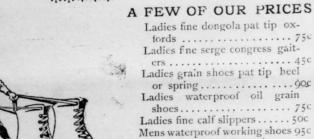
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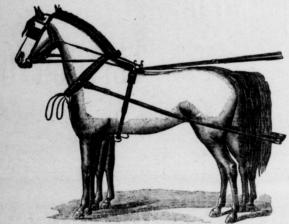
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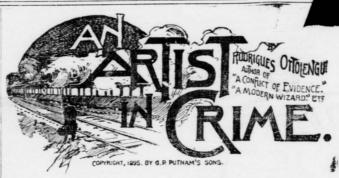
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CHAPTER XVII.

A NEW YEAR'S DINNER PARTY. The 1st of January arrived, and Mr Mitchel had heard nothing from Mr. Barnes. Inquiry at his office was met by the simple statement that "the chief is out of town." When he would be back or where a communication would reach him could not be learned. A few days before, however, a formal engraved invitation to the dinner party had been mailed to his home address. Mr. Mitchel was annoyed at not having any notification of whether or not the detect ive would be present. However, he was compelled to go ahead and depend upon the slight chance that at the last moment he would appear upon the scene.

He hoped that this would occur, as otherwise his scheme for the evening would

The dinner was to be served at 10 o'clock that night at Delmonico's where a private room had been engaged. It lacked ten minutes of the hour for sitting down, and all the guests had arrived except Mr. Barnes. These were Mr. Van Rawlston, Mr. Randolph, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Neuilly, who had decided to spend the winter in New York; Mr. Thauret, and several other gentlemen. It lacked barely half a minute of 10 when Mr. Barnes was announced and when Mr. Barnes was announced and entered in handsome evening dress. Mr. Mitchells from November 1988. Mitchel's face wore a look of triumph as he saw him, and he hurried forward to receive him. Every one present un-derstood why the detective was invited, for it was by this time well known that a wager was to be decided at 12 o'clock. After the exchange of greetings Mr. Mitchel gave the waiters the order to open the doors of the dining room, and in the moment's interval managed to get a word with the detective.
"Tell me quickly, have you succeed-

"Good! Write the man's name on a card, and I will give you one upon which I have written the name of my

Mr. Barnes did so. Then they exchanged cards, glanced at them and grasped each other's hands significantly. The cards bore the same name. With the others they went into the dining room. Mr. Thauret found himself seated next to Mr. Barnes, while on the ther side of the detective sat Mr. Fish-

It need scarcely be said that the din-er was enjoyable and enjoyed, though t must be admitted that all awaited anxiously the hour of 12. It will be as well perhaps, therefore, to come imme diately to the denouement, for which all were assembled. The last course had been served, and coffee and nuts were on the table, when the clock chimed the hour for which all were anxious. Promptly at the first stroke Mr. Mitchel arose. There was a silence till 12 was

tolled, and then he began: "Gentlemen, you have all kindly acepted my invitation to see me win a rash wager made 13 months ago. It is perhaps that I should have wonfor I announce that I have won-when we remember that the time was 13 months, which number, as we all know, superstitious persons are inclined to connect with misfortune. To show, however, that I do not harbor such childish ideas, I purposely made the time of that length, and tonight at the decisive moment we are 13." Here he saused a moment, and one might have noticed that several persons quickly counted those present to test the fact. Continuing, he said: "The superstition in connection with 13 at dinner is a well defined one, and the supposition is that one of the number will die within the year. I offer as a toast, therefore, 'Long life to all present—who deserve it.''' The last clause, after a slight hesitation, made a decided effect. However,

ing him, and Mr. Randolph did so to tected within a year thereafter. The amount was to be \$1,000 and was acepted by Mr. Randolph. I stipulated for conviction, though had I been ar-rested within the stated period and convicted afterward I should have considered that I had lost the wager. That is why I awaited the arrival of Mr. Barnes so anxiously. I had not seen him for some time, and it was possible that at the last moment he might be prepared

later convict me. However, gentlemen, I have escaped both arrest and conviction, yet I committed the crime as wagered."
"You must prove that," said Mr.

