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Men's Half Soles 40c Men's Half Soles and Heels . . 60c Remsen had a hand in this, she was ng or sewing rips on shoes that were fore we have the right to watch her in

order to discover what we can."
"Very well, then, we will grant you that privilege. Much good may it do you. But as to the removal of the child,

> ural than for me to suppose that you would begin by having me shadowed. To be sure of this I made a few trips on the elevated road, a structure peculiarly applicable for such a test, with the result of course that I soon became pretty well acquainted with your assistant, Whenever I had nothing else to do, I would amuse myself getting away from him.

You gave me occupation for several hours, I assure you. But to come to Lu-cette. I guessed that the next step in your game would be to supply spy No. 2, who would take up the trail wherever spy No. 1 would lose it. I began to look for this second man. See, I admit that I did not count upon a woman. You beat me there, or almost did. I don't

himself he said, "Just as I told the ret advanced to meet him, and the two fool." Mr. Mitchel went on: "At last one day, just as I was getting on a train, "Thauret," began Mr. Mitchel, "I one day, just as I was getting on a train, a smart looking young woman came out of the waiting room and followed me aboard. Purely from habit I walked "I am all attention," said Mr. Thau-ret, "I isolating a gigarette and dropping in-

summer and the least drafty in winter.

Now there were several cross seats I will go back to our partnership armpty in the coaches through which I rangement. You and I became in a way secret partners, or perhaps 'gambling me did not take one, but followed me through the train, I became suspicious. through the train, I became suspicious.

When she sat down opposite me, of course I studied her face. I hardly ever believe I have done so, in spite of the forget a face after I have made a men-tal note of it. The rest is simple. She heavy and the further fact that you conwas sharpenough not to get off the train fidentially told me that you had a methwhen I did, and I dismissed her from od or a system by which losses could be my mind. Thus I suppose she was en-abled to follow me to the Irving place house. But, of course, I recognized her at once when I saw her at Miss Rem-

this Rose Mitchel is your daughter?"
"I don't know what you understood, but I did not say so. I spoke of her just as you did, 'Rose Mitchel, who passed

'I decline to answer.

that the result of every game that I played was being reported. Consequently after that I made it a rule to lose." 'To lose my money!''
'To lose our money, since we are part-

to Fisher. Why was that?"

"It will be more simple to explain

about the losses first and come to Fisher later. As you perhaps know, that de-

tective Barnes has chosen to place a spy at my heels. Under the circumstances I

day I called this fellow, and partly by

ners. You are simply advancing the funds till I get remittances from Paris. You have my I O U's. If you are tired any proof against me, come to me and I will endeavor to refute it." of the arrangement, I will pay you at once, though it would be inconvenient." "Wrong? What wrong?"
"Do you remember the day you came to see me at the Fifth Avenue about the button which you had found? You asked "Mr. Barnes, you are in the control of "Very well. You have asked me to iscover who stole Miss Remsen's ruby. "No. The money is of no conse-nence. But tell me why did you think "Mr. Barnes, you are a genius. Who

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"It is very simple. From the fact that the detectives are investigating this point it is evident that they have heard "Bosh! Can't you do better than that? the winnings which I made when Why, I have been sick abed here for over Fisher played with me. They may have "Mr. Mitchel, you are caught this ime. You were not sick abed here at

"Naturally. But now tell me about Fisher. What has this to do with him?" "As you know, I did not design to the time of the robbery. On the con-trary, you went over to New York, attended the festival and took the ruby attend the festival. You went to Philapin from Miss Remsen's hair.''
"Mr. Barnes, you are laboring under a delusion. I tell you I have been in letter asking me to take your place and wear your dress, which I was to obtain this room since Dec. 30.
"One of my men followed you to this by presenting your note to the costumer. I did this, fully intending to carry out place. On the night of the 1st he regis-tered at this hotel, being assigned to the

