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But the unexpected, that element in human affairs which we invariably ignore, ruled otherwise. I had hardly crossed the threshold of the inner room when I heard a heavy footfall in the pas sage. At the same moment the voice of gruffly through the darkness, while a gleam of light pierced the gloom. As the door was flung open, revealing the thick-set figure of the coachman, lantern in hand, a crash of glass to my right set my nerves tingling. Demetrius had leaped through the window and was already lost to sight. Jap and agape, our eves starting from our heads.

"Attempted murder, Jap. You arrived in the nick of time." "I heard that ther hound a-bayin'

Mr. Livingston, an' I suspicioned that somethin'—a coon, maybe—was stir-rin'. Well, sir, old Sultan wasn't givin' tongue fer nothin'; fer the next thing I knowed there was that Greek sarpint a-crawlin' around the house. Thinks I, I'll watch you, mister, an' maybe take a and myself in this yere game. I piped him off as he unlocked the back door. and then I saw, not five minutes ago, the light in Mr. Burlington's room go out. Gosh! I done some tall thinkin' right then. I dassn't cry out, 'cause that'd ha' given the hull snap dead away. So I fetched the lantern, sashayed



SUCH AS-James B. Murphy.

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was, I hurriedly entered the front room and glanced at Burlington. He was sleeping calmly.

Gerard, knowing the nature of the man, and trembling with apprehension for the safety of his darling, was about Wick House has opened busi- be do ness in a shop in the rear of

"You stay with Mr. Burlington. I pleaded.
must see your master at once." pleaded. The scoundrel Gerard occupied Nancy's room, who was sleeping with her mother. In less than five minutes I had recited the facts. He listened attentively, his glittle finger, as a man twists a ring; and the occupation amused him.

"Mr. Gerard"—he was never more

and the occupation amused him.

"Mr. Gerard"—he was never more studiously polite—"Mr. Gerard, I am not a foel. You know that, sir."

"Demetrius," I said, in conclusion,

"Asleep. Shall I awake him?"

and the occupation amused him.

"Mr. Gerard, I am not was a gendus latted of the man, who had supplanted him, and, overshadowing that, the lust of gold. Familiar intercourse with the Croesus had aroused a passion of envy. Gerard, I am not a foel. You know that, sir."

"Where is Mark?" panted the father.

"Asleep. Shall I awake him?"

"Asleep. Shall I awake him?" "Asleep. Shall I awake him?" "murdered Ferdinand Perkins, partly

reservation.

It flashed across me instantly that I scarcely repay; he, with devilish elever-

man whom I had accused of cowardice
—Demetrius. He alone had access to
the house; he alone could quiet Sultan,
the bloodhound; he alone had good reason to fear not only Burlington, but
Hugo Livingston. Mark Gerard, I could
no longer doubt, was the victim of a
deep-laid plot—a plot which already
and wregled three lives and which was
been supported three lives and which was
to be lost."

us woman and hounded her to your
arms; he made capital out of your shattered nerves; he—"
"Enough," said Gerard, hoarsely; "I
am satisfied. My God! how cruelly
that fiend has used me! And—"his voice
failed—"and my little Mark is in his
bloody hands! Come! not a second is
to be lost." He flung his clothes upon his lanky had acquired a dominating influence

and me, and in such a manner that it would be supposed we had killed each "Mr. Gerard," said I, "you must stay ther.

This conviction asserted itself as I

Jap with me, and you can rely upon my

of the Greek. I had dropped upon one "Hngo" he rejoined, impre and in my right hand was the small pistol which I always carried on my person. But a pistol is the least efficient weapon in such a fight as this.
What would I have given for a double-barreled shotgun, a good sabre or a knife! If I fired in the dark, the flash of the powder would prove a death warrant; the same grim logic applied to the striking of a match. I was satisfied that such a master seoundrel as Demetrius had laid his plans with extraordinary sagacity. He was taking desperate chances, but the crisis justified them. These rooms were cut off from more bloodshed. God knows there has the rest of the house, and nothing short of a pistol shot would arouse Gerard

and the servants. Demetrius must have counted upon the moon as an ally. From the darkness of Mark's room he

knife would rid him of the man who had dared to unmask his villainy. But "I want more than one myself, Jap. the fickle moon had played him false.

