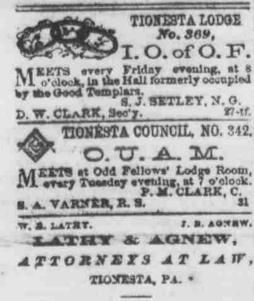
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PISTOLS FOR TWO.

DRESSMAKER, Tionesta, Pa. While the old frigate Brandywine lay at Gibralter, the American Con-MRS. HEATH has recently moved to a want which the ladies of the town and county have for a long time known, that sul Mr. Sprague came on board with a man who wished to join the ship, and after some consideration, said of having a dressmaker of experience among them. I am prepared to make all kinds of dresses in the latest styles, and man was received by the captain as a sort of steward, he having agreed to guarantee satisfiedon. Stamping for braid-ing and embroidery done in the best man-ner, with the newest patterns. All T ask is a tair trial. Residence on Eim Street, in the Acomb Building. tf. markably good looking, though in his | wait ?' face there was a peculiar look which PHOTOGRAPHER indicated that he preferred fue to sound sense, allowing however, that Pictures in every style of the art. Views of the oil regions for sale or taken to orthe fun had some sense in it.

The moment I placed my eyes upon the man I knew I had seen him before, and when I had an opportunity to speak with him I found that he had been a performer of legerdenain and ventriloquism in the United States, and there I had seen him. He had traveled through England, France and Spain with his implements of decep- took the knives one from his basom, tion, and had just brought up at Gib. and one from his sleeve and gave them raater when our ship came in. He to me, telling me to keep them until brought his whole kit on board, in a he returned. large chest which he got permission to stow away in the bread-room where it would keep perfectly dry. Ho had once, for be was not gone over three-quite a sum of money which he plac- quarters of an hour, and when he came ed in the purser's hands for safe keeping, but he would tell none of us how much. But he was liberal and openhearted, and it was not long before the crew blessed the hour that brought | ball, he asked him to mark it so that him on beard, for he was the very soul he would know it again. The fellow finished our wine and having paid for of wit and humor. At length our ship | besitated at first, but at length he took | it turned to go. went to Port Mahon, and here our Yankee tars were at home. One pleas- tween his teeth. ant morning a party of us went on 'I shall know that,' he said, 'unless shore, and Joe Lattit was among our it is battered against your bones.' number. Joe was dressed in a perfect shere-going rig and appeared a WHOLESALE & RETAIL gentleman of consequence. Near the amined them, but he was satisfied that here, don't l' middle of the forenoon a few of us entered a cafe, and the only occupant beside the keeper was a Spanish offi- our steward put the balls in and ramcer, evidently an infantry captain from his dress. We called for wine, and had it served upon a table next to the one at which the officer sat, Joe twelve paces were marked off, and the seating himself so that his back came Working Barrels, Valves, &c., against the back of the officer, but he did not notice how close he would be. Our laugh and jest ran high, and just as Joe said something more than | tiently. ing, Lace Leather, Casing, &c., usually funny, he threw himself back, and thereby hit the Spaniard with such force as to cause him to spill a glass most deliberate aim. Joe fired into priming tube was connected. So the that we are agoing to take Monterey, of wine upon his bosom. The follow the air. Then the latter walked debeg pardon for his unintentional mistake, he commenced a torrent of oaths he handed it to him : and invective, partly in Spanish and partly in broken English. His lan- Jee. guage was so abusiye that Jae's tem- T he surveyed the raving man from head to foot, and then said : 'Go on, sir, your language is beautiful, very beautiful for a gentleman." 'Ah ! you call me no gentleman ch!' uttered the officer in a towering passion.

and sarcastically, and thereupon Joe my teeth, while I have fired in the air. took two large knives that lay upon I meant that you should live long the bar, and tossed them one after the enough to know that for ence in your other down his throat, making several life you had seen, if not the old fellow wry faces as they took their passage himself (pointing meannagly downdownward. The fellow had evidently ploy. The old gentleman will like the never seen anything of the kind before, for he was astounded. fantry, and I'll send you along. Come,

'Now, sir,' said Joe, making two or work for his passage and board, and three more grimaces, as if he still felt some slight consideration besides. His the knives somewhere in the region of name was Jee Lattit, and he was a the diaphram, 'you shall wait here unregular specimen of the strolling Yan- til I go and bring my pistols and you kee; but he dressed well and was re- shall have satisfaction. Will you

> 'I can procure pistols,' said the officer, forgetting his astonishment and coming back to his anger.

