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Clothing.

For the next sixty days we will sell our large stock of clothing at greatly reduced prices.

Men's suits worth \$20 will go for \$16, " " \$18 " " \$14. And Boy's suits at the same reduction.

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Give us a call and see our goods, and get our prices before purchasing elsewhere.

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ool shoes made, I have an extra large stock of them bought for spot cash rom the largest manufacturer in the country, have them in bright and oil yrain, high cut 75 cts. to \$1.00, fine satin calf high cut 90, 100 and 1.10, very pair warranted waterproof and prises guaranteed to be 25 per beaper than elsewhere.

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Ladies' bright grain shoes button and lace 1.00.
Ladies' oil grain shoes button or lace 75 and 1.00.
Ladies' grain slippers 50 ets.
Ladies' velvet slippers 50 ets.
Ladies' brussel slippers 50 ets.
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Third Week Of This Great Sa e I will commence to sell men's and boys' stogy boots, and if you need them sooner you can have them at the following low prices. Men's stoge boots 1.25, 1.50 and 1.75. A full line of hand made Jamestown boots in men's boys' from 1.75 to 3 50. Men's good calf hoot for 2.90 a pair.

Fourth Week Of This Great Sale. In addition to the goods named I will offer an extra line of Ladies shoes. Ladies looking for solid comfort should be interested in these s, they are durable comfortable and cheap. Prices on Ladies' warm is shoes are 1.00, 1.25 and 1.50. Come in and look over our line of fine Oxfords, Newports and slippers all very cheap.

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We Take The Lead in Felt Boots. Just received from the largest felt boot factory in the world, 50 cases of their best and closest made felt boot, and they will be gold at 2.00 a pair including a pair of good heavy overs of the following brands: Lycoming,

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All Rubber Goods Reduced. Boots and Shoes Made to Order. Repairing Done Same Day Received Leather and Findings, Blacksmith's aprons, etc. When in need of Footwear Call at Butler's Leading Shoe House.

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We now have ready for your inspection the largest and most complete stock of first class boots, shoes and rubbers in Butler county. If you want to fit out your family with

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is the place you are looking for. We may not sell the cheapest truck sold in Butler, but we at least have the reputation of giving more real value for your money than can be had elsewhere. Our kip, calf, oil grain, goat, etc., boots and shoes are made not only to sell but for

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SAVE YOU MONEY.

Our RUBBER, FELT and BEAVER GOODS are all of the best makes and at prices lower than the lowest. Call and see for your self.

We take special pride in our line of

BOYS AND GIRLS SCHOOL SHOES

For style, fit and service they are unequaled. We are selling them as cheap as other dealers sell inferior grades. We give a handsome school bag with

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We are now ready with our Fall and inter Footwear.

Give us a call and see our goods, and eaptain. Although scarcely a fortnight they took in the weirare of the young captain. Although scarcely a fortnight since he had sailed, a terrible calamity had robbed him of his infant son and his wife of her reason. Upon his return he would search his forlorn home in vain for little Walt's smiling face, and there would be no wife to welcome him joyfully and tenderly. Molly would not even know that it was he. And as the Dreadnaught reentered the harbor in Mrs. Allaire's condition would con-

After a consultation with Lew and Kate Barker, Mr. Hollister resolved to delay action until the physicians should make a definite statement in regard to Molly's mental condition. In all cases of sudden loss of reason there is more hope of a cure than when the mental alienation is due to a gradual unfixing of the mind. Hence a delay of several weakly was de-

termined upon.

The first definite report of the physicians was to the effect that Molly's insanity would be likely to take the form Her eyes were tearless, her gaze dull and listless. She seemed to see noth-ing, to hear nothing. She was no longer of this world. Her life was

was the condition of Mrs. uring the first month follow-accident. The question now tether it was expedient to place private hospital where she ave special treatment. Mr. took this view of the matter ould have been done had not ricer intervened with another on. Allaire during the first month following the accident. The question now arose whether it was expedient to place arose whether it was expedient to place her in a private hospital where she could have special treatment. Mr. Hollister took this view of the matter

private office, Lew Barker thus addressed him: "It seems to be agreed now that Molly's insanity is not of a dangerous character, calling for her confinement, and since she has no other wish or will, going whither she was votedly attached to my wife, and, who

and conducted wife, and, who

are conducted wife, and, who

are conducted wife, and, who knows, possibly Kate's supervision of her may be productive of better re-sults than that of total strangers.

the listener caught that cold, unpleasant, matter-of-fact impression which Barker found it impossible to rid himself of.