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Light farmylated in my own.

Demetrius, I reflected, was stiff in the Joints, his muscles less supple than mine, his sense of hearing less acute. Youth was on my side, experience on his. The two players in the game were at least fairly matched.

Such a thought was exasperating. Taking advantage, therefore, of my patron's long strides, I dropped to the rear and submitted my scheme to the Had it not been for Burlington, I could have easily escaped by the window and have easily escaped by the window and

> I told him to be of good cheer and to which lay between the marshes and the decided to treat with the enemy under and largest of flags of truce. "It would be wise," said I, "to advance

open order. The hut is provided with a large-bore duck-gun, and a charge of wan-shot might excite a panic.

"I never was so pleasantly warm in my life. If you want to feel cold, Hugo, get your heart frozen. My body is a small affair."

"The first thing to determine is with a burning dose of pneumonia."

We had stood for fully ten minutes exposed to the raw fog, and I cut short his chatter by moving towards the but he chatter by moving towards the but

dentical spot where I had stood a few hours before, and I heard him sigh "Gad!" said I, "Demetrius has come hours before, and I heard him sigh heavily as he realized that the boat was on the wrong side of the channel. The nimbly ahead and entered the hut. I heard an oath, followed by a scream "Demetrius," he yelled, shrilly, come out."

I am here," was the instant reply.

I waited for no more, but can noise lessly for some fifty yards to the right.

It was bitterly cold, but I stripped as

When I reached the island I removed feil like a stricken bullock, and, foremy dripping underslothes and stole formy dripping underslothes and stole formy dripping underslothes and stole formy dripping underslothes and stole for-

to trust to my muscles and a knife which I thrust between my teeth.

He denied nothing, and conceded nothing, but his conditions implied admission of guilt. Briefly, they were as follows: Gerard and his party were to

question of securing Demetrius had al-

over the lad. Obviously, Demetrius had

"I've told Mark as little as possible," he murmured. "I did not wish to

frighten him unnecessarily. What shall

The question demanded considera-

our mouth shut, Jap. No tattling till

The coachman grinned and shivered.

"My body isn't," I returned. "We

and a coil of bale-rope.

been enough. Come."

A few minutes later we were on our way, Gerard walking with feverish strides ahead. The nurse was left with

might have approached me unseen and unheard, and then—a bold thrust of a "Je-roosalem!" whispered Jap to me, "ye'll let me have one crack at the son of

He probably, like me, was now upon the defensive. Who would move first?

I had formulated not know mind a plan which I dared not knew with Mark plan which I dared not know that the control of the himself. I foregon that alarmed the household; but I dared not | proffered his assistance.

as it's light bring the carriage. He may as well start at once, eh?—Keep "If we don't corral the cuss, Mr. Livingston, I swear Filt I'll never be able ter kiss Danish Mary again—and enj'y

"Run along," said Gerard, "and bring dry clothing for Mr. Livingston and off. I had found a pair of overalls in the hut, and an overcoat belonging to De-

cold; and I felt that my patron's pro-testations of gratitude might be de-ferred. Gerard, however, was fever-

keep my mouth shut."

