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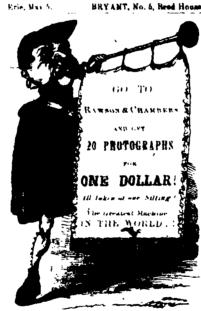
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time at all deficient in ammemerts: the country around it afforded abundance of hunting, shooting, and fishing to those whose time and inclination led them to indulge in such pursuits. In summer, the presence of the West Indies fleet gave life to the society of the town; and when winter laid its icy hand on the little peninsula and with its barrier of snow and frost seemed almost to cut off the Halligonians from the rest of the world, it brought with it, too, new amusements to console them for their isolated position. The lakes, solf, were covered with skaters. With the first fall of snow, sleighs, with their rich furs and merry sounding bells, were to be seen rapidly gliding in every direction; sleighing parties, replete with fun and in-cident, were constantly organized; while the members of the Tandem Club vied each other in the neatness of their turnouts and amusement out of the snow, by traversing its surface on racquets, or mounted on a coaster or treboggin, by rushing over it where it clothed some steep hillside. In these amusements, however, I participated but little; a sedentary occupation engross-ed my day from nine o'clock until fine, leaving me but a slender margin for bodily exercise. I used most fervently to wish he six months' winter to come to an end, and looked forward with pleasure to the long bright mornings of summer. These were indeed a boon to me; I generally deoted them to bathing (for the few sum-

mer months of the Nova Scotian climate are intensely bot;) and I found that a dip in the sea before breakfast was the best purifier both of mind and body for the business of the day. With this recreation I combined that of riding, so that, on a fien morning, I was about the first moving thing that the sun saw when he rose over the eastern hill, as I proceed on horseback to my usual bathing place.

Let no one picture to himself, at this familiar name, amouth sands, machines, and stout, amphibious bathing-women; but rather a bold rock running out into the sea, with twenty feet of water beneath it. the adjoining shore wooded with stunted pirff to the water's edge, and only accessible, by a rough and intricate path through the bush. This is not a place to go into ecstasies on the beauty of these morning rules; the cool, refreshing air; the luxuwith down the stars low in read waistcout and dark glossy coat, who wought his matutinal worm in a slow the dunimitive humming-bird, burrying cups of his favorite flower . Suffice it to say that is one who say mature but sellom these only interviews were quite enovable. It was on such a morning as I have de-

scribed that I was cantering quietly along the turf side path, which led to my usual bathing place accompanied by my contant companion, a rough Skye terrier. where extended tongue and depressed this showed that the pace was too severe for his short legs, when I was met by an agricultural Bluenose, the possessor of the only log hut and clearing that lay on my road. Now, this meeting was nothing unusual in itself, since I had often before exchanged good mornings on passing him, as with his oxen and wain he toiled along the deeply rutted road. He was naturally of a phleg-matic temperament, the descendant probably of some Dutch settler, and usually jeulous of removing his snort clay pipe to include in conversation; but on this occasion something had transpired which effectually aroused him. In his open mouth was no pipe; the oxen were at home; and their owner, with a very dirty white face, and hair on end, was running along the road at the rate of four good miles an hour. On sweing me, however, he stopped, and, as soon as he had recovered sufficient breath to speak, begged me to turn back with him. He then proceeded to inform me that a convict, a most desperate ruffian, and sentenced for murder to penal servitude for life, had escaped from the neighboring penitentiary on the preceding afternoon; that search had been made for him that evening, but without success, and he was supposed to have escaped further into the oush. That night, however, he had made his way into the settler's lonely house, demanded tood, and spent a present over the fire, smoking the Dutchman's short pipe, esting his supper, and drinking his private store of rum. The poor squaters of the poor square store of rum. manded food, and spent a pleasant evening his private store of rum. The poor squat-ter and his wife were utterly cowd, and ministered to the wants of their unwelcome guest in every particular. This probably murder to robbery. At day-break he left from the shock they had received to enpuffs and groans from my still short-windd informant, my first impulse was to turn when I considered the chances of meeting the escaped one at all, much more at the fear of one man, who, for all I knew, might be miles away; and, therefore, notwithstending the remonstrances of my friend,

that I whistled to my dog, told him the circumstances of the case, and exhorted him to keep a sharp look-out. I confess time, as I went on; and, when I arrived or proceeded to fasten up my steed. There was no sound to be heard, except the monotonous surge of the calm water, and the patter of the drops falling from the dew laden boughs. There were no marks of footateps on the grass, or traces of any hu-

