THE BUTLER CITIZEN.

SVIATE PRIMROSE

tered, and with a light heart and buoy

New street, shook hands with him, and,

telling him, very much to his surprise, that I had just returned from Europe,

asked him to step around the corner to the office of the bankers and identify

\$500 greenbacks in a roll, and meeting

\$000 greenbacks in a roll, and meeting the three at the wineroom I made their eyes grow big when I flashed the roll on their delighted orbs. The division was speedily made, I retaining \$10,000

for my share, but I was dissatisfied with

my share and told them so, when each

promptly threw out \$1,000, and we shock hands all around. Here were four conspirators of us,

and it was comical to see how anxious we all were to get away so that each

could stow his plunder in a safe place.

say nothing of the meeting with the member of my family. I told them I had made a lot of money in a specula-

tion, and not knowing the inside his-tory or suspecting anything they re-

joiced with me and were proud and

happy for their boy. I spent about \$1,000 making things comfortable for them,

but to their grief I told them that cir-cumstances required me to take up my

It would be interesting to tell of my

reception among my acquaintances on

Wall street and other parts of the city.

was reported I had cleared \$100,000 in

Rumor magnified my resources, and i

some fortunate deal. It was strange to

see the new found deference all around.

from my armer employers down to my old waiter at down town Delmonico's,

where I dined, but I will pass over all

these matters and proceed with my his

In 1865 there lived in London a fa-mons queen's counsel, Edwin James.

Fame and fortune were his. A born ora-

tor, a talented scholar, he rapidly pus

his way from the very bottom of the le

gal profession to all but its topmost height. At 40 he found himself facile

princeps of the English bar, and public opinior, that potent factor in popular

government, had already singled him out for the high position of attorney general. That secured, only one step re-

mained to place him in the seat of the

lord chancellor-truly an imperial po-sition, one that satisfied the proud am-

bition of a Wolsey and fitted the genius of a Thomas a Becket. It carries with

it the position of keeper of the conscience

of her majesty, giving the possessor precedence in all official functions over

the English aristocracy, next to royalty

But about this time dark whispers

Soon it became known that

began to fly about through the clubs of

Edwin James, the lord chancellor to be was in the toils, and it shortly tran-

spired that, in spite of the fact that his income from his profession was nearer

£20,000 than £10,000 per annum, it had

proved insufficient, and he was heavily

It would seem he was keeping up

in debt and worse.

itself

tory of the Primrose Way.

former quarters at the St. Nicholas

For my part I went home, but I shall

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ly unfounded.

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BIDWELL.

CHAPTER III.

About every second day I called on Murpurgo & Weissweiller in Frankfort

and talked over matters and easily saw

was necessary was to produce the bonds and they would hand over the cash. Giving them a list, they gave me a memorandum offer for the lot. I accept-

considerable delay, and my suspicions

were fully aroused, and at one time I

thought they had made some discovery;

but, as a fact, my suspicions were whol-

hurrying around, anxious to oblige me

and have the money out of the bank be-

fore it closed. At last the amounts were

figured up and verified by myself. One

and in five minutes returned with a very

Going to Rothschilds', in Rue La-fitte, I bought exchange on New York

for \$80,000, and left the same night for

London. Very many times I journeyed

over that route in after years, but never

with quite so light a heart. I was young and enthusiastic; all the glamour and

poetry of life hung around me, while I was too inexperienced to notice whither

I was drifting or to understand the pow-

erful current upon which I had em-barked. In fact, I had sold myself to do

the devil's work, and day by day the chain would tighten, while all the time

I thought I could when I pleased stop

short on the downward grade and take

the back track. More experience would

have taught me that every one who for-sook the path of honor not only thought

the same, but had a purpose to even ev-erything up some day and make restitu-

tion. And today there is not a criminal

but who at the start looks forward to the time when he will no longer war

against society, but will go out and come in at peace with all men. But,

when one comes to think of it, what a fool's game is that of a man who fights

The criminal has but two arms; v

short and weak they are, and of flesh

too. He has but two eyes that cannot possibly see around the nearest corner,

while society has a million arms of steel

that can reach around the world, and a

million eyes which are never closed,

that can pierce the thickest gloom with sleepless vigilance. The poor, unhappy criminal by fortunate dexterity may es-

