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HE BUTLER CITIZEN.

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CHAPTER IV. WHAT JOHN RANCE HAD TO TELL

It was one o'clock when we left No.

3 Lauriston gardens. Sherlock Holmes led me to the nearest telegraph office,

whence he dispatched a long telegram. He then hailed a cab, and ordered the driver to take us to the address given

us by Lestrade. "There is nothing like first-hand evi-

"You amaze me, Holmes," said I. Surely you are not as sure as you pre-

tend to be of all those particulars

which you gave." "There's no room for a mistake," he answered. "The very first thing which I observed on arriving there was that a cab had made two ruts with

its wheels close to the surb. Now, up to last night, we have had no rain for a week, so that those wheels, which

a week, so that those wheels, which left such a deep impression, must have been there during the night. There were the marks of the horse's hoofs, too, the outline of one of which was far more clearly cut than that of the other three, showing that that was a new shoe. Since the cab was there after the rain began, and was not there at any time during the morning -I have Greeson's word for that-it

-I have Gregson's word for that-it follows that it must have been there during the night, and, therefore, that

it brought those two individuals to the

"That seems simple enough," said I; but how about the other man's

"Why, the height of a man, in nine

cases out of ten, can be told from the length of his stride. It is a simple

calculation enough though there is no use my boring you with figures. I had this fellow's stride, both on the

clay outside and on the dust within. Then I had a way of checking my cal-culation. When a man writes on a

wall, his instinct leads him to write

about the level of his own eyes. Now,

that writing was just over six feet from the ground. It was child's play." "And his age?" I asked.

a half feet without the smallest effort, he can't be quite in the sere and yel-

low That was the breadth of a puddle on the garden walk which he had evidently walked across. Patent-leather boots had gone round and Square-toes had hopped over. There is no mystery about it at all. I am simply analying to ordinary life a few

simply applying to ordinary life a few of those precepts of observation and deduction which I advocated in that

article. Is there anything else that

puzzles you?" "The finger-nails and the Trichinop-

oly," I suggested. "The writing on the wall was done

with a man's forefinger di**pped** in blood. My glass allowed me to observe that the plaster was slightly scratched in

in color and flaky-such an ash as is only made by a Trichinopoly. I have

tobacco. It is just in such details that

I passed my hand over my brow. "My head is in a whirl," I remarked;

"the more one thinks of it the more mysterious it grows. How came these

two men-if there were two men-into an empty house? What has become of the cabman who drove them? How

the present state of the affair."

"Well, if a man can stride four and

learn all that is to be learned."

ice," he remarked; "as a matter of fact, my mind is entirely made up upon the case, but still we may as well

lined by sordid dwellings. We picked our way among groups of dirty chil-dren and through lines of discolored

linen until we came to No. 40, the

door of which was decorated with a

small slip of brass, on which the name

his pocket, and played with it pensively. "We thought that we should like to

therefore, at seeing a light in the win

dow, and I suspected as something was wrong. When I got to the door—" "You stopped, and then walked back to the garden gate," my companion in-terrupted. "What did you do that for?" Rance gave a violent jump, and stared at Sherlock Holmes with the ut-

stared at shericek holmes with the ut-most amazement upon his features. "Why, that's true, sir," he said; "though how you came to know it, Heaven only knows! Ye see, when I

got up to the door, it was so still and

got up to the door, it was so shin and so lonesome that I thought I'd be none the worse for some one with me. I ain't afeared of anything on this side of the grave; but I thought that maybe it was him that died o' the typhoid in-

cting the drains what killed him

specting the drains what killed nim. The thought gave me a kind o' turn, and I walked back to the gate to see if

I could see Murcher's lantern, but there

wasn't no sign of him nor of anyone

"There was no one in the street?"

"Not a livin' soul, sir, nor as much as a dog. Then I pulled myself together

and went back and pushed the door open. All was quiet inside, so I went

into the room where the light was

parlor, to await his coming.

golden disk.