"Quite right, my friend, but I shall be able to demonstrate all that. By a curious coincidence a robbery was committed on the very night and upon the wager, while another robbery was committed almost at the moment when the stipulated month expired. Thus two crimes transpired within the time allowed me, and with both of these my name has been connected in the mind of the detective, Mr. Barnes. Now, that you all may better understand the circular than the circular t cumstances I must go to what I might circumstances in my earlier life gave me an intimate acquaintance with the methods used by detectives, and I then acquired the idea which led me into inal has succeeded in escaping actual act, the detective is almost powerless until he learns the object for which the crime was undertaken. Am I not right,

Mr. Barnes? course, is a great assistance, but much would depend upon the attendant cir-

"True. The object then is important. From this point I reached the conclusion that if a man approached another, totally unknown to him, at night in a lonely neighborhood, struck him on the head, killing him, and then, unseen, reached his own home, it would rest enchance to try this experiment—that is, to commit a crime solely to test the ability of the detectives to discover me

gentleman of honor would scarcely wish to engage in such a reprehensible piece of business. For years, therefore, I could was so angry that she became desperthink of no way to have my wish, till the merest chance threw the opportuniy within my grasp. Waiter, fill up the

Would have been willing to give testi-He paused a moment while this was

of my hobbies," continued Mr. matching of gems adds to their price.

undertook not only to dispose of the gems, but to reproduce them with a high order of imitation, so that the woman re tained the original settings and conthere was a way by which the jewelry could be retained, while the jewels themselves could be turned into money, anxious to obtain this second lot, for by doing so I enhanced the value of those which I had already. I therefore bought

them also. He paused a moment, to allow the company to recover from the surprise at learning that the stolen jewels were

that goods can be received with less de-lay in Boston than in New York. Being notified by my broker there that they were ready for delivery, I went to Bosit to my room at the Hotel Vendome. Later in the day I met Mr. Randolph, and went with him to a theater. He turn to purchase tickets you may imag-ine my utter astonishment to see a woman pass and board the train having my satchel in her hand. There could be no Of course I saw at once I had been robbed. It was useless to go back to my hotel, for that would be time wasted. It therefore astonished Mr. Randolph by offering to accompany him, and I did so, occupying the same section with

While I was thinking what action I should pursue, knowing that once the train started my thief would be safe as far as New Haven, Mr. Randolph began



prisoned, while if not I would not only excitement and the satisfaction for which I had wished. One thing threat-ened to upset my plans. Mr. Barnes by an odd chance came aboard the same coach, was given the section next to ours and overheard our conversation. This of course I could not have counted upon."
"You did take it into your account,

though," interrupted Mr. Barnes.
"You mean that I refused to tell Mr.
Randolph what I meant to do, saying that I might be overheard, and that I might even be talking for the benefit of no idea that this was so. It was merely extreme precaution, and only shows that we can never be too cautious in an endeavor to keep a secret. Later, however, the curtains I saw you sitting up or rather lying in a berth opposite, with the curtains drawn. I at once supposed that you must be a detective. My companion was soon asleep, but with \$100, 000 worth of jewels in the balance I could not sleep. I was busy wondering what I should do. I think, though, that I must have dozed, for I know that I was startled to discover suddenly that we were not moving. I looked out of our section window—fortunately I was next to it—and found that we had run into the depot at New Haven. Like a flash it came to me that the thief might leave the train here. I was about to get up, when to my astonishment I noticed a man sneaking along by the side of the train. I was on the side opposite to that from which the passengers would alight, and the suspicious actions of the man forced me to watch him. He passed so e to me that I could have touched him had my window been open, and as he did so the light of an electric lamp disclosed the fact that he had my satchel. The thief had been robbed already. The man approached a coal bin, and stooping shoved the satchel behind it. Then he returned to the train and

"I said to myself: 'That fellow is an artist. He will remain on board till the robbery is discovered, if necessary,

and even allow himself to be searched. Then he will quietly come back and get the satchel and jewels.' Thus it was the satchel and lewels. Thus it was my cue to act quickly. But if I left the train I knew that the detective would see me. I therefore gently raised the sash and deftly let myself to the ground out of the window. I quickly took the satchel, ran to the end of the depot, and found a place where I could shove it far under the platform. Then I climbed back into the berth, and after that I as-

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ure you I slept very well. The company applauded this description of how the robbery had been committed, and Mr. Mitchel bowed.