"Then how was it that Fisher wore

'I was coming to that. Just before leaving for the affair who should call here but the costumer, who informed me that a man had been to his place and had catechised him about me, explaining that he was a detective hunting down a celebrated criminal. He showed the fellow your note. Afterward he regretted having done so and came to notify me, as he expressed it, 'so that I might not get into any trouble.' I saw at once that this meant that Barnes

would be at the festival, or at any rate one of his men. 'You were right in that. He was

since then. You were at that time in No. 234." "And this is number 342, a floor higher up. But you are wrong. I have not changed my room. I will explain how after the robbery, when all unmasked. He wore one of the Forty Thieves domour man has made this mistake. I knew when I came here that your spy had probably followed me. I was tired inos, and I failed to see through the dis of espionage. This is what I did. I registered and was given No. 234. I was guise. With the knowledge thus obtained I determined to have some amuse ment at the expense of the great detective, and decided to wear one of the dominos instead of your dress. It was shown to the room and at once sent for the clerk. When he came up, I asked for another room and desired him not to make any change on the register, as I had an inquisitive friend who would essential, however, that some one should impersonate Ali Baba in order that the not hesitate to walk right up if he knew what room I was in. I explained that I wished to avoid him. My request was tableaus might not be interrupted. assume the role. He acquiesced, and granted. I suppose your man asked for a room near that of his "friend, Mr. Mitchel." The clerk at once thought that is all there was to that. I have not taken him up again, I assure you. "Very good. That is satisfactory. You must pardon my questioning; but, after all, I did not understand and had a him to be the man whom I wished to

avoid and gave him a room next to 234, right to do so. Tell me were you near when the robbery occurr? Did you see which of course satisfied him, and I am Mr. Barnes was supremely disgusted, especially as during the interview he "I must have been near, but I did not see it. I was awaiting to kiss the hand of the Scheherezade when Mr. Barnes sudhad become thoroughly satisfied that Mr. Mitchel was really sick and troubled with a bad cough. He returned to New denly cried out that a robbery had been

> "You might have suggested to him to arch everybody, as he did on the

value of that sort of thing."

At this both men laughed heartily, as though enjoying the discomfiture of the "It seems," said Mr. Mitchel, "that

"Good evening, Randolph," said Mr. Mitchel. "You wish to see me?" "Oh, nothing special. I came in to dine here and told the doorman to send you to me in case you should turn up. I wanted company, that is all." "Don't like to eat alone, eh?"

made tolerable only by good companion ship. Mr. Thauret, shall I have a place set for you also?' "If you desire, I shall be most happy,

said Mr. Thauret.
"Very well," said Mr. Randolph. "I will attend to it. I have some letters to write now, if you will excuse me. Meet me promptly at 7 in the private dining Mr. Randolph left the apartment and

went to the floor above. Here he joined Mr. Barnes, who was awaiting him. "Well," said the detective, "can you "Everything is arranged. Mitchel is

here, and he has brought Thauret with him. I don't understand the intimacy that has sprung up between those two, but that is not to the point. They will dine with me in our private dining room. I shall arrange that our meal shall be served at a table immediately next to the large portiere that separates the private dining room from the main saloon. I shall also order a dinner for you at a table just on the other side of the curtain. If you have good ears, you should hear all that passes with little

"I am satisfied with your arrange ment and shall undoubtedly be able to hear at least the greater part of what

and at the farther end, hidden behind a newspaper file, you will be safe from the observation of prying eyes. Prompt-ly at 7 I and my guests will take our seats. Five minutes later your own place will be in readiness, and you can

take it in safety."
Mr. Barnes followed these instructions, and Mr. Randolph went to the dining room to perfect his arrangements. At 7, on the minute, he was joined by his invited guests, and the three sat at table. Shortly after the noise of dishes on the other side of the portiere indicated that Mr. Barnes was being served. About the third course Mr. Randolph endeavored to lead the conversation in avoided, or at least controlled. Am I the desired direction.
"I trust," said he, addressing Mitchel,

"Quite so, my friend. You have "that you have entirely recovered from

but a temporary matter. The only serious result was that I was kept from the festival. I think I might have saved Miss Remsen from the annoyance of los

you to wear the Ali Baba costume the you can safely replace it.' other night, and yet you chose to give it

thought it wise to play the spy upon my spy. Several times I have gone to the club and then placed myself where I could watch my man. In this way I soon discovered that he had become intimate with one of the club servants. One our safe. Why not get one send it to the lady?"
mistak..., in the lady?" threatening to have him discharged, but mainly by using money, I got out of him what the detective was asking "You are mistal. not so easily produce a mare to that

"Mitchel," said he, "I would almost

be willing to wager that you not only can give Miss Remsen as good a ruby, but that you could actually give her the "I hope to do so," was the quiet re-

concluded that I am a card sharper. I that I half believe that your sickness in wish to dispel that idea." came over and yourself stole the gem."
"Indeed? And what leads you to such

> mitted. "Randolph, your repeated allusions to Miss Remsen in this connection, and

> specially your insinuation that I would

ssure you! We will drop the subject, This was followed by a silence. Mr.

