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lodging in the neighborhood, which

meals could be took at the Toplady

Arms-though our apartments is all oc-

cupied with the gentry as come to fish

and shoot, through October-and No-

vember-and it might be a consolation

to you, Miss Ives, to have a gentleman

Mr. Marshall proved himself a quiet

and peaceable member of the litt'e household. He liked dogs, and allowed

Miss lves' King Charles spaniel to

He was partial to birds, and entered

for her, and showed her a new way to

And at the end of four weeks Miss

"Mr. Mershall," she said, "It's a great

Isidora put into execution a plan which

deal of trouble for you to go three times

the Toplady Arms and back again. You

are no longer a stranger to us here. We

have learned to respect and trust you.

If you choose to take your meals with

us here. I shall be quite willing to ad-

mit you to my frugal table, as a

Mr. Marshall's countenance changed

oddly. He made a curious sound in his

throat as if he were swallowing some-

"Miss Isidora," he said, "I can't."

"Nothing could induce me to eat salt

under this roof," said Mr. Marshall, in-

"Can't!" repeated the lady.

said the stranger, "a forgery."

helpless way and stared at him.

'What do you mean?" said Miss Ives.

cousin, the plaintiff. My name Isn't

"Rebecca," says Miss Ives, "hold

your tongue and go out and feed the

And Rebecca, feeling herself pu

to manage this matter myself."

she had long been forming.

thing.

son.

water?

Ives.

coherently.

about the premises.

mine still, and I inprotected," brusquely interrupted Miss tend to keep it. Ev-Ives. "I've got a loaded gun and a six-gallon kettle of boiling water here." erything else they have taken away "And." mildly went on Israel Jenfrom me, because logger-headed kins, "this 'ere gentleman, a Mr. Marsome shall of Alabama, wanted a pleasant

old ancestor of mine signed his name to a deed 'John B. Robinson," instead of 'John C. Robinson.' As if one letter of the alphabet could make any difference! I've no patience with people! The majesty of the law, indeed! Pshaw! "But if the rest of the property be-

longs to your Cousin Robinson, so does the tower," suggested Mrs. Milroy. 'I can't help that," said Miss Isidora, "Here I am, and here I mean to stay.

law or no law." Mrs. Milroy opened her weak eyes. sleep, undisturbed, amid the papers on Feeble as a kitten herself, she could his table. scarcely comprehend such valiant tesat once into the most friendly of al-liances with the parrot and the macaw, olution in another.

"But if they come here with the sheriff, and a posse comitatus, and a He grafted Miss Isidora's orange tree writ of habeas corpus,"" she faltered. "Then," said Miss Isidora, "they'll train her wax plants,

have to clear out again. Common conses common sense. The house is mine, and I mean to keep it. I've got new bolts and bars to all the doors, and I keep a kettle of bolling water on the stove night and day, and my friend, Mr. a day tramping down that long hill to Jeffreys, who is a clerk in a law office, has given me the hint never to let in

a man with a bag," "Why not." breathlessly questioned Mrs. Milroy.

"Don't you see?" said Miss Isadora, snappishly. "Because it will be full of friend." law papers. Writs and summonses, and all that sort of thing." "Oh!" said Mrs. Milroy.

The tower was here, and the tower she meant to keep, And Rebecca, her little maid, was stricken with breathless admiration for her warlike qualities,

"But of course, ma'am," said Rebecca, "nobody can stand against the law

"I'll see whether they can or not!" said Miss Isidora Ives, "Be sure you keep the kettles well filled, Rebecca, and don't let the fires go out, day or night."

And whenever she received through Mr. Marshall. the mail a letter with a legal appearance, or an envelope crested with the "Just this," said the stranger. "I am here on false pretenses. I am your firm address of Messrs. Tape & Stringham, her cousin, Robinson's lawyers, she invariably poked it between the Marshall, but Gideon Marshall Robinbars of the grate, and smiled vindictively to see it blaze,

"What are we to do with such a case as this?" said Mr. Tape, when he heard all this

"Put in a sheriff's officer at once," said Stringham. "The woman is a tres-passer, and has been all her life," "No, no, no!" said Mr. Tape, blandly. "She's a woman. No barsh measures. It is Gideon Robins n's express injunction that all courtesy be shown

to the defendant. We'll try something down, departed. else before we proceed to extremities." And one pleasant October afternoon. when the air was all blue mist, and the setting sun shone as if through a dices against me-" medium of opaque gold, the landlord "Yes, I think so



"We are the two last seeming heirs," "Plaintiff and defendant," nodded Isidora.

