A Sketch of the Weatthlest House in the

A short time after the battle of Jena, in which Napoleon broke down the armed opposition of Prussia, William I., elector of Hesse Cassel, flying through Frankfort, summoned to an audience a

prominent tanker of the city.
"I am one of those," he said, "who trusted to the faith of that faithless perjurer and enemy of his race, Napoleon Bonaparte. He promised to preserve my territory from violation and to treat me as a neutral prince. He has forced me to fly from my own domain, has already seized it, is to obliterate it and make it a part of the kingdom of Westphalia. I have with me about five millions. Take them! Keep them in security until my rights are restored and recognized. How much interest will you allow me?"

"In the disturbances of the time," replied Mayer von Rothschild, "I can promise nothing. It must be a very low rate if any. You will have to trust me to pay what I can, when I am able to

"Very well," replied the elector, "my chief purpose is to secure them. From what I can learn of you I cannot do better than to trust you. I must bid you adieu."

Rothschild departed, received the elector's treasure on deposit, was able to loan it and reloan to some advantage, but paid no interest on it for eight years, and returned it to the elector's son in

Such, at least, according to the legend, is the origin of that wonderful house of Rotuschild, whose existence and operations are surrounded with something of the mysteries and dazzling spectacular display found chiefly in fairy romance and Arabian Nights tales

During all the troubles in Europe In the early part of the century, Roths-child remained undisturbed. He negotiated two loans of \$4,000,000 each for Denmark, which, contemptible now, were enormous then. A large whole sale "Yankee notions" or dry goods house might surpass them to-day. Mayer Rothschild had the faculty of turning all chances to good account. Just before his death in 1812 he called

together his six sons-Nathan, Solomon, Anselme, Karl, Mayer and James, and said to them : "I want you to promise on your sol-

emn oaths always to remain united in carrying on the operations of our

They swore as he asked, but after his death separated; or rather they divided Europe between them. They established their houses at Paris, London, Frankfort, Vienna and Naples. Each one shared in the general operations of the house, but had individual supervision over this particular field. It was not a central bank with different branches; there were five different houses, which, if occasion required. acted as one.

The emperor of Austria ennobled all of them as if they were all the eldest, which is an Austrian custom. Their arms were five golden arrows. By a re-markable coincidence, an ancient writer predicted that Charon, who, according to the old myth, ferried people over the Styx, or river of death, and who gets his pay from the passengers, would have a large income in the year 1855, and in that year Nathau, the eldest, and Solomon and Karl all died. Everybody expected, as each one dropped off, to learn at least the searcts of that enormous banking-house. But there was not the smallest chance to look into their big books. Another Rothschild stood ready to take them from the dead man's hands. The firm is a dynasty. You can learn from it only that it has a secret of making money.

One of the great strokes of the Rothschild house was male when Nathan, the London banker, and an English citizen, followed close in the rear of Napoleon, in 1815, as if he foresaw the fall of that giant. The sun had not set on the battle of Waterloo before the banker wa well on his way to London. He bough English consols, at that time very low in price. When London heard the grant news, consols rose and Rothschild sold. Tois transaction was entirely Rothschild-like. In their transactions, chance is eliminated as much, perhaps, as it is impossible in human affairs. The conception of these grand schemes are clear and simple, however vast. The accomplishment alone is difficult, because it requires a rapid glance over the whole field and large capital. But there is in them indications of genius. In most of these first great operations there is the peculiarity of Christopher Columbus' famous egg trick. Dollars, like

Capital has displaced men in the world of industry. Formerly a man was a producer or a negotiator, a borrower or a lender. Now, by the substitution of capacity, he may be all of these at the same time. In Belgium and Spain the Rothsebilds are producers of coal and quicksilver. By virtue of the railroads they own they are also carriers; to-day they will be the largest buyers, to-morrow the largest sellers in Europe. Speculation is the fairy of the nineteenth century, and the Rothschilds are its godsons. Life at the present day has been almost tripled in intensity. A man who dies at forty years of age has certainly lived more than centenarians of the seventeenth century.

soldiers, need to be hurled en masse

and at once against a designated point.

The Rothschilds in this respect have

been the greate-t captains of the century.

Money no longer has a country. The Rothschilds would lend it to Belgium and to Holland when they were mutual enemies; to Austria and to Italy; to France and to Germany; to Antonelli or Victor Emanuel. Though empires go down with a crash, the house of Rothschild remains unmoved. They furnish the money to make war; they furnish it to make peace. The conqueror owes them for his guns; the conquered owes them for his ransom.