no other way of catching him we can always bait our line with the ring. I shall have him, doctor, I'll lay you two to one that I have him. I must thank one final have him and the second bat a few cartridges." "You had better clean it and load it. He will be a desperate man, and, though I shall take him unawares, it you for it all. I might not have gone but for you, and so have missed the finest study I ever came across; a study in scarlet, eh? Why shouldn't we use a is as well to be ready for anything." I went to my bedroom and followed his advice. When I returned with the pistol the table had been cleared and scarlet, en? Why shouldn't we use a little art jargon? There's the scarlet thread of murder running through the colorless skein of life, and our duty is to unravel it, and isolate it, and ex-pose every inch of it. And now for lunch, and then for Norman Neruda. Holmes was engaged in his favorite occupation of scraping upon his violin. "The plot thickens," he said, as I entered. "I have just had an answer to my American telegram. My view Her attack and her bowing are splen-did. What's that little thing of Chopin's of the case is correct." "And that is?" I asked, eagerly she plays so magnificently: Tra-la-la-

she plays so magnineently: Ira-la-la-lira-lira-lay." Leaning back in the cab, this ama-teur blood-hound caroled away like a lark, while I meditated upon the many-idedness of the human mind. "My fiddle would be better for new strings," he remarked. "Put your pis-tol in your pocket. When the fellow comes speak to him in an ordinary way. Leave the rest to me. Don't frighten him by looking at him too hard."

hard.'

glancing at my watch.

"It is eight o'clock now," I said,

"Yes. He will probably be here in a

inside. Thank you! This is a queer book I picked up at a stall yesterday— 'De Jure inter Gentes'—published in

VERY OLD AND WRINKLED WOMAN

HOBBLED INTO THE APARTMENT.

CHAPTER V.

OUR ADVERTISEMENT BRINGS A VISITOR. Rance was engraved. On inquiry we found that the constable was in bed, and we were shown into a little front Our morning's exertions had been too much for my weak health, and I was tired out in the afternoon. After few minutes. Open the door slightly. That will do. Now put the key on the Holmes' departure for the concert, I He appeared presently, looking a lit-tle irritable at being disturbed in his lay down upon the soft and endeav-ored to get a couple of hours' sleep. It was a useless attempt. My mind had been too much excited by all that had occurred, and the strangest fancies slumbers. "I made my report at the office," he said. Holmes took a half-sovereign from and surmises crowded into it. Every time that I closed my eyes I saw be-fore me the distorted, baboon-like countenance of the murdered man. So sinister was the impression which that face had produced upon me that I found it difficult to feel anything but gratitude for him who had removed its owner from the world. If ever human oved its features bespoke vice of the most malignant type, they were certainly those of Enoch J. Drebber, of Cleveland. Still I recognized that justice must be done, and that the depravity of the victim was no condonement in the eyes of the law.

had given rise to the idea. Then, again, if not poison, what had caused the man's death, since there was Latin at Liege, in the Lowlands, in 1642. Charles' head was still firm or neither wound nor marks of strangu-lation? But, on the other hand, whose blood was that which lay so thickly

inner was on the table before he ap-ared. "It was magnificent," he said, as he

peared.
"It was magnificent," he said, as het took and some began to ascend the strait's reply, out as a second reply, out as a second the strait's reply, out as a second reply, out as a

"I can understand. There is a mys-

The old crone drew out an evening paper, and pointed at our advertise-ment. "It's this as has brought me, good gentlemen," she said, dropping another courtesy: "a gold weddingtypes in the Roman precet and the Saxon fortreye or portgrave. For a considerable number of years the robes of the lord mayor, the court of alder-men and the common councilors have been settled with a precision that none. ring in the Brixton road. It belong save the most reckless of innovators to my girl Sally, as was married only this time twelvemonth, which her save the most recreases of indovators, would presume to disturb. The lord mayor himself has his "gold" robe for the annual Guildhall banquet and for the times when he proceeds in state either to the new law courts or to husband is steward aboard a union "No." "It gives a fairly good account of the boat, and what he'd say if he come 'ome and found her without her ring short enough at the best o' times, but more especially when we has the drink. If it pleases you, she went to the circus last night along with—" "Is that her ring?" I asked. "The Lord be thanked!" cried the old woman this night. That's the ring." "And what may your address be?" woman's wedding ring fell upon the floor. It is just as well it does not." "Why?" "Look at this advertisement," he answered. "I had one sent to every pa-per this morning immediately after the affair." He threw the paper across to me, and I glanced at the place indicated. I inquired, taking up a pencil. "18 Duncan street, Houndsditch. A cement in the "In Brixton road weary way from here." "The Brixton road does not lie between any circus and Houndsditch," said Sherlock Holmes, sharply. The old woman faced round and The old woman need found and looked keenly at him from her little red-rimmed eyes. "The gentleman asked me for my address," she said. "Sally lives in lodgings at 3 Mayfield Place, Peckham." chain, but when he is honord by re-election at the expiration of his term of office he wears two chains. The mace of silver gilt, surmounted by a royal crown and the imperial arms, is carried before the mayor by the au-thority of the charter of Edward III.; "And your name is-" "My name is Sawyer-hers is Dennis, which Tom Dennis married her-and while the city possesses no less than four swords, one called the "Pearl," presented by Queen Bess when she opened the first royal exchange, and so called from its being richly set with a smart, clean lad, too, as long as he's at sea, and no steward in the co