Randolph was at his wits' end to find a way to force Mr. Mitchel to talk. He felt that nothing had been accomplished. Mr. Barnes, however, thought differently, for he had at last come to a positive conclusion. From Mr. Mitchel's one of voice and the words of his last speech the detective felt certain that whatever part Mr. Mitchel himself may have played in the robbery Miss Rem-sen was innocent. He also wondered whether the conversation would now drift back to the ruby. Perhaps it would not have done so had not Mr. Thauret, who, up to this point, had scarcely spoken during the progress of the meal, once more broached the subject.

as though studying a problem. Mr. Randolph was delighted that Mr. Thauret had come to his assistance in

committed and ordered masks off. I slipped out of my domino and went to him as soon as the lights were on."

perience made him dubious as to the

Barnes suspected that the ruby was to be stolen and informed Mr. Rawlston early in the evening that there would be thieves in the audience." "Did he indeed? Too bad that, with all his shrewdness, he was not able to catch the thief or thieves rather, eh?"

Once more they both laughed. Then Mr. Mitchel suggested that they should go to the club, and thither they went. Upon entering the doorkepeer informed Mr. Mitchel that Mr. Randolph was in the parlor and desired to see him. He and Mr. Thauret therefore went into the great reception room. Mr. Randolph

'That is it. Eating is a nuisance

"Very well. Now go to the library,

that unfortunate illness that prevented you from attending the affair at Rawls-"Oh, yes!" said Mitchel. "It was

ing her ruby."
"But, Mitchel," said Mr. Randolph,

lose so valuable a gem, at the same time 'What makes you think so?"

Why, you have so many jewels. Do you know I was saying only recently that any one who, like you, would heard up rare gems, keeping them locked in a vault where no one can see them, is in a way insane. I was glad when you gave that ruby to Miss Remsen, and took it as a symptom of returning lucidity that you should unearth one of your hidden treasures. I have no doubt that you have others like it buried in some

about me. This was chiefly whether I lose or win when I play cards. I found "Why not? Was there anything peculiar about it?"
"Yes, but we will not talk of it."

This curt way of dismissing the subject was a surprise to Mr. Randolph, for however little Mr. Mitchel cared to show his gems he had never before been unwilling to embrace any opportunity to talk about them. Mr. Randolph started in a new direction, remembering the

ply.
"You don't understand me. I mean

preposterous deduction?"
"I think that this is your way of endeavoring to win your wager. I think that no one but yourself could have taken the pin from Miss Remsen's hair,

piece of duplicity, and that she would consent, are distasteful to me in the ex-treme. If you will pardon my saying so, it is a poor entertainment to offer a "Oh, I meant no offense, old man, I

"I beg pardon, Mr. Mitchel," said he, "but your remark just now, that there is something special about the lost ruby, has greatly excited my curiosity. Unless you have some private reason for not doing so, I beg that you will tell us the history of the gem, if it has one." There was a pause, during which Mr. Mitchel looked at his plate and seemed

him that there was a contest going or in his mind between a powerful desire to talk on his hobby and some pruden tial whisper that silence would be bet ter. The detective also waited with some anxiety, a piece of a sweetbread on his fork, carried but half way to his

Mitchel, "I will tell you the story." Mr. Barnes took the tidbit from his fork with a smile that showed his teeth as they bit it incisively. "First join me in a glass," continued Mr. Mitchel. "Drink this ruby colored wine and pledge me that you will not repeat what I say. This only because I do not wish to attain the unenviable reputation of being a romancer, as I certainly should if some reporter should hear and publish the story now while the loss of the gem is fresh in the memory of all.' The pledge was given, and Mr. Mitch-

"That you might better appreciate this stone, I might begin with a disser the present time is the most perfect in existence. Yet, so the story goes, at first the matched pair of gems were of a pale

has deepened with time?"

