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WAS IT WORTH A LEG?

It was in the autumn of the year 1782, that a surgeon in Boulogne, of time, but not at present. I begyou to the name Etienne Lefebvre, received a letter, not bearing any signature, requesting him to repair on the following day to a country house which was situated on the road leading to Calias, and to bring along such instruments as would be required for performing an operation. Lefebvre was at that period well-known as a distinguished and successful operator; so much so, that he was not unfrequently sent for from great distances. He had served for a considerable time in the navy, and his manners had, therefore, acquired a certain degree of bluntness; but when you once became acquainted with him, you could not help liking him for the natural and unaffected goodness of his heart.

He was naturally somewhat surprised at this anonymous communication; for, although the time and place were, as already stated, mentioned with great minuteness, there was no clue afforded by which the writer could be identified. He, therefore, came to the conclusion that some of his jocular friends were making fun of him, and

he did not keep the appointment.

Three days afterwards he again received a similar summons, but couched in more pressing terms than the first, and he was informed that at 9 o'clock in the morning a carriage would be sent to bring him to the place where he was anxiously expected. Accordingly, next morning, sure enough, on the stroke of 9, a carriage drove up to his door. The doctor no longer made any hesitation, but at once took his seat in the carriage. As he was get-ting in, he inquired of the conchmen where he was to be taken to; but the the Englishman smoked on, The op- tion, yours very obediently, man appeared either not to know, or eration had been performed in a most did not choose to tell; but as he spoke | masterly manner, and, thanks to Dr. in English, Lefebvre said to himself, "So it is an Englishman to whom I am summoned," and he accordingly prepared himself for any exhibition of eccentricity on the part of one of that nation which even now is so little understood by Continentals. At length the carriage stopped, and the doctor hastened into the house.

He was received at the entrance by a fine-looking young man of about twenty-five years of age. who requested him to walk into a large and handsome room on the first floor. His ac-

doctor. "I am very much obliged to you for here," rejoined the Englishman. "Be the operation."

"But first show me the patient. I wish to satisfy myself that an operation is absolutely necessary."

"It is necessary, Monsieur Lefebvre; is a purse containing 100 guineas, which I offer you as a fee for the opebrains out."

fear of a pistol. But what do you desire? What am I expected to do?"

"You must cut my right leg off." "With all my heart," answered the surgeon, thinking that this was a chararcteristic specimen of those mad English; and your hand, also, if necessary greatly mistaken, your leg is perfectly be the matter with your leg?"

"Nothing; but it must come off." "Sir, you are mad." "That is no concern of yours, Mons.

Lefebyre." "What harm can that handsome limb have done?"

"None at all; still you must make up your mind to amputate it."

in sound mind," naturally demanded she consented to become my wife. It the doctor. "Will you consent to my wishes, marriage that I confessed to her the

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explanations-in a year, perhaps, I

"It is quite impossible for me," remonstrated the surgeon, "to comply until you tell me your name, place of

residence, position and family."

"You shall be made acquain te with all these particulars at some future consider me a man of honor."

"A man of honor does not utter unjustifiable threats against his guests. I have to perform a duty even towards | pleased to term it. I wish you, as wel! you, who are a stranger to me. My reasons for refusing to accede to your happiness. True it is that to give a absurd request are, as you must admit, leg in exchange for a beautiful, tender sound and just. Do you wish to be and virtuous wife is not too much, prothe murderer of an innocent father of vided the happiness endures. Adam ness of the country was showing una large family ?"

"Well, Monsieur Lefebvre," replied the Englishman, taking up the pistol, and more than one man has laid down they have initiated and pushed to a I will not fire upon you, and yet I his life for the sake of his beloved. successful issue a grand scheme of will compel you to cut off this leg. What you refuse to do to oblige me, adhere to my former opinion. For through love of gain or fear of a bul- the present you are doubtless right, let, you shall do through humanity." "How so, sir ?"

pistol, and that, too, before your eyes," I beg your attention to what I am the steadfast, strong, straightforward answered the Englishman, who accordingly seated himself, cocked the pistol, and then took deliberate aim at his knee-joint.

claimed: "Do not come near; if you do I fire.

Now only answer me this question : Do you wish to prolong my suffering need-

"Sir, you are mad," answered the doctor, in despair; "but have your own way-I am ready to do as you Everything was ready for the ope-Lefebvre's skill and attention, the pa-

started for England.

thanked him with tears in his eyes for

the great obligation under which he

had laid him; and in a short time

departure the surgeon received the following letter from England:

name, and was immediately admitted.

