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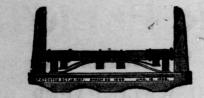
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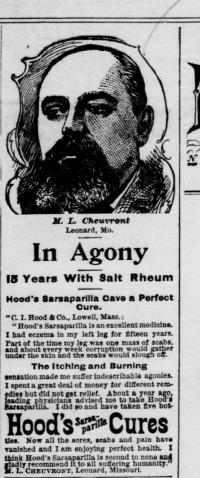
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tion of the plan but a grim and un- $\mathbf{C}.^{\mathbf{A}}\mathbf{N}_{\mathbf{D}}\mathbf{D}.$ eventful determination accompanied by a silent apprehension, until he ar-rived as arranged at the old mill, and there the whole character of the pro-ceedings changed as if by magic and began to wear the aspect of a sixteenth

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ter of a man at the door. While it was being served Laport remained in the road-the rest drew up chatteringly at the door and managed adroitly to tell the man how they had been disap-pointed in their ride and were hurry-ing back to Shirleyville. Some ques-tions were also asked about better roads; and then, with fippant jests, some coln was flung to the man and they started off again. It was now half-past three o'clock and a ride of half an hour brought them to an inter-secting and evidently not much traveled road. "We turn south," said Laport's companion. "The rest go on to Shir-

companion. "The rest go on to Shir-leyville. Do you understand? There is no telegraph on our route."

The moment they were in the new road she said: "I shall have to ask you to make the best time you can for the next five miles, until we come to an-other highway. Your horse has a good gait—let him have his head."

She then struck her animal and La-port followed her. The pace was a painful one, for he no longer had the suppleness of youth. But determination supplied him with endurance, and they rode at a rapid pace through an unin-habited tract, and he was much re-lieved when they turned once more into a well-traveled road that ran in a west-

a went traveled road that rain a west erly direction, and his companion said: "You can take it easy now. We'll walk our horses here and let them dry. We are safe. If you are pursued the scent will lead to Shirleyville." just myself to circumstances. You are under some obligations to me. I propose to avail myself of those obliga-tions ir only one way-it is by making

seent will lead to Shirleyville. She drew up by his side as she spoke. "I can now tell you," she said, "what your route will be. We shall stop for the night at a hotel in Charlotte. It is ten miles farther on. You will pay our bill in the morning with a check which the landlord will cash because I which the landlord will cash because I which the landlord will cash because I have already cashed the two which Mr. Kent got you to sign, and the land-lord knows they are good. There is a branch railroad running from Char-lotte to Penkanky-thirty miles west We shall succeed in the morning in We shall succeed in the morning in getting off with our horses on a trip to the Penkanky glen. The horses will go on to Brankenford, where they will be taken care of, they having been ob-tained there. At the Penkanky house

we give out that we are going to stop with a friend in town and leave the hotel in the evening. You will then have to walk three miles to reach a trunk line railroad. If we catch an "In ca express train we shall most likely be in Wheeling just six hours ahead of a

dispatch. "But if we do not?" asked Laport with considerably more curiosity than

apprehension. "In that case we shall have to de "In that case we shall have to de-pend on the discrepancy between the description and the appearance. The probability is that the pursuit will be thrown off at Shirleyville. There is no means of knowing that we left the no means of knowing that we left the party until the pursuers reach the party. They will then have to retrace their steps. The landlord at Charlotte will tell them that he has been receiv-ing your checks before the date of the escape, and saw you sign one with his own eyes. It will take some time after ward to ascertain that we are not in Pankanky yet. If, however, the tel-markanky yet. If, however, the tel-Pankanky yet. If, however, the telegraph is used without waiting to ascertain that fact the detective will board the train when we pull into Wheeling."

"Are you prepared for that?" "Yes. You change your disguise be fore taking that train."

"Ah," said Laport, with relief. "And you go on alone," added the

mated the cost of my internal-or, perhaps, I should say, intestinal-im-provement at something like a mil-lion dollars. It is for you to say, when "Yes?" said Laport, inquiringly. "You reach Cincinnati and go to the Columbia hotel, an obscure place. You I have taken you over the ground, if you will sell me your mechanical skill for a year and what it will be worth." Kent waited for a reply. After a moment's hesitation Laport will look on the register for Bernard Biddle. He's your old friend. He will get you over into Kentucky that night. On Friday morning at ten o'clock you will be at the rendezvous appointed by Mr. Kent. I will myself join you three days later. Once at that point you are absolutely safe from pursuit." Laport looked at her. "Ido not quite