Only once was there any disagreement known to have arisen between them. When Naples ceased to be a capital the Baron Adolphe de Rothschild removed his banking house from the city, and demanded, in cash, his share of the com-mon funds—fifteen millions. But, per-

in all times of confusion and trouble have continue to utter the same distinct watchword of business, even as at night the clocks of large cities, regulated by one hand, strike the hours at the same

moment. tions. The Baron James, at Paris, it between Paris and San Francisco, and

who visits a grave leaves a stone. The project of buying Palestine and of it or speedily abandoned it.

Many stories are told of their shrewd-

are legendary. One of the best known is that of the that he share his property with them, gave them each a five franc piece and told could calculate it.

It was a Rothschild, too, who, while playing cards, was much annoyed by another player, who stopped the game noney that had fallen upon the carpet. Rothschild thereupon folded a banknote, lit it and held it for him, saying, "There, my good man, hurry up while I hold the light."

"Home, Sweet Home."

The "Tile Club" (of young New York artists), recently went on a trip to the eastern end of Long island, which trip is commemorated in Scribner's final result is an explosion. Magazine. We quote the following about the home of John Howard Payne:

Payne declared that he had first heard the lips of a Sicilian peasant girl, who sang it artlessly as she sold some sort ear by the purity of her voice. It is pleasant to think he did not crib it from any old opera, but had a certain proprietorship in the air, as well as the words, of the most popular song extant.

The "home" he was thinking of, as he traced the deathless lyric in some London rookery, was undoubtedly Easthampton. A few years later, he expanded its opening words in a magazine description of his native town. "Many an eye wearied with the glare of foreign grandeur," he wrote (Demoeratic Review, February, 1838), "will, ere long, luil itself to repose in the stenciled expressions of "foreign grandeur," and "eyes wearied with the glare," what are they but repetitions of the opening of both stanzas-the "pleasures and palaces" of stanza one "the exile from home splendor dazzles in vain," of stanza two? Easthampton is what supplies the sentiment, the type, the foil, the contrast of the song. East, hamptou still exists, just as he knew it, like a vignette perpetuated in electrotype. The "tavern sign in the center of the road" is gone, though, which he described "swinging between the two posts"-"while the geese strut with slow and measured stateliness to their repose." The geese still parade down the grassy street, getting between the visitor's legs every minute, and are as obtrusive as they are in Payne's letters and descriptions. Yes-it is an unronantic discovery, but there cannot be a loubt of it—"the birds singing sweet-ly" of Payne's ballad, "that came at my call," were ganders, and their sweetness was a hiss.

From the age of thirteen; when he left the ample hearth of his father's house here, the hymnist of "Home" was homeless; that is, until the theatrical structure of his latter months arose at the command of the Afrites, and he lay down to die in his Arabian Night's palace, hungering for the thatch, "the sooty chimney-throat of this delicious cot." "Thatched" cottages, by the by, were to be found in Easthampton when Payne was a youth.

The Hangmen's Record.

In the United States during the past year ninety-six murderers (all men) were hanged—an increase of thirteen over the record for the previous year. Of this number forty-one were white, fifty-two colored, two Indians and one Chinaman. Five were hanged for outrage, and four for wife murder. There were seven double executions, four triple and two quadruple. Friday retains the reputation as haugman's day, seventy executions having taken place on that day. The largest number in any one month was in March; twenty-five executions having then occurred. Seventy per cent, of the hangings were in the Southern States, and nearly twc-thirds of the victims were colored. In Texas there were ten; Louisiana, nine; Alabama, eight; South Carolina, eight; North Carolina, eight; Pennsylvania, six; Missouri, five; Georgia, five; Ten-nessee, four; Arkansas, four; California, four; New York, three; Kentucky, Virginia, Montana, Delaware, Ohio, Mississippi and Maryland, each two; Massachusetts, Arizona, Florida, New Hampshire, Indiana and Nevada, each one, -New York Herald.

A Washington correspondent say that Rollins, of New Hampshire, is the smallest man in the Senate; Davis, of Illinois, the largest. Ferry has the most hair on his head, and Cameron, of Wisconsin, the least. Grover and Jones. of Florida, are the tallest men. Hamlin and Merrimon habitually wear swallowhaps, recollecting the oath required by tail coats; and McDonald wears an oldthe founder of the house, the affair was fashioned cloak, like the toga of a Roarranged, and the different Rothschilds | man senator.