"Wait, my friends; we are not through et. The woman who had robbed me ate. I have reason to believe that she had an accomplice in this man, and that suspecting him of robbing her she cent and made him promise n o to play with him again, for I had

same liquor, saying in an undertone to Mr. Thauret, "I cannot take too much champagne."

anxious to get back to New Haven as quickly as possible. With that end in view I invited Mr. Barnes to breakfast with me. I tried to make it appear that

ven, found the satchel, and then deposited it at a hotel near by for safe keeping. My object in this was plain. knew that the robbery would get into the newspapers, and that by behaving suspiciously at the hotel-of course, I was disguised—attention would be atwas disguised—attention would be attracted there. This did happen, and the result was that the jewels were given into the custody of the police authorities, the very safest place for them, so far as I was concerned. Gentlemen, that is the story of the crime which I committed. I have only to show my receipt from the Boston custom house and my bill of sale from the Paris dealer to be able to recover my property. Are you satisfied, Mr. Randolph?"
"Entirely. You have won fairly, and

I have a check for the amount with me, which you must accept with my congratulations upon your success."
"I thank you very much," said Mr.
Mitchel, taking the check. "I take this because I have immediate use for it, as you will learn directly. Now I must tell you the true story of the other rob-

At this all were very much astonished. Mr. Thauret appeared a trifle nervous. He placed one hand over the top of his claret glass, and let it rest there a moment, after first having taken a sip

from it.

"You all recall the fact that I was sick in Philadelphia," continued Mr.

Mitchel, "at the time of the Ali Baba festival. I flatter myself that that was the most artistic thing that I have done throughout this whole affair. Any one seeing me would have been satisfied that I was truly ill, yet, in point of fact, my cough was brought on by drugs administered to me by my physician at my express desire, and for purposes at hand, and one who knew its high from it. my express desire, and for purposes which I had explained to him. I guessed that I had been followed to Philadelphia and took care that I should not be too closely watched, as Mr. Barnes Mr. Barnes stepped forward to seize knows. Yet I expected that after the affair Mr. Barnes himself would come hind, then threw him into the advancto Philadelphia to see see, and my arti- ing crowd, and, in the confusion, escapally produced illness was to baffle n. But I am anticipating events. After the train robbery the woman was murdered. By what seemed an odd chance she was in the same house where ret, however, in a moment said: my wife then lived. I knew that I had been followed from the theater to that house on the night of the murder. I knew that other circumstances pointed strongly to my guilt. But I had the advantage over the detective, for I knew that the man who had stolen the jewthat the man who had stolen the jewels from the woman, not finding them when he returned to New Haven, must have been furious. Judging the woman by himself, he would suppose that at

least it was possible that she had taken them from the satchel herself. Then on that slim chance might he not have returned to the woman, and, admitting the theft of the satchel, have endeavormake her confers that she still ed to make her confers that she still had the jewels? Failing in this, might

"You are wrong there, Mr. Mitchel,"
said the detective. "The woman was
killed while she slept. There was no

struggle."

"Even so, we can imagine the sneak going into the house and killing her that he might search for the gems undisturbed, and also to rid himself of a companion for whom he no longer had any need. At least, that was the view that I took of it, and, more than that, I struggle

drained it to the bottom. Mr. Thauret seemed livid with wrath, and a dramat-with Dora that she would not remain ic incident occurred, unobserved by the rest of the company. Mr. Thauret turned toward Mr. Barnes and seemed on the point of making a demonstration, when that gentleman just tipped back his chair slightly, and meaningly explain how, that she would mapped to the view of his neighbor the gleaming barrel of a revolver, which he eld in his hand below the table. This only occupied a moment, and immedito the narrative.

"When I say that I thought that I knew the man," continued Mr. Mitchof identifying him. I will call you attention now to the fact that very shight a card game, and I conceived the notion that the fellow was cheating.

ped, confused. "Yes," said Mr. Mitchel, smiling, "Within a few days of the robbery I "that explains everything that has per-plexed you. Be reconciled for the time met this man again, on which occasion Mr. Barnes was present, and an inter-Mr. Barnes was present, and an inter-esting conversation occurred. I was standing aside, pretending to be other-standing aside, pretending to be otherwise engaged, but really puzzling over the face of this man, which now seemed to me strikingly familiar. Of course I had seen him at the club, yet despite standing aside, pretending to be otherme there was an intuitive feeling that I had seen him elsewhere also. In a moment I heard aim admit that he had the thief's method of secreting the jew-

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of 214 hours. Boiled cabbage demands at

The tendons and cartilages of meats are very much more difficult of digestion than the fiber, requiring from four to five hours. No fiesh is healthy too soon after the death of the animal. Meat should always be kept at least a day or two before using it.