The fog was now so thick that an obcan discuss these matters later, sir, un-less you propose to thaw out your heart ject a dozen yards away could not be

exposed to the raw fog, and I cut short Our commander-in-chief halted at the I thought, too, that I heard the voice of

It was bitterly cold, but I stripped off coat, waistcoat and boots. Then, holding my gun in my left hand, I pushed Ing my gun in my left hand, I pushed through the tules and entered the icy water. The channel was deep, and, at the place I had selected, broad. A swim was inevitable

my dripping underclothes and stole forward, naked as an Indian. I feared that the swish of wet cloth might betray my approach, and, besides, the clinging garments might impede the be taken, if possible, alive, and I decided to leave the gun within reach and free use of my limbs. Demetrius must

What passed between master and manwhile I was executing these maneuvers I learned subsequently. Demetrius, as we had expected, submitted a cut-and"I untied him," he sobbed. "I untied him. Oh, father, father! I didn't mean to do any harm."
"Never mind, my boy," said Gerard, dried proposition, worthy, I must ad-mit, of his subtle brain.

fauntly. "I'm ready to die now, any-way."

The details I learned later, and Mark would take the morning train to the city. There, in San Francisco, ly as to cut the flesh. Mark, in absorbed to the city. and go his way. If—he laid great emphasis upon the conjunction—if any was unlocked, and then—why, then I jest follered my big nose till it led me here."

"How much time do you say elapsed between the putting out of the light and your appearance in this room?"

"One minutes, maybe. Not more."

Good heavens! And it had seemed to me three hours!

Motioning to Jap to remain where he was. I hurriedly entered the front room."

Was I hurriedly entered the front room.

"Three minutes, maybe. Not more."

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Gerard, knowing the nature of the graphic communication with the poplice, right arm as Gerard entered the hut; and Demetrius, faithful to his oath, had grasped a knife and turned upon the boy. With both feet tied, he moved slowly and with difficulty, and Gerard had time to fling himself between the miscreant and his victim.

He saved his son's life by the sacrifice of his own, a sacrifice cheerfully, straction, "which make of wheel I will consummated."

"I was thinking," replied the theoso. phist, shaking off his fit of dreamy abstraction, which make of wheel I will consummated.

"Jap," said I, softly, "something must be done."

"That's right," said he. "Let's do it."

"You gray with M. P. "Let's do it."

"Let me have the boy now," he a trembling nepitent into the case."

"Let me have the boy now," he a trembling nepitent into the case." "Let me have the boy now," he a trembling penitent, into the communion of the Greek church. Before the The motive was a jealous hatred of th

happiest, so he assured me, of his life.

"You've had all the fun," said Jap, re-reachfully. "But I'd like, sir, to tie to insure independence and abundant To exercise the demon of unrest, I "There are ropes in the hut," said Jap.
"The get 'em."

and fall upon the headwaters of the Saskatchewan, hunting and fishing.
But around my campfire hovered the "Bring a light," I called after him. image of Nancy, alluring, mocking!

Lould hear the voices of father and letter advised me of the approaching. assisted at the quiet celebration that Both Burlington and his -so I fancied-held aloof, and greeted

> me with chilling civility.
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> "I presume," said I, at parting, with a forced smile, "that you will be kind enough to send me a card for your wed-

that night, you remember—will—"
Her bosom began to heave as she " I cried, taking her hand in

happy."
"Not happy? If some fellow has dared to—"
"Don't look so fierce," she mur"Don't look so fierce," she murether remedy but confinement and the ether remedy but confinement and the

mured. now, and of course, I feel a little out in "It was your mother, then? For her sake you re-"

Her eyes were upturned to mine, and their luminous depths I saw the re-

"Nancy,"-- I took her sweet face be-

"Can I? You leave the cuss to me, ered likewise in her heart? Finally, tied hand and foot and still unconscious, we carried Demetrius to the hut and propped him up on the bed. "And what do you say?"

ips and cheeks-"I think, Hugo, that I shall like it.' THE END.

Marriage a Success, -My goodness! Why, it's onlyome last night in a very shaky condi-

"Hum! Perhaps I did." "Yes. And I didn't say a word, did I?"
"No, my dear, not a word." "Well, you know, silence is golden."
"Here's the \$50, my love."—N. Y.