Why they Explode.

The Scientific American explains the philosophy of kerosene lamp explosions. Read and learn how to avoid danger : All explosions of pe'roleum lamps are caused by the vapor or gas that collects When steam and electricity came into in the space above the oil. Of course, use the former great strides of a poculation were no longer possible. But the a elyon light ng the lamp consumption of Rothschilds, anticipated these inven- oil begins, soon leaving a space for gas, which commences to form as the lamp is said, hastened to seize and use these warms up; and after burning a short new levers, which otherwise would have time sufficient gas will accumulate to destroyed him. He was the principal form an explosion. The gas in a amp projector of the French railways, and is will explode only when ignited. In this said to have wept tears of joy on sending respect it is like gunpowder. Cheap or the first telegram to San Francisco. He in erior oil is always the most dangerhad calculated the difference of time ous. The flame is communicated to the gas in the following manuer: The wick knew that the answer would come dur- tube in the lamp-burners is made ing the day. He awaited it in feverish larger than the wick which is to pass silence. It came at the hour he had through it. It would not do to have calculated, The Rothschilds are, for the most on the contrary, it is essential that it part, Jews. The tomb of the Paris move up and down with perfect ease. family is opposite that of Rachel in the | In this way it is unavoidable that space cemetry of Pere Lachaise. An "R" is in the tube is left along the side of the sculptured in relief on the white stone wick sufficient for the flame from the of the modest chapel. The inclosure in front is sown with pebbles. Every Jew explode the gas. Many things occur to cause the flame

to pass down the wick and explode the reinstating the Jews has been attributed lamp. 1. A lamp may be standing on to the Rothschilds, but as they have the table or mantel, and a slight puff of never taken any steps toward it, it is air from the open window or door may probable that they either never thought | cause an explosion. 2. A lamp may be taken up quickly from a table or mantel and instant y exploded. 3, A lamp is ness, and while some of them true, more taken into an entry where there is a draught, or out of doors, and an explosion ensues. 4. A lighted lamp is taken Paris banker, who, when two commun- up a flight of stairs, or is raised quietly ists entered his bank and demanded to place it on a mantel, resulting in an exp'osion. In these instances the mischief is done by the air movement, either them that was their share as near as he by suddenly checking the draught or forcing air down the chimney against the flame. 5. Blowing down the chimney to extinguish the light is a frequent cause of explosion, 6. Lamp explosions in order that he might find a piece of have been caused by using a chimney broken off at the top, or one that has a piece broken, whereby the draught is variable and the flame unsteady. 7. Sometimes a thoughtless person puts a small-sized wick in a large burner, thus leaving considerable space along the edges of the wick. 8. An old burger, with its air draughts closed up, which

"Your daughter has treated me very curt "-and the young man was lifted by the tune of " Home, Sweet Home" from the parental hoof from the door of his girl's house to the middle of the horsecar track. He arose as quick as he could, of Italian wares, and touched his fine and milily explained that he hadn't finished the word, which was "courtcons," and Alphonso was taken under the unhespitable roof once more, ball his pants mended, was done up in a salve, and then sent home to his ma in a hack, Thus is true greatness rewarded, and impetuosity rebuked. - Boston Traveler.

The Windsor hotel, New York, is averaging one hundred more guests than a a corresponding time last year, which speaks volumes for the excellent management of this great hotel. This is to be accounted for by the reduction in quiet beauty of this village." The price, the revival of business and its easy access by the new elevated railroads.

> "What is your name?" asked school teacher of a boy. "My name's Jule," was the reply; whereupon the teacher impressively said: "You "You should have said Julius, sir. And now, my lad," turning to another boy, "what is your name?" "Billious, sir."