"I have my old service revolver and bound for the same destination. It was THE GREAT BARRIER REEF. close upon twelve before I heard the sharp sound of his latch-key. The in-stant he entered I saw by his face that

have let me hear the end of it. I can

afford to laugh, because I know that I

will be even with them in the long

limp and show every sign of being

What is it, then?" I asked.

vice and turn in.'

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I was certainly feeling very weary, so I obeyed his injunction. I left Holmes seated in front of the smolder-

ing fire, and long into the watches of the night I heard the low, melancholy

wailings of his violin, and knew that

he was still pondering over the strange problem which he had set himself to

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GLORY SURPASSING SOLOMON'S

ture While Arrayed n His The fountain of municipal honor in England, says the London Telegraph

central criminal court.

nden's Lord Mayor Is a Gorgeous Cres

One of the wonders of the world in he had not been successful. Amuse-ment and charrin seemed to be strug-gling for the mastery, until the former suddenly carried the day, and he burst the great barrier reef of Australia This stupendous rampart of coral tretching in an almost unbroken line for twelve hundred and fifty miles along the northeastern coast of Aus-tralia, presents features of interest into a hearty laugh. "I wouldn't have the Scotland Yarders know it for the world," he cried, dropping into his chair; "I have chaffed them so much that they would never

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which are not to be equaled in any other quarter of the globe. Nowhere is the action of the little marine insect which builds up with un-tiring industry those mighty monu-ments with which the tropical seas are studded more impressive; nowhere are the wonderful constructive forces of

"Oh, I don't mind telling a story against myself. That creature had gone a little way when she began to are more apparent. By a simple coss of accretion there has been cared in the course of countless centuries an adamantine wall, against which the gigantic billows of the Pa-cific, sweeping along in an uninterfoot-sore. Presently she came to a halt, and hailed a four-wheeler which was passing. I managed to be close enough to her to hear the address, but I need not have been so anxious, for she sang rupted course of several es, dash themselves in ineff

it out loud enough to be heard at the other side of the street. 'Drive to 13 Duncan street, Houndsditch,' she cried. This begins to look gen-uine, 1 cried, and having seen her safely inside, I perched my-self behind. That's an art which every detective cherdle he an event at Wall Tury. Inclosed within the range of its pro tecting arms is a calm inland sea, eighty thousand square miles in ex-tent, dotted with a multitude of coral islets and presenting at every furn ob-jects of interest alike to the unlearned raveler and the man of science. Here may be witnessed at one hundred dif-ferent points the singular process by which the wavy gelatinous living mass hardens into stone, then serves as a detective should be an expert at. Well, away we rattled, and never drew a rein until we reached the street in question. I hopped off before we came to the door, and strolled down the ollecting ground for the flotsam and jetsam of the ocean, and ultimately develops an island covered with a lux-arious mass of tropical growth.

to the door, and strolled down the street in an easy, lounging way. I saw the cab pull up. The driver jumped down, and I saw him open the door and stand expectantly. Nothing came out, though. When I reached him he was groping about frantically in the empty cab, and giving vent to the finest assorted collection of oaths that ever I listened to. There was no sign or trace of his passenger, and I fear it Here again, may be seen in the serene depths of placid pools extraordinary forms of marine life, aglow with the most brilliant colors and pro-ducing in their infinite variety a bewildering sense of the vastness of the life of the ocean

> KNOCKED THE BRIDE SENSELESS Only an Unfortunate Incident Grewing

ever 1 listened to. There was no sign or trace of his passenger, and I fear it will be some time before he gets his fare. On inquiring at No. 13 I found that the house belonged to a respecta ble paper-hanger, named Keswick, and that no one of the name either of Saw-yer or Dennis had ever been heard of there." Out of a Bridal Cust A well-known New York drummer returning from a southern trip relates

the following story as of actual oc currence at a negro wedding in Char "You don't mean to say," I cried, in amazement, "that that tottering, fee-ble old woman was able to get out of eston, S. C. the cab while it was in motion, with-out either you or the driver seeing