The man untied the boat and pushed metrius. In these I felt fairly com- his money honestly? fortable, and my teeth stopped chat-tering. None the less it was bitterly If he did not I suppose you would not

ferred. Gerard, however, was fever-ishly loquacious, and could not be si-clever to give any of it up.—N. Y. Times. Good Advice. To double each pleasure and rout each Just pluck every rose and let thorns go

DIVINE PROOF.



- 33 He-Are you sure you love me, sweet-

The man who finds his married life
From th' old too sudden a transition,
Should have, without a doubt, a wife
Like Caesar's—quite above suspicion.
—Puck.

"That man," remarked an admiring friend, "has the faculty of saying clear-"Too bad!" said Senator Sorghun

ride the next time I appear on earth."

cluded the demonstration of a mathe-"Yuh don't have tuh, mum," gallant-

fore the young man's eyes, and had 'Free Press.

THE ETHER DRINKING HABIT.

The recent death from an overdose of ether of the celebrated Dr. Luys has brought once more into prominence stealing was being done by the hired the question of etheromania. A few miners working on the biggest elaims, years agot this vice was limited to Eng-Old-timers have been looking for the land, but now it has reached the con-tinent. The ether habit, more refined perhaps than the passion for alcohol. beginning to make many victims We can count by hundreds now the people who take ether every day. They mix it with alcohol, and in that way obtain a drink that intoxicates rapidly in its purity and in ordinary doses of from eight to fifteen grammes. The heir ether, but the hard drinkers neglect this precaution, which diminishes the burning sensation in the stomach. There are some ether drinkers who

Drunkenness comes on rapidly, and also passes away in a comparatively short time. The first symptom is violent excitement with abundant salivation. Sometimes epileptiform convulsions are observed, and when the dose is too strong they are followed by stu-Drunkenness comes on rapidly, and is too strong they are followed by stu-por. Nothing in the effects has been observed which resembles delirium tremens except in cases in which whisky and ether are blended.

But if drunkenness from ether is less degrading than drunkenness from alcohol, it is far more dangerous. It leads to insanity and death and soon brings about marked changes in the temper and in the health of the etheromaniae. Take this portrait of the ether drinker and you will find serious motives for avoiding the drug: "The ether drunkard is quarrelsome

and untruthful. His condition of mind resembles that of people afflicted with certain nervous diseases. He suffers from gastric troubles and nervous prostration. He becomes the slave of his passion, like the oplum smoker, and the cures of the passion are rare. It is "Nan "." I cried, taking her hand in impossible to save a person afflicted with you, Naney, is it with this malady except on the condition of his renouncing completely the ether habit, and this seldom happens. As a rule, an etheromaniae is never closest guarding at all times."
Like the morphinomaniacs, the slaves

of ether may become addicted to their vice after certain maladies. Sometimes, when a patient suffers from headache, a handkerchief steeped in ether is put under his nose. Relief comes quickly, tween my two big hands—"Nancy, I'm going to marry you, whether you like it or not. Do you hear that?"

under his nose. Reflet comes query, I'm and he inhales the drug with delight. After a few inhalations great freshness in the face and in the respiratory or the face and in the face and in the face and in the respiratory or the face and in the face an gans is felt. The dose is doubled in order to double the agreeable sensation, with the result that a delicious ecstacy is experienced, and gradually the habit is acquired and continues until at last overdose results in death.

The origin of this singular vice is obscure. Some say that the Irish peasants began to drink ether in 1840, at the time when Father Matthew was preach time when Father Matthew was preaching the crusade against alcohol. Others accuse the doctors of having prescribed ether too liberally. Finally the question of price has its importance, especially among the poorer classes, for ether produces intoxication easily and

is cheaper than alcohol. Thank Heaven, the ether drunkards are at present relatively rare in Paris. In London the keepers of the various squares and parks often find under the trees empty vials labeled "ether" that have been thrown there by the maniacs who quit their homes in order to indulge their favorite passion at their dasks of ether are picked up among

empty champagne bottles.