"Bless and save us! Is the man mad?" cried Miss Isidora Ives, "Exactly so. Now, it has just occurred to me-I mean, I've been think-"I am, socially speaking, a fraud," in gof it for some time-that if we were to unite our claims-" Miss Ives sat down on the sofa in ("To get married, do you mean." said Isidora, bluntiy. "But your sweet graciousness and "Yes, precisely, It would put an end kindness have conquered me," added

to all litigation," pleaded Marshall Robinson, "Would you be willing to marry me?" said Mr. Gideon Marshall Robinson. "Y-yes!" said Isidora. "I think should. I'm not young, but then six-and-thirty is not absolutely old."

"You are a rose in full bloom," said "Ma'am," whispered the heartless Mr. Robinson, enthusiastically, "and I maid, who turned absolutely green on myself am not a mere boy, it must be hearing the name of the family enemy. remembered. "shall I bring the kettle of boiling

'And if people should laugh at us. why let them laugh," said Isidora. "And we'll laugh too," said the middle-aged lover, choerfully,

young turkeys. I am fully competent The fire was allowed to go down, the kettle cover taken off, the charges drawn from the gun and the Tower pronounced to be no longer in a stage

hawvers innumerable for the next ten

"I came here," went on Mr. Robin son, "to look into the facts of the case of siege And this is the way in which the famyself. I have heard of your prejuad promised to swell the fees of the "Yes, I think so," interposed Mis

al products of the temperate zone. Of the exports from the United States to Cuba in 1894, which amounted to \$20,-125,321, \$9,440,953 were agricultural products, and of the \$18,616,377 exported from the United States to Cuba in 1899, \$9,799,513 were agricultural products, the principal items being live animals, \$2,367.794; breadstuffs, \$2,306,172; provisione, including beef, hog and dairy products, \$3,540,722; while the most important manufactures were cotton cloths, \$447,839; machinery, \$454,031; boots and shoes, \$214,944; saws and tools, \$166,061; cotton goods other than cloths, \$112.880, and nails, \$66,655. To Porto Rico argricultural products formed \$1,321,480 of the total of \$2,685,-Porto s4s exported from the United States 1 1899, and averaging about the same proportion in earlier years.

Spain's exportations to Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines, which under normal conditions amount to about \$40,000,000 annually, were more largely manufactures, though probably two-fifths of her exports to the islands were agricultural products. Of her total exportations to Cuba in 1896, which amounted to 135,000.000 pesetas, 50,000,-000 in round terms were argricultural products. To Porto Rico the proportion was about the same.

AWKWARD PREDICAMENTS. Embarrassing Positioins in Which Conjurors Are Sometimes Placed.

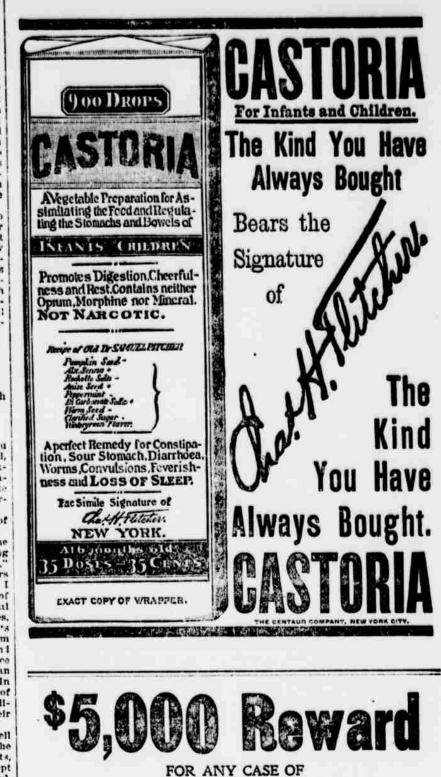
From the Plerson's Weekly. "It doesn't matter how careful you

are. You cap employ every safeguard, both human and mechanical, that experience may suggest, and the occusion seem to warrant, and yet, despite all your precautions, you will get cornered every now and then." Such, at any rate, was the opinion of a well known prestidigitateur.