said: "It seems to me, sir, that at this time I am not in a position to make terms. If you succeed in demonstrat-ing to me the practicability of your plans, the best I can do is to offer you

me show you." Here Kent got up and going to the corner of the room, leaned with his hands upon the wall and pushed vigor-ously with his feet upon the floor which instantly moved as if it were on rollers, and as it withdrew from the cor-par in which that stood a smooth rock showed itself about a foot be-neath. He jumped down upon the rock and with his foot gave the flooring a push and it receded about three feet, exposing a descent to which had been fitted a wide worder will and taken Laport stepped to the edge of the floor and looked over. He saw part of a rough shaft which was apparently ten or twelve feet in diameter, that

ed to deal with facts and ad-

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Kent smiled. "It is hardly

ten or tweive feet in diameter, that sank away obliquely in a westerly di-rection and was very dark and repel-lant. "Come," said Kent, "I will show you my possessions. You had better let me take your hand. I am familiar with the steps." Thus assisting and guiding Laport, then deconded cometpille the mide bet

Thus assisting and guiding Laport, they descended carefully the rude but solid stairway which for some distance was very steep. At the end of twenty feet they came to a rock landing and a new opening leading downward more gradually at right angles to the main shaft. Laport saw that the entire pas-sage was a natural rift or chasm. He turned at the landing and looked back at the stairway dim's seen in the darktions if only one way - it is by making a configant of you and depending upon your sense of loyalty, no matter what arrangement we effect. The pledge is implied. I have to put myself in your hands to a certain extent. You are a free man. You are not directly or in-directly to betray my confidence, even

if you do not stay with me. That, I merely say, is understood." Laport bowed his head in acquiesat the stairway dimly seen in the dark-ness stretching up above them. "I know what you are thinking of," sary for me to say to you that I would not have this confidence in your sense of loyalty if I had not acquainted mysaid Kent, "it is that by the destruc-tion of the steps one is caught like a self with your character and I hardly would have taken the extraordinary

tion of the steps one is caught like a rat in a trap. But you forget that there are other exits and, besides, I have bored into the stratum above with an artesian drill and know where it is thinnest. Let us go down." A light shone in the distance, and its reflection enabled Laport to descend without further difficulty. In places the natural slant of the rock needed no steps. At others Kent warned him of a sudden rise or fall in the path. As near as Laport could judge the second means to secure your services if I had not believed I could depend upon you. Verbal pledges are unnecessary, my dear sir. "In carrying out the vast projects which I have in my mind for the recti-fication of some of the evils of so-clety, I shall necessarily come in col-lision with solid and the solid lision with society and it was necessary first of all to find a secure place a sudden rise or fall in the path. As near as Laport could judge the second passage was fifty feet long and only at a few points wide enough to pass two men abreast. On reaching the bottom of the declivity, he found himself in an enormous stone room or arena, that was lit in part by two or three power-ful lamps and reflectors. As accurately as he could determine with his eye, the roof rock was eighty or a hundred safe from interruption, impregnable and unknown to the world, where I could carry on the extensive organizing scheme. That place is under your feet." "I do not understand you," said La-

as he could determine with his eye, the roof rock was eighty or a hundred feet high where it was lit by the reflected lights, beyond which was a pitchy gloom. The walls of this rotunda were uneven and slanted away at different angles, that portion through whose fissure they had come through whose insure they had come being the nearest to a perpendic-ular. "The dimension of this room," said Kent, in an explana-tory way, "is about half an acre. It leads by a sort of corridor, fifty feet wide and two hundred feet long, to a much leave consider. This at measure covers a great portion of it, and erect here a large building ostensibly a san-itarium. It is for the fitting up of this Itarium. It is for the nitting up of this underground domain that I have taken such pains to secure your aid. I need in it an electrical plant; a water sys-tem; electric railway, and heating ap-paratus, besides means of defe ase and other modern appliances. I have esti-mated the cost of my interval-or

nuch larger opening. This at present s my workshop." As his eyes became familiar with the As his eyes became familiar with the light, Laport saw figures moving about, and he thought he heard the sound of hammers. "There are six workmen," said Kent. They have been fitting up the place for offices and headquarters. Let me show you your

rooms." They crossed the area, their figures making shifting and fantastic shad-ows, and came to a rude wooden struc-

