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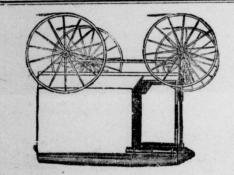
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pe of the slightest importance to you. If you do, they will instantly shut up

like an oyster. If you listen to them

under protest, as it were you are very

any wharf on either side of the stream

him professionally. But I have a fancy

know that the chase was hot at their

"What are we to do, then?" I asked

'Take this hansom, drive home

ald work to find the criminals. I had

"Here it is," said he, laughing and

orter have fixed it up between them.

I took the paper from him and read the short notice, which was headed:

"Mysterious Business at Upper Nor-

"About twelve o'clock last night,"

said the Standard, "Mr. Bartholomew Sholto, of Pondicherry lodge, Upper Norwood, was found dead in his room

foul play As far as we can learn, no

actual traces of violence were for

upon Mr. Sholto's person, but valuable collection of Indian gen which the deceased gentleman ha

But you have had enough of the case Better have your ham and eggs first.

umed our journey.
"I am sure I don't know."

likely to get what you want."

"What would you do, then?"

down the track of the Aurora.'

them, if you set about it alone.'

have gone so far.

THE BAKER STREET IRREGULARS. "What now?" I asked. "Toby has st his character for infallibility." "He acted according to his lights," said Holmes, lifting him down from the barrel and walking him out of the timber yard. "If you consider how much creosote is carted about London in one day, it is no great wonder that our trail should have been crossed. It is much used now, especially for the seasoning of wood. Poor Toby is not to blame."
"We must get on the main scent

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again, I suppose."
"Yes. And, fortunately, we have no distance to go. Evidently what puzzled the dog at the corner of Knight's place was that there were two different trails running in opposite directions. We took the wrong one. It only remains to follow the ather. remains to follow the other. There was no difficulty about this. On leading Toby to the place where he had committed his fault, he cast about in a wide circle, and finally dashed off in a fresh direction.

"We must take care that he does not now bring us to the place where the creosote barrel came from," I observed. "I had thought of that. But you no-tice that he keeps on the pavement, whereas the barrel passed down the roadway. No, we are on the true scent

It tended down cowards the river side, running through Belmont place and Prince's street. At the end of Broad street it ran right down to tha water's edge, where there was a small wooden wharf. Toby led us to the very edge of this, and there stood whining, looking out on the dark cur-"We are out of luck," said Holmes

"They have taken to a boat here." Several small punts and skiffs were ying about in the water and on the edge of the wharf. We took Toby round to each in turn, but, though he sniffed earnestly, he made no sign.

Close to the rude landing stage was a small brick house, with a wooden

placard swung out through the second window. "Mordecai Smith" was printed ross it in large letters, and, undercountry. As it is, they are likely enough to leave, but as long as they think they are perfectly safe they will eath: "Boats to hire by the hour or y." A second inscription above the door informed us that a steam launch was kept—a statement which was con-firmed by a great pile of coke upon the jetty. Sherlock Holmes looked slowly be in no hurry. Jones' energy will be of use to us there, for his view of the case is sure to push itself into the daily press, and the runaways will think round, and his face assumed an ominous

"This looks bad." said he. "Those fellows are sharper than I expected They seem to have covered their tracks There has, I fear, been preconcerted management here."

He was approaching the door of the

have some breakfast, and get an hour's sleep. It is quite on the cards that we house, when it opened, and a little curly-headed lad of six came running may be afoot to-night again. Stop at the telegraph office, cabby! We will keep Toby, for he may be of use to us out, followed by a stoutish, red-faced woman with a large sponge in her hand. "You come back and be washed, Jack," she shouted to your father comes home and finds you like that, he'll think that is to?" he asked, as we re-"Dear little chap!" said Holmes

"What a rosy-cheeked young rascal! Now, Jack, is there anything you would like?" The youth pondered for a moment. Hope case?"

"Well," said I, laughing.