> A Dangerous Torpor.
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> Torpoz or inactivity of the kidneys is seriously dangerous to those organs, since it is the precedent of diseases which desired their substance and endanger life. This sluggishness may be overcome by stimulating them, not excessively, but moderately; an effect produced by Hostetler's Stomach Bitters, a general invigorant and alterative, possessing diuretic properties of no common order. The impetus which this admirable medicine gives to their evacuative function counteracts any tendency to congestion which may exist in their tissues. Both they and their associate organ, the bladder, are invigorated as well as gently stimulated by the Bitters, which exerts a kindred influence upon the stomach, liver and bowels, and by strengthening the system, enables it to withstand malarial epidemics, to which, when exposed, it might otherwise succumb. Theological students reason that if there b

> counterfeit money, there must be genuine; so, if there be infidels, there must also be Christians. If this be true of money and religion, will not the same rule apply to "put up" medicines? Do not the cheap and worthless nostrums prove that there are genuine and meri-torious "put up" medicines? The great popularity of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Dis-covery has resulted in the manufacture of many shoddy alterative and tonic remedies, but one after another these have disappeared, the proprietors having found that, no matter how oud they advertise, success depends upon merit. In South America, as well as in this country, the Discovery is the standard remedy for all scrofulous and eruptive diseases. It sets promptly on the stomach, liver and blood, toning up, regulating and purifying the system. It speedily allays all bronchial irritation, and cures the most stubborn cough or cold in half the time required by a y other remedy.

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PAYING THE PENALTY.

By Mrs. Meta Victoria Victor.

CHAPTER I. The scene opens in the Morgoe, New York, when the body of a handsome young man has just been brought in, and where it lies under the dripping of the iced water, which falls upon it to arrest the progress of decomposition. The man who attends to guard the dead did not observe a slim female figure, which seemed to arise out of the earth, so silently and suddenly did it stand there. She was bending over one of the five marble slabs, on which lay the dead body of a splendid young man-he could not have been more than 23.

"Who are you?" said the attendant, suddenly becoming aware of the girl's presence. "I am Liz," she said : "and that is my hus band lying there!"

"Do you wish him sent home?" said the "Heavens-what use? I have not a cent to

bury him !" "Come now! you had better go home. It's

getting late."

getting lafe."

She gived her forehead to the glass again, standing there motionless, until the officer, not ungently, put his hand on her arm and drew her away.

"I cannot even get at him to kiss him good-bye," she said pitifully.

"I wouldn't want to if I was you, my goor girl. Come, come! home is the best place for you.

"Home! I never had a home! I came up on the streets—I shall always live on the streets. George promised to take care of me—he paid for my little room—but George is gone. Oh, ch, ch.!"

Two minutes later, one of the hospital surgeons—a very great sorge as indeed, a wan of authority—ran lightly down the steps of the morgue and stood thought fully looking torough the slass curtain.

"How fortunate!" he said to binneif. "I could not be better suited. The merent chance, too!" Then, turning to the attendant, "I stand in used of a subject to m trow, and this one is exactly what I want. Has any one claimed it?"

"Tue they's wife was here—said she was too poor to bury it—don't think it will be claimed, doctor,"

"One I have it to night?"

"I should asy so."

"Good! Casey, I know I can trust to your discretion. This body is not to go into the college. It is for a private use of my own, and it ast be sent to my house, You will be off duty here at mistight. I want you then to get an ambulance and bring this to me at my home, I will be there to receive it, and I will contrive to have the policeman on that heat out of the way at that hour. You and I can bring it is. Here is fifty dollars for your trouble, and—you are to make no remarks."

"All right, doctor! I'll be there to the minute, air—and many thanks. My wife will make good use of this money."

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the for him outside the hospital gate, and was driven rapidly toward home. CHAPTER II.

On the previous day Dr. Fordyce had been summoned to the house of his next door neighbor, Mrs. Remington. On his arrival there he found Mrs. Remington and her daughter Flora in the agonies of grief. On a bed was stretched the unconscious form of Clymer, the son of Mrs. Remington, desperately wounded by a pistol ball in the right side. "How did it occur ?"

"How did it occur?"

A mean from the mother was her only response.

"Oh, dector, is he dead?" whispered Flora.

"Not quite, my dear, not quite. His heart beats, I think."

The surgeon turned down the sheet to examine the wound, which he found of the most critical character; and, and as he stooped over the patient, heard a violent ringing of the bell and knocking on the street door. He observed the two ladies shiver, as if from a blow. A tap at the chamber door soon followed. Doctor Fordyce himtelf responded to it, stepping into the corridor to hear what the servant had to say.

"The officers are here with a warrant to arrest our young master, ar. What shall I do? I told 'em he wasn't fit to be said hands on."

"Ask them to step up-stairs with as little noise as possible. I will speak to toem."

Presently two wide-awakes officials came up, with an expression on their faces which said, as plainly as words: "No tricks now! We can't be humbugged by that game! Wo're going to do our duty, if you are rich people here."