cape for a little, but at last society lays

her iron grasp on him, and with giant

force hurls him into a dungeon. As for the short lived, tempestuous success that some few criminals have, is there any

sweetness in it? I say no; success won in honest fight is sweet, but I know

from my own experience that the suc-

cess of crime brings no sweetness, no blessing with it, but leaves the mind a

prey to a thousand haunting fears that

I went down to Liverpool and em-barked on the good ship Java. Ten days

During my last day in London I went

upon my mind. In no othe

to Westminster abbey and spent three

hours in that Valhalla of the Anglo-Saxon race. It made a tremendous im-

later we sailed through the Narrows.

nake shipwreck of peace.

ork of h

against society!

pretty parcel of 175,000 gulden.

partners hastened off to the bank

The banker and clerks were simply

that everything would go right. All that

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Hammocks

ever brought to Butter.

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Cork soles Goodyear welts. Ladies' Fine button shoes, Pat. tip 85c, \$1.00, \$1.23 and \$1.50. Heavy sole fair stitch at \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00. Goodyear welts are perfect gems for the price. Ladies fine hand turns Dongola and cloth top lace and button. Try our Womens' and Childrens' Kid and Calf Shoes, They are the thing for School Shoes. They will resist water. We have them in high cut, lace and button, at price that your pocket book will open quickly when

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WASS.

or refuge, and here he came. Not to keep my readers too long from the main narrative, it will suffice to say that soon after his arrival he applied for admission to the har of New York, but first he won to his cause the high souled Richard O'Gorman, then a leader of his

It was for Edwin James a lucky stroke, for at this time O'Gorman was in the full possession of his magnificent powers. Few could resist his magic. His reat heart was stirred, and he took up he cause of his friend as if he had been his brother. The English lawyer's reputation was known to every member of the bar of New York, and there had been and still was a bitter opposition to his admission, but when it became ant step I quickly made my way to a known that their eloquent leader was friend of mine, a well known broker in his champion many began to feel that perhaps after all "the poor fellow ought to be given another chance," and when at the next meeting of the Bar associa-tion O'Gorman in a set oration brought all his splendid eloquence into play the cause was won. Great hearted O'Gorman had helped

In a minute we were there. Indorsing ed their offer and the next hour was a very bad 60 minutes for me. There was this lame dog over the stile, but the dog's heart was not in the right place, five hundreds. They sent out to the bank for them, and I was speedily on my way to our rendezvous with 160 and, as my reader will see in the sequel, he soon went lame again

In the rear room of a somewhat luxnrious range of offices in a building on Broadway facing the city hall four men were engaged in discussing what was evidently an exciting topic. The door of the main office bore the sign, The "Edwin James Connselor at Law and Register In Bankruptcy." He was one of the four. He had failed lamentably in his efforts to secure a practice. The effects of O'Gorman's eloquence had in the gray light of commonplace day faded away, the more so when the ideal his magic had created in the minds of men was in hourly contrast with the man himself and his history. His professional brethren locked upon him with sus-picion, and there was a general impression abroad that his escapades were not

over yet.

Brea, with a keen eve to business had married the discarded daughter of a wealthy but not overrespectable New nily, and he had, unsu York fan pulled the wires so that James had been employed as the family lawyer, and in that capacity had drawn the will of the mother. She was an imperious, hot tempered body, one who when aroused was accustomed to use language more vigorous than polite, and who not infrequently went to fisticuffs with her daughters. The husband and father, the creator of the fortune, was dead, and the vast family property, in securities, stocks and lands, was vested absolutely in the mother. In the old lady's will Brea's wife, the second daughter of the house (there were no sons), was down in the very first paragraph for the mag-nificent sum of "\$1 lawful currency," and her name nowhere else appeared in the lengthy document. The old lady was such a termagant and so implacable in her hatred that it was a moral certainty she would never relent and change her purpose toward her daughter. But James had also drawn up a second will of his own and Brea's concoction, and a precious piece of villainy it was, in which the wife was down for lega-cies amounting to \$750,000. The genuine will James kept in his own posses-sion, ready to destroy the very moment word came that the old lady was an imcompany, there to remain until the death of the testatrix, when, of course, der's good faith. Brea-Newman