"Your proposition does you credit," esumed Mr. Hollister. "However, one hing occurs to me. I question whether your house in Fleet street, situated as it is in the center of the noisy commercial quarter, would present conditions favorable for poor Molly's recovery. What she needs is perfect quiet, pure air—"

"And therefore," interrupted Barker, "our intention is to remove her to Prospect cottage and to take up our residence with her. She is accustomed to this villa and the sight of objects familiary. iar to her may exercise a salutary influence upon her mind. Mr. Hollister, we must leave undone nothing that might in any way tend to have a wholesome effect upon the mind of our unfortunate

A kindly feeling had evidently prompted this reply. But why was it that the words of this man seemed powerless to inspire confidence? However, his proposition under the circumstances called for immediate acceptance, and Mr. Hollister could not do less than express his thanks to Barker, adding that John would be profoundly grateful to him.

On April 27 Mrs. Allaire was removed to Prospect cottage, where Kate and Lew Barker took up their residence that same day, which action on their part called forth general approval.

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"Come, dear Molly, come!" pleaded Kate. And with these words she tried to lead her away, to turn her gaze away from that sail, hung like a glistening white curtain on the far western sky. Molly resisted.

"No, no!" she cried, pushing Nanny aside with a startling vigor.

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actuating Lew Barker. The fact should not be lost sight of that on the very day of the disaster he had intended to confer with Molly concerning a certain business matter, which was nothing more or less than a proposition for her to loan him a certain sum of money. But since then the situation had changed completely. It was more than likely that Barker would in his capacity as guardian of the person and estate of his relative have full control of her property, and in that case he would be able to provide himself with funds-illegally, it is true, but it would enable him to gain time. Kate had already had a presentiment that such would be his course, and while she rejoiced at being able to devote herself wholly to her cousin, she trembled at thought of the projects which her husband, under cover of benevolence and humanity, would attempt to carry out.

ionally retained at the cottage, for Nan-ny would have found it quite out of the question to do all the work of the house-hold.

er would go up. She would be sider it a most fortunate thing that she should be in her cousin's care. Mr. Andrew Hollister himself was forced to no cheer would go up. She would be received in dead silence.

But it would not do to await the return of John Allaire before telling him of the dread misfortune which had overtaken him. Mr. Hollister could not be in better hands. Whenever he called he was careful to note whether there was any for a moment think of leaving the overtaken him. Mr. Hollister could not for a moment think of leaving the young captain in ignorance of what had happened, at the risk of his coming accidentally upon some fact or circumstance which might make known the terrible truth to him. The only course for the merchant to pursue was to send a dispatch to his correspondent at Singapore. In this way Capt. John would be informed of the awful calamity before his arrival in the Indies.

And yet Andrew Hollister desired to delay the sending of this dispatch for a brief period. Possibly Molly's reason was not irrevocably lost. Who could say that the tender care lavished upon her might not restore her shattered intends to the whether there was any tendency to improvement, for he still indulged the hope that he might not be captured to capture the death of his child and of—for was she not dead, too? And yet five weeks had now gone by and there had not flashed a single glimmid, indifferent condition, unwavied by any physiological disturbance, the physicians seemed to lose all hope, and it was not long before they was any tendency to improvement, for he still indulged the hope that he might not be calculated upon to announce to Capt. John double misfortune—the death of his child and of—for was she not dead, too? And yet five weeks had now gone by and there had not flashed a single glimmid, indifferent condition, unwavied by any physiological disturbance, the physical secretion of the method of the serious control of the control of the method of the serious control of the control of the method of the serious control of the control of the method of the above the serious control of the double misfortune—the death of his double misfortune—the d

whenever Lew Barker for some reaher might not restore her shattered intellect? Why strike John a double
blow by informing him of the death of
his child and the insanity of his wife
if this insanity was not to be of long
continuance?

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Kate Barker, Mr. Hollister resolved to
delay action until the physicians should
make a definite statement in regard to
Molly's mental condition. In all cases necessary, that the sound of a strange And Mrs. Barker herself was inclined to side with Nanny when the latter thus got rid of callers whom possibly nothing but idle curiosity brought to Prospect

world. "Poor Molly," thought Kate. "If her condition grows worse, if her lungcy loses its mild character and she becomes

At the outset these walks had no ap-

preciable effect upon the patient. How-ever, the mulattress soon began to obsults than that of total strangers. Should any symptoms of a critical nature show themselves it would be time through then to take any necessary steps. Don't you think so, Mr. Hollister?"

