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as friends-some here, some there; welcome everywhere. TANY to God's word cleave: a of do well they often leave.

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# The Severed Hand.

'A ROMANCE OF BEAL LIFE.

About the end of January, more and twenty years since, Dr. Liswas returning to his house at eleven clock at night. He had reached the or, and had raised the knocker, about o give warning to the maid in attend of his arrival, when vigorous arm

ed his own ba'f way, and at the time three masked figures sur-

ded the astonished doctor. The int was deserted, the doctor had no true by him, and, wisely judging resistwould prove unavailing, he sought cape from the hands of the banditta y the sacrifice of his purse, when the an who held his arm addressed him very politely, s-ying: "I believe you are Dr. Lisfranc?"

\*\* You seem to be acquainted with my erson," replied the doctor. " Take. ben, ny purse and atch-trouble me no longer, but set you gone to more nonest work.

Sir," said the man, haughtily, " we are no thieves, but only come to ask from ou a favor.'

"You have chosen a strange way and a anasnal hour for such a purpose, and the doct or, mistrustfully.

" Every hour is mod for so clever a surgeon as yourself to perform an opera-

'E'1?" said the doctor, who, a litt e sured, stood examining his three ents more closely, and perceived that by were dressed more like gentlemen ing to a ball than like highway rob-

We request, doctor, that you follow immediately. Permit me, at least, to warn by lady

v absence.' No; there is no need for it. You

rive your implements with you; that ill do. You must submit, however, to iving your eyes bandaged. "But, sir"-

"You can see only the hand which you are required to cut off." The doctor then crossed his arms, and, looking earnestly at his interlocutor, re-

plied: "Sir, there has been violence used in bringing me here; if it be true, however, that some one stands in need of obliged me to follow you, but you cannot force me to be your accomplice."

"Be easy, sir," replied the stranger, bitterly; "there is no crime in all this." And taking the doctor by the arm he walked up to the alcove ; then pointing to a hand that came from behind the curtains, he said : "That is the hand you are to cut off."

The doctor took within his own the extended hand; he felt its delimite fingers shudder at the contact. It was a woman's hand, small and beautifully shaped, on which a ruby ring made its whiteness appear still more remarkable.

"Nothing here," exclaimed the doc-tor; "no, nothing demands an amputation."

"And I tell you," cried the stranger, with a thundering voice, "that, if the surgeon refuses, I shall fulfill his office myself," and seizing an axe that lay at the foot of the bed, he laid the hand on he night table and prepared to sever it. The doctor held him back.

"Then do it yourself," said the man. "But this is an atrocious deed!" cried poor Lisfranc.

"That is nothing to you. It must be lone; I will it so, The lady wishes it ikewise ; if she must ask it of you herelf, she will do it. Come, madame, remest the doctor to do you the favor."

Poor Lisfranc, pale and trembling, felt ready to faint on the floor. A feeble voice came from the alcove, and said, in tone of unutterable despair and resignation:

"Since you are a surgeon, sir-yes, I entreat you-let it be yourself-and do aot let-oh, you-for mercy's sake !" "Come, doctor," said the unknown

either you or L." So flerce and terrible was the aspect

of the stranger, and so implacable and relentless his determination-the prayer of the poor lady so poignant and des-pairing, that the doctor felt impelled by humanity itself to obey the ommand.

He took his implements, implored with a last look the heartless stranger, who merely replied by pointing significantly to the axe. With a broken spirit, and a cold perspiration bathing his noble brow, the doctor recalled all his energy and presence of mind. Twice his arm irembled, and he paused. At length the blood spouted forth ; a shrick burst from the algove, and to that cry of agony succeeded a dead silence. The stranger stood by, apparently unmoved. Nothing was heard but the noise of the horrible work. Soon the hand and the instrument fell together. The doctor, livid and exhausted, gazed ing away from her sight. upon the stranger with haggard eyes. The latter stooped, picked up the savered hand, and drawing the ruby ring from off one of the fingers, presented it to the doctor. "Take it, doctor," said be ; "it is a souvenir; no one will claim it from you." He then added, in a low voice, " It is over ! " Immediately the other two masked men came in, and, bandaging his eyes again, led him away. The same carriage that had brought him there set him down again at his own door. Doctor Lisfranc snatched the bandage from his eyes in time to see the carriage rolling away and disappearing in the darkness, It was five o'clock in the morning, It was in vain that day after day the doctor exhausted every means he could imagine for penetrating the mystery of this terrible adventure. Had it not been for the ring (indisputable proof of the reality of his recollections), he would have thought himself a prey to

. . . . . .