"I have often found myself in some particularly awkward corners during my career as a public entertainer," said he. "One of my earliest disasters occurred during an entertainment I was giving in the quaint old town of Banbury. I had run through my usual stock of country class performances, in which the familiar turnips, carro's and rabbits had been produced from every possible part of the room, and had determined to give my audience a regular slap-up-to-date Egyptian hall sort of a mystery for a finale. In served up to this time as pastures, short, I pledged myself to get rid of and as most of this land is extremely my properties in full face of the audience without leaving a trace of their fertile its producing capabilities, when reached by roads and railways, are existence. almost beyond present conjecture. "The first part of the trick went well

enough. It was merely to make the pine Islands. In the Hawalian Islands vegetable disappear into the rabbits, the sugar-producing area is being a feat which, as I had purposely kept greatly increased by the introduction the latter for some hours without food. of irrigation. The exports of sugar was speedily accomplished. The rest of the trick was to produce the sensafrom the Hawaiian Islands in 1896, tion. It would apparently consist of rolling the two rabbits into one, under 1897 and 1898 are nearly double those of 1886, 1887 and 1888. In Porto Rico the coffee-producing area may be very cover of the usual silk handkerchief materially increased by the introducand throwing the resulting animal into tion of roads and facilities for reachthe air above the audience, when it ing the interior of the island an I would suddenly burst into a highly coltransporting its products to the coast, ored balloon and float up into the large areas in the mountainous porrafters until such time as I should tions of the island being capable of choose to haul it down. Needless to producing coffee of high quality so soon say, the genuine rabbits had to be as they can be brought under cultivasmuggled into my side pockets and a tion and their products transported to dummy substituted containing a comto the scaboard. In Cuba coffee was pactly folded balloon which would at one time the principal source of spring into shape immediately a set of wealth, the value of its product having internal springs were released.

reached during the early part of the "This letter movement was brought century about \$29,669,000 in a single about by a miniature explosion, which The industry was established was carefully timed to occur at the by the French refugees from Santo moment the dummy rabbit reached Domingo. After their expuision the the highest point in its ascent and was mous case of Robinson vs. Ives which plantations passed into the hands of produced by the sudden mixture of a small quantity of subhus and Unfortunately for me six coffee estates to one of sugar, cof- however, the hunger of my first rabbit had been by no means assuaged by his meal of uncooked carrot. No sooner was he inside my pocket than he introduced his teeth into the dummy which lay there, waiting the correct moment for production. That nibble was his last, and, alas, was well nigh the end of me, too. His teeth had no the Philippines may be doubled with sooner crashed into the detonating mixture than I was conscious of a severe shock in the region of my coat to the production of coffee, especially tails. These were blown to smithereens, whilst personally I was only saved from severe injuries by reasor of the paraphernalia of a previous trick, with which I was luckily encumbered. "A second disaster occurred to me during the same week whilst going through the ancient 'globe of gold fish trick. These so-called 'globes' are no globular, but are shallow really troughs of thin glass which fit into the side pockets and are rendered water tight by means of a rubber cap which is withdrawn with the empty handkerchief when the bowl is 'pro-Unfortunately for me, however, the rubber cap had split with-out my knowledge. The result was that on incautiously stooping to pick up a card I was horrified to find a perfect cataract of water and wrig gling fish descending out of the depths of my dress coat. "One of my favorite card tricks was once ruined by the proverbial small boy, who, I may add, should never he allowed upon the platform except in cases of extreme urgency. I had considerably mystified my audience by causing six unimpeachable citizens to unwittingly choose the same card from a pack which each was at liberty t. shuffle for himself before choosing The card in each case was the ace of NERVITA PILLS hearts, and, I explained, was chosen by each of them whilst unconsciously under my own hypnotic direction. Restore Vitality, Lost Vigor and Manhood Cure Importency, Night Emissions, Loss of Mem-ory, all effects of with shows or excess and indiscretion, A nerve to nic and blood builder. Brings the pink glow to pale the pink glow to pale blood builder. Brings Chooks and restores the irre of youth. By mail S2.60, with our bankable gaurantoe to oura or refund the money paid. Send for circular and copy of our bankable gaurantee bond. "The trick ended. I incautiously threw down the cards near the small boy in question. Whilst my back was momentarily toward him, he calmly turned them over, with the result that. almost before I had time to realize the situation, he was gleefully announcing to my "friends in front" that the cards were all 'aces of hearts!' "Perhaps one of the oldest and most popular tricks of any is that in which some dozens of yards of ribbons, va rious articles of clothing and a large number of apparently soll balls are (YELLOW LAELL) Positively guaranteed cure for Loss of Power, Varicocele, Undeveloped or Shrunken Organs, Paresis, Locomotor Ataxia, Nervous Prostra-tion, Hysteria, Fits, I. amire, Parestysis and the Results of Excessive Use of Towarce, Opium or Liquor. By mail in plain package, B1.00 a box, 6 for 65.00 with our bankable guar-antee bond to cure in 30 days or refund money paid. Address produced from a borrowed hat. The halls, however, are really thin cloth cases which are expanded by means of internal spiral springs. The prac-tice is to press a dozen or so of these close together until they form a small disk the size of a crumpet, and to secure the whole by means of a few easily broken stitches of fine thread. The disk is then placed into the empty hat, which, the moment the threads are broken by the presidigitateur's linger, begins to overflow with sphere sufficient to fill a good-sized portman-02.0 "But I obce managed to snap the retaining threads of the bundle whils: it reposed peacefuli; in my packet. The result was that the onlookers were treated to the edifying speatacle of a swallow-tailed coat this suddenly poked in the back and refused to set properly again until it had disgorged some score or so of property halls Happily the audience accepted the situation as part of the performance. but the evergreen but trick had for once to be abandoned."