"What do you want, my men!"

"We are here to arrest Olymer Remington," answered one of the two, reading from a paper, "for the killing of Cadet Edouard De Vivo."

"Is young De Vivo dead?" seked the surgeon, much shocked.

"As a door nail."

"Well, the man you are after is net much better off. In all human probability he will not live the night out. He is shot in the right lung. It is impossible for you to move him. Step in and take a look at him; you will see for yourselves the condition the bey is in."

The officers came in on tip toes, and saw at a glance that a few minutes would close his mortal career.

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When Liz found that her lover's body had disappeared, and heard of the duel, she had an instinctive idea of what Dr. Fordyce' object had been in buying her hus-

band's body. Gambler and rogue as he had been, she loved him, and with brains sharpened with destitution she resolved to make her market out of the secret, "I will make those proud creatures in silks know that

I am a match for them."

She smiled haggardly to herself to think that George wou die spared the horrors of Potter's Field—that he would be dressed in broadcieth, and smothered under tob roses and cape jismines in the line roseswood coffin with the solid silver handles. It almost deadened the duli pain at her heart a little while to think of the splendid funeral her George would have, joiled along in a sump uous hearse for miles and miles, and followed by half the proud ladies and gentlemen of Fifth avenue in their glittering carriages, driven by follows in a cape and buttons innumerable.

As for herself, she would take a cheap ride to Greenwood by cars, find out the family plot of the Remingtons, and be on hand to see her lover put in the ground, with the bishop himself to read the prayers. I am a match for them."

CHAPTER III.

A beautiful child of eleven years was sitting in a summer house in the midst of a most blooming garden over-looking the broad, blue Hudson, as it wound by the

The house to which the garden belonged was called the Hall, and was the home of Madame De Vivo, a widow lady of French descent.
The lady had married Capt. De Vivo after reaching

this country. Both were wealthy, and had purchased and improved an elegant place on Washington Heights.

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The captain had died after fifteen years of tranquillity passed in his American home, leaving two children, a boy of fourteen and a guil of five.

True to her race, which had always been military in the instincts and ambitions of its male soins, the widow had placed her son at West Point, grateful to know that he was mithin a few hours' travel of his home, while he was fitting for the career beloved of all true Frencomen.

Edonard he Vivo grew up toward manhood with all the faults and virtues of a true cadet. He was proud, flery, van, handsome, honorable and brave. Alas! poor boy! What matters it to us what he might have been, since he was doomed to so early a death?

Let us go back to that bright, sweet afternoon in late May when Dules De Vivo, a lovely little girl of it, sat in her hower, quite host in the fascinations of a volume of the "Arabian Nights."

Her brother's particular friend, Clymer Remington, had bought her this bewitching book. If there was a person in the world whom she adored, it was Mr. Remington. Dulce had as ardent and affectionate a little heart as ever heat in a shild's bosom. She loved her mother, her old grandmother, her brother: but the feeling she had for Edonard's friend was a kind of worshipmed admiration.

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dead body of her beloved brother was brought home. He had been slain in a dust with Clymer Remington. CHAPTER IV.

The mock funeral was over, and the gambler and the scapegrace George was buried in the vaults of the Remingtons, when Liz, the gambler's wife, made her apneurance at the stately mausion of the Remingtons. Here she tells Flora what she has discovered, and de-

mands husb monoy.

"You didn't hurt my husband; he was dead afore, You gave him a splendid funeral. But your secret is worth a mint o' money. I'm nour-starving! I mean to live in comfort after this. I mean you shall pay my For a stretched out her white hand, where a large hamond sparkled, and thrust her purse in her visitor's

diamond sparkled, and thrust her purse in her visitor's clutch.

"There are five hundred dollars there—all the money I have in the house to-day."

"All right. You have lots more in the bank. I want a settlement in writing, you see. So much a year."

"I will do as well by you as Loan."

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"I dike that ring on your finger, that shines so, miss. It's a heauty! May I have it?

Enat power had been in the Remington family a good many yours, but Flors immeliately took it off and passed; it over to Liz, whose black eyes giltered greadity.

"When shall I come to have the writing drawn up an signed?"

"I ha week."

signed?"

"In a week."

"Very well. You can have Doctor Fordyos to fix it for you. I won't bring no witness, but you must give man paper. So, now, cood-sight, niss, and don't worry too much about it. I'll be as silent as he is, if you do the fair thing by me."

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