it would in due time be produced. But money must be had at once, for Brea and James were in sore straits, articularly James, who had been threatened with arrest and was so far involved that he always entered and left his house at night in order to escape im-portunate creditors. This was James' The clerk's brother was paying teller

cape. Most important of all, when the nkers drove up in hot haste to police headquarters to give information, James, honest James, would be on hand to re-ceive him, would call in his two trusties o get with him full particulars of the robbery and a description of the men. Then the banker would be sent away with the assurance that "we know the men and will have them," but at the same time warning him to keep the mat-

ter a secret in order better to enable them to catch the villains. If successful, the detectives were to

receive 25 per cent between them. Our plan required James to play an impor-tant part, and although no confederacy could be fixed on him, yet he would hardly escape questioning and a very considerable degree of suspicion, so much so that it probably would put an end to any lingering remnants of character he had on hand or in stock. But he was tired of America and determined to go to Paris with his share of the plunder. Our visits to James had always een in his private office, and his clerks had never seen either of us or Brea.

Our plan was to make use of James' office in a way that will appear later. As related, he was suspected by his pro-fession, but the general public thought him a very great man. He had appear ed as (volunteer) counsel in two or three murder cases and had delivered powerful addresses which had attracted considerable notice in the papers. One day, soon after our plan was

matured, Brea went to Philadelphia, and by a mixture of audacity and finesse procured from Jay Cooke himself (the parent house of the New York firm of Jay Cooke & Co. was in Philadelphia) a letter of introduction to the manager of the New York firm. He wanted the letter ostensibly in order to consult the manager about certain investments which he, as executor of an estate, de sired to make for his wards. As the transaction was one of consid

erable magnitude there would be large ions paid, and with the grand send off of a letter from Jay Cooke to his subordinate in New York the specu-lation opened well—so well that we at once decided what we would do with the money when we got it-a case in point for the old proverb. We had ascer tained the name of a Newark manu facturer who had recently failed in busi ness. I will call him Newman. On the morning after his return from Philadel phia Brea presented himself at James' office, it being arranged that James should be out, so Brea told the clerk there, and Brea, the pseudo Newman, was in the private office with two checks ready, anxiously awaiting the arrival of the messenger with the bonds. that his name was Newman; that he had lately failed in business and intend ed to employ Mr. James to put him through the bankruptcy court. The clerk our party were near by, watching and awaiting developments. The manager, told him to come again at 12 and he

would find Mr. James in. At 12 he came. The clerk introduced him. James kept the clerk conveniently near that he could hear the conversation. Brea, as Newman, told James he had used in his business \$240,000 be-longing to his wife and her mother, Brea, hearing the voices and supposing it was the messenger with the bonds, and that in scheduling his assets he proposed to use enough to make the amounts good, intending to conceal the fact from his creditors. He debonds would arrive soon, at the same time saying, "I suppose you will pay currency for the bonds?" To which Brea termined to invest the amount in bonds-so ran his story-and was going to deposit the money in the bank that very afternoon, at the same time producing his letter of introduction from Jay Cooke, all of this, of course, being for word came that the on have was an in-mortal, while the spurious will was kept in the vaults of the Safety Deposit be required as a witness of his employ-

ness, apparently disarmed all suspicions, and he said: "Oh, all right. The mes-Brea-Newman also paid James in presence of the clerk a retaining fee of senger will go to the bank with you." He left the office, but stopped in the \$250, which was privately returned. James banked in Jorsey City, and when Newman said, "Introduce me at your bank, as I want a small credit handy," hall for a moment, then turned and Mr. Newman, please draw the currency from the bank and pay the notes to the messenger upon delivery of the bonds."

So the grand coup had failed, igno-miniously failed, and through what apand interview with the men and the at the Chemical bank, and, as was ex-

vague suspicions of a plot somewhere at determined to go around among the hundred or more bankers and brokers in and around Wall street and investi gate quietly, without making any re-port to his superiors, his immediate superior being of course our honest friend, the worthy chief of the detective force, who was anxiously looking for his percentage of the deal. The whole force was split up into cliques, each intensely

jealous of every other, each with its own stamping grounds, and each strictly proard on landing in England was preachtecting his own preserves.

