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AMID THE WHEAT.

Amid the wheat, amid the wheat, At morn the sturdy gleaners greet. What time the meadow-lark upsprings, On buoyant wings, and scorns and sings.

A BRIGHT FACE.

CHAPTER I.

My name is Henry Debon. I am not ashamed of the name, even though it was disgraced. My parents came to Arkansas while I was very young.

die. Weary nights of contemplation dull his dread, take off the keen edge of fear. It is not a philosophy: it is a "don't care" which settles upon him.

The uppermost thought in my mind was the thought of escape. I had lost everything but my desire for freedom. My chance came. One night while a number of us were penned in a stockade, near a coal mine, into whose dark vaults we were daily driven, I heard one of the guards say to a companion that he was so sleepy he could scarcely hold his eyes open.

Creeping over where several of my vile associates lay, I communicated the intelligence which I had caught. They agreed with me that our time had come. We kept the secret closely guarded, knowing that a general rush would be fatal to our plans.

We had not gone much farther when pursuers came within sight. Then there was a race for liberty. I was fleet, more so than the wretches. About the time night set in two of my fellow convicts had been captured. The other one kept close to me. A gun fired. I heard a yell. Looking around, I saw him fall.

CHAPTER II.

I succeeded in making my way to New York. In the great city I was comparatively safe. Under an assumed name I went to work in a manufacturing establishment. I bent my every energy to the work, and, from time to time, I was promoted.

dered Mapleson. From the very moment of the confession he began to improve, and soon became so well that he was taken to prison. After a short trial, during which he did not attempt to make a defense, he was sentenced to be hanged.

I cannot describe my sensations. I hurried to my place of business, and after relating to my partners, the experience through which I had passed, I showed them the Arkansas paper.

I purchased the farm where I had spent a happy childhood. Every one was desirous of bestowing honors upon me, and the governor himself, came out, and in the presence of a great crowd thanked the Lord that a great wrong had been averted.

The King of Dudes.

Berry Wall is the king of dudes, says a New York letter. This sovereignty in the matter of dress is the unique means the young man employs to dispense with an income of over \$500,000 a year.

Grant as a Smoker.

The general, in speaking of the popular idea that he was a lifelong smoker, said that prior to the battle of Shiloh he rarely—very rarely smoked; and that it had never been a habit, much less a pleasure.

CHICKENS BY MACHINERY.

THE BUSINESS OF PRODUCING POULTRY FROM INCUBATORS.

An Industry Which is Extending—Food for the Chickens—A Chicken Ranch in New Jersey.

The outlook for the incubator and poultry supply business is first-rate," said a well known dealer in response to inquiries made by a reporter for the New York Mail and Express.

"I know of one party whose capital is \$100, and of another whom we fitted out the capital for whose stock was \$40,000. All the eight machines that we keep are hatching chickens every day.

"Yes, very largely. Among the articles in great demand is ground bone and oyster shells, which is fed to the chicks. Why, we sell at least fifty tons of this material a year, and the demand has made a new way of disposing of bones and oyster shells.

"Our farm covers six acres of ground. It is enclosed by a fence about six feet high. It contains a number of wooden buildings, built especially for chicken raising.

"Without crowding it will accommodate nicely 1,000 full-grown fowls, 5,000 young chicks and 1,000 ducks. The cost of such a ranch complete, without the land, is about \$5,000.

The demand for eggs for hatching is great and a large part of our business is to supply eggs for this purpose. In fact our ranch is carried on for raising thoroughbreds, not for market poultry.

The man who owns it started the business three years ago, with a capital of just \$25. He has now 1,000 laying hens and his present buildings cost him \$5,000, all of which he made out of the business.

Cookery in China.

Our kitchen certainly is not so cosy and neat as American kitchens usually are. The smoke goes out through the skylight and wherever it finds an outlet. The walls are black with the accumulation of years of soot.

Squatters in the Metropolis.

On the eastern side of this city, says a New York letter to the Philadelphia Press, there is a village of squatters, who have taken temporary possession of unused sites on a hill, and have erected shanties which serve as once for piggins, hencoops, bedrooms and living rooms.

MAN'S A KICKER.

Give to him power and friends and wealth, Give to him love and home and health, Give to him ease and peace and rest, Give to him all that makes life blest.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

Is a hotel waiter girl made to order? "How sleep the brave?" asks a poet. This depends largely on the number of cats in the neighborhood.