'I shall fight with my own ! If you are a gentleman you will wait here.' Joe turned to us and bade us wait for him.

'Here! here! O criez !' cried the keeper, 'where be mine knives ?'

'I'll pay you for em when I come back,' said Joe, and then he beckoned me to come out. I did so, and he

It seems that Joe found a boat ready to take him off to the ship at he approached the keeper. quarters of an hour, and when he came back he had two superbly mounted Joe put his hand to his right car and pistols with him. He loaded them with powder in the presence of the Spaniard, and then handing him a it with a mad gesture and bit it be-

spoke he threw down a piece of silver

upon the counter. 'Now, select your pistol,' said Joe. The man took them both and ex- fellew. 'O, don't leave your money they were both alike and both good, laughing. When we were alone he and he told Joe he had no choice, so explained to me the secret of the pismed them carefully down.

The whole party now adjourned to in his legerdemain performances, and a wide court back of the cafe, where such as all wizards use to perform tricks of catching balls, etc. The main combatants took their stations. I trembled for poor Joe, for I saw not yet how he would make fun out of this. 'Count !' cried the Spaniard impa-

'One-two-three !'

chose.

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Gen. Taylor and the Mexican Spice.

In the course of his lecture on "Reminiscences of the Mexican War," delivered at Auburn, General Shields ward), at least one who is in his em- related the following incident :

After dinner, while we were sitting company of a captain of Spanish in- by the door of the tent smoking, a guard brought in two roughly dressd Mexican peone. They had been about But the astonished Spaniard did not the camp for two days selling oranges seem inclined to do so. A man who to the soldiers, when one of the guards accidentally noticed that one of them wore a fine lines shirt under his ragbetween his teeth, was not exactly the ged peasant's dress. This excited suspicion ; they were seized, and a search was pondering upon what he had seen, revealed a number of papers, includ-Joe took a handful of bullets from his ing a sketch of the camp, with locapocket and began to toss them rapidly | tion of its defences, the number of batdown his throat, and when these were teries, strength of the force and some gone he picked up half a dozen good notes, showing how the army could be sized stones and sent them after the successfully attacked by surprise. They were military spice, of course. The general sent for his interpreter, Spaniard, while his oyes seemed start- for he never mastered the beautiful ing from their sockets. 'What a man ! Spanish language, and demanded their names. They gave them correctly, L And as he thus spoke he turned on suppose. He asked their profession. his teel and hurried away from the They saw concealment was useless, and place. After he was gone Joe beck- they answered like braze men, they oned for me to give him the knives. I were soldiers. Their rank ; they were did so, and saw him slip them up his colonels of the Mexican force at Monsleeves. When he returned to the cafe teres

"Ask them," thundered the general "who sent them into my camp in this cowardly, sneaking way ?" The interpreter put this into Spanish as well as pulled out one of his knives, then from he could, and they answered, "Generhis left ear he drew the other one. al Ampudia ;" they were sent to ascor-The keeper crossed himself in terror tain the strength of the army, etc." and shrank trembling away. But we "Tell them," said the general, "that