"This is just the case where they might be invaluable. If they fail, I have other resources; but I shall try them first. That wire was to my dirty 'Nothing you would like better?" "I'd like two shillin' better," the odigy answered, after some thought. Here you are, then! Catch—A fine child, Mrs. Smith!" little lieutenant, Wiggins, and I expect that he and his gang will be with us before we have finished our breakfast." "Lor' bless you, sir, he is that, and forward. He gets a most too much for me to manage, 'specially when my man is away days at a time."

It was between eight and nine o'clock now, and I was conscious of a strong "Away tays at a time.
"Away, is he?" said Holmes, in a disappointed voice. "I am sorry for that, for I wanted to speak to Mr. Smith." reaction after the successive excite ments of the night. I was limp and weary, befogged in mind and fatigued in body. I had not the professional enthusiasm which carried my companion on, nor could I look at the matter as a "He's been away since yesterday mornin', sir, and, truth to tell, I am be-ginnin' to feel frightened about him. But if it is about a boat, sir, maybe I mere abstract intellectual problem. As far as the death of Bartholomew Sholto "I wanted to hire his steam launch." went, I had heard little good of him,

"Why, bless you, sir, it is in the steam launch that he has gone. That's what puzzles me; for I know there ain't more youngles me, then would take her to of it, belonged rightfully to Miss coals in her than would take her to about Woolwich and back. If he'd been Morstan. While there was a chance away in the barge I'd ha' thought of recovering it, I was ready to nothin'; for many a time a job has taken him as far as Gravesend, and then if True, if I found it, it would prob there was much doin' there he might ha' ably put her forever beyond my stayed over. But what good is a steam launch without coals?"

ably put her forever beyond my reach. Yet it would be a petty and selfish love which would be influenced "He might have bought some at a

by such a thought as that. If Holmes wharf down the river. "He might, sir, but it weren't his a tenfold stronger reason to urge me way. Many a time I've heard him call on to find the treasure. Out at the prices they charge for a few odd bags. Besides, I don't like that plete change freshened A bath at Baker street and a com-plete change freshened me up wonder wooden-legged man, wi' his ugly face and outlandish talk. What did he want always knockin' about here for?" fully. When I came down to our room I found the breakfast laid and Holmes pouring out the coffee. "A wooden-legged man?" said Holmes, with bland surprise.

"Yes, sir, a brown, monkey-faced chap that's called more'n once for my old man. It was him that roused him up yesternight, and, what's more, my man knew he was comin', for he had steam up in the launch. I tell you straight, sir, I don't feel easy in my mind about it.

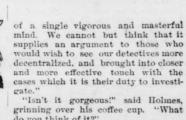
"But, my dear Mrs. Smith," said Holmes, shrugging his shoulders, "you are frightening yourself about nothing. How could you possibly tell that it was the wooden-legged man who came in the night? I don't quite "His voice, sir. I knew his voice, which is kind o' thick and foggy. He tapped at the winder—about three it would be. 'Show a leg, matey,' says he: 'time to turn out guard.' My old which the deceased gentleman had inherited from his father has been carried off. The discovery was first made by Mr. Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson, who had called at the house with Mr. Thaddeus Shalto, brother of the deceased. By a singular piece of good fortune Mr. Athelney Jones, the well-known member of the detective police force, happened to be at the Norwood police station, and was on the ground within half an hour of the first alarm. His trained and experienced faculties were at once directman woke up Jim—that's my eldest—and away they went, without so much as a word to me. I could hear the wooden leg clackin' on the stones." "And was this wooden-legged man

"Couldn't say, I am sure, sir. I didn't hear no one else."
"I am sorry, Mrs. Smith, for I wanted a steam launch, and I have heard good reports of the— Let me see, what is

"The Aurora, sir."
"Ah! She's not that old green launch with a yellow line, very broad in the beam?"
"No, indeed. She's as trim a little
thing as any on the river. She's been
fresh painted, black with two red

streaks."
"Thanks. I hope that you will hear soon from Mr. Smith. I am going down the river; and if I should see anything of the Aurora I shall let him anything of the Autora's half technic know that you are uneasy. A black funnel, you say?"
"No, sir. Black with a white band."
"Ah, of course. It was the sides which were black. Good morning, Mrs. Smith. There is a boatman here

with a wherry, Watson. We shall take it and cross the river." "The main thing with people of that ort," said Holmes, as we sat in the neets of the wherry, "is never to let them think that their information can