After the cere cluded in the most approved style the groom, who was employed at one of the phosphate mines, a few miles from the city, bundled his bride into a rudo cart, loaded some household effects "Old woman be d-d!" said Sherlock Holmes, sharply. "We were the old women to be so taken in. It must have nto it and prepared, among salvos of theers and best wishes, to take her

been a young man, and an active one, too, besides being an incomparable ac-tor. The get-up was infimitable. He saw that he was followed, no doubt, At this stage in the proceedings one tarky, who had traveled and been present as a waiter at the wedding of and used this means of giving me the slip. It shows that the man we are and used this means of giving me the slip. It shows that the man we are after is not as lonely as I imagined he was, but has friends who are ready to risk something for him. Now, doctor, you are looking done-up. Take my ad-rice and turn in " some white folks, suggested that the proper thing to do was to throw shoes after the departing couple as they

Trove away. The idea took immensely, and such a scrambling as followed when the colored belles and beaux began to divest their feet of boots and shoes of various sizes and weights! Many of the men had no stockings on beneath their shoes, but that made no difference.

They all hung back, suppressing their enthusiasm until the happy groom brought a bale stick down on the back of the mule and started his bridal trip. Then with a howl of joy the guests burst forth and began a fusillade which was by no means rel-

fusiliate which was by no means re-ished by the happy pair. The air was filled with flying mis-siles. One gigantic boot struck the groom in the small of the back and drew from him a wild yell of agony. Another hurtling through the air with unerring aim struck the bride full on the head and knocked her senseless.

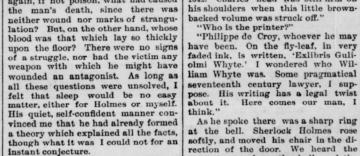
England, says the London Pelegraph, undoubtedly springs from the Guild-hall, London, which justly claims to be accounted the most ancient of our municipal halls, seeing that the lord mayors of the last eight centuries are with justice assumed to have proto-types in the Roman prefect and the Saxon fortreve or portgrave. For a This was too much for the groom. Leaping from his cart, with his bale stick in hand, he set about to thrash every one of the guests. As might be inferred, a wild riot ensued, or was about to, when a policeman came up about to, when a policeman came up and put a stop to it. Nothing, how-ever, could appease the dusky groom until the officer assured him that he was not the significant of the store of th was not the victim of an indignity, but merely the object of a bridal custom such as white folks always observed.

hearital from your own lips," he said. "I shall be most happy to tell you anything I can," the constable an-swered, with his eyes upon the little "Just let us hear it all in your own way, as it occurred." Rance sat down on the horse-hair sofa and knitted his brows, as though determined not to omit anything in his "I'll tell it ye from the beginning," he said. "My time is from ten at night to six in the morning. At eleven there was a fight at the White Hart; but, bar The more I thought of it the more extraordinary did my companion's hypothesis, that the man had been that, all was quiet enough on the beat. At one o'clock it began to rain, and I met Harry Murcher—him who has the met Harry Auronet-Inn who has the Holland Grove beat-and we stood to-gether at the corner of Henrietta street a-talkin'. Presently - maybe bout two, or a little after-I thought I would take a look round, and see that all was right down the Brixpoisoned, appear. I remember how he had sniffed his lips, and had no doubt that he had detected something which

ton road. It was precious dirty and lonely. Not a soul did I meet all the being. Not a soft and there in the way down, though a cab or two went past me. I was a-strollin' down, thinkin' between ourselves how un-common handy a four of gin hot would be, when suddenly a glint of a light caught my eye in the window of that some house Now I know that them same house. Now, I knew that them two houses in Lauriston gardens was empty on account of him that owns them, who won't have the drains seed to, though the very last tenant what lived in one of them died o' typhoid fever. I was knocked all in a heap, therefore at seeing a light in the mp.

though what is the servent pass along the hall, and the servent pass along the hall, and the sharp click of the latch as she opened it. "Does Dr. Watson live here?" asked "Does Dr. Watson live here?" asked not have detained him all that time. Dinner was on the table before he appeared.