"I do not ask you to believe anything.

have improved the color. With the con-

quest of Jerusalem this jewel fell into the hands of the Romans, and so in time came into the possession of Cæsar. In his courtship of Cleopatra he soon pirer on the roomops. The pigeon, when "But, Mr. Mitchel." said Mr. Than-

could offer her, who had rich rulers at

her feet. In desperation he answered that he could give his life. The queen laughed and said: 'That is mine already.

But you priests claim to be all wise. Find me the mate to my great ruby and

perhaps I will listen to your love plead-

replied: 'That I could do if I dared

The gem which you have has but return

ed to its proper place. It was once Pha

rach's He also had the mate to it

which from him descended through kings to Rameses the Great. It is buried in his coffin. 'Get it for me,' was the

terse reply of Cleopatra, given now as a

command rather than a request.

"In fear the priest went into the pyramid and stole the jewel. When he

two stones were once more mates

"The next change of owners wa

ered the rubies, took them from her

no one was the gainer by getting pos-session of them. They have always been

one, which is the first time either ever was offered honestly in the market. Be-

fore this each new owner had obtained

dared not admit that he had them. An-

we are pledged not to repeat what we

'I cannot say, but that is one of the

"Well, my usual interest in large

claims. This seems to be susbtantiated by recent events too."

gems led me to police headquarters when that woman Rose Mitchel was

killed, after having been robbed. The

jewels, you remember, had been quickly recovered and are still in the hands of

the police. I was allowed to see them

the mate to mine.

and the ruby in that lot is undoubtedly

"You think that it was the presence

of that stone which led to the discovery

by the police of the satchel containing

but Mr. Mitchel merely shrugged his shoulders for answer, though it seemed plain that he did hold that opinion. Mr.

Barnes wondered whether Mr. Thauret's interest was due to the fact that, having

stolen the jewels, he was astonished to hear of so strange an explanation of their recovery from the hotel where he had hidden them. Yet the man's next words seemed to dispel such an idea. He

"You may believe in that sort of

thing, Mr. Mitchel, but I, who have

only modern ideas, cannot accept any such theory. The fact that the stones

have always been discovered when hid-den has led those who know the history

to mistake a chain of coincidences for

evidence of supernatural power within

the stones themselves. I think I can

readily account for the series of hidings

and findings."
"I should be pleased to have you do

"Have you never read Edgar Poe's tale, the one where a letter is stolen and

hidden? The detectives failed to find it, though it was in plain sight all the

time, but another man did find it. He

went spon the correct theory that the thief, knowing that a search would be

made, and guessing that all obscure places would be explored first, would

hide it in some commonplace manner

He visited the apartments, and found the letter in the letter rack. Now this

is ingenious, but Mr. Poe here gives us a bit of special pleading and a curious

anomaly at the same time. He wished to show that an obscure corner would be a bad hiding place, and so worked out

his result. At the same time he draws a skillful thief who baffled expert police,

and yet who hid his letter where the first man with brains easily found it. This is the anomaly. Where the article

is small, as is the case with this lost ruby, there is but one safe place for the

by Edgar Poe. In the tale the man was

bound him and then searched him. If

the letter had been about him, it would

in an envelope, which had been turned,

and then mailed so that on the reverse

it received the postal imprint. This

foiled the detectives when they exam-

ined the letter rack. It would have

fooled them in exploring his pockets if found with other letters similarly ad-

in his pocket the man who finally ob-

"Not at all. The letter was placed

waylaid by officers in disguise,

have been found.'

thief to hide his stolen property.

so," said Mr. Mitchel.

Mr. Thauret seemed much inter

impossible to sell until I bought this

this world.'

"Mr. Thauret suggested that the thief

bibed some of the superstition connected with them. He spoke as though he be-lieved the tale. Mr. Barnes began to lieved the tale. Mr. Barnes began to stolen the gem—as, by the way, Ran-understand what Mr. Randolph had dolph, you suggested—I could do better

esire to possess a rare stone might tempt this gentleman to commit a crime.

Mr. Mitchel continued:

patra. It is too well known. But there is an incident that has not been written in the general history of her career.