man being.
I felt secure, began to laugh at the absurdity of my former fears, and leisurely divested myself of my garments, prepared to take the plunge. As I stood for one moment on the edge of the rock, with arms raised above my head, preparatory to the leap, I took one last look round; there was my horse, tethered to his usual stump grazing peacefully; my dog lay panting near him. How foolish I had been, the I; and in I went. Now, it is my custom, on jumping into the deep water, not immediately to rise again, like a cork, to the surface, but to swim, as long as I have any breath, beneath it; and, when at length arrive at the top, to proceed to free my eyes from the salt water before looking much about me, for to see with my eyes full of brine cannot reasonably be expected of anybody. It is not to be wondered at, therefore, that on this particular occasion I did not immediately discover, after my submersion, some foreign object on my rock. However, I soon did. There was something there blue and yellow; its part-

ly colored legs were hanging over the ledge -it was the murderer! I could not at first rough looking fellow enough, with close-cut hair, and forbidding face. In the corner of his dirty mouth was the Dutchman's driving skill. Those, again, whose empty per of his dirty mouth was the Dutchman's pockets were a check to their share of pipe; on his knees was my black coat, the pockets of which he was carelessly searching. He appeared a good natured mur-derer enough, a victim of circumstances I should say, one whose naturally good dis-position had been perverted by education, and with a keen sense of fun into the bargain. Our comparative position seemed to amuse him vastly. He helped himself to some tobacco he found in my coat-mock. et, cut it up with a knife, lighted it with a fusee that he found in my waistoont-pocket, took a few whith with an air of great inward comfort, gave the a short nod, and then spoke: "Fine morning, mate? Wa-

ter cold ?" I had by this time taken a survey of my position, saw there was no help for it, so I replied with a sympathetic shiver that it was cold-very cold. but, as he observed,

it was a fine morning.
"I am going," continued he, in and easy tone of voice, "to borrer these here clothes of yourn : they're more quiet like than mine. I don't mind, too, if I change shirts, as yours seems the cleanest, tho' I think ed and lin the Queens Bench; for, be it known (reflection of our li hot through the mist that seemed to cling to the surface of the sea; the busy notes of the different birds, as they twoke to the to me. He could not get an iny boots; duties of the day, from the consequential there was hope in that, I should be able chirp of the American robin, a stately fel. to walk home in comfort, if not in elegance -boots and a bathing towel being hardly called fashionable, even in Summer-but and dignified manner, to the quick hiss of my hopes were doomed to be disappointed. After many endeavors to force his test inon, in his liver, of green and gold, to gain to them, and after splitting one of them in the first sip from the new store of dew that the unavailing straygle, he flung them both the night had provided for him in the at me, saying they might be of use to me. but were none to him. He was now fully appareted He waved his hat-I mean my hat an tarewell, and turned to depart .-He'll leave the horse, hoped I. I was soon freed from my suspense. I heard him pro-ceed to unfasten him. I heard the animal's frightened snort as he recognized the difterent odor of the man. My dog, who had kept up an unavailing barking and growling the whole of the proceedings, followed him a little ways, but soon returned disgusted. I heard him canter off, the hasty

garments before me. "No," said I : "girt will I return, but not in those detested

clothes." At this moment, a sharp prick in the shoulder, followed by another, and by what Longfellow calls "asound of wings:" brought me down from my heroics. I looked round me—the air was dark with myriads thirst—and situated a few miles from the Florida ing for blood. With a feeling of sympathy railroad, and about ten miles from Waldo for the Egyptians, and a surmise as to the probability of there being black flies and mosquitoes in Eden, I rushed to, and sought protection of the many colored garments. It was enough; I needed no other protection; the black fly legions retreated discomforted. Even my dog seemed inclined to keep to windward, and sniffed doubtingly at me. And here was a position to be in! How could I, in such guise, walk through the orderly streets of the town? How could I face the enraged stable keeper, the owner of the valuable and now stolen horse! How could I, with feet naked and tender, walk along the rough footpath through the bush? With these reflections, I started on my way home, and gained the main road without sustaining any injury, with the exception of a few dozen thorns, in each side of my feet; but mollified his temper, and perhaps prevent-dozen thorns, in each side of my feet; but ed his fulfilling his first threat of adding at this point I was descried by a party of police, who, under the conduct of the them, first, however, forbidding the lawful | Dutchman, were evidently searching for owner to quit his house for some hours, on the escaped one. Although at some disperil of his life. This command poor tance, they immediately caught sight of Dutchy dared to disobey, and, leaving his partner to the guardianship of Providence, was now careering towards the town fidence of numbers. In vain I assured them, at the top of my voice, that it was a chief for going there was not calculated. object for going there was not so clear; he case of mistaken indentity, and offered to appeared to have some hasy idea that there explain the circumstances that placed me e would find safety and assistance; but in such a position. Encouraged by my unhis faculties had not sufficiently recovered resisting mien, on they came, and I was seized, thrown down, picked up again, colable him to form any connected plan of lared, shaken, and otherwise multreated, proceedings. Now, I must say that, when long before the arrival of the Dutchman to received this story, interspersed with many the spot. He, as he possessed neither the same amount of valor nor wind as my captors, came up more leisurely ; and, though back, and give up my bathe, to keep him at first thrown by my appearance in a state company on his way back to town. Still, of Indicrous uncertainty, in the end confirmed my asseverations of innocence. Upon this, I was delivered out of the handmoment when I was in the water, stripped and defenceless, I found the olds against the rencontre were very large; besides, I tors, but nothing else. Under their surthe rencontre were very large; besides, I tors, but nothing else. Under their surdid not feel inclined to relinquish my bath veillance, I was conducted to the house of -I did not like the idea of retreating from his Worship, the Mayor, there to make my desposition. Of course, while engaged in this procession, with a file of police on each aide of me. I was met by all the people of my acquaintance in whose good opin-ion I particularly desired to stand well; determined to proceed. He did not waste much time in persuason; but, after looking at me a moment or two with a won- my only hope was that they would not redering air, bowled on again, at the top of cognize me, and such I afterwards found