The young Matilda de ---- (the names are too illustrious and too well known for us to point them out, even by initials), the young Matilda de -- WBS the daughter of one of the most illusfather had acquired an elevated place, my services, without looking into your secrets—unmindful of the way I have been brought here—I shall willingly do been brought here. But if you Matilda de—had, therefore, no fortune to bestow upon the one who should call her his.

> Napoleon de ---- was the grandson of the noble Duchess de ----. The duchess had a great name, an empty title, but no fort une.

> Notwithstanding this, the duchess and the general, long bound together by the ties of friendship, had mutually agreed

to unite their two children in marriage. Of this determination, however, they soon repented. While Matilda and Napoleon gave themselves up to the sweet charm of their mutual affection, the duchess and the general, alarmed for the interests of their children, and a little also for their own, played a scene of high comedy.

"If my daughter," said the general, marries that poor fellow, Napoleon, adieu to luxury and pleasure.

"If my son," soliloquized the duchess, should wed a girl and not a fortune. how could we ever restore the luster of the noble house of ---- ?"

The general, therefore, sought to wean Matilda from her lover; and the duchess exerted herself to divert Napoleon from thinking of Matilda, But neither could succeed. Napoleon and Matilda loved too sincerely, too devotedly, to fall an easy prey to the snares spread out to entrap their youth and inexperience.

Unable to disunite them, the general and the duchess insisted upon the departure of Napoleon, and on his absenting himself for a while from Paris. They told him that the smallness of their fortune required it. It was indispensable for him to acquire a position in the world. The minister had just offered to provide him with a place as secretary of some foreign embassy. Should he re-fuse to go he would shut himself out from a brilliant career. He must accomplish this sacrifice, were it but for Matilda's sake, as her future welfare depended upon it, and he was to become re-ponsible for her happiness. Napoleon, at length, unwillingly consented. He saw Matilda for a last time; he

told her of his intended departure. A cry of agony burst from the young girl's bosom. In vain did Napoleon acquaint in a speedy return, a whole life of love, happiness and wealth. Matilda still

The count was of a jealous nature, as ealous as Othello. A fatal suspicion had taken possession of his mind. The ring which Matilda wore on her left hand gave him much uneasiness. He told Matilda that he looked upon it with trious soldiers of the empire. Her aversion, and begged of her to wear it no longer. Matilda replied that she would never be separated from it, giving her answer with much sweetness, but with the same determined air which she had shown at her wedding. From that time that which had pre-

viously only been a suspicion in the count's mind became a certainty. He determined upon being revenged, but dissembled his feelings and purpose. A system of surveillance was organized around Matilda. Soon there came a letter from Napoleon. The youth, ignorant of Matilda's sacrifice, and the ruin of his dearest hopes, spoke of his love, of his future happiness, of their speedy marriage. He reminded Matilda that marriage. He reminded Matilda that her hand belonged to him, and he requested her to look often upon the ruby of his mother's ring whilst think-ing of him. He concluded by announc-ing a happy tiding. He was charged by his ambassador to be the bearer of im-portant dispatches to Paris. Before a month was over he would again see his month was over he would again see his

beloved Matilda. This letter was put into the count's bands, He saw through it all. He went to Matilda's apartment with the open letter in his hand, and, handing it to her, said coolly :

"I can imagine your scruples, but why did you not explain yourself sooner? You have sworn that your hand will belong only to him ! Very well ! as soon as he arrives I shall take it upon myself to make your promise good," added he, with a frightful smile. Matilda did not even shudder; she

seemed to have nothing more to fear non earth.

In a short time Napoleon returned to Paris; but he was much altered. Grief and despair had preyed upon his heart, tor he had heard of his misfortune.