"I ought to be more case hardened after my Afghan experiences. I saw my own comrades hacked to pieces at Maiwand without losing my nerve." countenance.



the cabinan who unverticate in the condition of the condi Above all, why should the second man write up the German word "rache" be-fore decamping? I confess that I cannot see any possible way of reconciling all these facts." all these facts." My companion smiled approvingly. "You sum up the difficulties of the situation succinctly and l," he said. "There is much that is all obscure, though I have quite made up my mind on the main facts. As to poor Les-trade's discovery it was simply a blind intended to put the police upon a wrong track, by suggesting socialism and event to was the police upon a doma but secret societies. It was not done by a German. The A, if you noticed, was printed somewhat after the German fashion. Now a real German invariably prints in the Latin character, so that we may safely say that this was not written by one, but by a clumsy imitator, who overdid his part. It was simply a ruse to divert inquiry into a wrong channel. I'm not going to tell you much more of the case, doctor. You know a conjurer gets no credit when once he has explained his trick, and if I show you too much of my method of working, you will come to tiently. Method of working, you will come to the conclusion that I am a very ordinary individual after all."
 "I shall never do that," I answered;
 "you have brought detection as near an exact science as it ever will be brought in this world."
 My commanian fushed up with pleasbe My companion flushed up with pleasure at my words and the earnest way in which I uttered them. I had al-In which i detered that he was as sensitive to flattery on the score of his art as any girl could be of her beauty. "Fill tell you one other thing," he said. "Patent-leathers and Square-toes came in the same cab, and they wolled down the nathway together as "How was he dressed?" "A whip—no." "He must have left it behind," mut-tered my companion. "You didn't hap-Who has had a years experience with one of the leading furniture firms of Pittsburg is now prepared to stend to all furniture repairing left pen to see or hear a cab after that?" "No." "There's a half sovereign for you." my companion said, standing up and taking his hat. "I am afraid, Rance, that you will never rise in the force. That head of yours should be for use as well as ornament. You might have gained your sergeant's stripes last night. The man whom you held in your hands is the man who holds the clew of this mystery, and whom we are seeking. There is no use of argu-ng shout it now. I tall you that it is cited. That is shown by the increased length of his strides. He was talking all the while, and working himself up to doubt into a fury. Then the no doubt, into a fury. Then the tragedy occurred. I've told you all I know myself, now, for the rest is mere ing about it now; I tell you that it is so. Come along, doctor." We started off for the cab together, surmise and conjecture. We have a good working basis, however, on which to start. We must hurry up, for I want to go to Halle's concert, to hear Norman Neruda, this afternoon." This conversation had occurred while leaving our informant incredulous, but obviously uncomfortable. "The blundering fool!" Holmes said, bitterly, as we drove back to our lodg-ings. "Just to think of his having

our cab had been threading its way through a long succession of dingy streets and dreary by-ways. In the dinglest and dreariest of them our driver suddenly came to a stand. "That's Audley court in there," he said, pointing to a narrow slit in the line of dead-colored brick. "You'll find me here when you come back."

leaving it? This is not the way of criminals." Audley court was not an attractive locality. The narrow passage led us

a-burnin'. There was a candle flickerin imagination; where there is no imag-ination there is no horror. Have you on the mantle-piece—a red wax one-and by its light I saw—" seen the evening paper?"

the skilled detective differs from the Gregson and Lestrade type." "And the florid face?" I asked. "Yes, I know all that you saw. You walked round the room several times, and you knelt down by the body, and "Ah, that was a more daring shot, though I have no doubt that I was right. You must not ask me that at affair. It does not mention the fact that when the man was raised up a then you walked through and tried the kitchen door, and then--"

John Bane sprang to his feet with a frightened face and suspicion in his eyes. "Where was you hid to see all that?" he cried. "It seems to me that you knows a deal more than you chemid."

should." Holmes laughed, and threw his card across the table to the constable. "Don't get arresting me for the mur-It was the first anno der," he said. "I am one of the hounds and not the wolf; Mr. Gregson or Mr. "Found" column. Lestrade will answer for that. Go on, though. What did you do next?" Rance resumed his seat, without, however, losing his mystified expressolution of a start of

could be of any good goes.'

"What do you mean?" The constable's features broadened into a grin. "I've seen many a drunk chap in my time," he said, "but never suyone so cryin' drunk as that cove. He was at the gate when I came out, a-leanin' up ag'n the railin's and a-singin' at the pitch of his lungs about Columbing, new funded here about Columbine's new-fangled ban-ner, or some such stuff. He couldn't stand, far less help." "What sort of a man was he?" asked

I GLANCED AT THE PLAN INDICATED.