Gen. Ampudia is no gentleman. If he had been he would have sent to me directly, and I would have given the imformation he desired." [Laughter.] They smiled, for they were evidently men of courage, and the general asked if they understood their situation -that they would be shot as spies. "Yes," they answered, "they expected to be shot, and haped to meet their fate as brave soldiers." Gen. Taylor saw that they were brave fellows, and tols. They were a pair he had used this touched him, I thought, as I watched him. His great, noble, generous face showed his emotion. He considered his duty under the circumbarrel of the pistol had no connection stances. At last his face lit up with whatever with the nipple for the cap; a bright smile. "Tell them," says he, but what appeared to be a socket for that I will not shoot them this time, the rammer was in fact a second barbut if they come sneaking around my rel, to be sure, smaller than the other, camp again I will make short work of but as large as the bore of any tifle them. Tell them to say to Gen. Am-The captain fired first and with a pistol, and with this secret barrel the pudia that I have six thousand men,

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man for him to deal with. While he

'Holy Santa Marie !' exclaimed the

'You want your knives ?' he said.

But the poor fellow dared not speak.

'Here,' said Joe, 'I haven't paid for

'No ! no ! no !' shrieked the poor

Jee picked it up, and we went away

the use of the yard yet.' And as he

By my soul 'tis the devil.'

load up again."

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'If I were going to call you anything, I should call you a jackass! calmly and contemptuously respondad Joe.

'Aha-a-ah !' halt growled the Spaniard, rolling his black eyes wildly and furiously. 'Now, by Santa Marie, you shall answer for that. I am a genteel rammer. He then put in the same man ! But you, you one leetle cursed ball he had used before. Meanwhile puppy ! Aha-a-aha ! Now you shall Joe had been loading his own pistol. fight !'

Joe would have laughed the matter off, but he saw that the captain was get them ?' determined to fight, and at length he resolved to accommodate him. The but he kept his eyes upon it. Joe openkeeper of the cafe called me on one ed a little silver spring at the end of but he was always quarrelsome when tol he gave it a toss in the air, catchrather than have a fuss.

'Not five minutes before you came in,' added the keeper, 'four of his fellow officers left him because they saw he was ripe for a fuss. So you had better get your friend out."

I pulled Joe uway, and told him all that had just been told me, but he only smiled and assured me there was nothing to fear. I felt sure at once from his very manner that he had some fun in his head, and I let him

'My name is Joseph Lattit, sir, a citizen of the United States, and General of the Order of Sublime Darkness,' said Joe pompously. 'Your name, sir ?'

'Antonia Bizar, Captain in Her Most Catholic Majesty's seventh regiment of infantry. But your office, sir? I don't comprehend.'

'Oh, you wouldn't know if I should tell you. I am simply general of a floor as he spoke.

taking the ball from between his teeth, harm done.

'You can use this next time,' cried

The officer looked first at Joe's teeth per was up in a moment, and instead and then at the hall. It was surely of asking pardon, as he had intended, the same one he had seen his forman [put in the pistol, and now he had seen him take it from his mouth. He was unmistagably astounded.

'Come,' cried Joe, 'let's load again.' 'Ean Pablo !' exclaimed Bizar, 'you use some-what you call him-some trick he! By San Jago, I shall load the pistol myself.'

'Do so,' said Joe calmly, and as he spoke he handed over his powder flask.

The Spaniard poured out an extra quantity of powder, and having poured it into the pistol, he called for the

' One moment,' said Joe, 'the caps are in the butt of your pistol, let me

The fellow passed over his pistol side, and informed me that the officer the butt, and true there were some was Captain Antonia Bizar, one of the percussion caps there. He took out most notorious duellists of the place, two, and having capped his own pisunder the influence of liquor, and that | ing it adroitly as it came down, and his companions always left him alone then handed back the other to the Spaniard. I had watched Joe most carefully, but I saw nothing out of the with his foe.

'Now,' said he, 'I'll put a ball into my pistol, and then we'll be ready. He slipped soriething in which looked to be like a cartridge, but no one else saw it.

'Now,' cried the Spaniard, 'let's see you hold this in your mouth !'

again they were ready.