"Isn't it gorgeous!" said Holmes, grinning over his coffee cup. "What do you think of it?"
"I think that we have had a close shave ourselves of being arrested for

'So do I. I wouldn't answer for our another of his attacks of energy. At this moment there was a loud ring at the bell, and I could hear Mrs. Hudson, our landlady, raising her voice in a wail of expostulation and dis-

"By heaven, Holmes," I said, half rising, "I believe that they are really is the unofficial force-the Baker street

As he spoke, there came a swift pattering of naked feet upon the stairs, a clatter of high voices, and in rushed a dozen dirty and ragged little street-Arabs. There was some show of disci-pline among them, despite their tumultuous entry, for they instantly drew up in line and stood facing us with expectant faces. One of their number, taller and older than the others, stood forward with an air of loung-ing superiority which was very funny in such a disreputable little scarect "Got your message, sir," said "and brought'em on sharp. Three bob and a tanner for tickets."

"I'M SORRY, MRS. SMITH, FOR I WANTED "Here you are," said Holmes, producing some silver. "In future they can report to you, Wiggins, and you to me. I cannot have the house invaded in this way However, it is just as well that you should all hear the instruc-tions. I want to find the whereabouts of a steam launch called the Aurora, owner Mordecai Smith, black with two "I would engage a launch and go red streaks, funnel black with a white "My dear fellow, it would be a colossal task. She may have touched at band. She is down the river some where. I want one boy to be at Mor decai Smith's landing-stage opposite between here and Greenwich. Below the bridge there is a perfect labyrinth Millbank to say if the boatcomes back. You must divide it out among your-selves, and do both banks thoroughly. of landing-places for miles. It would take you days and days to exhaust Let me know the moment you have news. Is that all clear?"

"Employ the police, then."
"No. I shall probably call Athelney
Jones in at the last moment. He is "Yes, guv'nor," said Wiggins.
"The old scale of pay, and a guinea to the boy who finds the boat. Here's not a bad fellow, and I should not like to do anything which would injure a day in advance. Now off you go!" He handed them a shilling each, and away they buzzed down the stairs, and for working it out myself, now that we saw them a moment later streaming down the street.

"Could we advertise, then, asking for information from wharfingers?" "Worse and worse! Our men would "If the launch is above water they will find her," said Holmes, as he rose from the table and lit his pipe. "They can go everywhere, see everything, overhear everyone. I expect to hear before evening that they have spotted her. In the meanwhile, we can do nothing but await results. We cannot pick up the broken trail until we find either the Aurora or Mr. Mordecai Smith. '

"Toby could eat these scraps, I dare that everyone is off on the wrong say. Are you going to bed, Holmes?"
"No; I am not tired. I have a curious constitution. I never remember feeling tired by work, though idleness exhausts me completely. I am going to smoke and to think over this queer business to which my fair client has introduced us. If ever man had an easy task, this of ours ought to be. Wooden-legged men are not so com

mon, but the other man must, I should "That other man again!"
"I have no wish to make a mystery
of him—to you, affyway. But you
must have formed your own opinion.
Now, do consider the data. Diminutive street post office, and Holmes dis footmarks, toes never fettered by boots, naked feet, stone-headed wooden "You remember the Baker street division of the detective police force whom I employed in the Jefferson mace, great agility, small poisoned darts. What do you make of all this?"

one of those Indians who were the associates of Jonathan Small."
"Hardly that," said he. "When first
I saw signs of strange weapons I was nclined to think so; but the remark able character of the footmarks caused me to reconsider my views. Some of the inhabitants of the Indian peninsula are small men, but none could have left such marks as that. The Hindoo left such marks as that. The Hindor proper has long and thin feet. The sandal-wearing Mohammedan has the great toe well separated from the others, because the thong is commonly passed between. These little darts, too, could only be shot in one way. They are from a blowpipe. Now, then,

"South American," I hazarded.