Highly concentrated foods, like eggs and meats, should be eaten with vegetables and fruit, which supply materials not contained in the more solid diet.

At the Berlin People's Kitchen meals

The British cabinet is so thoroughly in favor of the arbitration movignent that it proposes to spend \$110,000,000 in battle-ships to enforce the pacific method.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

A New York contemporary remarks that "the theater hat is again up for discussion." The theater hat is cartainly up for some purpose, and so is the choler of the man who sits behind it.—Kansas City Journal.

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Eleanor Calhoun is a popular favorite with the theater goers of London. La Loie Fuller's receipts averaged over 8,000 a performance on her 25 appear-

13,000 a performance on her 25 appearances in New York city.

Clyde Fitch has contracted to provide
Nat C. Goodwin next season with a comedy
drama with Nathan Hale, the American

"In Gay New York" is the title selected by Canary & Lederer for their forthcom-ing annual review, to be produced in May at the New York Casino. It is said that Emma Calve will be mar-ried to Henri Calu, a Parisian librettist, during the coming summer. She will re-

main on the stage however. "Bohemia" is crowding the Empire the-ater, New York, at every performance. Charles Frohman will need nothing else at his fashionable house this season. The American tour of "The Chili Widow'' will be given at the Garden theater, New York, in the autumn. The produc-tion will be identical with the one now in

Charles Coghlan's "Madame," with Rose Coghlan in the title role, has scored a deserved success at Palmer's, New York. The dialogue is trenchant and the inte

pearance next season in a comic opera not unlike "La Mascotte." In this produc-tion she will for the first time delve into

Jessic Lindsay, who hails from St.
Louis, is one of the dancing successes in
London just now. Her buck, ballet and
oriental terpsichorean vagaries have aught the Britishers.

SHORT SERMONS.

Bare walls make a gadding housewife. There are more faults in the humor than in the mind .- Rochefoucauld. Troubles spring from idleness and grievous toils from needless causes.—Franklin. He who can pay homage to the truly despicable is truly contemptible.—Lavater.

If little labor, little are our gains: man's unes are according to his pains. -Her-

To be truly and really independent is to Incivility is the extreme of pride; it is

apt to make our minds sore and uneasy.— Tillotson. A true and genuine impudence is ever the effect of ignorance, without the least sense of it.—Steele. Some things are of that nature as to make one's fancy chuckie while his heart doth ache.—Bunyan.

Chicago can copper greater New York y annexing Milwaukee.—Kansas City

able, but the affliction can be endured with more general equanimity than barnacles. -Chicago Tribune.

Chicago is experimenting with com-pressed air. Can it be that the fair city is pressed for room to store its wind?-Springfield (Mass.) Union. The time may come when some of the lawmakers of Chicago will have to conduct the affairs of the town from the interior of a jail.—Chicago Record. In Chicage nowadays if a man escapes being held up by a footpad he is still in imminent danger of being knocked down by an alderman.—New York Press.

CONGRESSIONAL CUTS.

When the president gets disgusted with engress, he goes gunning for ducks; hence he frequency of these of these gunning expedi-Somebody has discovered that there are 40 editors in congress. Then that accounts for the unusual display of intelligence in the house, where most of them are gath-

"Ef some men paid ez much 'tention ter bein congressmen," said Uncle Eben, "ez dey does ter bein candidates, dar'd be mon statesmen in dis here country."—Wash-

s disgusted with congress he goes duck shooting is obviously not true. There are times when he is not duck shooting.—

Dick Tait—My wife comes down to the office every day. She got so jealous of that pretty typewriter I had that I had to discharge her and got a male stenographer.

Towne—Well, everything is all right Dick Tait-No. Now I am jealous my self .- New York World.

Reversing the Process.

When Mollie's in a temper,
Alas, alack, the day!
O'er thorn and rose away love goes
And weeps along the way.

And then, 'twixt tears and laughter,

Opera Manager-Tell you what, I'm glad I'm not in the grocery business d-Why? Opera Manager—I'm told that if a grocer puts on an understudy for cream of tartar or coffee, he is subject to fine and imprisonment.—Detroit News.

A Poem on Spring.