At 9:30 the next morning Elder started around, carrying the fragment of the memorandum he had picked up from bank to bank and from one broker to the other. He had spent over an hour making inquiries and walked into Jay Cooke & Co.'s office just as the messenger was leaving with the bonds for James' office. Fifteen minutes more, and the game was ours. Elder produced the memorandum, and they at once rec ognized it as their own. Elder asked them if they knew their man and were sure it was all right. They said it was perfectly right, that Mr. "Newman" had been introduced by the head of the firm in Philadelphia and was also a client of Edwin James, but

he and the manager should

"I suppose you will pay currency for the bonds?"

Myself and all the other members of

ness was a failure, for he knew of course

that any suspicion as to good faith would be fatal to the success of the plot.

opened the door of the private office and

was vexed to see the manager, who, shaking him by the hand, told him the

replied, "I will go to my bank with you now and get my check certified for the

amount and give it to you, or leave it

until the messenger comes with the

This offer, along with Brea's cool-

stily re-entering said, "By the way,

bonds.'

then it was strange the bill should be mutilated. Elder averred his belief that a fraud was intended and suggested that which those unaccustomed to the: not escape noticing. This theor accompany the messenger with the bonds. This alarmed the manager, and he directed Elder and the messenger to await his return. Seizing his hat, he started for James' office to investigate. James was

"e"-volution was the ordinary English pronunciation. The latter replied that he had never heard any other. The spectator thought that he had discovered a new Americanism. Consolting various dictionaries on his return, the spectator changed his mind. Not one of them gave "e"-volution as even a possible or alternate pronuncia-tion, not the Century, nor the Standard, nor even Stormonth. Indeed, the last authority went so far the other way as to give ev-clve as the proper pronun-ciation of evolve. The spectator was thus driven to the conclusion that the English are more independent of dic-tionaries than the Americans, are not constantly "looking up words," as we are here, and accept the ordinary usage of the people with whom they associate as authoritative, which would be a typical British way of settling almost question.

An amusing bit of art slang came to the spectator's attention—was, in fact, thrust upon him—at this year's exhibi-tion of the Royal academy. The one comment, whether of admiration or surprise, was the invariable phrase, "How very extr'ord'n'ry!" This was applied indiscriminately to any and every pic ture, from a bit of realistic flesh paint considerably perturbed, entered the office, and James saw at once the busiing-usually, in Paris and London alike, the back of some reclining woman with the reddest hair, which must be the latest fad with the realists-to on of Sargent's portraits, or a wonderful setting of many figures, such as Alma-Tadema's "Spring." It was extraordi-nary how tiresome the constant repetition of that phrase became after a sin

gle day at the academy. But it was at the Royal mews, the stables of Buckingham palace, that the spectator had impressed upon him how much importance attaches to a proper discrimination in the use of English. The groom in attendance was a most impressive person, so very impressive from his cockade to his boots as to satisfy completely one's ideal of stateliness in even a humbler royal flunky. And he "lived up to" his livery. His manner was dignity itself. Referring to the parade at Hyde park the day before, at which the spectator had been present, he asked the groom whether any royalties had been "out riding" there that afternoon. "Oh, no, sir," replied that func tionary, with freezing sarcasm. "Their royal highnesses and the ladies and gen-

terious light on the ceiling of his room

for which he could not account in any way. His scientific zeal was aroused a

once to discover the cause. It must be a reflected light, perhaps from some celes-

tial phenomenon in the sky. He rushed to the window and looked out, but all was as usual in the darkened heavens.

He extinguished the lamp, thinking that its flame might have become sin-

gularly polarized on the ceiling, but

there was no change in the circular light over his head except that it seemed growing brighter. He tried every plan he could think of to explain it, but in

puzzled-he stood gazing upward open mouthed, while his acute brain was in-

tent on the mystery. Presently, how

ever, he became aware that the recep-tacle in which the wise brain was in-

closed had a sensation of unpleasant warmth, while an odor, apparently due to the frizzling of hair, was making it-

self strongly felt. Involuntarily he snatched off his nightcap, and then dis-covered that he had set fire to the tassel

thereof in bending over the lamp while

engaged in an experiment, and the strange circle of light was at once ex-

plained, to his no small indignation .-

Three Little Words.