In a huge arm-chair, seated before the lowing letter from England ; Inclosed you will receive a token of fire, with a bottle of wine beside him, Inclosed you will receive a token of my boundless gratitude—a bill of ex. sat a portly personage, whose size was farmer replied that it had. "I," said cent showed him to be an Englishman.

The following conversation then ensued change on my banker in Paris for change on my banker in Paris for could rise to welcome his visitor.

6,500 francs. You have rendered me of "Welcome, Monsieur Lefebvre," exthe happiest of men by ridding me of a limb which was an obstacle in the way of my happiness. Learn then, the the trouble you have taken in coming reason of what you termed my madness. You assured me that there could so good as to seat yourself at the table be no justifiable excuse for so singular where you will find chocolate, coffee, a mutilation. I offered you a wager, or wine, in case you would like to par- and I think you were right in refusing take of anything before commencing it. After my second return from the East Indies I became acquainted with Susan Black, the most accomplished and fascinating of women. I sought her hand in marriage. Her fortune and family were such as met with the pray be seated. I have entire confidence in you; only listen to me. Here for me, I thought only of her charms. I was soon happy enough to gain her affections, -a fact which she did not ration you are asked to perform, no attempt to deny; but she, at the same matter what the result may be. In time firmly refused to become my wife. case of your refusing compliance with In vain did I beseech her to do so; in my request, you see this pistol. It is vain did her relations all second my loaded, and you are in my power. As desire. She was inflexible. For a I hope for salvation, I will blow your long time I could not discover the reason of her opposition to a marriage "Sir, I am not to be deterred from which she herself confessed would make doing what I consider proper by any her happy; until at last, one of her sisters revealed the fatal secret to me. Susan was a marvel of beauty, but she was so unfortunate as to have lost a leg, and she had consequently coudemned herself to eternal colibacy. My resolution was quickly formed, and I determined to become like her. or desirable. However, unless I am Thanks to you, my dear Lefebyre, my wishes were soon accomplished. I re sound. I saw you walk down stairs turned with my wooden leg to Lonwith the greatest activity. What can don. I hastened to gain information of Miss Black. The report had been spread, and I myself had taken care to write to my friends in England to the same effect, that I had the misfortune to fracture my leg, and that am putation had been found absolutely necessary. Every one expressed the greatest concern at my misfortune. Susan fainted on the occasion of my "Sir, I have no acquaintance with first presenting myself. She was for you; give me some proof that you are a long time inconsolable, but at length was only on the morning after our

sake of my beloved Susan. So long as will do so. But I will bet you, sir, I live, rely on my gratitude. If ever that then you will acknowledge that you visit England, do not fail to come my reasons for my present seemingly here, so that I may make you acquaintextravagant conduct are most pure, ed with my wife; and then tell me manly, and noble, and even rational." whether or not I was out of my senses. Yours faithfully, ARTHUR OXLEY.

sacrifice by which I had at length been

Mons. Lefebvre answered the letter about his youthful days.

of his English friend in the following terms: Sir :- Accept my best thanks for your very generous present-for so must term what you have sent me, hav-

ing been previously magnificently remunerated for my trouble, as you were as your charming wife, all imaginable clean hands, or such absence of all sacrificed one of his ribs to become possessed of our common mother Eve, Notwithstanding all this, allow me to for you are now in the honeymoon; but at some future time you will ack-"I intend to shatter my leg with this | nowledge the truth of what I advanced. about to say. I fear that in two years you will repent of having had your leg amputated above the knee-joint. thick and thin, to its final issue, and Lefebvre rushed forward to prevent | er down would have been quite suffihim, but the Englishman coolly ex- cient. In three years you will be per- and doubters. Pluck of this sort dehave answered all purposes; in four, whether it comes by admission tickets, that of the big toe; in five, the little or in other ways. one; and, at last, you will have coned his cigar, and declared that he for the rest of my days. Had I really would smoke until the operation was done so, I should have every moment

ETIENNE LEPEBVRE. In the year 1793, during the Reign of Terror, the surgeon of Boulogne, plied with a wooden leg. He reward-ed the surgeon, whom he had learned practice, was obliged to take the guillotine. Being without employment or acquaintances, be inquired for the residence of his former patient, Mr. Oxley. He was directed to it, and About two months after his patient's on arriving at the house he sent up his claimed the huge Englishman, "Do not be offended at my receiving you in this manner, but my cursed wooden You have come, no doubt, my friend, to see if in the long run you were not

right." "I am a fugitive, seeking an asylum

among you.' "You shall stay with me, for you are really a wise man. You will console me. Do you know, my dear Lefebvre, that, had it not been for this abominable wooden leg rendering me useless I should by this time have been Admiral of the Blue. I spend my life in when under Buchanan it left the counreading the newspapers, and in curses try crombling into anarchy, a part