When winds, now mild, no longer sting; When bird songs through the woodland ring, And bleyele bells go ting-a-ling. And winter flannels closely cling,

-Indianapolis Journal

CURRENT COMMENT.

If England makes any advances in

Egypt, she is likely to demand real estate as security.—Philadelphia Times.

A recent realistic novelist speaks of red handed jealousy. Jealousy with green eyes, red hands and a blue necktle ought to be something terrible.—Los Angeles

The British cabinet is so thoroughly

The hint of a Byron revival makes us realize how bad we are. It was once the guests when they could eat no more, and after undergoing the effects of these the feast was renewed.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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A sapient Kansas judge rules that a way on sale who calls not a way on sale who calls not a way on sale who calls not a support that the same in t Democrat.

PLAYS AND PLAYERS.

Modjeska has gone to her ranch, Arden, at El Taro, Cal.

Eleanor Calhoun is a popular favorite.

A sapient Kansas judge ruiss that a man who calls upon a woman regularly and occasionally takes her to entertainments is engaged to her. If this notion ever becomes general, most women will be obliged to pay for their own theater tickets.—New York Press.

Now that we are under the Roentgen ray dispensation and are beginning to see through each other we can better understand what the experiences of the judgment day will be. When Judge Gabriel turns his X rays on our mortal nature, we'll be shown up in our true light. It behooves us to tidy up our interiors.—Cin-

DREAM SUPERSTITIONS.

A dream that your house has been ourned denotes business losses.

Combing your hair in a dream betokens uccess in love or trade, or both Seeing an Indian in a dream presages a fortunate speculation in real estate.

Fighting in a dream means that you Fighting in a dream will soon suffer much loss of property To dream of eating oysters arge increase in your trade or A dream about dice means a speedy strangement from some very dear friend.

To dream that you are riding a good horse means that you will marry a wealthy

If you dream that you are walking in a green field, you will soon receive the repayment of a long standing loan. To dream that you are kissing some

GORY WEYLER.

Louis Republic. Except in the accumulation of manifes toes General Weyler is still unable to re port progress in his Cuban campaign.— New York Evening World.

General Weyler talks as eloquently as if he were an orator born, but still he will have some difficulty in proving that he was a golden haired angel of reconciliation in his previous Cuban campaign.—Phila-

THUMPS AT TRAMPS.

bout a sleepin beauty wot slep' 100 years. Do yer b'lieve it?' "Course; I kin do it meself."—Sparta Herald-Advertiser. "I never give to beggars in the street," remarked a young man to a beggar. "Will yer honor oblige me with yer name and address, and I'll call on you," was the prompt retort .- Answers. the prompt retort.—Answers.

"Don't use poor soap," read Perry Patette from the paper in which his "poke out" had been wrapped. "Ef I had of been writin that," he continued, "I think I would have left out that word 'pore."

One variety of the india rubber tree habright green leaves bordered with flaming Double flowers are generally the result

the year 288 B. C.

Just before the sap begins to flow is the
best time to attend to the pruning of the
rosebushes. Prune back severely, especially the hardy perpetual roses, and the
number of looming branches will be
greatly increased. the year 288 B. C.

LIGHT AND AIRY.

Her Commandments. Remember that I am thy wife, Whom thou must cherish all thy life.

8. Thou shalt not smoke indoor or out Or chew tobacco roundabout.

Thou shalt, with praise, receive my pies, Nor pastry made by me despise. My mother thou shalt strive to please And let her live with us in ease.

Remember 'tis thy duty clear To dress me well throughout the year.

9. Thou shalt not flirt, but must allow Thy wife such freedom anyhow.

10. Thou shall get up when baby cries And try the child to tranquilize. Structural.

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The woman calls her bonnet?
There are a wing, a ribbon and
Her own whole mind upon it.
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the toast was drunk in silence. "As some present may not entirely understand what my wager was I must explain that 13 months ago tonight I was in a Pullman sleeper with my friend, Mr. Randolph. Mr. Barnes here had just accomplished a neat capture of the criminal Pettingill, who has since been convicted. The papers were praisme in glowing terms. I ventured the assertion that detectives run down their prey largely because the criminal class lack intelligence sufficient to compete with their more skilled adversaries. I offered to wager that I could commit a crime within a month and not be de

Randolph, "and, according to our agreement, it must have been a crime which was much talked about."