Sherlock Holmes. John Rance appeared to be some-what irritated at this digression. "He this morning," it ran, "a plain gold welding ring, found in the roadway between the White Hart tavern and Holland grove. Apply Dr. Watson, 211B Baker street, between eight and nine this evening." was an uncommon drunk sort o' man," he said. "He'd ha' found hisself in the station if we hadn't been so took up." "His face—his dress—didn't you no-tice them?" Holmes broke in, impa-"Excuse my using your name," he said. "If I used my own some one of these dunderheads would recognize it and want to meddle in the affair."

"I should think I did notice them, seeing that I had to prop him up-me and Murcher between us. He was a long chap, with a red face, the lower part muffled round-" "That is all," I answered. "But sup-posing anyone applies, I have no ring." "Oh, yes, you have," said he, hand-"That will do," cried Holmes. "What ing me one me of him?"

"A brown overcoat." "Had he a whip in his hand?"

such an incomparable bit of good luck, and not taking advantage of it." "I am rather in the dark still. It is true that the description of this man

tallies with your idea of the second party in this mystery. But why should he come back to the house after

almost a fac-simile." "And who do you expect will answer We'd enough to do without lookin' this advertisement?" "Why, the man in the brown coatafter him," the policeman said, in an aggrieved voice. "T'll wager he found his way home all right."

our florid friend with the square toes. If he does not come himself he will send an accomplice." "Would he not consider it as too dangerous?'

"Not at all. If my view of the case is correct, and I have every reason to believe that it is, this man would rather risk anything than lose the ring. According to my notion he dropped it while stooping over Dreb-ber's body, and did not miss it at the time. After leaving the house he dis-covered his loss, and hurried back, but found the police already in possession, owing to his own folly in leaving the candle burning. He had to pretend to be drunk in order to allay the suspicions which might have been aro by his appearance at the gate. Now put yourself in that man's place. On thinking the matter over. it must have occurred to him that it was possible that he had lost the ring in the road after leaving the house. What would he do then? He would eagerly look out for the evening papers, in the hope of seeing it among the articles found. His eye, of course, would light upon this. He would be overjoyed. Why should he fear a trap? There would be no reason in his even why the findbe no reason in his eyes why the find-ing of the ring should be connected with the murder. He would come. He will come. You shall see him within

"And then?" I asked. "Oh, you can leave me to deal with

"The ring, man, the ring; that was the or a quadrance berrein the down and a marrier tame back Ar. is and there there there there are a start of the second of the



MER PURSUER DOGGED HER SOME LITTLE "This will do very well. DISTANCE BEHIND.

more thought of: but when on shore, what with the women and what with

liquor shops-" "Here is your ring, Mrs. Sawyer," I interrupted, in obedience to a sign from my companion; "it clearly be-longs to your daughter, and I am glad to restore it to the rightful owner."

With many mumbled blessings and protestations of gratitude the old protestations of gratitude the old crone packed it away in her pocket, and shuffled off down the stairs. Sher-lock Holmes sprang to his feet the moment she was gone and rushed into his room. He returned in a few seconds enveloped in an ulster and a cravat.

"I'll follow her," he said, hurriedly; "she must be an accomplice, and will lead me to him. Wait up for me." The hat all the girls who entered do hall door had hurriedly slammed be-hind our visitor before Holmes had delast year five-sixths had never even heard of such a thing as a toothbrash —an assertion that has led the educa-tional authorities to institute in many of the metropolitan schools what is now known as the "toothbrush drill." Decay of teeth has always attended the advance of civilization and each barbaric invasion has been followed by a recovery of sound teeth in the old world. Under the circumstancesits unight be worth while to consider whether the repeal of the Geary law and the opening up of the United scended the stair. Looking through the window I could see her walking feebly along the other side, while her receive along the other side, while her pursuer dogged her some little dis-tance behind. "Either his whole the-ory is incorrect," I thought to myself, "or else he will be led now to the heart of the mystery." There was no need for him to ask me to wait up for him. for I felt that sleep was impossible until I heard the result of his adven-

and the opening up of the Unite States to a pacific invasion on the par It was close upon nine when he set out. I had no idea how long he might of the Chinese might not go far to im prove the American jaw, which ac cording to medical experts, is in an be, but I sat stolidly puffing at my pipe and skipping over the pages of Henri Murger's "Vie de Boheme." Ten o'clock passed, and I heard the footimmeasurably worse condition than that of the English--a fact probably steps of the maids as they pattered off to bed. Eleven and the more stately and to one months the Man hon. " thread of they buildedy purged my door,