Mrs. Ver Million (dres ture built against the side of the rock. -How do I look, dear? ture built against the same the appear-Externally it presented the appear-ance of a mere shanty, but when Kent opened the door, he found it comfort-ably carpeted and furnished and lit by Mr. Ver Million-Beautiful! beauti ful! But you want a little blue pain on your nose and chin. Mrs. Ver Million-You horrid thing What would I have that for? Mr. Ver Million -Complete the na-tional colors - Judge tional colors.-Judge.

ground alone, and remember that my name here is Hendricks and yours i Franklin. Is there anything you would like to say to me before I go?" Laport hesitated a moment, and then replied: "Yes. There is one persons whom I should like to know of my freedom. It is the only earth for whom I have a

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tion, and who on hearing of my esci will be tormented with anxiety." "And who might that person be?" "It is my daughter.' 'Where is she?

"In Boston "You want to communicate with her?'

"I should like to set her mind at rest in some way, even if I cannot see her." "I need not tell you," said Hen dricks, "that communication with her is exactly what the detectives who are is exactly what the detectives who are searching for you expect. They have already put a watch upon her; know all her actions and follow every one who calls upon her. Her mails are even intercepted. No, no. Not at present. By and by when the scent is cold, we can get word to her, and when we have proper accommodations, you can have her with you if you like, but not now."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

It Was About All He Left. "Excuse me," said the gourman the boarding-house, addressing

landlady, "excuse me, madam, leaving the table." "Pray, don't mention it," said the

lady, politely, as she glanced at the few eatables that remained; "we know you are obliged to leave it or you would not do so."

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THE CAUSE OF THE FEUD.



ear me Mary Ann singing? Mrs. Doclar. III Singing? Mrs. Dooley-It's her Oi had, Mrs. Flaherty.

Mrs. Flaherty (un phwat would th' loikes av you do wid sich a voice, Mrs. Dooley? Mrs. Dooley-Oi'd toie a shtone to it

and t'row it to the bottom sv a Judge.

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century romance. While yet some fifty feet away from the mill and hidden in the brush, he listened and distinctly heard female voices of merriment coming from th other side. His heart sank. Some pic nicking party had taken possession of the secluded retreat and cut off his last chance. There had been no pro-vision for this contingency in Kent's plan. While Laport stood listening to the bursts of laughter and subdued screams that mingled with the voice of men in some kind of sport, he dis tinctly heard some one singing the strains of "Home, Sweet Home," in a clear soprano. It might be one of those fatal coincidences, for the air was one that anybody would be apt to warble Our stock is larger to select from than last year."

He considered a moment and determined to take the risk. Working his way through the thick

ets he came out on the overgrown bank where the mill stood and went deliberately round to the side from which the voices proceeded. He had scarcely turned the corner of the mill before he found himself in full view of a party of ladies and gentlemen who had evidently rendezvoused here for a lunch Their horses were tied to the neighboring trees; a white cloth was spread upon the grass; a colored servant was opening wine. They were elegantly dressed and were unmistakably people of means and leisure taking an outing

At the same moment Laport saw pro-truding from the grass almost at his feet the circular form of an old mill-stone and, with a feeling of helpless-

Fan ran his eye over the details and looked at a little watch that he carried in his vest pocket. Laport saw that it was exactly like the one Kent had given him and that the woman had ex-bibited while he means the millet A minute had not passed when he was aware that some one was approaching him. It was a woman. She had left the group immediately and was standing very near him. He looked at her with the greatest amount hibited while he was on the millstone Indeed, it reminded the servant to re-place in Laport's vest pocket the timeof interest and suspense. She was handsomely and jauntily dressed in a piece that Kent had given him. He did this with the remark: "Dat's de gen-eral's time. T'other one's for to make

riding habit and appeared to be at least thirty years of age. Her whole bearing was easy, but dignified. Her handsome oval face was expressive of a gallus show." A moment later he had gathered up all the evidences of his work and sum-moned the lady who appeared to be his

nandsome oval face was expressive of determination, softened by sensibility. She carried a riding whip. "You are late, professor." she said, looking at her watch, "and have kept THE RACKET STORE mistress. She came in flushed, as if she had been riding, looked at Laport critically and said: 120 South Main Street, Butler, Pa., "You are Dr. Samuel Franklin, of Cincinnati, and I am your daughter. You are to assume, to the best of your

us waiting. Did you meet anyone after you left the stile?" "Yes, I did," answered Laport. "I met a woman in the wood road going to town with a basket, and she reability, the manner of a rather per-emptory but kind-hearted parent. You can scold me for my extravagance a little if you like. You are to carry WALL PAPER. garded me suspiciously." "Then we have no time to lose," said the woman, calmly. "These people are all friends. You are to change this roll of bills and when called upor pay our expenses. You are also to take this little checkbook and draw your garments immediately. My serv-ant will help you. Explanations and further directions must wait." your check as I direct. Further direc-tions I can give you as we journey. The horses are at the door." She called the negro servant and said to him: "Now, then, Fan, be as

quick as you can. We are fifteen min-ates late." "This way, professah," said the serv-ant, with a grin, as he pointed to the ARRIVED. old mill