Blackwood's Magazine.

vain. The great man was comple



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ENGLISH OF THE ENGLISH PEOPLE Some Peculiarities That Struck a Recen

One of the first sermons the spectato

ed in Westminster abbey. The impress iveness of the abbey service is, by the way, somewhat marred by the manner in which the crowd "crowds" the most aments, the women sitting on the estals and the men hanging their hats on the arms or any other projections in sight. The preacher that evening was the Very Rev. Dean of Ely. He gave an excellent sermen on certain problems of modern thought, but all the way through he pronounced evolution "e"-volution. The next evening the spectator was the gnest of a well known London joa: nalist, a graduate of Cambridge, who also used the word evolution, pronouncing it also "e" volution. So odd a pro nunciation might be set down, in the case of a Church of England clergyman as one of those pulpit peculiarit affectations—at least so they so. hardly be stretched to apply to a hay man, and a newspaper man at that, and so the spectator asked his hea if

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ing Chances is the man who rushes from this "alteration sale" to that "closing out barga ins." The safe way is to patronize the firm that does busi is to partonize the minimum that does out on ness on the same principles you do. You know that you have to deal with then. You get honest goods for honest prices, and don't save twenty-five cents here to throw away seventy-five cents

nces are Not Running away fro chances are Not Running away from yon, but you are running away from the chances for the best bargins of the year in Suits and Overcoats when you fail to look at our immense stock. Running Chances is the man who buys now when he can have us make him a fine Overcoat for \$22,00. Cha

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so many departed heroes linger, certainy in no other does the dust of so many of the great dead rest, and as I read memorial upon memorial to departed greatness I realized that the path of honor and of truth was the only one for men to tread. All through the voyage the influen of the abbey were upon me; I felt I was

treading on dangerous ground and re solved I would have no more of it Would I had then resolved, when I met Irving & Co., to throw all the plunder

in their faces and say, "I'll have none of it, and here we part." I felt that I ought to do that, but weakly said, I need the \$10,000, and I'll give the rogues their share and then see them no more. I had fully made up my mind to

wharf eager to meet me. In sailing through the Narrows and past Staten Island I was making up my mind as to the little speech I would make. We rapidly neared the wharf in Jersey City, and I quickly recognized Irving standing on the edge of the close-ly packed crowd, watching the steamer with a nervous look on his face.

He sprang on board, rushed to me with a beaming face, grasped my hand, and putting the other on my shoulder led me toward the gangway. He had not spoken yet, but as we were going down the gangplank he said, "My boy,

pered, "We have got another job for you, and it's a beauty !" Going up the wharf with Irving, I was on the point of telling him I want-ed no more jobs, but weakly put it off, and by so doing, of course, made it more difficult. He told me Stanley and White

gomery street, a few doors up from the wharf.

me a warm and even enthusiastic recep tion, and, opening a box, I produced the 16 bills of exchange for \$5,000 each, informing them they should have their cash in 90 minutes. It was curious to see these men handle the bills of exchange, passing them from one to an other, examining them with anxiou care. But where were my good resolu tions and what had become of them? Why, they, under the effect of the wine and the magnetic influence of thes three minds, had gone flying down the bay, and under a favoring gale were fast speeding seaward beyond the ken of mortal eye, not to be found by me again

about me, I found myself in Newgate. Then the fugitives all came back, this time to stay. My three graces who adorned the po-lice department of New York were full

of matter of a new enterprise which by my co-operation was to make the formes of us all. But they were too evi dently anxious, too eagerly desirous t handle the greenbacks my bills of ex change represented to fix their minds upon anything else, so by a unanim vote we adjourned to the other side of the river, appointing a wineroom on Broadway, a few doors below Exchange place, for our place of meeting at o'clock. Stanley and White went away together, but first each once more tol me privately that he depended upon me to put in his own hands his share, show ing how these rogues suspected each other and indeed were full of suspicions of every one and everything. Irv ing crossed the ferry with me, but on the New York side he dropped behind, and, although I paid no more attentio to him, no doubt he followed me. The