do that better than I can,"

and dancing; so she has, as a resource. given herself up to cards and scandal. at Marietta, Ohio, a few days ago; There is no possibility of living alone and yet that party asks the people to with her; in other respects she is a good enough woman." "What, was I right, then ?" exclaim-

ed the surgeon. "Oh, a thousand times, my dear Lefebvre; but say no more on that sub-

part with the paring of a single nail. Between ourselves, I must have been crazy; but keep that to yourself." Another Sioux squaw came into the

had met a trapper who told her he salary to \$4,500 this season. saw a Sioux warrior, who had it from a Piegan scout, who heard a Commanche say he was told by a Shoshoue that he saw a Gros Ventres who told him that a Kiowa who learned it from one of the Towines, said that an Arrapho told him he saw a Pawnee who didn't believe there had been much fighting, unless it had come off since he left Sitting Bull's camp.

"As soon as you can assign any adequate or reasonable motive for so uneccessary an operation."

The avowal increased her love. Oh! my excellent friend, had I ten legs to as he pensively contemplated a crowd of urchins: "I am carried back to " Just then the base ball came over his way and tried to get in his vest pocket, and doubled him up, When his teeth came back he shouted: "You young ragmuffins, you, if I catch you playing ball on the streets

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And other ways will open whatever fessed that to have parted with a nail, may be the exhibit of temporary pecuwithout necessity, would have been a niary result. There is the positive piece of egregious folly. All this I city growth already alluded to—some assert without in the slightest degree of which must be healthy and real; inpugning the merit of your admirable there are the permanent buildings belpmate. In my own youthful days within the Exhibition inclosure which ration. As soon as the doctor took up I would have, at any time given my inure to the city; there is the newly his instruments the Englishman light- life for my mistress, but never my leg, established "School of Art," whose administrators, with wise forecast, are making large purchases of such mateconcluded. He kept his word. The said to myself, "Lefebvre, you are a rial as could be secured under no lifeless leg rested upon the floor but madman." With highest considerations, to such advantage, as here and now; there is the im-mense educating influence of the Exhibition in its entirety upon the population of the city; and there is the further material gain of winning and holding a reputation for executing a gigantic scheme with steadfast purpose, and for entertaining a world of strangers without giving reasonable cause for complaint.—Scribner's Mon-

> A touching incident is reported from Chattanooga. An utter stranger called on a respectable farmer last week and asked him if his house had the stranger, "was one of the marauding party that did it. I took a little silver locket." "That locket," said the farmer," has been worn by my dear child." "Here it is," replied leg won't allow me to do anything.
> You have come no doubt my friend are \$20 for your little sou." He gave the farmer a fifty dollar bill and received \$30 in change. He then wrung the farmer's hand warmly and left. The farmer has since dried his tears and loaded his shot-gun. The fifty dollar bill was a bad one.

Sixteen years have passed away, and yet the Democratic party, in soul, . purpose, and policy, is the same as that I am tied up here when every- warring against it and a part voting body else is up and doing. Remain against it, and both factions teaching here; you shall comfort me." that our country was a mere confeder-"Your charming wife can doubtless ation of States, too weak to enforce its own laws, without power to protect its "Oh, as for that, no. Her wooden life, and subject to the veto of any leg prevents her from gadding about State that chose to withdraw from its power, So declared Senator Sherman restore it to power, and give it full control of the Federal Government!

It gravels a young minister fearfully, who has spent every cent he could earn, beg and borrow for four years to ect. I was an unutterable fool. If I acquire a good theological education had my leg back again I would not and has settled over a Western part with the paring of a single pail, church with a salary of \$300 a year. if he can collect it, and three denation parties in spite of him, to read that Skyfler, the pitcher of the Brooklyn nine, has just consented, in view of Drow camp two days ago and said she the hard times, to a reduction of his

> "Can I travel through your country with impunity, unless I am provided with firearms?" inquired a commercial traveler of a hardy frontiersman at the Central Hotel. "Why, certingly! Why not? You oughter have a Winchester and two six-shooters, though, and be sorter quick about pulling them," was the calm reply of the patriarch from the West.

> A Yankee counsel, who was defending a man on taial for wife murder, sought for some euphonous and innocent phrase with which to describe his client's crime, and finally said: "tle winnowed her into paradise with a fence rail."

The New York World, a Democratle paper, has the following sly dig at again I'll get the police after you." Tilden: "There is money enough And he moved away and forgot all stolen every year from the railroads in this country to pay all their debts."