There was a certain hesitation in the manner of the honest shipper as he made reply, for there existed but little sympathy between him and Lew Barker, although he knew nothing at this time of the man's entangled affairs, and had no ground to suspect his honesty.

"Since you are willing to assume this responsibility," replied Mr. Hollister, "I don't see any objection, Mr. Barker, to Molly's being intrusted to the care of her cousin, whose devotion cannot for a moment be called into question."

"A devotion," added Lew Barker, "which will never be found wanting."
But as the man uttered these words the listener caught that cold, unpleasant, but it seemed as if her mind was as empty of thought as her yees were full of various and many had conduced Molly to the sum to the cold the seemed the seemed to the current seemed to be a server that Molly's emotion gave private the Molly's emotion gave private event, the mulattress soon began to observe that Molly's emotion gave private valenting the molification. Her habitress soon began to observe that Molly's emotion gave private valenting the molification. Her habitres was interrupted by symptoms of mental excitation, which might be productive of harmful results. On several occasions the sight of little which might be productive of harmful results. On several occasions the sight of little which might be productive of harmful results. On several occasions the sight of little which might be productive of harmful results. On several occasions the sight of little which might be productive of harmful results. On several occasions the sight of little which might be productive of harmful results. On several occasions the sight of little which might be productive of harmful results. On several occasions the sight of little which might be productive of harmful results. On several occasions the si

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Suddenly her face brightened, a tremo shot through her form, her eyes lighted up with a strange glow, and, raising her trembling hand, she pointed at a

white spot away out to sea.
"Look! Look!" she cried. It was a sail standing out sharp and It was a sail standing out sharp and clear against the sky, as the sun's rays clothed it with a dazzling whiteness. "Look! Look!" repeated Molly in tones so strange as to seem scarcely to have fallen from human lips.

Kate's eyes followed her cousin's representativities a startled look in them.

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It is easy to guess what motive was betuating Lew Barker. The fact should the hand and she allowed herself to be

he directed him to turn the command of the Dreadnaught over to his first mate, Rod Shelton, and to return to San Diego as quickly as possible. This worthy man would not have stopped at any sacrifice in order to have this last



when Lew Barker learned of the tenor of this dispatch which, by the way, Mr. Hollister thought expedient to make known to him, he approved of it thoroughly, but took care to express his doubts that Capt. John's return would produce any change in the patient's mental condition of a character qualified to bring about improvement. But Kate clung to the hope that the sight of John might lift the clouds

from Molly's reason and Lew Barke nised to write to him to this effect,

keep.

By the first of June it would be two months and a half since the Dreadnaught left the port of San Diego. There had been no news frem her since she fell in with the Flying Cloud. By this time, allowing for her stoppage at Singapore, she ought to be, in the absence of accidents, upon the recity of the proper of accidents. sence of accidents, upon the point of arriving at Calcutta. There had not been either from the Pacific or Indian ocean any report of exceptionally bad weather which would be likely to inter-fere with the speed of such a fine clip-per ship. Therefore, Mr. Hollister could not conceal his surprise at not re-ceiving any news. He couldn't explain ecting any news. He couldn't explain why his correspondent at Singapore should not have advised him of the arrival of the Dreadnaught. How could he suppose that the Dreadnaught would not touch at Singapore when Capt. John was expressly ordered to do so? Anyway, it would all come out in

a few days, for the Dreadnaught must oon reach Calcutta.

A week went by. June 15 came and there was no news yet. A dispatch was now sent to the correspondent of the firm of Hollister & Co. asking for an immediate reply concerning Capt. John Allaire and the Dreadnaught. The reply came two days later. Nothing had been heard of the

later. Nothing had been heard of the Dreadnaught at Calcutta. The American three-master had not been fallen in with up to date, within the latitude of the gulf of Bengal.

Andrew Hollister's surprise now changed to anxiety and as it was impossible to keep the contents of the telegram from becoming known, the resum from becoming known, the surprise later was the surprise from becoming known, the surprise later was the surprise from becoming known, the surprise later was the surprise from becoming known, the surprise from the surprise from

possible to keep the contents of the telegram from becoming known, the report was soon spread about the city that the Dreadnaught had neither reached Calcutta nor Singapore.