There was an Egyptian priest who was in the general history of her career. There was an Egyptian priest who was

"Why not?" asked Mr. Thauret.

presented it to Cleopatra, she cried out at him: 'What fool's trick is this? Do recutting the stone. you think this pale stone a match to mine?' The priest explained that hers "Suppose that the thief himself is a gem cutter?" asked Thauret. "Even then the perfect color would at once tell the first dealer to whom he aphad been dyed red in the blood of the pigeon. 'Ah, so!' she replied. 'Then this one shall be also a richer red. You

"The thief might be a patient man, and all things come to him who waits," replied Mr. Thaurea "True," said Mr. Mitchel. "But

mark my words, the 'Egyptian gem' will not be sold by the person who has "Do not say so," said Mr. Thauret.

with not be sold by the person who has it now."

"Especially if that person is yourself," said Mr. Randolph.

"Just so," answered Mr. Mitchel.

The conversation now drifted to other things, and shortly after, the dinner being over, the three men separated.

As Mr. Barnes was about to leave the wain dring row one of the servants. when Cleopatra killed herself. One of

time on they have gone by the name of the 'Egyptian gems.' I need not give you the whole list of robberies and mur-ders that have been connected with the two stones, though I have the written record complete, with names of all the victims. Suffice it to say that for years

"The devil take it!" muttered Mr. Barnes. "I wonder at what point he discovered my presence. Was that last part—about his having warned all the dealers—thrown in gratuitously for my benefit and to lead me to suppose that some one else stole the stone? If so, why does he now let me know that he saw

hear, do you suppose there is any power inherent in the stone which attracts persons to their discovery?"

"Yes, his name is in it. He signed it as witness. That's all, and—good gracious

The Ones Who Suffer. "One has to undergo a great deal to se-ure a musical education," remarked the oung woman who hopes some day to be a "But one's neighbors have to undergo;a reat deal more," suggested the young an from the next flat.—Chicago Post.

> He broke the ties of mother love By his satanic art, Nor rested there—this ruffled dove Then broke a maiden's heart. And once again did fortune's stroke

Still guided by his evil bant
He wrought full many a prank,
And when, alas, in business went
And promply broke a bank.

Philanthropic Lady—And you med ell me that you lost your employs through giving up drinking?
Tramp—Yes, mum. It's as true as gospel. I was a horrible example to a temperance league.—New York Herald.

But tested sweets do sharpen taste To crave for more,
And one can do again at least
What's done before. So in anticipated bliss

Straight back he goes.
Oh, most impertinent! This kiss
Makes red her nose. —Truth. Raising Funds.

Spain's Editor General.

"And that place is?" asked Mr. Mitchel, himself betraying interest. "Upon his own person, where at all times he could be on the alert to thwart the searching committee. "Ah, you are forgetting," said Mr. Mitchel, "that idea was not overlooked

tic.

Where doubts come in spectral review.

When despising rude war with its blare and its rattle,

I'm safe with my pencil of blue.

— Washington Star. Enfant Terrible-And did they go in

the ark two by two?

Mamma—Yes, dearest.

Enfant Terrible—Well, who went with
auntle?—Pittsburg Bulletin. Her Horrible Slang.

Her Horriple simile.

She held a daisy in her hand
And plucked its petals one by one.
As fair a picture was she then
As e'er was shone on by the sunThe rude young man who, unaware
Approached her nearly had a fit as
To hear her rosy lips snunClate, "He loves me-lovesments."

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About 6 o'clock that same afternoon "I must decline to reply to that also."
"Do you not see, Mr. Mitchel, you Mr. Barnes sent his card up to Mr. Mitchel at the Lafayette in Philadel-

phia. A few minutes later he was shown into that gentleman's room and found simply making your actions more nd more suspicious?"
"My dear Mr. Barnes, I do not care a straw how much suspicion I arouse so long as I am not confronted by any You are very kind to come and see me. For doing so I am almost willing to for-give you for the wrong which you have proof. Whenever you think you have

room next to this. He picked the lock of

"Very clever idea, I am sure. The fellow deserves credit. But did he tell

you which communicating door he came

Mr. Barnes looked around and was

amazed to find that the only door in the room opened on the hall. The story told

by his man was thus an impossibility

A thought came to him quickly, and he

sure pleased me as well."

CHAPTER XII.