NUMBER 28. ter; it was with rather an air of bravado | by this time I much needed; sent me home somewhat restored in equanimity. To finish the story briefly. I was the talk-of the whole community, until some other and to looking over my shoulder from time to worthier topic engaged the public attention. Of my clothes, watch, &c., I never at my bathing place, I must say I took a heard more, nor of him who appropriated careful survey round before I dismounted, them; but the horse was recovered without having sustained any serious injury, although the owner thereof of course declared it to be utterly ruined, and made me pay many a dollar for the convict's ride

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I often bathed at that same spot after wards, both alone and with companions, but never without many a nervous glance towards the rock, both to assure myself of the safety of my clothes upon it, and that there was really no blue and yellow form there, with legs dangling lazily over its ledge.

ollowing account of the discovery of a re- path," was the testimony of another. markable cave in Florida, is from a correspondent of the New York Journal of Comnerce, and comes with such appearance of circumstantiality that we copy it entire :

The structure of the under stratum of rock and earth in Florida is cavernous to great extent. Indeed, as far as exploraions have been made, the ground presents he appearance of a honeycomb, on account of the numerous cavities which are ound to exist. Those indentations in the surface of the earth called "sinks" shound here—some of them dry and others partially filled with water; while rivers disappear under the ground and are seen no more. Florida is not "the land of flowers. but also the land of wonders. A few days believe my water logged eyes, and gave ago Mr. Henry Wooten, of New York city, them another sub; still there he sat, a and myself started on a hunting expedition, with the intention of camping out several days. On Saturday, the 29th day it, Mr. Wooten's horse stumbled into a small sink. While Mr. Wooten was endeavoring to extricate his horse I dismounted, and was engaged in examing a small sink whose in the state of the deavoring to extricate his horse I dismount which he wrote himself, occur many exed, and was engaged in examing a curious pressions serving to show that he was bro't pile of stones which had attracted my attention. On one of them I found an in since In one place he remarks, after scription, as if graven with some steel in speaking of his mental anxiety:—
strument, but nearly obliterated by the "I tried some time to find something to

ing me, said he had discovered a cave.— to Denver to live, where I could easily ob-After variety endeavoring to decipher the tain what I at that time wanted the most strange inscription which I had found, we of anything—something that would drive serve for torches: On arriving at the entrance, we saw by the light of our torches, that the bottom of the cavern was several feet below us. Handing my torch to my friend, I prepared to descend, which I am night about the middle of July, I shot a light about the middle of July is light about the m you'll gain in the long run," said he, her feet high and fifteen wide. We jaurated , fast; he was shot in the leg, and was in ginning to strip, and exposing to my view this passage for nearly half a mile, it grow much pain. I told him I would pay his a dirty, once red, now no color at all, flanned to restment beneath his triese. Remonstrances were vain. I was in the water, he tion, when we unexpectedly found our fering from my actions; I left the house, on land-he was in postersion. It was with selves in a cave of immemor extent. We after having talked with him some ten grief that I viewed my garments one by one appropriat d, and saw the gradual transformation of the man, from the real immistakable convict, to something beriant, almost tropical tolinge, dripping tween a discipated waiter and a clergyman a cavern of most beautiful appearance, the Of the day on which the murder was ast the sides

producing a magnificent effect. For the item "All that day I was drinking enough to first time in my life I felt the full force of the part that beautiful description which Goldsmith the next day the same until night, being that per the most wonderful thing that met and so much I did not know anything.—

