over in a fit of silent go home that night I was an engaged "Allow me-give you my

aughter. card. Doctor Roger Barclay-at your He paused a moment and brushed the service. Yes. Poor chap, Worked in ash from his cigar. The rain was beata mill, Rich-devilish rich-but always ing against the windows in sheets, and eccentric. Caught in a wheel one day; the splashing of the column of water both thumbs torn out; breast cut open. from the roof-angle into the water-Never straight since; fancies his soul parrel could be heard above the furious lost. pelting on the shingles.

"Sit down and take something to keep off the fever," said I, "and then "About a month after that Billy came lown to spend his vacation. He used to pray tell me how in the world you loaf around at first with his hands in happened to reach this desolate place. his pockets, swearing it was the dull-"Trip in the tropics. Thought would est place he ever saw, but after he'd



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horse?

mas, and showed him into Redmond's out on his face and limbs. We were told room, but before leaving the office he they would heal in a few days; but carefully locked the doors on the other these few days grew into months. One "Quite harmless: but musn't fool me again," he said, with one of his strange laughs. "Good night; indebted railroad man, was advised by some of his fellow workmen to give the boy Hood's for ever.

and again he taughed noiselessly.

er; then what does he do? Gives me

ing like Jehu-son of Nimshi-furious-

I laughed at his odd manner. "Well,

sir, let me give you a bed, and I shall

be more than pleased to hear your

story in the morning. Where is your

I went to my own room feeling dazed. Sarsaparilla. We concluded to do so, and Indeed, I pinched my arm two to be after he had taken the first bottle we sure it was not all a dream. What a ridiculous pair they were, and what a iving him this medicine until he had wild way of chasing about! Still, Dr. taken three bottles, when he was com-pletely cured, and he has been well ever since." MRS. E. J. MILLEE, Bennett, Pa. Barclay, as he called himself with all his oddities, had the indefinable stamp of the gentleman, and I fluttered my-Hood's Sarsaparilla self that on this point I could not as mistaken; so, striking a match and no-Is the best-in fact the One True Blood Purifier. ticing that it was half-past one, I got

back to bed and soon fell asleep, quite Hood's Pills do not cause pain or gripe. All druggista 250. tired out from the excitement When I woke, the sunlight was

you show him your pass I hastily wrote out a telegram to Inspector Goodwin, asking him to meet me at the dock at 2 o'clock. I knew

Goodwin intimately and he would do anything in the world for me. Then, having reduced Murphy to a state of utter abjectness, I raced back to the station as the goods train came in, and informed the black conductor that I was going to honor his car by travelng in it. He looked more than doubtful, so I waved my pass at him. "Cahn't possibly be arranged, sub,

It is positively against all the rig'laions. This was maddening, "By Joye!"

ried. "I belong to the company and 'm going on this train. If you give ne any of your insolence, I'll have a talk with Mr. Harcourt about your

The two companies were quite separate, and I had seen Harcourt, the resident of the railway, just once, but the darky did not dare to hold his ground, and in another minute we were ff. The lumbering old train crawled

long so slowly that I half wished I had driven after all, but at last we pufied into the Spaman Town station. "We go no farther," remarked my

riend the conductor, cheerfully, "Why, the station-master said you ent right through to Kingston! "Humph! If that fool had charge of the schedule there'd he six collisions

day." I did not stop to argue. It was 12 'clock and there were still fourteen tem is to prepare children of both miles to be traversed. Once more I sexes for usefulness to themselves and started out on a run and in fifteen minutes was bowling along behind a pair of trotters over the level highway. It sometimes a fortunate thing to have acquaintances who keep fast horsos. As we neared Kingston I became tore and more nervous, Suppose there had been some hitch. Goodwin might not have received my telegram or might have misunderstood 4-in either case

all my trouble would go with my money. There was certainly no time to stop and find out, so I drove straight help him. Port Antonio by fruit steam- to the dock, looking anxiously shead is I drew near. Ah! There was my old the slip-nobody knows where, Tracked friend in his uniform, chatting with For six mortal hours been drivsome one on the pier. I could have

ried out in delight at the thought of evenging myself on the riscals who had made such a fool of me, "You're a queer sort of person," said

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the valises, and we all burst out laughing at the comical expression of mixed disgust and shamefacedness or the fellow's face. Finally he rose and grinned at me:

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"Well, podner, you done us, but fixed you pretty slick." Then he rolled up his eyes sanctimoniously, clasped his hands, and whined nasally: 'If my poor mamma only knew that her Willy, her dear little Willy had staken to play-actin', how shocked she would be,"-Henry Wysham Lanler, in the New York Evening Post.

EDUCATING THE HAND.