During the next two weeks there were

numerous references to the ruby robbery in the daily papers. Interviews were

published purporting to have been held

with every one of note who had been present. The police were twitted with their inability to discover the thief. The

detectives from the central office came

and went mysteriously, and were silent to all questioners, the while maintain-

ing an expression which plainly said, "We could and we would." One or

two persons were even arrested, only to

that interest in the affair soon died out

Another crime occurred, and all New

York had something else to talk of. The

Remsen ruby was forgotten by the

Mr. Barnes, however, thought of little

else. He racked his brain for a promis-

ing starting point, and the more he thought the more he was tempted to made a trip to New Orleans to unravel

this, as he had many other mysteries, "from the other end." Yet he hated to

leave the scene where were the chief ac-

In reply to this he received a note

club on the following evening.

The next afternoon Mr. Mitchel call-

ed at the Hoffman House and went up to

before the committing magistrates.

here, thus discovering your absence.

me to show you the seventh of my own set. I agreed on condition that you should not annoy the lady.'

"You broke your promise, that is "In the first place you bribed her maid to tell her a lie and leave her so that one of your spies could take her place; secondly, your spy did take her place, the result of which was that Miss Rem-sen could not re-engage her old maid and has had much trouble to get another

'Very true. But I did, and I warned you that you would gain nothing by making the promise, since you would nly find my own story verified by your

"Well, I am very sorry and will say

"I did not foresee when I made that

"Why, she cannot leave her home at any time without being dogged by your Mr. Barnes bit his lip in chagrin to

that it shall not occur again."
"But, Mr. Barnes, it has occurred

find how well this man was acquainted with his plans, but he replied unhesitat-'This time you are wrong. I prom-



which we were then speaking. My men

have shadowed her in connection with

nother affair.

"Abduction.

'What other affair?'

"Abduction? Absurd! Who on earth York puzzled. has Miss Remsen abducted? "The girl Rose Mitchel."
"And who, pray is the girl Rose
Mitchel—the daughter of the murdered

discover. She passed, however, as your

"Ah! Now can you prove that she is "Very good. Then, so far as your information goes, Rose Mitchel, who passed as my daughter, was removed from

tors in the drama, and as he felt certain the principal in one or all of the crimes.

At last he resolved to make a move, hoping little from it, yet unwilling longer to rest actually idle in this case. you. But as to the removal of the child, that was done because your spy Lucette had discovered where she was, and I did not choose to have her annoyed."

"What makes you so certain that this Lucette was my spy, as you term it?"

"Well, I don't mind telling you that, though perhaps I am showing my hand a little. Let us go to the beginning. In the first place you knew about my bet, and I knew that you knew that much. From that starting point what more natural than for me to suppose that you would begin by having me shadowed.

Jonger to rest actually idle in this case. He wrote the following letter:

Mr. Arthur Randolph:

Dran Sin-Since you have engaged me to undertake to prove that Mr. Mitchel himself stole the ruby on the night of the first interview that I had with you you may recall the first place you knew about my bet, and I knew that you knew that much. From that starting point what more natural than for me to suppose that you will onsent to give me sanstance in the matter. In the first interview that I had with you you may recall that you stated that you friend, in your opin-jon, is somewhat insane on the subject of cell-jon, is s

suppose you told the girl to let me see er face, eh?"

Mr. Barnes made no reply, though to ing that gentleman at home. Mr. Thau-

through the train to the first coach. I ride in that because it is the coolest in summer and the least drafty in winter.

"To begin with, let me recapitulate."

proved yourself an admirable silent part-ner, since you have allowed me to have my own way, paying the bills and asking no questions till now. Am I to understand that the losses annoy you, and that you wish an explanation?" "You may give me one in a moment. There is another point. You promised Well, then, is she your daughter?" to drop Adrian Fisher,"
'I decline to answer."
"Well?"