excitement of success and of being at home again banished any possible re-

an hands do the spirits of what in the polite language of society is known as dual houses. A woman of brilliant beauty presided over one, and the marvelous beauty of its mistress was only equaled by her extravagance. He also had a fondness for associating with younger men than himself and had got nto a particularly fast set of young

lords and army men. At his club he had lost large sums at baccarat and loo, and, in an unhappy hour for himself and his, he stooped from his high position and —miserable to think of—committed a crime this in the expectation that he would relieve himself from some of the more crushing obligations he had heaped upon himself, either through the extravwithout it. agant vagaries of his imperious mis tress or by his own rashness in trying his luck among a lot of titled sharpers

that, knowing Irving would be on the He had among his clients one fast, even madly extravagant youth, heir of a historic name and of a lordly estate. To supply his extravagance "my lord" had applied to the money lenders—those sharks that in London, as elsewhere, fat ten on such game. These gentry were eager to lend the young blood money upon what are known in English law as post obits, which loans in this par-ticular case carried the trifling interest of about 100 per cent per annum. James

was cognizant of his friend's excursio among the money lenders, and no deab he thought the young spendthrift, when he came into his fortune, would never you have done splendidly," and then putting his mouth close to my ear, whis know within a good many thousand how much he had borrowed nor even the number of post obits he had given.

I will just explain that a post obit is a form of note or due bill given by the heir of an estate (usually of an entailed estate), which matures the moment the drawer of the document enters into that estate. That is to say, the tender heart ed son discounts his father's death to were waiting at Taylor's hotel on Montprovide fuel to feed his flame. So Ed-win James, driven to his own destruc-

tion, stooped from his imperial positio We soon were there, and they gave into what one might call ankle depth of

He made out two post-obits for £5,000 wrote his client's name at the bottom of each, gave them to the money lend ers, who, never doubting that the prodigal son had signed and given them to his counsel, had made no question, but gave James the money for them at once But James had reckoned without his host, for this nineteenth century prodi-gal was made of keener metal than he of the first. Strange to say, and utterly unexpected as it was to all who knew him and had looked upon his riotous living, he kept his books straight and knew to a single guinea how much and until years after, when, with the toils to whom he was owing.

His discovery of the forgery was ac-celerated by the sudden and most unexpected death of his father, his return nome and stepping into his estate. The various post obits were presented and placed before him. He instantly

pronounced the two for £5,000 each to be forgeries, and the crime was easily laid at the door of the queen's counsel The heir indignantly refused to condom the offense, and revealing the fatal se cret to a few within a month it was known in every clubroom in London. From there it got into the newspapers, and they, under a thinly disguised alias of a "distinguished member of the bar," gave more or less accurate details of the lamning truth. His former client even tually said he would not prosecute the forgery if the criminal left England; if not, he would immediately go before the grand jury, procure an indictment and have this man, who had moved a prince among men, arraigned in the dock at the Old Bailey, there to plead and stand trial like, any common criminal

And he fled. Of course, like all fugigrets or fears over the course I had en- world, he leoked to America for a city themselves and then let the prisoner es-

first time he had been alone with them. He saw at once that he had to do with able, clear headed men, took them into his confidence and in order to excite man and the clerk, and in, ten minutes his confidence and in order to excite their hopes and bind them to him as our man had the Chemical bank check well he confided to them the plot of the forged will, producing the genuine for their inspection.

He assured them that it was a sure Jay Cooke & Co.'s and was cordially reand speedy fortune, as the lady was old and frail in health, and he also promceived. He of course told a totally dif-ferent story there. In this case a rela-tive lately deceased had left him an esised they should share between them \$100,000, provided they would stand by tate of great value. He was, he said realizing on his real estate and buying bonds as fast as his money came in, and to give a hand in the somewhat imbable event of the other heirs disputing the will, but above all if they would he wanted to invest a million in various railway bonds. At present he had \$240,devise some means to furnish him at once \$10,000, or at least \$5,000. Money 000 on hand, which he wanted to invest he must have, and he could no longer in government bonds. He then left for the time being, leaving a good impres-