Cooking in the Public Schools of Chicago

From the Chicago Record. The Chicago board of education is

moving along the lines of educational progress in making provision for the introduction of domestic sciencecooking and sewing-into the public schools of that city. Experimental ventures have already been made in three of the schools, notably the Kozminski, which have been attended with good results. It is the intention of the board to introduce domestic science the coming year into sixteen other schools, distributed throughout th city. It is to be assumed, therefore that the teaching of cooking and sewing henceforth will be a regular part of the educational work of the Chi

cago public school system. The purpose of the public school sys to society throughout life. For this many things are necessary besides the ability to read, write and cipher, and knowledge of the written branches No girl who expects to be the head of a household when she becomes a woman can be considered properly educated unless she knows something about cooking and sewing, especially the former, and that regardless o whether or not she may ever be called upon to do her own work. Among the lers well-to-do this knowledge is of even more importance. As the girl of such families grow up many of them are obliged of necessity to do housework. With many such, cooking and sewing becomes one of the chief occupations of life, and in too many cases it is entered upon without any preparation whatever. The ability to cook and sew is an accomplishment which may properly constitute a part of education as well as any other The teaching of domestic science in the public schools will do much to

TEN YEARS Agony improve conditions in many homes and to raise the standard of comfort and health without increasing the cost of living. The board of education is also doing **FROM ECZEMA**

vell in increasing the number of kindergartens and manual training centers. The kindergarten and the manual training school are important features of modern education. the prizes will be turned over to the

"GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES."

An Item of Public Revenue in Many Countries-Spain's Great Expecta-

from the New York Sun.

tions.

The preliminary reports of the interstat In the Prussian budget of receipts mmerce commit sion for 1997 shows that and expenses for 1898 is one item which ist year the rallways of the country paid 0.979.933 in taxes. All companies and no nust seem rather unusual to American financiers-\$2,000,000 marks (the equiv reported, but compared with the preced alent of about \$29,000,000) from authoralent of about \$29,000,000) from author-ized government lotteries. In Prussia 2,000 miles less of road in 1897 than in 189

You Must

Buy some shoes very soon; the weather will compel you within a tew days. Then the question will be WHERE? We don't expect everybody's trade. We couldn't handle is we had it. But we want yours, and ask you to try a pair at "The Standard" the first time you

Have to Buy

and it is an annual affair in the line

in the annual budget for 1898 was the

item of revenue 65,000,000 lire from lot-

eries, about equivalent to \$12,000,000 in

American money, and it is somewhat

urious that in nearly every country of

urope, with the exception of France

and Belgium, lotteries as a means of

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the revenues.

evenue raising are the rule rather

Denmark made last year a profit or

ts lotteries-a net profit over and bove expenses-of 1.000,000 crowns

re state monopolies, as much as the

ale of stamps or of cigars and tobac-

o, and the government makes usually

considerable profit from them. The

Spaniards are great believers in the

now being most serious there will be

tarted soon under the auspices of the

of revenue raising. In Italy this year

You will get full value just as surely as you try it. Were your last shoes perfectly satisfactory? No?

Then Try Ours.

STANDARD SHOE STORE. HANDIEST STORE IN THE CITY. 217 LACKA AVE the lottery is operated under the di-Mt. Pleasant Coal rect authority of the state. There are number of prizes of 500,000 marks.

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Coal of the best quality for domestic use nd of all sizes, including Buckwheat and Sirdseye, delivered in any part of the Birdseye, delivered in any part of the city, at the lowest price. Orders received at the office, first floor, Commonwealth building, room No. 6; telephone No. 2524 or at the mine, tele-phone No. 272, will be promptly attended to. Dealers supplied at the mine.

W. T. SMITH.

quivalent to about \$400,000. In Holhe railways paid about \$3,000,000 more of and, too, there is a state lottery, the axes. The total dividends paid during the year wers \$57,290,573. Out of every \$7 et proceeds of which are figured each par at 659,000 guilders, or about \$300,nts carned by the tailways therefure, Portugal is another European hove expenses, 57 cents was profit and 40 country which recruits its revenues ents went in taxes. In the central southcom this source. In the year 1897 the aestern states (Kansas, Missouri, Ark-insas, Colorado, Okiahoma and Indian Portuguese lottery gained 1,750,000 mil-Territory) the taxes exceeded dividends by over one million. In New England and reis (nearly \$2,000,000). But Portugal has at least some justification in its otherence to lotteries by reason of the he northern castern states dividends argely exceeded the taxes. The report nows that in the densely populated fact that the financer of that country are in an unsettled condition, that tates the rallways could pay more taxes reditors are pressing against it, and than they do, but that in the less popu-lous states of the middle and west the that the expenditures have, for a numher of years, exceeded considerably axes are already in excess of the prolits rom the husiness. In the European countries lotteries

Our little boy was afflicted with rheumatism in his knee; and at times unable to put his foot on the floor. We tried in vain, everything that we could near of that we thought would help him. We almost gave up in despair, dvantages offered by lotteries, and the financial plight of that country when some one advised us to try 'hamberlain's Pain Bahn. We did so, and the first bottle gave so much re-Spanish government a great lottery scheme, the receipts of which, minus lief that we got a second one, and, to our surprise, it cured him sound and well-J. T. Bays, Pastor Christian church, Neodesha, Kan. For sale by all druggists. Matthews Bros., wholesale and retail agents.

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government for its needs. Circulars are being sent out, and it is expected that 500,000,000 pesetas, or about \$100.-00,000 will be netted for the government There are five capital prizes of 400,000 pesetas each TAXES PAID BY RAILWAYS.