The day after his arrival a small ebony box was presented to him, which had been brought by a servant in livery. He pened it. His horror and his anguish might more easily be imagined than described. That casket contained a bloody hand—the hand of a woman— Matilda's hand 1 On a paper, stained with blood, he read these words: "So does the Countess de - - keep her word." Roaring with rage and indignation, he took his pistols and flew to the count's house.

The count and Matilda had disappeartive policies without sounding the nation her with his projects; in vain did he ed during the night, a few hours after endeavor to comfort her by poining out, the bloody deed, and no one knew to know whether such policies would be approved or disapproved by it. The whither they had gone.

On the night Napoleon had recognized years; the German reichstag, the Prusremained inconsolable. A dark fore- his mother's ring on the doctor's chain, sian and the Hungarian diets once in

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## ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The ox has a neat foot,

There are ninety-one horses who have trotted a mile in 2.22 or less.

Man believes that to be a lie that con tradicts the testimony of his own ignor ance

Squirrels bother the California farmers almost as badly as potato bugs do the people of Kansas.

A society has been formed in France for the purpose of finding situations for returned Communists.

A Frenchman's compliment : "Ab, madam, you grow every day to look more like your daughter."

Chinamen seem to be making their way all over the world. Lots of them are said to be found in South America.

Statisticians estimate the working population of Great Britain at 24,000,-000 out of a total population of 84,000,-

An exchange speaks of a "wife msur-ance company." But we don't know whether it insures a man's wife or insures a man a wife.

> WHAT WE DON'T KNOW. We never knew the bitter threes F: roed smiles conceal, Nor all the pangs bald-headed men In fly-time feel.

I would keep "better hours" if I vere a boy again; that is, I would go to bed earlier than most boys do. Nothing gives more mental and bodys do. Rounding sound rest when properly applied. Sleep is our great replenisher, and if we neglect to take it regularly in childhood all the worse for us when we grow up. If we set up late we decay; and sooner or latter we contract a disease called insomania, allowing it to be permanently fixed upon us, and then we begin to decay, even in youth. Late hours are shadows from the grave,-J. T. Fields.

## A Pigeon Show.

The recent pigeon show in New York is described thus : Nearly two thousand pigeons hopped about in their wooden cages in the Aquarium, cooing or kissing themselves under their wings, to the great delight of a large audience of children. The long cages ran around the entire building. The pigeons were from France, England and most of the large cities of the United States. Chicago was represented by black pigeons, Baltimore sent white and Philadelphia delegates appeared in speckles, while New York was represented by birds of every color and variety. There were blue-pied pigeons, black-pied, yellow-pied, red-pied, white-pied, pouters, carriers, doves, white-barbs, tumblers boding prevented her from believing he had gone to that ball because a secret three; the French chamber once in four; and owls. One collection of carrier pigeons, numbering about one hundred, from New Jersey, was valued at \$10,000. The owner of these birds, Louis Waefelaer, was in constant attendance at the Aquarium, and would allow no one to approach the cage of his birds too closely. Mr. Waefelaer is also the fortunate possessor of three pairs of homing Antwerp flying pigeons, whose cage occupied the "place of honor" in the exhibition. These birds were recently imported from Belgium, and are valued at \$100 a pair. They have traveled distances varying from 300 to 600 miles. and have come out victorious in all matches in which they were entered. On the wing feathers of each bird is marked the number of miles it has flown and the number of matches it has wop. Among the commoner species exhibited was a black dove with green wings, which was imported from India, and a pair of turtledoves from Egypt. The latter birds are very peculiarly formed, and attracted universal attention. Th feathers are of various hues and small. A natural white ring surr their long, slender throats, which a continually poked through the bars of their cage. Their plump, round bodies presented a marked contrast to the skeletons of a pair of "owl pigeons" in an opposite cage.

# TIMELY TOPICS.

M. Grevy as president of the French republic will get \$100,000 a year, as salary, and \$50,000 for household expenses.

It is calculated that the United States makes nearly one thousand million pounds of paper, valued at about \$50,-000,000, every year.

Mr. John B. Gough, in a lecture in England, on the effect of alcohol on the human system, remarked that in his opinion it was "very much like sitting down on a hornet's nest-stimulating, but not nourishing."

The golden wedding of the emperor and empress of Germany will be celebrated on the 11th of June next. They have caused it to be given out that they would prefer not to receive any presents from corporations, societies or private persons.