But the most wonderful thing that met and so much I did not know anything.—

That Friday I have no doubt but what I ed this cave in the year 1050, and that a landed in a thickly populated country, where the people received them kindly. left there as a colony. This is the substance of the inscription as far as could be deci-phered. Now, does not this suggest and the woods. I was alone again, and then ed were the West Indies, and may not the the full force of my position struck me. I country where they landed be Mexico? swam to the shore, my fingers blue, and We all know that the Ancient Mexicans my teeth chattering like a pair of castinets, had a tradition that about four hundred climbed tremblingly up the rock, and years before the landing of Cortez in that viewed with disgust the heap of dirty country, "Children of the Sun," with white faces, came to them and taught them the with bathing towel only, or in the primi arts of civilization. Is it not probable that tive and leafy costume of our first parents, I this colony of Danes and Greeks, with their two Latin priests, were the persons referred to by tradition? Perhaps many buried secrets concerning the early history of America may be revealed by that strange This wonderful cave is easy of access,

A TOAST WELL BUTTERED,-A few weeks since, at Blissfield, Michigan, an old lady, one of the mothers in Democratic Isrel. whose father was a soldier, in the Revolution, presented to the Democratic club of the village a Douglas banner wrought with her own hands, accompanied by the following toast:

OUR NATION!-Begotten amid the storms of the sixteenth century, its infantile movements were dim and indistinctly seen on board the Mayflower, on the rocks of Plymoth, at Jamestown, on the plains of Monongabela, and on the heights of Abraham. The capricious squalls of its infancy were heard in the tea party in Boston, in Faneiul Hall, on the plains of Concord. Lexington and Bunker Hill. In his boyhood he ran bareheaded and barefooted over the plains of Saratoga, Trenton, Princeton, Monmouth and Yorktown, whipped his mother and turned her out of doors.— In his youth he strode over the boundless West and called them all his own; paid tribute to the despots of Barbary in powder and balls; spit in his father's face from behind the cotton bales at New Orleans; whipped the mistress of the ocean; revelled in the halls of Montesumas; straddled the Rocky Mountains, and, with one foot upon the golden sand and the other upon codfish and lumber, defied the world. In manhood, clothed in purple and fine linen, he rides over a continent in cushioned cars: rides over the ocean in palace steamers; sends his thoughts on wings of lightning to the world around: thunders at the door of the Celestial Empire and at the portals of distant Japan; slaps his poor old de crepid father in the face and tells him to be careful how he pecks into any of his pickaroons, and threatens to make a sheep pasture of all the land that joins him. What e'll do in his old age God only knows.-May he live ten thousand years, and never

A "progressive" suggests that in this age of improvement old Father Time should be represented with a Yankee clock in his hand, and seated on a steam mowing machine.

as speed, towards the town.

I was not altogether comfortable, I confess, as I kicked my horse's sides with my length at my expense, kindly lent me a suit heel, and induced him to resume his can
was fortunately the case. His Worship, a wife, says he did not find it half so hard mony in the party. I'll do it; but darn me length at my expense, kindly lent me a suit to get married as he did afterward to get if I won't lose Hog's meat by the operation." A young man who has recently taken

HE DIED POOR. "It was a said funeral to me," said the speaker: "the saddest I have attended for

years."

"How did he die ?"

"Poon poor as poresty; his life was one long struggle with the world, and at every disadvantage." Fortune mooked him all the while with gilded promises that were destined never to know fulfillment." "Yes he was patient and enduring," re-marked one of the company.

"Patient as a Christian—enduring as a "Patient as a Christian—enduring as a martyr," was the answer. "Poor man, he

wan worthy of a better fate. He ought to have susceeded, for he deserved success." ..."Did he not succeed?" questioned the one who had spoken of his perseverance and endurance.
"No, sir; he died poor, as I have just said.

Nothing that he put his hands on ever succeeded. A strange fatality seemed to at-

tend every enterprise."
"I was with him in his last moments,"
said another, "and thought he died rich."
"No, he has left nothing behind," was
replied. "The heirs will have no concern as to the administration of the estate." "He left a good name," said one, "and that is something."

"And a legacy of noble deeds that were done in the name of humanity," remarked another.

"Lessons of patience in suffering, of hope in adversity, of heavenly confidence when Discovers of a Cave in Florida.—The no sunbeams fell upon his bewildering "And high trust, manly courage, heroid fortitude.