Retail price lower Laport, without further words, made a bow and followed the negro into the dilapidated structure. Here, in one of the recesses where there remained a

Thus recalled to the urgency of the noment Laport began at once to divest himself of the disguise he wore. As fast as he relieved himself of his cloth-"You will see clearly enough when you arrive there," replied his companing. the negro placed it in the hamper and when it was full he excused him

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FRANKLIN, OF CINCINNATI

self and carried it away. He was not gone more than five min-utes, and when he came back he was

empty handed. What he did with it Laport never knew. But even then he had an instinctive feeling that its com-

plete destruction or effectual hiding had been provided for.

Fan then proceeded to dress him in

the most expeditious, but the same time the most scrupulous, manner. In spite of the nervous anxiety of La-

mirror before his eyes, Laport saw himself transformed into a comfor-

table well-to-do governor with a florid face that indicated good living.

"Excuse me, sah," said Fan, as he

admired his work. "You'll hav' to sole

admired his work. "You'll hav to solei up; jess frow out your bress and put yer shoulders back. Yer got a bad sag in yer backbone. Der duds ain't made for it. Jess one more pint-good nuff, if one con held bir den"

Five minutes later Laport was on the

came into one of those grass-grown lanes that divide farms, and a little

later struck a common country high-way running southwest. Not a word was spoken by Laport's companion for a mile or two except an occasional direction as to speed. But after an

if yer can hold him dar."

CHAPTER V. On Friday morning a tired and dusty traveler in a miserable Tennessee

wagon was driven up to the rugged acclivity in Henderson county now known as Fort Surges. It was then a wild, overgrown region and all the wild, overgrown region and all the traveler and the negro who drove him could see sticking out of the brush half a mile up the rocks was the un-painted roof of a small frame house. The traveler got out, stamped his feet as if he was cramped by long riding, gave the negro a two-dollar bill and began climbing the rocky bank. It was Laport.

port, he could not help wondering at the systematic provision that had been made for a thorough and complete It was Laport. change of appearance. The linen, cuffs, collar, studs, sleeve buttons, finger ring, watch chain, had not been It was Laport. He sat down on the doorstep of the house somewhat winded by the climb and looked about him. The prospect to forgotten. He was quickly dressed in a handsome suit of gray tweed, an imthe east and north was open revealing what appeared to be a desolate wilder-ness of rocks and forests, with here maculate vest and a fine soft black hat with a broad brim. He was shaved and there the blue peaks of the distant mountains showing between. While with marvelous dexterity, fitted with a flowing gray wig and gold glasses, a pair of silk stockings and gold glasses, a pair of silk stockings and riding boots with spurs, a field glass thrown over his shoulder and rouge given to his face; and when Fan held up a little he sat there, the door opened; a man whom he did not recognize appeared

and spoke to him familiarly. "Come inside, professor—you can rest yourself much better indoors." He looked at the speaker. It was

Kent, but save for something in the tone of his voice, Laport did not know him. He appeared broader and heavier and older.

He considerately assisted Laport to rise, saying: "I've been waiting break-fast for you. You may dismiss further anxiety. Your troubles are ended. You must be hungry after your long ride. Once inside the house, a well-spread table presented itself and the men sat

"Let us," said Kent, "avoid the usual formalities. Explanations will prepare the way to rest. You are naturally amazed at what has taken place and anxious to know the motives of my action. I will proceed at once to relieve your mind and replenish your system. Let me advise you to drink coffee-it is a necessary prophy-

lactic in this place." He called to a servant who came in from the one other apartment and brought the meal. Laport looked on with expectancy and was silent, while Kent both ate and talked.