Some of Japan's tea plants are 150 ears old, and some plantations produce over \$3,000 worth per acre. A few choice leaves, of which a small quantity is produced, sell at home as high as eight dollars per pound. Government taxes in Japan are now levied at the rate of two and one-half per cent.; while formerly they have, at times, been as high as from fifty to seventy per cent. The taxes are fixed for six years in advance, so that the people can known just how much money they will have to raise.

Within the last ten years Colorado has increased her flock of sheep from 20,000 head to over 3,000,000 head. This notwithstanding the effort to prevent the introduction of sheep by the cattle in-terest. As with cattle, the means used are very simple. The sheep are herded in flocks of 1,000 to 2,500 on the range by day, and corraled at night. Mexican sheep are worked in still greater flocks, even up to 6,000. The best flockmasters, however, consider gangs of sheep over 1,500 to 2,000 head as not working satisfactorily.

The nominal period of England's

elective house is seven years. The Lon-

don Spectator advocates a change so as

to have, instead, a four years' parlia

ment. It thinks the government would be

much stronger while it lasted, and would

be less tempted than it now is to enter

on grand and ambiguous specula-

American House is renewed once in two

# The Forest Republican.

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"Come, come, by George," said one the men, "if you have so many ords about it we shall never proceed. e then sounded a shrill whistle, and a arriage coming from a narrow street in he neighborhood made its appearance, The men led the doctor to it, helped im up, and then got in after him. The orses galloped away at a rapid pace. Dr. Lisfrane did not even think of offering a resistance, which must prove uscless, but submitted with a good grace to the myserious violence exernised upon his person.

For two hours' time not a word was exchanged between him and his traveling companions, who spoke among Chemselves in a language he could not understand.

At length the carriage rolled beneath a portico-the noise of an opening gate was heard 'creaking on its hinges-the carriage stopped.

The door was opened and the steps let down.

"Well?" inquired an anxious voice. "He is here," replied one of the men in the carriage, and, taking the doctor by the hand, assisted him to alight. They then caused him to ascend several steps

By the cold air that struck upon his face the doctor perceived that he was on the steps of an outer portico, A door was opened and the doctor fancied they made him cross a large hall; he was then led through a suite of apartments, covered with soft carpeting. At last the doctor's guide paused and said :

"We have reached our destination, doctor; remove your bandage."

The doctor, whose terror had changed to an uneasy cariosity and a vague apprehension, obeyed the stranger's voice and found himself in a small room, luxuriously famithed, and but half lit by an alabaster lamp which hung in the middle of the room. The window cur-tains were closely shut, as well as those of the alcove, which occupied the further and of the apartment. In this room the doctor found himself alone with one of the three individuals who had made him in unwilling captive.

The stranger was tall and of imposing mion. He was dressed with a truly aristocratic precision; his black eyes elittered through the half mask that covered his upper features, while a nervons twitch agitated his uncovered lips and the thick beard that surrounded the lower part of his face,

"Doctor," said the stranger; in a dry and broken voice, " prepare your implements; you have to perform an amputation.

Listrane, Saying which he turned toward the alcove, and moved a step forward. The curtains waved gently, and a stiffed sigh was heard coming from that direction.

" Prepare for the operation, sir," re peated the stranger, convulsively. "But," said the doctor, "it is important that I should see the patient."

an hallucination. Hoping, however, that the ruby ring would sooner or later lead to some revelation of this mysterious affair, he was in the habit of wearing it suspended to his watch chain.

About two months after the events just recorded, Dr. Lisfranc received an invitation to a ball given by the Countess de P---, in her magnificent mansion in the Rue de Varennes, Paris.

He accordingly went. All the fashionable elite of the French nobility, as well as the most illustrious personages of German diplomacy, thronged the saloons, which were radiant with

light and beauty. A young man, with a pale face and melancholy eye, had been, during the evening, the object of particular remark by many of the guests. He walk-ed, from time to time, through the suite of apartments, with an anxious look, and then, with a sorrowful demeanor, separated from the crowd.

