

TOO OLD TO LEARN

I am sunbathin' of a ve'n'ran, jest a turnin' of a man that's hale and hearty and a stranger...

Two weeks after the mail which had brought the bills of lading, and the captain reported a very light cargo.

Half an hour later Julius Wells, the celebrated detective, who had at one time or another been employed by half the bankers of Wall street, was closeted with Isaac & Hubbukuk in their Greenwich street office.

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Sir William Harley, in this fair Dominion of Canada, but I fancy I should decidedly not appreciate the pleasure of becoming the guest of Mr. Julius Wells, at Alexandria Bay, which place, I believe is in the State of New York.

Investigation quickly followed, and, upon proceeding to Arlington & Kane's office at Bowling Green, Mr. Isaac was not long in learning the true state of affairs.

Mr. Wells, "The only thing that puzzles me," said Mr. Isaac, "is how he got our agent's signature. Rodrigo Ciaro corresponds with no man in New York."

"Well, see here," said Isaac and Hubbukuk together. "We hate to lose sixty thousand clear cash, but we will considerable less on a sharper in Sing Sing. Spare no expense. We'll draw on us for whatever is necessary."

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At Elizabeth W. Denton, in Wide-Awake.

Children, come down in the meadow Where the daisies and buttercups grow, All nodding, so wise and so slow. They are right down there in the dim light, and my aunt, she says them for me; We were sitting down in the grasses, In a circle, they had on them and around, And Aunt took out her shir shir scissors, In a twinkling they had them around, Until each had a white cap border, And she left them two petals for strings; And then they had four little heads put In her bag with the rest of her things, And we had on each yellow center, Auntie drew up a queer little face— "Here they are, in this grassy place!"

SUMMER AT INNSBRUCK.

G. H. COURSEEN.

The Martnauwand, or Wall of St. Martin, about ten miles west of Innsbruck, is easily reached by taking the Arlberg Zurl, but to drive there is preferable. The road runs close along the base of the Bavarian mountains, passing the stern limestone peaks of the Arlberg, the Brandach, the Joha Warte, the Solstein, seven-eight thousand feet more in height.

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