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of the Toplady Arms came puffing up the hill with a stout, pleasant-faced centleman, and rang the bell, which schoed like a double chime through the iny tower.

"Co away!" said Miss Isidora, from | cute this-" te window, spying the tops of two hats. "Oh, my, ma'am!" squeaked Rebecca over her shoulder, "shall I get the gun?

"I beg pardoa, ma'am," said the stranger. "but-"

Miss Isidora Ives, "Rebocca, bring in that kettle! I'll have you to understand that I am not a be triffed with ' But by this time mine host of the Toplady Arms had simultaneously recovered his breath and his presence of mind.

"Miss Ives." he puffed stertorously "don't be flustrated! It's only Israel Jenkins,"

"Bless the man's heart!" said Miss Jsidora, "why didn't he say so before" And what on earth did you want here Jenkins?"

"It's a lodger, Miss Ives," said Jenkins, who had married Miss Isidora's old nurse, and somehow felt himself to be connected with the family, "A lodger?" repeated Miss repeated Miss Ives

"This isn't a lodging house, man allve!" "Yes'm-I'm quite aware of that."

said Israel, meekly, "And where no of- may call you Isidora?" fense is intended, it's hoped as none will

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"Iniquitous claim!" interposed Isidora. "Iniquitous claim!" acceded Mr. Robinson, with a repetition of the swallowing sound. "Just what you please to call it. I respect you as a lady, but "Go away, I say!" stornly repeated I appreciate you as a relative; but, of course, knowing who I am, you cannot

tolerate me any longer as your friend. I will pack my bag and depart at once. I can only feel regretful that I have deceived you so long. I feel myself to be a hypocrite and a swind-

He waited meekly to receive the full tide of Miss Isidora's curbed wrath She put out her plump little hand, with four dimples in the four points,

"Don't go," she said in a low voice. "What!" cried the incredulous plain-

"There's no reason why we shouldn't be friends," said Miss Ives, in her odd, brusque way. "Things seem so very different, now that we are quainted with each other. Couldn't we-compromise:

"Isidora," said Mr. Robinson, "we're cousins, you know, twice removed. I "Oh, certainly," said Miss Ives,

years, was removed from the court of "And I do not blame you for them," records. And no one was sorry except said Mr. Robinson, "Now that I am the legal gentleman aforesaid .-- Chicapersonally acquainted with you, Miss go Times-Herald. Ives, nothing could induce me to prose-

OUR NEW POSSESSIONS. Their Commerce, Conditions, Producing and Consuming Power-Inter-

esting Data Compiled Regarding Cuba, Porto Rico, the Hawaiian,

Philippine and Samoan Islands. From the Washington Star.

Cuba, Porto Rico, the Hawalian, Philippine and Samoan islands; then ommerce, conditions and producing and consuming power, is the subject of monograph just issued by the treasary bureau of statistics in response to the renewed demand for information regarding these islands. In this volume, two previous editions of which have been entirely exhausted, an effort has been made to picture present physical conditions, as well as the presentation of statistics of commerce, and the prospective producing and consuming power of the islands. Their present consuming power is estimated in round terms at \$100,000,000, about

equally divided between the products of agriculture and manufactures. The imports into Cuba in 1892, when

years of prosperity exceeded considerably their imports. In 1892 Cuba's exports were \$83,018,228, against \$52,-101,682 of imports; those of the Ha-wallan Islands in 1898 \$17,346,744. against \$11,650,890 of imports, and those of the Philippines in 1896, \$33,481,481, against \$28,815,075 of imports. Porto Rico's exports usually about equal her imports, the density of population in that island requiring large importa-tions of manufactures and the agricultural products of the temperate zone. The exportations of these islands consist chiefly of sugar, tobacco, coffee, tropical fruits, and in the case of the Philippines, hemp. From Cuba the sugar exports under normal conditions formed fully four-fifths of the total value of articles exported. From

portations. From the Philippines exports of sugar and hemp are about equal in value, together forming about four-fifths of the normal exportations. while from Porto Rica coffee is the lar---- item of export, its exportation having been in 1896 more than three times as great in value as sugar, and forming considerably more than one-