It so happened that this young man found himself, for an instant, opposite to Doctor Lisfranc. His eyes mechanically falling upon the doctor, soon assumed an carnest stare, and then glittered with a fearful expression on the ring that shone on his chain. With a sudden and rapid movement, the young man passed a group that separated him from the doctor, and, walking directly up to Where is the patient ?" inquired him, elbowed him rudely and intentionally. The doctor politely remonstrated; but, instead of answering, the young man struck him repeatly in the face. It may easily be conceived what exitement and consternation this scene produced.

The next day was appointed for a dispersed in confusion.

resentiment had urged him thither. the false promises of an uncertain futurity. What could she gain in ex-

change for happiness which at present was theirs, and which they were about to sacrifice to duty? She felt that her golden dream was over; that it was fad-

Napoleon took her hand in his, and, covering it with tears and kisses. "Re-member," said he, "remember that thou art my betrothed, and that this hand is mine, forever mine.

Saying which, he put a ruby ring on her finger.

"It is my mother's" murmured he. Matilda could only answer by pressing the ring to her lips, and then fell fainting and desolate upon a conch. Napoleon departed. His absence fa-

cilitated the objects of the parents.

The general then made an appeal to Matilda's devoted heart; he exaggerated poverty; he invented a tale about debts and engagements which he would not be able to meet; he pointed out to her the horrors which would surround his miserable old age, beggared and dishonored; he even hinted to her that it would be far better to out short his troubled life. She alone had power to save him; she must forget Napoleon and wed the Count de ----, whose handsome and manly face, whose noble soul she well

must know how to appreciate. A little selfishness, and Matilda would have been saved; but it is the weakness of elevated minds not to shrink from sacrifices. Matilds, in despair, threw herself in her father's arms and promised all. He blessed and thanked her for her devotion.

He was yet speaking when Matilda had left the room, unable longer to control her overcharged feelings. Pale, exhausted with the struggle, she hastened to her apartment, and, sinking on a seat, gave way to a flood of silent but bitter tears.

Flow, flow, cruel tears ! Weep thou noble creature, upon thy dreams so bright, so short-lived! Happiness, alas ! was never made for souls like thine !

The banns were published, and on the 10th of January, 18-, in the church of St. Thomas d'Aquinus, Matilda was wedded to the Count de The general's face was radiant with satisfac-

At the moment of the nuptial blessing, when the bridegroom puts on the finger of the bride the ring-symbolic link of the chain that unites them-instead of giving her left hand, as is the custom, Matilda suddenly passed to the count's right and gave him her right hand. The count was to make un observation abont and take her hand ; but Matilda drew it back and again extended to him her right hand, loweving her eyes, but with that air of firmness and determination which is not to be mistaken. The count saw it at once, and, fearing a scene, did not insist, but put the ring on meeting, and the company soon after the right hand which Matilda still held out to him.

The next day Dr. Lisfranc and his antagonist met in the wood of Vincennes. The doctor received a severe wound below the armpit. He lay long in danger. but hopes were entertained for his recovery. Before leaving his adversary, the doctor related to him the incidents of that terrible night on which he had

been compelled to commit a crime for

the sake of humanity. "However," added he, "Matilda could not have suffered much; a sublime exaltation sustained her courage, but I am sure she was happy in her suffering, in the thought that her hand, at least, would be returned to you. And when it was over I heard a gentle voice murmuring from behind the curtain that hid her from my sight: 'Tell him, I beseech you, that my heart will go toward him even as my hand.' Had it not been for the ring I could not have fulfilled her wish,

## Killing a Mouse.

A gentleman, who was exceedingly averse to that little animal denominated a mouse, was one day traveling, and, as night set in, put up at a country inn. After supper he retired to his room, carefully examining the corners and crevices to ascertain if there were any holes from which these little marauders might be likely to issue forth, but, finding none, he divested himself of his wearing apparel, and consigned himself to the guardian care of Morpheus, After sleeping soundly for about three hours, he again became conscious of his existence in this world of transitory bliss, but being somewhat in a dreamy state, he had no clear perception as to what might disturb his disordered imagination. As he was thus lying, midway between sleep and consciousness, he heard something go pit-pit-pitpit upon the table, which closely approximated to the head of the bedstead on which he was sleeping. He listened more attentively, and observed, very softly to himself, "As I live, this house is beset with those infernal mice, and there is one now gnawing at something on the table." So saying, he slipped as noiselessly out of bed as possible, and, feeling for his boot, took hold of the toe part of it, and, the heel upraised, very softly approached, on tip-toe, his intended victim. When close enough to be"in striking distance, he again listened, and, to his delight, found the noise still there ; he then raised his arm, and, with unerring precision, let fall the heel of his boot upon-his own beautiful gold repeater, that he had placed upon

made the noise, and which now lay smashed and destroyed. Sympathetic old lady (giving money to solemn-looking tramp): "Is it your inability to get work, my good man<sup>4</sup>

and the Italian chamber once in five years.