"To know the object of a crime, of

tirely with himself whether or not he would ever be caught. I wanted a

being done. The men went around with champagne, and when Mr. Thauret was reached he asked to have his burgundy to escape herself by turning state's evidence. When we were running in to New York, Mr. Barnes directed that all glass filled also. Mr. Mitchel was again speaking when the waiter returned with the red wine and did as requested. Mr. Barnes also presented his glass for the look in New Haven. At the same time I was in New Haven. At the same time I was

Mitchel, "as you all know, is the collection of jewels. A few years ago I the only detective on my track, but in heard that a magnificent set was offered for sale. A rich East Indian nobleman, so the story goes, had procured the gems as a present to his wife. They were of man at the Grand Central already. This the choicest quality and of each exactly I found was the case. I therefore was two, matched precisely in size, cutting obliged to go to my hotel as though and coloration. In time he had two having no desire to leave town again. daughters, twins, the mother dying at their birth. Eventually these girls grew up and were married, the ceremony being a double wedding. The father took the set of jewels and divided them, giving to each girl one of each. This greatly diminished their value, for the

Reverses of fortune tempted one of these women to offer her jewels for sale. They were taken to a Paris dealer, who chanced to be a man through whom I had made many purchases. He tinued to wear what her friends sup posed to be the genuine gems. I bought the unset stones. Subsequently her sister, learning the secret, and seeing that engaged the same dealer to serve her in a similar way. Of course I was doubly

"This lot was sent to me through the Boston custom house. I instructed the dealer to do this because I had found ton and obtained them. I placed the wallet in a peculiar satchel which had been made to order for me, and carried was to return to New York by the mid-night express, and I went with him to the depot. As we stood awaiting our mistake whatever, because the satchel by any miracle there were two such

to praise Mr. Barnes, and like a flash it

came to me that this was my chance. I would rob the thief of my own proper-ty. Thus if caught I could not be imwin my wager, but I would have the

els were all erroneous. This one remark satisfied me that the thief stood before me. I had not then heard of the mur-der. Now it must be remembered that

I was insnared in the meshes of circum stantial evidence myself, so that, be-sides any duty that I might owe to society, it became of vital importance to my own safety that I should be in a position to prove this man guilty. I form ed a rather bold plan. I made a friend of the fellow. I invited him to my room one night and then accused him of hav-ing cheated at the card game. He at first assumed a threatening attitude,

but I rationed my composure and per-haps startic. by proposing to form a partnership by we could fleece
the rich clubmen. I hinted that
I really possessed less money than I am
credited with, and that what I did have
I had taken at the tables on the continent. He then admitted that he had a 'system,' and from that time we posed as good friends, though I do not think he ever fully trusted me. I learned from him that his partner in the game where I caught him cheating was en-

tained in the more solid diet.

At the Berlin People's Kitchen meals discovered that the detectives had been told of this game, and therefore knew that they would be watching both men when playing cards. I therefore preferred to be the partner myself upon such occasions.

"Having somewhat won the fellow's confidence, I was ready for my great scheme in baffling the detective so that I might win my wager and at the same time entrap my suspect. I had conceived the Ali Baba festival. I showed Mr.

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believe that I meant to rob my flancee a crime for which I might readily have escaped punishment, with her assistance. There he misjudged me. I would not for treble the sum have had her name mixed up in such a transaction. She knew absolutely nothing of my in tentions; though being at that time in ignorance of the details of the train robbery, I left her mind in a condition not offer resistance to the thief, who she might suppose to be myself. Then, after laying my trap, at the last moment I baited it by asking my fiancee to wear the ruby pin in her hair. I went to Philadelphia, and feigned sickness. Then I eluded the spy and came on my-self. Mr. Barnes I supposed would be present, and I had arranged that if so he would necessarily be in one of the dominos of the Forty Thieves. I had invited my suspect to assume the role of Ali Baba, but he shrewdly persuaded some one else to take the costume, him-

self donning one of the Forty Thieves' dresses. This compelled me to go around speaking to every one so disguised, and to my satisfaction, by their voices, I discovered my man and also Mr. Barnes. In the final tableau Mr. Barnes, who evidently was watching Ali Baba, at-tempted to get near him, and by chance was immediately behind my man. Fearing that he would interfere with

Mr. Mitchel paused, and silence prevailed. All felt, rather than knew, that a tragedy might be at hand. Mr. Thau-"Are you not going to tell us the name of this sneak thief?" mention his name, when I am not in him steal the ruby?" said Mr. Thauret.
"I did, but as I myself had been sus-

pected of that my unsupported word would be inadequate. Let me tell you what I have done in the matter since. had the jeweis? Failing in this, hight he not either in a fit of anger or to prevent her from 'peaching,' as they call it, have cut her throat?"