The Allaire family, so it seemed, was about to be stricken with another calamity, a calamity that would reach other San Diego families to which the crew belonged.

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About this time it was that a change was made in the service of the cottage. Without any apparent motive, Lew Barker discharged the servant who had been retained until now, and whose work had not given any cause for complaint. The mulattress was now left to the desired and the contract of the contract in sole charge of the domestic arrangements of the house.

At the end of June Andrew Hollister received a dispatch from Calcutta. The maritime agencies had no news of the Dreadnaught's touching at any port of the course which she would be obliged to take in terrories the course which she would be obliged to take in terrories the course which she would be obliged to take the course which we will be obliged to take the course which which we will be obliged to take the course which we will be obliged to take the course which we will be obliged to take the course which we will be obliged to take the course which we will be obliged to take the course which we will be obliged to take the course which we will be obliged to take the course which we will be obliged to take the course which we will be obliged to take the course which we will be obliged to take the course which we will be obliged to take the course which we will be obliged to the course which she would be obliged to take in traversing the latitude of the Phillipines, the Celebes, the Java sea and the Indian ocean. Now, as it was three months since this vessel had left the port of San Diego, it was but fair to assume that she had been lost with every soul on board of her, either through a collision or by shipwreck be-fore she had reached Singapore.

END OF A SAD YEAR

This series of misfortunes to which the Allaire family had fallen victim placed Lew Barker in such a peculiar position that it becomes necessary to draw attention to it.

It will not be forgotten that while Mrs. Allaire's own property figured up but a modest total, yet she was the sole heir of her rich uncle, Edward Manson, neir of her rich uncle, Edward Manson, still leading a life of retirement on his vast estate of uncleared land, banished, so to speak, to the most inaccessible portion of the state of Tennessee. This eccentric character was still under This eccentric character was still under the self-imposed ban of a life cut off from the rest of the world. As he was not quite ninety years of age it might be necessary to wait a long while for his money. Nay, possibly he might modify the testamentary disposition of his property should he learn that Mrs. Allaire, the sole relative left to him in the direct line, had lost her reason since the death of her child. But the news of this double calamity had not reached him; in fact, it was not possible for it to reach him, so firmly re-solved was he neither to write nor to receive any letters. True, it would have been possible for Lew Barker to over-ride this interdiction on the ground of unforeseen changes in Molly's civil status and Kate had given him to to communicate with Edward Manson; but he had enjoined silence upon her and taken good care not to follow her

advice.

The condition of things was really very simple. If Mrs. Allaire should die childless this property would descend to her cousin Kate, sole relative qualified to take from her by inheritance. Hence Lew Barker recognized the fact that by the death of little Walt his wife's chances of succeeding to the property of Edward Manson had been materially increased, and his wife's chances were his own. In truth, it did seem as if the stars had sought to turn the tide of this enormous fortune toward him. Not enormous fortune toward him. Not only was Molly's child dead, not only had Molly lost her mind, but in the judgment of the physicians nothing save the return of Capt. John would be able to work any change in her men-

seemed almost sealed. If the next few weeks should bring no tidings of her, of John Aliaire, it would seem to mean an eternal farewell to the Dreadnaught and every soul on board of her. In that event, there would be no one but poor Molly, robbed of her reason, standing between the fortune she was to inherit and Lew Barker.

But in order that Mrs. Allaire should inherit, it was necessary that she should survive her uncle. It therefore became Lew Barker's interest that the life of ble that her mental condition might undergo some change in the event of her experiencing some violent shock. Such were the conditions under which a new existence now began at Prospect cottage. From now on Lew Barker retained his customary business habits, going down to his office every morning and applying himself to schemes in hand; but a close observer might have noted that he never falled to return to Prospect cottage for the evening, and that

ionary not to regard as certain the total loss of the Dreadnaught.
Such was the position of Lew Barker. Such the outlook for him and that, too, at a moment when he saw himself reduced to desperate expedients.
Anyway, there were as yet, no store.

duced to desperate expedients.