"You have been most cruelly wronged," he said. "You are not guilty of murder, for that was not your intention. Society took from the world a genius and locked him up. You are at present, and so long as you stay here, beyond the reach of society. I do not intend to interfere with your liberty. I shall make you a busi proposition. If it does not meet wit your approbation you can depart. ; will not betray you. If it does you can work for me a year, save a handsome competence and spend the re-mainder of your days in some safe place comfortably. You are not eat-ing." "Pardon me," said Laport. "I will

drink this coffee and listen to you.

pians, the best 1 can do is to offer you my services and advice in so far as the scheme meets with my approbation." "Well, I can only say that such an arrangement will not do at all. I do not filled with books, a handsome filter

arrangement will not do at all. I do not intend to implicate you in any of my and water-cooler and a little buffet schemes. I wish to employ your con-structive ability at a reasonable price. If the work that I want done is practiwith decanters and glasses gave th place an air of luxury. The wooden walls had been tastefully papered and several pictures hung upon them. Kent waited to see the effect upon cable to the engineering and mechan-ical mind, and you give me your serv-ices for a year, will fifty thousand dolhis visitor and then said: "A fairly comfortable retreat, professor, and I think you will now agree with me that lars compensate you?" For the first time it flashed over La-

it is a safe one. Here is a speaking tube and signal bell communicating with the house above. Here is a sleep port's mind that he was listening to a onomaniac; one of those restless and harmless characters who conceive pro-digious schemes and make fabulous ining room," he added, as he threw open vestments with no other capital than their disordered imaginations. Kent guessed what was passing in his mind, for he said: "I see the suddenness and largeness of my schemes have disturbed your restments with no other capital than

for he said: "I see the suddenness and largeness of my schemes have disturbed your confidence. Two or three days of intion and be entirely safe from the vari ations of the season, as this thermom eter will show you. But of course I do vestigation will restore it. We can talk farther of the matter after we are not expect you to spend all your time out of the sunlight. I should advise you not to give more than half your day to this part of the establishment unless there is danger of discovery. You are better acquainted. Before I show you the underground laboratory, let me explain to you the topographical peculiarities of the country." As he said this he picked up a map

free to go and come at your inclinaand, moving his chair closer to La-port's, spread out the paper on the table. "There," he said, indicating a chair. point on the map with a pencil, "is about where we are. This original map is a sketch-plan of the subterlike one of the stories of the Arabian ranean domain as near as I have been Nights that anything practical seems able to survey it. I estimate the south-western extension of the cave to be about eighteen miles in length. There is another hidden entrance at that exout of place." "Well, pray dismiss all notions of magic and illusion," replied Kent with a smile. "The cave is the only thing that approaches the miraculous-all the rest is plain sailing hard work with treme limit, but it needs a little excavating to be of practical use. I intend to purchase that land also and erect a the rest is plain saling hard work with the assistance of science. It remains for you to say, after you have made a thorough examination of the place, if it can be made tenantable for a year." ouse over it. That entrance, or speak more correctly, that exit, is within four miles of the great Wash bayou on the Mississippi. The co try is such that a hard road can The coun "that if you have the means at com-mand—that it can. I know nothing about the ventilation or salubrity of it, easily made. The bayou is one of the deepest and wildest on the river. A sternwheel boat can land her supplies there entirely hidden from the river

with little difficulty. The nearest house is eighteen miles distant. The transportation overland is not much of a problem, but the eighteen miles underground needs an engineer's skill. That is where I want an electric railway. You will see the necessity of that when you examine the place, for that when you examine the place, for it is the northeastern end of the cave that can best be fitted up for habita-tion and workshops. "The difficulties to be overcome, as

a question practicability. I want you to familiarize yourself with the place—make yourself comfortable, look over my plans which you will find in that portfolio there, estimate care-fully just what tools and materials you need and be ready to talk to me more will not the end of a familiarity to your you will readily understand, are physical difficulties and involve lightfully at the end of a fortnight. ing, ventilation, transit and defense My idea is that the subterranean dosalary will commence from to-day and you can draw on me for money when you please. The sconer you get an ac-curate estimate of the material, the sconer I can begin to get it in. The first thing is to make a survey for an electric plant and a tramway. We must have light and means of convermain offers a magnificent field for the abode of an army of mechanics and soldiers.