> PRODUCING CAPACITY. That the producing capacity of cer-

increased by the creation of improved methods of internal communication cannot be doubted. Of the 35,090,090 acres composing the Island of Cuba, not more than 2,000,000 have ever been Ity may be expected to increase. under cultivation. There are 17,000,000 acres of virgin forest and 9,000,000 these islands is about equally divided acres of fertile plains which have only between manufactures and agricultur-

Spaniards and Americans, and It is stimated that there were at one tim?" of potash. fee plantations containining from 500,-000 to 1,000,000 trees being in existence in the Island prior to 1830, when the ocline in the price of coffee led to the

introduction of sugar-growing. The tobacco-producing area in all of the islands may als be materially increased, while the hemp production of proper facilities for transportation. The great increase in areas devoted

year.

Similar conditions exist in the Philip-

In Brazil and Central America, has materially increased the world's product and lowered prices, which is Illustrat-

ed by the fact that in the United States the average import price of coffee has declined from 14 cents per

pound in 1894 to 6.7 cents in 1899. In sugar-production similar conditions prevail. The rapid development of the beet sugar industry has resulted in a marked increase of beet sugar-production, and at low prices, until about two-thirds of the world's sugar supply is now from beets, thus greatly reducing the price of sugar. This reduction is shown by the fact that in duced." the United States the average import price of sugar has fallen from 5.05 ents in 1878 to 2.01 cents in 1897. Somewhat similar conditions exist in reference to hemp, which has recently encountered strong competition from sisal and from jute, whose production

and use in certair lines of manufacture have been greatly increased. Thus, while the producing area of these Islands may be greatly enlarged, it can scarcely be expected that the prices obtained in earlier years for their principal products will again be realized.

PRINCIPAL PRODUCTS.

All of the principal products of these islands are largely imported into the United states and seem likely to continue indefinitely among our largest items of importation. ,Of our total importations of the fiscal year 1800, sugar amounted to \$94.961.120; coffee, \$55,-275,479; fibers, \$20,200.003; fruits and nuts, \$18.314,206; crude rubber and tropical products, \$31.875,207; raw slik, with which successful experiments have been made in Cuba and the Phil-ippines, \$52,473,627, while numerous other products of the Islands, includtea, cabinet woods, gums, indigo ing and spices, amount to many millions of dollars. The average annual importation of tropical products into the United States exceeds \$259,000,000, and all, or nearly all of them, may be pro-

duced in the islands in question. At present the total imports of these islands amount to about \$100,000,000 that of Cuba in 1892 being \$52,101,682; the Philippines in 1896, \$28,815,075; the Hawailan Islands in 1898, \$11,650,890, and Porto Elico in 1896, \$3,656,578. Their importations are already being stimulated by recent developments, as is shown by the fact that the exports from the United States to the Hawalian Islands in the fiscal year 1899 amounted to \$9,305.479, against \$5,997,-155 in 1898, and \$4,699,075 in 1897;

Cuba, \$18,616.377 in 1899, against \$9,561,-656 in 1898, and \$8,259,776 in 1897; and to Porto Rico, \$2,685,818 in 1899, against \$1,505,946 in 1898, and \$1,983,888 in 1897. With increased producing areas and producing power from the introduction of modern methods of cultivation and preparation of products for the mark A the consuming and importing capac-Consumption of foreign products in



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tain of these islands, especially Cuba and the Philippines, may be greatly

normal conditions of prosperity pre-vailed, were \$52,101,682: those of Porto Rico in 1596, \$2,656,578, those of the Hawalian Islands in 1898, \$11,650,890; of the Philippine Islands in 1896, \$28,-\$15,675, while those of the Samoan Islands in 1895 were \$418,840, the chief commercial value of those islands he-

ing as a harbor and port of repair, refuge and supplies. The exports of the Islands have in