Anyway, there were as yet no signs of any failure of supplies at Prospect cottage. And for this reason: After Molly's lunacy had been judicially established it near occome necessary, in the absence of her husband, to name a committee of her person and estate. Lew Barker, on the ground of propinquity, seemed to be the natural guardian and had consequently been chosen, and in his capacity as such committee was vested with full control of her estate. The money which Capt. John had deposited to cover the expenses of the house was at Barker's disposal and he had made use of it for personal needs. It was, of course, an personal needs. It was, of course, an inconsiderable sum, as the Dread-naught was only to be absent for five or six months; but there was also Mol-ly's separate estate, and although it only amounted to a few thousand dolars Lew Barker, by making use of it to to gain time, and this was an essential

hesitate to take advantage of his posi-tion as guardian and appropriate the property of his ward and relative to his own use. Thanks to these trust funds he was enabled to secure a brief respite and to launch new schemes not a whit less disreputable. Having once set foot upon the highway which leads to crime, Lew Barker would if necessary follow

Moreover, the return of Capt. John was now less and less to be feared. Week after week went by and Hollister & Co. received no news of the missing ship. But how had she perished? Opin-ions differed but little, although it could be only a matter of conjecture. True it was that since the sailing of the Dreadnaught several merchantmen bound for the same port had necessarily gone over the same course. Now, as none of these had found any trace of her, there was nothing left but to ac-cept the most reasonable hypothesis, cept the most reasonable hypothesis, which was this: Overtaken by one of those dangerous hurricanes, those irre-sistible typhoons which often burst upon the waters of the Celebes, or Java sea, the Dreadnaught had gone down with every soul on board. On October 15, 1875, it would be seven months since the Dreadnaught had salled out of the port of San Diego, and the conclusion was irresistible that she would never en-

matter of duty to see that Mrs. Allaire, now she was robbed of her mental fac-ulties, should have all her material nenow sne was robbed of her mental faculties, should have all her material nocessities well provided for. He was
aware that Capt. John had before his
departure set aside a sum, based upon
an absence of six or seven months,
quite sufficient to cover all the expenses
of the house. But realizing now that
this provision must be pretty nearly
exhausted, and not being willing that
Molly should fail a burden to her relatives, he resolved to have an interview
with Lew Barker on this subject.
On the afternoon of October 17, although not yet in the very best of
health, the shipping merchant set out
for Prospect cottage, and having
reached the heights of this quarter of
the city in due time, entered the front
gate of the villa. So far as the eye
went there was ne change, except that
the window blinds of the ground floor
and first story were tightly closed. It
had the air of an unoccupied house, silent and mysterious looking.

Mr. Hollister rang the bell of the
outer door and waited patiently for
some one to appear; but no one came.
In fact, it seemed as if the caller had
neither been seen nor heard. Could it

neither been seen nor heard. Could it be that there really was no one at home? A second pull at the bell was followed by the noise of opening a side door. The mulattress came in sight and an Mr. Hollister, which, however, was un-

noticed by him.

The girl now walked towards him. but gave no sign of any intention of ad-

asked.
"She has gone out, Mr. Hollister,"
answered Nanny, with a peculiar hesitation in which there was a visible admixture of fright.

"Why, where is Molly?" cried Mr.

Hollister in a tone of insistence. "She has gone out walking with Mrs.

Barker."
"I thought they had given up those walks which only seemed to excite her and bring on nervous attacks."
"Yes, that's so," replied Nanny, "but

res, that's so," replied Nanny, "but for several days past we have com-menced them again—they seem to do Mrs. Allaire good now."
"I'm sorry that they should not have notified me of this," said Andrew Höl-lister. "Is Mr. Barker at home?" "I don't know-

"Go and see; and if he is, say to him that I wish to speak to him." Before Nanny could think of what sort of an answer she should make, for she suddenly realized the difficulties of her position, the front door was opened. Lew Barker stepped out upon the veranda and came down the path to meet the merchant.
"Please walk in, Mr. Hollister," said

"Please walk in, Mr. Hollister, said he, with a frigid attempt at cordiality. "In the absence of Kate, who has gone out for a stroll with Molly, I shall have to do the honors myself." "How long before Molly will return?" asked Andrew Hollister.
"Not before dinner time, I think," an-

swered Barker.
Mr. Hollister was evidently much disappointed, for it was absolutely neces-sary that he should get back to the office before the mails closed. Then again, Lew Barker made no suggestion that he should await Molly's return. "You have not noticed any change for the better in Molly's condition?"

asked the merchant. "Unfortunately none, Mr. Hollister, and I'm inclined to believe that this is one of those cases beyond the reach of all remedies."
"That no one can say, Mr. Barker.
What may seem utterly impossible to
man is easily possible to God."