"You have not done so I requested

el continued

tation on rubies, explaining to you the difference between the true oriental gem, which is rare of any magnitude, and the which is fare of any magnetic and the poorer specimens, known as spinels. However, you would only accuse me of ventilating knowledge which has come to me through the study of my hobby. I will come at once to the story of the lost jewel. Just where it was first found is not accurately known, and of its earlier history I can only tell you what has been told me. You may believe as much or as little as you like. The history then begins with the finding of Moses in the bulrushes and the subsequent gift to him of this ruby by the daughter of Pharaoh. Thus we hear of it first in the royal house of the Egyptians. There was another gem, the exact counterpart to it. This Pharaoh had among his treasures and wore upon state occasions. With the exodus of Moses and the Israelites the ruby passed out of Egypt. From that time for many centuries its history is not marked by any great event, save that we learn that it was kept by the high priests of the synagogue and so passed down from generation to generation. One odd fact I must not forget. The deep red color, as you know, is the most prized. The color of this ruby at

"Do you mean us to believe," inter-rupted Mr. Randolph, "that the color But it is not time that is supposed to

discovered that extraordinary woman's passion for resplendent jewels, and he was andacious enough to present it to her. Fearing that this might be readily traced to him when the jewel was miss-ed, as it would surely be, he told her secretly of his purpose and then tied it shout the neck of a pigeon, which flew with it directly to the palace of Cleo patra, who awaited the arrival of the

nearly home, was attacked by a hawk, and Cleopatra ordered one of her archers to slay the larger bird with his arrow. This the man attempted, but struck the pigeon, which fell, bleeding and dead, at the queen's feet. She at once removed the gem, which was evered with blood and dyed with it a rich red."

"Very true," said Mr. Mitchel,
"but"— Here he paused for a moment and seemed abstracted. Quickly recovering, he said: "What was I saying? I ret, "surely a ruby could not absorb have lost the thread of our conversa

almost thought that, carried away by his love of precious stones, he had imbibed some of the superstition and imbibed some of the superstitution and imbibed some of the superst Well, I should say that it would be a hazardous undertaking. I believe, had I

a confusion in the street which attracted

the man to the window. It would have

it was in the pocket. Besides with the

ruby it would be simple, since it is an article that can be disposed of at a mo-

ment's notice.

been difficult for him even to guess tha

derstand what Mr. Randolph nad cant when he said that perhaps the than that."

than that."

'Ab," said Mr. Randolph, "this is "Ab," said Mr. Randolph, "this "Ab," said Mr. Randolph An, said Mr. Randolph, "this is getting interesting. Come, tell us. How Mr. Mitchel continued:

"I need not follow the story of Cleopatra. It is too well known. But there are invited by the story of t

madly in love with her, and in a moment of impulse he dared to tell her of his attachment one day when alone with her. She seemed slightly amused at his ardor, and asked what he, a poor priest, his theft." "Because there is not another gem in existence save those two which are so absolutely perfect in color. In fact, they valued. It is claimed that the expression 'pigeon blood ruby' owes its existence to the staining of one of these gems in

the manner described. Dealers some-times cut a pigeon's throat to compare the blood with the color of a gem being appraised. The significance of this is that the stolen gem cannot be sold as it is because it would be recognized, and I have notified all the great dealers in the world that my 'Egyptian gem' has been stolen. If it were attempted to have it cut up, the lapidary would at once report the matter, as the reward offered by me is greater than could be earned by

plied that the 'Egyptian gem' had been promised me your life once. I claim it, steeped till it matches the other in col-or.' She carried out her threat, and the "What an absurdity!" exclaimed Mr

her handmaidens stole the two rubies but she herself was taken, a slave, to Rome and sold. Her purchaser discovmain dining room one of the servants handed him a note. Supposing it to be from Mr. Randolph, he opened it at once and was surprised and chagrined to and then secretly murdered her, lest she might tell that he had them. From this

other curious thing is that no one has ever succeeded in hiding the jewels so that they could not be found. They It's pleasant to be a frent man in the choir, To sort o' stand out as a leader, To have all thet tuneful persuasion an fire But in this here existence we can't, poor o have been secreted between the stones the hide of an ass and hidden in other equally obscure places, yet always the next thief has found and taken them." "Ah, that is interesting!" said Mr. Thauret. "But tell us frankly, since

His killing pace reyeal— The lightning breaker grandly broke The record on his wheel.

So thus this breaker broke away Until a broken wreck, And then the sheriff came one day And badly broke his neck. —Cleveland Plain Dealer Lost His Usefulnes

The pert wind kissed Priscilla's cheek And made it red. Then, fearing lest robuke she'd speak, Away he fled.

"I'll give \$10," announced the man in the third pew from the front. The converted counterfeiter rose, with

rusty; Its seasons of labor were few. Twere folly to drift with the chances of bat

tained it could have done so by creating

Near P. O.