And the Spaniard fired first by aim, Joe fireing into the air as before. And again Joe stepped forward and took the self-same bullet from his mouth and handed it to his antagonist. The fellow was completely dumbfounded and so were the rest.

'You no fire at me !' gasped the captain

'Pil fire at you next time !' said Joe body of men who have sold themselves in a tone of thunder. 'Thus far I have to the gentleman who burns sincers only shown you that powder and ball and heretics down here.' And Joe can have no effect upon me. Twice braska Legislature sits during the winpointed mysteriously down towards the have you fired at me with as true a ter in order to prevent its members pistol as ever was made, and both from attending the session in their The Spaniard smiled very bitterly times have I caught your ball between | bare iset and shirt sleaves.

apparent barrel of the weapon might and that I don't care aleaped to his feet and before Joe could liberately up to his antagonist, and be filled with powder and ball and no many men he has." [Applause.]

When Joe returned with his pistols, of course he had both these secret bores loaded with powder and blank cartridges, and then the other load was nothing but effect in appearance. At the second loading Joe had charged the secret barrel of his own pistol, while the Spaniard had been filling up the main barrel of his. Then of course it became necessary to make an exchange, else Bizar would never have got his weapon off. As epon as Joe got the other pistol in his posession, and made the exchange which we spoke of at the time, he had only to press smartly upon a secret spring ou the side of the stock, and he had the replied that he could not suggest a in emptied into his hand. So he had the marked ball to dispose of as he

Ever after that while he remained in Mahon, Joe Lattit was an object of both dread and curiosity on shore, for an account, all colored to suit the exaggerated conception of the cafe-keeper, had been spread all over the city, and the pious Catholics wanted nothing to do with such a man. only to keep on his good humored side.

A good many people are puzzled dent's residence at Washington is call-ed the "White House." The origin of "Par'snips." the name is as follows : "When the way. And yet he had changed pistols British in 1814 took Washington, they destroyed the public buildings, including the President's mansion, which, like the Capitol, was built of a grayish sand-stone. The burning of the wood work smoked and discolored the stone walls, the natural appearance of ity was secured by the application of stant use .- Irving. white paint. The changed appearance from gray to white attracted attention and gave it the appellation of the White House, which it has since

borne. 'Mamma,' asked a little boy, is our old hen going to be sent away for the

summer ?' I guess not my son,' she replied ; 'but why do you ask the question ?' 'Because I heard pa tell our new hired girl that they would have such a sweet time when he sent his old

hen away for the summer."

A Westers editor says: "The Ne-

-how There is an almost complete equali-

ty in the world's sexes. In France this balance is most nearly attained. where for every 1,000 men there are 1,007 women. In Sweden to 1,000 men there are 1,064 women, while in Greece to the same number of males there are but 993 Greek women. In Paraguay there are only 1,000 men to every 2,-080 women, a state of things mainly due to the ravages of the Brazilian wars.

A western editor received a letter from a subscriber asking him to publish a core for apple tree worms. He whole charge which the other had put cure until he knew what ailed the worm.

> Cleveland young women write comments on the margin of the library novels they read. One emotional creature writes: 'The pauge of love are grate, fur I have been there myself.

> Col. Gildersleeve is going to pub-lish a book on "How to Shoat." Then if some gifted treasury girl will only-write a supplement on "Who to shoot," the world will be satisfied.

Young Miltiades Spilkins promises to become a joker in time. The other when asked the reason why the Presi- day he labelled a private bottle that his father keeps in the side board,

> A proud and devoted wife whose husband had got a job on a cellar excavation, explained his absence from home by saying he had gone to Wheeling.

A tart temper never mellows with age; and a sharp tonget is the only which could not be restored. Uniform - edged tool that grows keener with con-

> Mr. Furlong is the name of a school master out West. The scholars dou' like him, perhaps fer the reason that a furlong has forty rode.

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The American potato bug has ar-rived in Ireland. Like patriotic Irinhmen, he'll soon be wearing the great -the Paris green.

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