He stretched his hand up and tool down a bulky volume from the shelf. "This is the first volume of a gazeteer which is now being published. It may be looked upon as the very latest authority. What have we here? 'An-daman islands, situated three hundred and forty miles to the north of Sumatra, in the bay of Bengal.' Hum hum! What's all this? Moist climate coral reefs, sharks, Port Blair, convict barracks, Rutland island, cottonwoods -ah, here we are. 'The aboriging —ah, here we are. The aborigines of the Andaman islands may perhaps claim the distinction of being the smallest race upon this earth, though some anthropologists prefer the Bushmen of Africa, the Digger Indians of America and the Terra del Fuegians. The average height is rather below four feet, although many full-grown adults may be found who are adults may be found who are very much smaller than this. They are a fierce, morose and intractable peo ple, though 'capable of forming most devoted friendships when their confi-dence has once been gained.' Mark that, Watson. Now, then, listen to this: 'They are naturally hideous, having large, misshapen heads, small,



perienced faculties were at once direct ed towards the detection of the crim ed towards the detection of the crim-inals, with the gratifying result that the brother, Thaddeus Sholto, has al-ready been arrested, together with the housekeeper, Mrs. Bernstone, an In-dian butler named Lal Rao, and a por-THE BOAT." markably small. So intractable and fierce are they that all the efforts of the British officials have failed to win dian butler named Lai Rao, and a por-ter, or gatekeeper, named McMurdo. It is quite certain that the thief or thieves were well acquainted with the house, for Mr. Jones' well-known technical knowledge and his powers them over in any degree. They have always been a terror to shipwrecked crews, braining the survivors with their stone-headed clubs, or shooting them with their poisoned arrows. of minute observation have en-abled him to prove conclusively that the miscreants could not have entered These massacres are invariably con cluded by a cannibal feast.' Nice, amiable people, Watson! If this fellow had been left to his own unaided deby the door or by the window, but must have made their way across the roof of the building, and so through a trap-door into a room which communicated with that in which the body was found. vices this affair might have taken an even more ghastly turn. I fancy that, even as it is. Jonathan Small would This fact, which has been very clearly give a good deal not to have employed him." made out, proves conclusively that it was no mere haphazard burglary. The prompt and energetic action of the officers of the law shows the great advantage of t

"But how came he to have so singular "Ah, that is more than I can tell. tage of the presence on such occasions

Since, however, we had already deter-

mined that Small had come from the Andamans, it is not so very wonderful that this islander should be with him. No doubt we shall know all about it in time. Look here, Watson; you look regularly done. Lie down there on the sofa, and see if I can put you to

He took up his violin from the corner, and as I stretched myself out he began to play some low, dreamy, melodious air—his own, no doubt, for he had a remarkable gift for improvisation. In ave a vague remembrance of his gaunt limbs, his earnest face, and the rise and fall of his bow. Then I seemed to be floated peacefully away upon a soft sea of sound, until I found myself in

dreamland, with the sweet face of Mary Morstan looking down upon me. (TO BE CONTINUED.)

BAD BLIZZARDS.

ern Prairie Snowstorms. Settler's Cabin a Poor Refuge from the Icy Blasts—Appalling Losses Among the Herds and Flocks of the Platos.

The blizzard, as the plain man's vernacular designates the prairie snow-storm, is utterly incomprehensible to one who has not experienced it. Generated in the great storm-breeding regions of barren British America, and swept on arctic blasts along the vast level reaches that stretch eastward from the Rocky mountains, with no forest to break its force, it becomes a demon of the air, second only to the tornado or cyclone in destructiveness. The moisture is ground as between millstones, hurled with bullet-like en-ergy over hundreds of miles of level plain, and finally transformed into plain, and finally transformed into yeasty sleet by the softening effects of lower latitudes, falls in bleak showers on the ranges of Texas and No-Man's

Land.