Barker gave one of those dubious shakes of the head so common with

men who scout the idea of any inter-ference of Providence in the affairs of men.
"And the most distressing part of it all is," continued Mr. Hollister, "that we must now give up all hopes of ever seeing Capt. John again. His return would, I feel confident, have produced a most happy effect upon poor Molly's mental condition. I suppose you are aware, Mr. Barker, that we have given up all hope of ever setting eyes on the Dreadnaught again?"

"I was aware of it, Mr. Hollister, and it is still another and greater calamity it is still another and greater calamity added to those that have gone before. And yet even without looking to Providence to lend a hand in the matter," he added in a tone of irony sadly out of place at such a moment, "there would be, to my mind, nothing extraordinary in Capt. John's turning up again."
"After seven months have passed without any tidings of the ship and in the face of the fact that all my investigations have proven fruitless?"

"But there is nothing to show that the Dreadnaught went down in the open sea," resumed Barker. "May she not have been wrecked on some of the reefs which are so plentiful in those latitudes? Who knows that John and his crew have not taken refuge on some desert island? And if that is the case such with isturdy and stout-hearted men will find News.

ir signals be seen by any ships pass-near the island? And all these ngs will take time, too. No. I for

ones, and I have argued the thing out to myself just as you have done. But I have given up all hope, absolutely all hope. In any event, and this is what has brought me to you to-day, I am un-willing that Molly should become a bur-den to you..." den to you—"
"Oh, Mr. Hollister!"

permit me to continue the payment of John's salary to his wife during her life-

Lew Barker. "Your generosity—"
"I'm only doing my duty," interrupted Andrew Hollister, "and as it occurred to me that the funds deposited by John at the time of his departure must be pretty well exhausted—"
"Yes, that's so, Mr. Hollister,"



Mrs. Harker's devotion. Nevertheless, permit me in a degree to make pro-vision for Capt. John's wife, for Capt. John's widow, to secure for her that comfort and care which I know you

"Mr. Hollister."

"Mr. Barker, I have brought with me a sum which I consider as justly due Capt. Allaire up to date. In your capacity as committee and guardian his salary will be paid over to you at our

office on the first of every "Very well, since you desire it," replied Lew Barker.

"Be kind enough to give me a receipt for the amount now paid over to you."

"Certainly, Mr. Hollister." And Lew Barker turned and entered his office to draw up the receipt saked for When draw up the receipt asked for. When he reappeared the merchant again ex-pressed his regret at not seeing Molly

and then took his leave. The moment he was gone, Le er called the mulattress to him. "Does Kate know that Mr. Hollis

at all likely, for some time, anyway, take good care that he doesn't see either Kate or Molly, you understand,

Nanny?"
"It shall be as you say, Lew."
"But suppose Kate should insist—"
"Oh, as for that," chuckled Nanny

"when you have given an order, I'll see to it that she obeys."
"All right, Nanny," murmured Bark-er, "but look out for surprises! They er, "but look out for surprises! They might run against each other by the merest chance, and if they should—I'd

and have the preasure.

To have the privilege of Being left to make butter after that process that is best suited to the circumstances under which I am obliged to work, and not be called an "old fogy."

To shoot the next man who comes as an agent for something that I could not possibly use in my dairy, and, because I will not purchase or give a testimonial, tells the next man he meets that "that old hayseed back there is a fossil and must be of Noah's lose everything."
"I'll be on guard; have no fears, Lew. No one shall get into Prospect cottage unless we want him there."

Listle Rosa's family had just m

to a town some miles away from the old out gave no sign of any intention of adnitting him.

"Is Mrs. Allaire not at home?" he
sked.

"She has gone out, Mr. Hollister,"
"The character of the church rang out, for it was prayer-meeting night, and Rosa counted the church range of the church range out, for it was promise away from the old the church range of the church range out, for it was promise away from the old the church range of the church range out, for it was promise away from the old the church range of the church ran the strokes till she reached sixteen. "Sixteen o'clock!" said Rosa. "Dear ne! I was never up so late before."