The Italia Agricola, writing on the effect of thunderstorms on milk, states that it is a generally accepted belief that it is the lightning and electrical phenomena that accompany a thunderstorm which cause the spontaneous coagulation of milk. Dr. Malhoern wished to test the idea, and for the purpose he filled a cylinder with fresh skimmed milk, introduced into the same a hundred cubic centimeters of pure oxygen, and then allowed electrical sparks to pass into the apparatus for the space of ten minutes, by means of the Ruhmkorff machine, The milk quickly coagulated, clearly proving that an acid reaction had taken place, and after twenty minutes a firm cheese was produced.

## Good Humor in the Family.

Good humor is rightly reckoned a most valuable aid to happy home life. An equally good and useful faculty is a sense of humor or the capacity to have a little fun along with the humdrum cares and work of life. We all know how it brightens up things generally to have a lively, witty companion who sees the ridiculous points of things and who can turn an annoyance into an oc-casion for laughter. It does a great deal better to laugh over some domestic mishaps than to cry or sceld over them. Many homes and lives are dull because they are allowed to become too deeply impressed with a sense of the cares and responsibilities of life to recognize its bright and especially its mirthful side, Into such a household, good but dull, the advent of a witty, humorous friend is like sunshine on a cloudy day.

While it is always oppressive to hear persons constantly striving to say witty or funny things, it is comfortable, seeing what a brightener a little fun is, to make an effort to have some at home. It is well to turn off an impatient question sometimes, and to regard it from a humorous point of view, instead of becoming irritated about it. "Wife, what is the reason I can never find a clean shirt ?" exclaimed a good but rather impatient husband, after rummaging all through the wrong drawer. His wife looked at him steadily for a moment, half inclined to be provoked; then with a comical look she said: "I never could guess conundrums; I give it up." Then he laughed, and they both laughed, and she went and got his shirt, and he felt ashamed of himself and kissed her; and then she felt happy, and so what might the table on going to bed, that had have been an occasion for hard words and unkind feelings became just tho contrary, all through the little vein of humor that cropped out to the surface. Some people have a peculiar faculty for giving a humorous turn to things cure. Each of the clock companies em-

puzzling thing.

## Law and Sense.

Curious comments by a judge, even in the presence of the prisoner, though extremely rare, are not unprecedented. Mr. Justice Maule once addressed a phenomenon of innocence in the following words : "Prisouer at the bar, your counsel thinks you innocent; the counsel for the prosecution thinks you innocent; but a jury of your own countrymen, in the exercise of such common sense as they possess, which does not seem to be much, have found you guilty,' and it remains that I should pass upon you the sentence of the law, That sentence is that you be kept in imprisonment for one day, and as that day was yesterday, you may go about your business." The prisoner, rather scared, went about his business, but thought that law was an uncommonly

## Winding the Big Clocks,

For a good many years, running back into the '50's, old James Bogers wound the clocks belonging to the city. His successor is John McCarten, a watch and clock maker. His official title is 'Cogulator of public clocks," and he is employed by the department of public works at the magnificentsalary of \$300 a year. Considering that he not only winds but regulates, oils and repairs the clocks, his office is hardly a sineinability to get work, my good many for giving a numerous tirm to times of the clock companies the that causes your dejected air?" S. I. t. (preparing to light out): "No, mum; is swell oftentimes to laugh things off its customers, and they also wind certifies my liability to git suthin' to do that keeps me all the time pensive and cast down." for giving a numerous tirm to time to the clock companies the ploys a winder to look after the clocks of its customers, and they also wind certain church and other great clocks which may have been put up by other makers. —New York World.