Lack of cheap building material and the brevity of the winter season on the prairies contribute to make the settler's cabin a poor refuge. When the blizzard comes every resource of fuel is husbanded, and it is faced with a grim determination to see it through, says the

But not all are prepared even so well as the settler. Occasionally a belated emigrant, en route either to a chosen claim on the frontier or toward the leasantly remembered east, where he caught by the blast. He may have a tiny stove inside the canvas-topped prairie schooner, but its heat can do Sheltered by the low bluff of some ra-vine or water course he may weather the dragging hours of suffering, but the be found a ghastly monument to the

storm king's strength.

The farmer who has hurried ten or fifteen miles to the nearest village to

reach home, and found herself and them prisoners from a blizzard's approach. A night and a day at least were before her, during which her little charges must be protected. Deliberately she apportioned the food remaining if the dinner pails, divided the larger boys into squads and put the younger pupils to sleep on the benches. Then through the bitter night she sang, declaimed, told stories, invented games, and kept the frightened children amused and cheered as best she could. The following day passed much the same, but still no abatement of the storm nor any rescue. reach home, and found herself and them prisoners from a blizzard's ap-

abatement of the storm nor any rescue.
The second night was dreary indeed.
The children cried themselves to sleep,
hungry and cold. With her own hands
the teacher broke up desks and blackboard to feed the voracious stove. board to feed the voracious stove.
With the morning came a shout at the
door as the settlers shoveled away the
snow, and then the plucky girl to whom
the children owed their lives showed
her womanliness and fainted.

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The loss among stock on the plains by each blizzard is appalling. There is less exposure of herds and flocks now than in earlier times, yet every season causes the destruction of thousands of head of cattle and sheep on the ranges and in the unsheltered corrals. Several years ago, during the height of the Texas cattle trade, a blizzard in western Kanas early in December de-Texas cattle trade, a blizzard in west-ern Kansas early in December de-stroyed more than half of 300,000 cattle that were being herded on the open prairie. At one railway station after the storm, 35,000 hides were shipped; at another, 20,000. One ranchman found but 225 head alive out of 7,500 that had been grazing before the catastrophe. Several hundred ponies and a score of herders also perished. score of herders also perished.

The blizzard is a permanent feature of the prairie winter. Nothing but a decided climatic revolution can secure to the great trans-Mississippi region immunity from its death-bearing presence. Better preparations are yearly being made to withstand its fury, and to protect more generously the dumb

to protect more generously the dumb animals who suffer equally with their masters. The signal service is rendermasters. The signal service is rendering aid in warning communities reached by telegraph of the storm's approach, while the settlers, taught by bitter experience, take with each season better precautions, and provide more intelligently for their time of need, which is sure to come. But with all man's care and defense, the blizzard remains unconquered. It is cruel, relentless and unmerciful as some Norse god, from whose kingdom it comes. It is one of the west's post-

ably detestable. In its forefront is apprehension; at its height, terror; in its wake, desolation and suffering—some-Old-Time Weather Prophe Old-Time Weather Prophet.
What is supposed to be the oldest
European book on meteorology, Reyman's "Weather Booklet" (Wetterbuechlein), published at Augsburg in
1505, has recently been reprinted, and
it shows that in this science, as in

ssions which is wholly and irredeem-

nearly all others, the beginnings of nearly all others, the beginnings or our knowledge came from the east. Reyman's rules for foretelling the weather are highly commended for their good sense. They were derived from the Arabs, who taught us chemistry, astronomy, mathematics and many other things, for which we have ceased to be grateful to them. A Real Saving.

The Lady Shopper-What? Pay 85 for a lamp like that? It's outrageous and I won't pay it!

The Astute Salesman-You forget, nadam, that the price has been reduced

The Lady Shopper (reaching for her purse)—Oh, very well, then; I'll take it.—Chicago Record

The Smal Doy's Festivity.

He cares r t for the ballroom

That gro a folks patronize,
The small at solid snowball Legist woont his size.
- Detroit Free Press.



TO MAKE A HOTBED Subject in Which Every Farmer Should

A hotbed of convenient size for the farmer may be made as follows: The farmer may be made as follows: The frame may be 16 inches high at the rear and 14 inches in front from the level of the ground, and covered with sash of any desired size. The boards are nailed together at the corners, fastened to 2x3 inch scantling, but gardeners first make a pit, 1 foot deep, and use a frame 24 inches at the rear and 22 inches at the front, according to the kinds of plants to be grown. The height at the front, however, depends on the width of the bed.