The Heathen Woman

With the exception, possibly, of the Christian woman, the Hebrew woman, the Mohammedan woman and a few other women, there is no creature more interesting than the heathen v She possesses all the qualities that contribute toward making the con-templation of the feminine part of hucalled "mazarines," it being generally understood that mazarine is a term for a dark blue color, although, according to some lexicographers, mazarine also means a drinking vessel and an old way of dressing fowls. Then, again, when the sovereign comes into the city the lord mayor is bound to don a robe of erimson or purple velvet, trimmed with ermine. At the time of his in-vestiture, he wears a massire gold chain, but when he is honored by re-election at the expiration of his term of office he wears two chains. The mace of silver gilt, surmounted by a royal erown and the imperial arms, is that crowning glory of won naternal love

STAR SHOWERS Times When They Fell from the Heavens

The first of the notably "third of a century" meteoric displays which went into the records occurred on November so called from its being richty set with pearls. This sword precedes the chief magistrate on all occasions of rejoic-ing and festivity. The sword of state is carried before the lord mayor as an emblem of his sovereignity within the city proper; the "black" sword is used on fast days in Lent and at the death of any member of the royal femily. into the records occurred on November 12, 1799, and was witnessed by Hum-boldt, the scientist traveler, in South America. Humboldt gave a vivid de-scription of it, which is in books on popular astronomy. Boupland, an-other scientific writer who also obother scientific writer who also ob-served the display, said that "from the beginning of the phenomenon there was not a space in the firmament equal in extent to three diameters of the moon that was not filled at every mo-mont with ballies and failing star." on fast days in Lent and at the death of any member of the royal family; while the fourth sword is that placed close to the lord mayor's chair at the A BACE OF TOOTHLESS MEN.

moon that was not nice at every no-ment with bolides and falling stars." The next of these third of a century star showers occurred on the **night** of November 12, 1833, and it lasted seven Coming Generations Will Have to Masti-cate by Artificial Means. There is reason to apprehend that November 12, 1833, and it lasted seven or eight hours. During most of this time the meteors flying through the air were as thick as snowflakes in a mod-erate snowstorm. This was seen all over North America. In the southern states many of the slaves were so frightened by the spectacle, thinking the end of the world had come, that some of them died with terror. But the fricht was shared in to a large exthe progress of civilization our de-scendants will be as toothless as Euscendants will be as toothless as Eu-roptolemus, king of Cyprus, described by the historian Pliny as reduced to masticate his food with a structure of solid bone, in lieu of teeth. This, at any rate, in the opinion of the New York Tribune, is the inference to be deducted from the statistics recently the fright was shared in to a large ex-tent by whites also, and all over the

tent by which they take, or in 1800, Thirty-three years later, or in 1800, Europe saw almost as remarkable a star shower, at the same time in No-vember, which lasted six or seven hours; but as this country was still turned toward the sun at that time we maked must of it. The next year, published by order of the British par-liament, demonstrating the alarming-ly small number of cases of in any way the English ly small number of cases of in any way sound dentition among the English people. Of 4,000 children attending the London public schools, there were only 707 who had sound teeth; while during a period of three months 506 re-cruits were rejected by the medical de-partment of the army for purely den-tal reasons. Of course, part of this state of affairs fs due to neglect of the direction, and of the teeth themselves. turned toward the sun at that time we missed most of it. The next year, though, the shower came when it was night here, and as the atmosphere was clear it was observed over the greater part of the United States. As this third of a century law of periodicity is established we may ex-pect another of those notable displays in 1890 or 1900 at the same time in No.

ligeration, and of the teeth themselves fact demonstrated by the statement in 1899 or 1900 at the same time in No service from the London public schools last year five-sixths had never even

The Taciful Truth Teller He-You don't tell white lies! You

congratulations upon old McCaveson's reaching his eightieth birthday were

She-Yes. They were addressed to that pretty young wife of his.-Truth. . She Did It for Economy

Father-I wish you would not lace so tight. It is positively inhuman. Daughter - Why, I thought you would be pleased, father. The mate-rial for this dress cost five dollars a yard.-Vogue.

Lingering.

"How many times did you kiss him?" "Only once. We were alone but "Only once We were twenty minutes."- Trath.