"You are wrong there, Mr. Mitchel,"

"You are wrong there, Mr. Mitchel," so. Next, I wished to delay a denoue felt convinced that I knew the man."

At this moment Mr. Thauret nervously reached forth his hand toward his glass of wine, but before he could get it Mr. Barnes had taken it up and felt myself master of the situation and situation. with Dora that she would not remain unengaged until tonight, and I stipu-lated that should she have offers she should neither accept nor reject a suitthe point of making a demonstration, or. I also told her, though I declined to

she asked Mr. Randolph if money would

count with him against her love. When she accepted the wager with Mr. Mitchately afterward both men seemed, like the others, simply interested listeners | el, she had been feeling resentful toward Mr. Randolph, who, as long as he suspected his friend of the graver crimes, knew the man," continued Mr. Mitch-el, "I make a statement which it may by marriage. This made him less atteninterest you to have me explain. In the tire to Dora, so that she had not thought first place, I saw the fellow who hid the of him as a suitor when making the first place, I saw the fellow who hid the satchel at the New Haven depot. Still bet. When he declared himself, she rec-I obtained but a momentary glimpse of his face and would not have been sure spondingly troubled, yet determined to win, and so acted as related. tention now to the fact that very shight incidents sometimes lead the mind into a suspicion, which, followed up, may robbery I had met a man at my club one he was alluding. Mr. Randolph said robbery I had seen him playing impetuously; impetuously; "Then that explains"— Here he stop-

cess of Mr. Randolph?"
This was done in silence. The guests felt a constraint. They knew that more was yet to come and anxiously waited ment I heard aim admit that he had been aboard of the train on the night of the robbery, and that he had been the first one searched. Awhile later he offered to wager Mr. Barnes that various theories which had been advanced as to distinct the later had been advanced as to distinct t disentangle them if he could. Shall we hear his report?"

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

DIET AND DIGESTION.

Green corn, properly masticated, will be digested in 8½ hours.

of 2½ hours. Boiled cabbage demands at least 4½ hours.

Beef soup is much harder of digestion than would be supposed. The time required is about four hours.

Express.

The Standard Oil company announces that it will bore 300 holes in southeast Kansas this year. It looks like it would make the blame thing leak.—Hutchinson

game. He at quired is about four hours.

Fresh sausage, broiled, requires nearly 3½ hours for digestion. When fried, the time is indefinitely longer.

Barley soup is one of the lightest of diets. It is believed to be completely digested at the end of 1½ hours.

The champlen puglilist says he has mastered seven distinct blows, each of which will kill a man. Of course the most effective one is talking him to death.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The British cabinet is so thoroughly in

If you dream that you have an he sign is that you will become a d To dream of playing dice means that some one will shortly die and leave you

To dream of a bear means that you have a powerful enemy who will probably succeed in doing you a great injury.

General Weyler doesn't seem able to keep his threats.—New York Press. Weyler evidently intends keeping the Cubans so busy reading the manifestoes that they will find no time to drill.—St.

General Weyler has issued another proclamation, but he has not yet given the world any reason to believe that he is the kind of a man in whose hands the pen is mightier than the sword.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

delphia Inquirer.

"What do you do when you are hungry?"
"Work. It takes away my appetite."—
New York Times. "I never give a cent to ablebodied men "And expect me to cut off an arm for a cent?"—Philadelphia Item.
"This here book wot I found tells er-

-Adams Freeman. FLOWER AND TREE.

active, acrid poison. In Asia it is claimed that the famous fig tree at Anarajapoura, Ceylon, is the oldest historical tree in the world. A record of it has been kept since it was planted in

2. Thou shalt not stay out late at night. When lodges, friends or clubs invite.

 Thou shalt in manner mild and meek Give me thy wages every week. 8. Thou shalt not be a drinking man,

Conductor—Did I get your fare?
Passenger—I guess you did. I didn't see
you ring it up.—Puck.

The older we get the less we know And the madder we get if you tell us so Truth