"Then he died rich!" was the emphatic declaration: richer than the millionaire who went to his long home the same day, a m'serable pauper in all but gold. 'A sad funeral,' did you say? "No, my friend, it was rather a triumphal procession! Not the burial of a human clod, but the ecre-monial attendant of the translation of an angel. Did not succeed! Why, his whole life was a series of successes. In every conflict he came off the victor, and now the victor's crown is on his brow. Any grasping, soulless, selfish man, with a share brains, may gather in money, and learn the art of keeping it; but not one in a hundred can bravely conquor in the battle of life as Edmonston has conquored, and step forth from the ranks of men a Chrishan hero.'

strument, but nearly obliterated by the divert my mind, but found nothing that divert my mind, but found nothing that Mr. Wooten by this time had led his appeared to ease it at all but whiskey, and horse safely out of the sink, and, on rejoin- about the 15th of March I concluded to go each collected an armful of pine wood to trouble from my mind-and that was

complished with ease, the rocks serving as man whose name I do not remember. The steps. Wroten then handed me down an next morning when I awoke I was told of armful of light wood and a torch, and propared to descend further. We now found that I had done it, until I went and asw ourselves in a subterraneous passage ten the man, which I did after I ate my break-

our view in this cave was a Latin inscription stated that a party of Danes had visit: killed John Gantz." From the hour of his arrest up to the priest who had accompanied them had left; time when he was led forth to execution. this memorial of their visit. The name of he begged that some friend would shoot

this priest was Marcus Poleus. It is also him that he might not, to use his own stating that those navigators had embark-words; "be hung like a dog." He never ed on a voyage of exploration, and had ceased, until his death, to savise the young been driven far South; also that they had, men about him to shun liquor, as, but for visited many large Islands, and finally had that he might have become a useful man. POTATOES AT THE WEST .- The Devenport

thinking them superior beings: that sev. (lows) Democrat says:—"If anyboydy wants eral of their number, together with some, to see potatoes by the cord—good measure Greek artisans and two priests, had been _—let them step down to the levee. There 17 not shipping enough at this time on the Upper Mississippi to move them away as phered. Now, does not this suggest an fast as they accumulate. Farmers complain important inquiry to the antiquarian? Is a little that the price is too low, but they footfall re-echoing more faintly through , it not probable that the Islands, mention | are the only party to blame; if they want higher prices they must not raise so many The market price is from twelve to fifteen cents per bushel."

A CURIOUS CASE.—It is reported that a sickly girl at Plyinton, N. H., a somnanibulist, with a strong propensity to walk off with things and hide them where they could not be found, nor she berself remember, so that at last it was found necessary to lock her in securely at night, made off a few weeks since, with a valuable watch. Then the family gave her liberty and watched her movements, in hopes that the same somnambulism that carried it off would find it again. The other night she started out followed by her brother. She walked places that he dare not follow; but the moonlight helped to show her course, and he kept along. Finally she walked up the trunk of a tree that hung at an angle of forty-five degrees over a brook, stood firmly at the end while the tree swayed beneath her. and, stooping down, brought out the watch. Returning to terra firms the brother waked her, took the property and hurried home.

HON. HOWELL COBB.—The charges of disunion against Secretary Cobb are the mere inventions of the discharged clerk who gives them circulation. Gov. Cobb is a well known Union man, and in his late visit to Georgia it is perfectly well under-stood that he brought his influence to bear against the intense disunion sentiment which now exists there.

Sharps' Rifle Company has made a contract with a foreign Government to furnish \$200,000 worth of arms, with a proviso that it may be extended to \$1,000,000. on giving the company ninety days' notice before the completion of the first order. Said first order is for \$12,000 carbines with bayonets.

HARMONIOUS-Just before the election in the State of Wisconsin, it happened that one Col. Wilson—a good Republican, a farmer, and a candidate for the Legislature, had lost a number of his hogs very mysteriously; and, after patiently investigating the matter, he at length discovered that they had been stolen by another Republican-one Joe Jones, a fellow of some notoriety and a little political influence in the neighborhood. The Colonel thought the matter over, and then went to see Joe upon the subject.
"Now, Joe," said he "I could have you

indicted and put in prison for this, but seeing as how you are a good Repudican, and for the success of the ticket, and harmony in the party if you promise you won't steal any more of my hogs l' il let you off—and what's more, I'll give you a thousand pounds of pork every year." Joe scratched his head reflectively for a moment, and then said: "I'o tell you the truth, Colonel, I don't like to make that agreement, nohow; but seeing we are both Republicans,