The result of our conference in Jame sion, which his refined manner and apoffice was that the very next day an pearance confirmed office down town was engaged under So far all was well-that is, all was well from our point of view. The next two or three days Brea paid several visfictitious name and a simple, unsuspicious fellow hired as porter and mes ger. After some little negotiation he ob its to the Chemical bank, getting small tained particulars of parties banking checks for \$500 and \$1,000 certified, and with the then great firm of Jay Cooke now had his account drawn down to \$1, 000. The day before he had called on Jay Cooke & Co. and told them he & Co., corner of Wall and Nassau streets. Briefly told, the result was that four days later a messenger walked in would take \$240,000 in seven thirt "Bearer" bonds, and that he would call the next day and pay for them. At the their banking house with a check for \$20,000, purporting to be signed by an-other firm, who banked with them. same time he got them to give him a Along with the check went a letter bearpro forma bill for them. ing a signature well known to the cash The eventful day had co ier, asking him to pay the check to bear James, to get his head clerk out of the

er, the result of all being that five minutes thereafter we were walking unway, sent him to the admiralty court to take notes of the evidence in a case oncernedly up Broadway, and sending going on there. At 10 o'clock Brea sent a messenger a message to James to meet us at Del monico's, corner Broadway and Chamwith a note to the bankers, requestin bers street, we sat down awaiting his arrival. He had anxiously been looking them to send the bonds to Edwin Jan office, and he would pay for them on de livery. He could not come himself, as for news, and almost before we had seated ourselves he.entered, eager and he was in consultation with the execu

anxious looking, but when he glanced tors of the estate. In the meantime a check for the full at our faces a happy expression came over his own and without a word alue of the bonds, \$240,000, had been put out his hand. After a warm greetade out. It was drawn on the Cheming I produced the roll, and, to his de-light, I handed over to James ten five ical bank and was, in fact, similar to those always given between bankers on hundreds. On the morrow I went to the office, and paying my messenger a week's ond transactions. Brea had drawn his own check for \$240, and had it in his hatband along with the \$240,000 dummy check. The wages, besides making a small gift, told him he need not come any mo With this \$20,000 coup we f fondly plan is palpable enough. When the mes-senger brought the bonds, Brea, or Newthought all our troubles and all our un-lawful acts were ended. We now had a man, was going to say: "All right, I have the check here. Bring the bonds, and we will go to the Chemical bank few thousands, sufficient to last until the \$5,000 we had invested in the will case should bring in a dividend that and get them to certify my check." Then when at the bank he would take out both checks, letting the messenger would mean a fortune for us all. So we ook things easy about town, and alto only get a glimpse of one, and that one would be the small \$240 one, which gether thought ourselves pretty good fellows and this world a very good sort of place to be in.

Brea would pass in through the window Thus the winter passed by and the with request to have it certified. This would be done, and when handed out of summer was at hand. Our thousands of the year before had dwindled to huncourse Brea was to change it and hand he messenger the big one of home mandreds, and the old lady whose heirs we had constituted ourselves seemed to ha nfacture renewed her youth and threatened to

outlive us all. The night before the expected coup Besides this there had grown up a we met James for a final full dress rerepugnance in our minds to the busi-ness, and when one day my friend Mac hearsal for the morrow, and after every thing was settled adjourned to the up town Delmonico's for supper. It so hapremarked it was a scoundrelly business to rob the heirs of an estate, and they pened that Detective George Elder was women, George and I heartily acquithere. He had some acquaintance with ced, and we vowed we would take no me, but the rest of the party were part in the matter and then and there resolved we would throw both James strangers. I did not see him at the time but it would seem he was curious, even suspicious, from some scraps of conver-sation he overheard. However, neither and Brea over, but first to use Brea and James for our own purposes. Once more we found ourselves planning a coup in his curiosity nor suspicion would have Wall street. Talking the matter over, been of any consequence or concern to we three soon had a plan, and being us had it not been that in going out dowered with intense energy it prom-Brea left on the table with some the memorandum or pro forma bill of ised a successful determination. Audaionsly enough we determined the lightthe bonds given him the day before by ning should strike once more in the same place—that is, to make Jay Cooke the banker Strangely enough, the body of the bill alone was intact. & Co. again the victims. Irving and his ing bearing the name of the firm and honest fellows were to co-operate by watching everything, and if any arrest threatened to be on hand to make it purchaser had been torn off and destroyed.