Fresh horse manure, free from lit-

Fresh horse manure, free from lit-ter, is generally used. It is the fer-mentation of the manure that creates the heat. If the manure is too loose it may create heat more rapidly than derired. It is better to mix the ma-nure in a pile allow is to best some nure in a pile, allow is to heat some, and then turn it over and well mix it again before using it in the h thed. Having trampled the manure ...ly cover with rich dirt to which has been added one-fourth its bulk of fine, welladded one-fourth its bulk of line, well-rotted manure. There should be no lumps, stones or pebbles in the hotbed. If necessary, sift the dirt. The thick-ness of the dirt should be about 6 inches. As there will then be about a foot of space between the dirt and the sash (the hotbed being 24 inches at the rear) ample air space will thus be provided. If the manure does not heat up quickly and is slow sprinkle the bed well with hot water, first adding a small quantity of air-slacked lime to the water. If too much heat is gen-erated use cold water alone. When the heat reaches about 60 degrees plant the seeds in rows, but more warmth will be required for the young plants

The frame should be well banked up with dirt to prevent the effects of the frost. The object should be to mainfrost. The object should be to maintain as even temperature as possible. On clear, warm days the sash may be raised slightly in order to admit air during the middle of the day, but this will depend on many circumstances. The better plan is to hang a thermometer in the hotbed, and to visit it frequently. As the heat from the manure decreases the weather will become warmer. Gradually accustom the plants to the atmosphere as much as plants to the atmosphere as much as possible, and transplant to the cold frame such as may be suitable for that purpose. Some sort of covering should be used over the sash at night, such as an old carpet, with a few loose boards, over the carpet. The temperature of the atmosphere must be the guide in management, as the plants must not be kept too warm or become liable to being chilled .- Farm and Home.

secure supplies for the impending visitation is often overtaken before reaching his waiting family and perishes on the road, for no matter how well he knows the path, when the blizzard rages his way is as that of the mariner without a compass.

At the prairie schoolhouses, where the settlers' children are gathered from a territory covering many miles in every direction, the blizzard brings terror to the pupils as well as to their parents. Rescue is impossible until the built comes, and awful possibilities lurk schoolmistress last winter failed to dismiss her scholars in time for them to reach home, and found herself and them prisoners from a blizzard's aptending the particularly gratifying have been the results in the cultivation of new sorts of pansies and popples. The



such beautiful varieties of our good old-fashioned flowers seeming to me to be much more satisfactory to cultivate pe much more satisfactory to cultivate in large beds, than a great mass of this, that and the other flowers, some good, some bad and many indifferent, and almost none possessing any de-cided character as a blossom. A few beautiful varieties of flowers are far breferable to the heterogeneous culterpreferable to the heterogeneous collec-tions one sees in many gardens.— Orange Judd Farmer.

How to Reep Flowers Fresh. Lovers of flowers not rich enough to buy often have various ways of pro-longing the life and freshness of the few they get. Violets may be kept fresh if placed in fresh water and cov-ered over night with a tumbler. Most flowers will retain their freshness for flowers will retain their freshness for several days if kept over night in the open air. Anyone possessed of one of those delicate French clocks that have to be covered with a glass dome cannot do better than sell or pawn the clock, usually an object of neither use nor ornament, buy flowers from time to time with the proceeds, and use the glass dome as a protector for the flowglass dome as a protector for the flowers at night. A will keep them fresh for days.

THE North Carolina experiment station says that there is no practical way of preventing the attacks of the weevil upon chestnuts.

AFTER THE KISS.

"How dare you, sir?" lenged me, and I never take a stu "Poor fellow! Yes, I suppose couldn't very well help it."

"From Hand to Mouth."

I kissed her hand, my heart was all aglow—
I kissed her mouth—knew all the angels know I kissed her mouth—knew all the angels know I married her! Thus fate does favors give. For, since that hour, "from hand to mouth"