Laport was amazed. "Would it be impertinent," he asked, "if I inquired what you are going to do with the

must have light and means of convey-ance. It is impossible to deliver the heavy material at this entrance. I am "Not at all," replied Kent. "But it would be better perhaps if you were kept in ignorance of my ultimate plans or at least not made acquainted with going away to-morrow and will be back in about a week. In that time 1 expect you to have formed a clear judgment of what you can do. You are too tired to-day to go over the ground, but I will introduce yon to my right-hand man here who will be subject to

than ever. Window Shades,etc. AT DOUGLASS', Near P. O. - - 241 S, Main St⁻ the recesses where there remained a flooring, there was a based for a drink of was Near P. O. - - 241 S, Main St⁻ the recesses where there remained a flooring, there was a based for a drink of was the recesses where there remained a flooring, there was a based for a drink of was the recesses where there remained a flooring, there was a based for a drink of was the recesses where there remained a flooring there was a based for a drink of was the recesses where there remained a flooring the result as is used at forming southwest. Not a word was spoken by Laport's companion for a mile or two except an occasional direction as to speed. But after an hurriedly tore open the basket. It was watching him with curious interest. Near P. O. - - 241 S, Main St⁻ the recesses where there remained a flooring the curious interest. the recesses where there remained a flooring the curious interest. the recesses where there remained a flooring the curious laterest. the recesses where there remained a flooring the curious interest. the recesses where there remained a flooring the curious interest. the recesses where there remained a flooring the curious interest. the recesses where there remained a flooring the curious interest. the recesses where there remained a flooring the curious interest. the recesses where there remained a flooring the curious interest. the recesses where there remained a flooring the curious interest. the recesses where there remained a flooring the curious interest. the recesses where there remained a flooring the curious interest. the recesses where there remained a flooring the curious interest. the way unall asked for a drink of was the way and asked for a drink of was the way and asked for a drink of was the way and asked for a drink of was the way and asked for a drink of was the way and asked for a drink of was the way and asked for a drink of was the way and asked for a drink of was

Matrimonial Item. "Why, Clars, you look radiant! What has happened?" "I've just received an invitation to a

"Well, there's nothing particular in that to go into raptures over. "Yes. But it happens to be my own." And she showed the new engagement ring.-Alex Sweet, in Texas Siftings.

Spring Diamonds

They were passing a fruit store on Jefferson avenue. "Oh, my," she exclaimed, "look at those strawberries. Aren't they a lovely red?"

"Of course they are," he replied; "that's the way they blush at the price asked for them."-Detroit Free

Consolation. ctor-How is your appetite? Sick Man-Good. Doctor—And your sleep? Sick Man—Good.

Sick man-Good. Doctor-And your general health? Sick Man-Also good. Doctor - Well, don't worry; f'll change all that within a week.-Hallo.

Laport sat down in a comfortable chair. "I should like to ask you a few practical questions," he said, "but the fact is the whole disclosure is so much Her Destruction

First Young Lady-Do you always buy two kinds of paper? Second Young Lady-Always. You see, when I write to Charlie I use red

paper; that means love. When I an-swer Jim's letters I use blue paper, which means "faithful unto death." See?-Brooklyn Life.

Lost His Head Completely "They say Vaillant, the anarchist, was very brave on the scaffold."

"That wasn't bravery. It was bluff." "What makes you think so?" "Why, along towards the last he veakened. Lost his head completely." "I should say at once," said Laport, -N. Y. World.

about the ventilation or salubrity of it, and the work is so gigantic that at first sight I should say it would require a stock company with unlimited capi-tal to effect the purpose." "I have roughly figured the improve-ments at a million dollars," said Kent, "and that of course is an economical estimate. The money I have. It is a question of practicability. I want you to familiarize yourself with the place-make yourself comfortable, look over my plans which you will find in that portfolio there, estimate care-fully just what tools and materials you

"Then why don't you go into the peculation?"

speculation?" "No use, stranger," sadly replied the native; "the old woman is too darned lazy to do the plowin' and plantin'."— Alex Sweet, in Texas Siftings.

Did He Look Like It? The little boy had come in with his clothes torn, his hair full of dust and his face bearing unmistakable marks of a severe conflict. "O, Willie! Willie!" exclaimed his mother: "you have dischared record."

mother, "you have disobeyed me again. How often have I told you not to play

with that wicked Stapleford boy?" "Mamma," said Willie, wiping the blood from his nose, "do I look as if I had been playing with anybody?" Vogue.

Not at All New

"Well," snapped Mrs. Hagglety, "I heard a woman say to-day you were the meanest man in town." "And of course you had nothing to say in reply," growled her husband. "It's just like you." "Oh! but I did though," she retorted,

"and I said it, too." "What did you say?"

"I said: 'Chestnuts,'"-Hallo