Elder picked it up, and having some

in the spectator's experience when he was equally crushed by the sense of havdone that changed the whole course of our lives.

ing used the wrong word in the presence of a critical authority, but he failed to The dummy check was still in our hands, and was at once destroyed, so, with nothing to fear, we coolly walked recall them then and he has failed to recall them since. -- Outlook. up Broadway.

Sir Humphry Davy's Strange Light

[TO BE CONTINUED.] Sir Humphry was alone in his room one evening attired in a dressing gown It Was Very Plain to Him. and a nightcap, constructed on the "No; I will never" ancient conical pattern, with a tassel for the apex, of which I suppose hardly Drawing herself up as imperiously as she possibly could, she threw in a few a specimen could be found in these de-generate days. Suddenly he saw a mys-

withering glances to emphasize her words -"marry you. Do I make mysel quite plain? He carelessly but very ungallantly placed his hat on the back of his head.

"That would be"-Moving over close to the main entrance to her house, he continued: —"entirely superfluous, since natur

has forestalled you.' Long after the door had slammed violently she stood there alone, gazing into vacancy.-New York World.

A Rare Sp

STRONG P Mrs. Donovan-Michael, wud ye luk at that lovely goat? Be the powers, if

we had that big divvel in the front yard, we'd be the invy av the whole Don't forget three little wordsighborhood. you please." Life is made up, not of great sacrifices or duties, but of little Mr. Donovan-Go an wit' you an

your ignorance! Can't ye see be the sign things, of which smiles and kindness and small obligations, given habitually, are what win and preserve the heart on the birdcage that he's wan o' them Oryx Licorices? Mrs. D.—Arrah, thin av coorse it is that same, an I might av knowed had I noticed his beautiful licorice horns .-

tricity, and an expansive grin wande

Truth.

the bell cord.

now," said Rev. Dr. Thirdly in a tone of reproof to Mr. Bloomfield. Just Like Melican Man.

"No. doctor. The fact is, your ser mons are too short.' Chinese are great imitators. On a Ninth street electric car, coming down

and secure comfort.-Humphry Davy.

"You don't come to church very ofte

"That's an odd complaint. I never town, was seated one of these childlike heard it before.

and bland celestials, with a pensive, faraway look on his face, but the sad Well, you see, I hardly get to sleep comfortably before I am awakened by the singing of the next hymn."—Pitts burg Chronicle-Telegraph. expression would give way occasionally as the motorman turned on more elec-

Taking Her at Her Word.

over his features as the car leaped for The Simpkinses have a kid who will ward as though conscious of the admi be president some day if he is ration of pedestrians, and the laundry hanged first. "I don't want to go to Sunday school in vacation time," said

"The devil never takes vacations,

The Greater Peril.

Blobbs—Why is everybody running? Slobbs—There's a mad dog down the

Blobbs--I don't see why that should

"Don't ling! Don't ling!" said the grinning Celestial. "I jumpee off just likee other man." Slobbs—But there's a policeman shooting at it.—Philadelphia Record.

Taking an extra reef in his blouse They All Do It. with both hands, he hopped off at a

Passenger-That fellow back there is right angle to the car, landed first on both feet and then on his left shoulder raising a great row because he has to stand and ear, and as the car bowled along i. Conductor-Yes. He's riding on

the darkness the passengers could hear in a high falsetto wail from the gutter: pass !-- Chicago Record.

"Allee samee dam foolee!"-Wash-

man remarked to the passenger seated on his left: "We just zippe light along." Between H and I streets one e of the passengers stepped out on the footboard, and as the conductor, made a motion to catch hold of the bell cord the man shook his head. Taking hold of the side bar, his head. Taking hold of the side bar, he swung out with his face toward the bany Argus.

forward end of the car, dropped off lightly and walked away. Down between G and H streets the Chinaman stepped out on the footboard, and again the conductor put his hand to