Husband-You know that necktie you got me yesterday? Well, I just got a telegram from home saying that my grandmother is at the point of death. Wife (wringing her hands)—Oh, dear, dear! But what has the necktie got to

Husband (triumphantly)-Why, if she dies I won't have to wear it.-Life. A Shrinking Thing. "I had a narrow escape yesterday." said Higgins.
"Is that so?" rejoined Ruggins, with

"Yes. I was nearly choked to death." "Yes. I was hearly chouse."
"Highwayman?"
"No. Flannel shirt. I wore it out in
the rain."—Washington Star. Marital Happiness. Mr. Peck (sentimentally)—Ah, do you remember those halcyon days, Marie, when you and I were first caught in

love's soft charms long ago?

Mrs. Peck—There you go again (sob) fling-ing my age up to me. You're he-artless (sob)—you're br-r-utal!—Chi-If 'It takes nine tailors to make a man' (Suppose I grant—we're only human). How many dressmakers does it take To make a fashionable woman?

you at once see whether you should move to the left or right to sight the point where you previously stood. Again move down whatever number of Leader of Vigilantes - Come ver to this tree and put your head into Hotel Thief (defiantly)-I'll be hanged if I do. -Jury.

Again move down whatever number of steps you at first decide upon and repeat the sights to the bottom. Much heavier loads can be drawn upon such roads than where the grade is variable. Loads will often go 'round points instead of over them, for the pot-bail is no longer when lying down than GROUP OF NON-UNION IRONWORKERS Visitor—We're raising a subscription for poor Scribbs, the playwright— softening of the brain, you know— mind almost entirely gone—and a family dependent on him.

Theatrical Manager—I'm a little abort of money just now; but I'll tail



"I notice," said the gentleman in search of information to Herr Most,

Little Dick—From paps and mamma, and uncles and aunts, and the rest. I told 'em I wanted it for the heathen. Little Dot—Will the heathen get it? "That," said the great apostle of social progress with much dignity, "is easily explained. No true anarchist ever works."—Texas Siftings. Little Dick-Yes. The heathens wot makes fire crackers will.—Good News. An Obedient Boy.

FARM PHILOSOPHY

FOR FINDING LEVELS.

Take a proom handle or similar stick and tack on a small straightedge near the top, as the cut shows, braced by a

short of money, just now; but I'll tell you what I'll do—I'll give him an order to write me the libretto of a comic opera!—Puck.

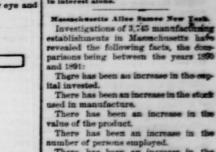
Good Resson To. Teasing Friend-What makes that

Tommy (indignantly)—It don't cry so very [much—and anyway if all your teeth was out, and your hair off, and your legs so weak you couldn't even stand on them, I guess you'd feel like crying yourself!—Life.

Money for the Heathen

lengths to reach from door casing to out-side corners, sawing the farther ends beveling to fit neatly against the stail wall. Above the door full length boards can continue to the ceiling, and, with a door hung, the closet is nearly

the top, as the cut shows, braced by a square of tin between the two. The straightedge must be level, as the instrument hangs on a loop of cord through a small hole in its upper end. On a still day you will then have a perfect road grader and level. Begin at the top or bottom of the hill, as you choose, but keep the same grade throughout by sighting the same disstance each time. Suppose you begin at the top; you stick the stake and take, for example, 10 feet down in the direction of your proposed road. Stand erect. Flace the level to your eye and



sed in manufacture.

There has been an increase value of the product.

There has been an incre number of persons employed. There has been an incre gross amount of wages paid. There has been an increase

formed. Pledged to economy, they have not economized. Extravagance has been the order of the day.-Tom Watson Se

of the treasury loaned, free of late duced by the Harrison administ \$13,866,270, and the surplus used for duction in the interest bearing natio

Are the Democratic soldiers going to vote for Cleveland because the chief spokesman of the Democratic e and platform, the Louisville Cor Journal, denounces them and the wounded, sick, helpless, aged and infi

Small Son—I—I broke it.

Papa—See here! I toldyou that if you took my pipe again to blow bubbles with I'd whip you.

Small Son—I wasn't blowin' bubbles with it. I was only smokin' it.—Good News.

Queer Thing About Children.

Husband—That next door neighbor's children are very stupid.

Wife—Don't be too sure about that. I never saw children so stupid that they couldn't understand everything you didn't want them to.—N. Y. Weekly.

Grover Cleveland, while properties of his subordinates to use the study of the subordinates to use the study of the subordinates to use the subordina

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