But it is in certain portions of Ireland that the vice of ether drinking i most common. There are regular ether The Baron-Not at all. If he acquired lished in 1840 at Draperstown. There they drink a mixture of alcohol and ether, 15 grammes of which are sufficient to put anyone into a reverse. The railroad in the little district of Crookstown carries every year 2,000 tons of ether, and an equal quantity at least is brought there by other roads. Two merchants of the neighboring villages sell every year 4,500 pints of ether. At Draperstown and at Crookstown the air is charged with the vapors of ether on market days, and this same odor is present constantly in the third-class earriages of the Derry Central railway. Everybody in that part of Ireland drinks ether.—Courier des Etats Unis.

Deformed Fingers in Criminals. "The fingers of criminals," says a ter of 1894-95 the low record of 82 demedical man who has studied them, grees was established. At Verkojansk, medical man who has studied them, "are, in nine cases out of ten, in some way or other deformed. People who are constantly being convicted of theft are found to have long, thin fingers, a wide space separating the first and second, and the little finger crooked. In murderers the fingers are short and thick; the thumb is long, and the hand alterether powerful. In cases where the property of the carth. Incidental reference to cold of —80 tegrees has altered the region of the Klondike. altogether powerful. In cases where excessive brute force has been used the but there can be little question that this little fingers on both hands have been js an exaggeration of the actual sever-found to be weak and deformed. Knotty ity of the climate, the result of careless fingers are prominent where craftiness observation or of instruments whose exhibited. Among habitual criminals, especially burglars, the fingers are Ledger. inals recently examined, 90 per cent. were found to have deformed fingers.— London Answers.

Probably the oldest citizen of Amerengaged in daily toil for wages is Barney Morris, whose duty it is to keep paths and flower beds in Prospect park, Brooklyn, free from waste paper and rubbish. On June 10 last Barney celebrated his one hundred and fifth birth-day. He was born in Temple Court Parsh, county Cavan, Ireland, and came to this country 75 years ago. Aside from his wrinkled skin, the only sign of his great age is the absence of teeth. His hair has been the same shade of iron gray for 20 years.—Chicago Tribune.
A Double Robbery.
Midnight Burglar—Fork out every

arthing you've got or I'll-Jones (half awake)-Look here, Maria, this is coming it too strong. Didn't I give you all I had when I came home?

A Deduction. Teacher-What is a rumor?

Pupil-A ship. feacher-What makes you say that? Pupil-Because I always hear of ruors being afloat .- Judy. Couldn't Help It.

He-You know Shakespeare says the apparel oft proclaims the man. She-Yes; I knew what you were no moment I saw your shirt front.-Cleveland Leader. She Hesitated to Approve.

Mrs. Moneybag—I see no objection to our riding a wheel except the expense. Miss Moneybag—The expense? Mrs. Moneybag—Yes. It is so trifling. -Brooklyn Life.

Reciprocity of Sentiment. heart I rejoice at my escape in not mar-

-Chicago Record.

STEALING GOLD DUST.

Ways in Which the Tricky Mines Beats His Employer.
With the last batch of Klondikers to news before this, and the only expla-nation of its nonarrival before is that there have been comparatively few

hired men, most of the Klondike claims being worked by their owners. As soon as the big syndicates and organized companies which have been formed the past summer get into work-ing shape and employ large numbers of men it is believed that the stealings will surpass any in the history of gol mining, and that is saying a go Placer mines are the easiest Placer mines are the easiest for the dishonest miner to get in his fine work, and these are the only kind that

have so far been operated in the Klon-dike district, owing to the difficulty the latter figure is the exception. If a man extracts a thimbleful of dust from

his day's yield he adds about \$20 to his Your correspondent's informant said that some of the men were not content with a thimbleful, and at least one man was known to have appropriated two ounces, about \$34 a day, for 30 days' running. The owner of the mine knew of the thefts, but he didn't want to discharge the man as he was an expert in handling the pan and showed more gold each day than two other men who worked within half a dozen feet of him. But when the fellow lifted his daily rake-off to three ounces a day, the own-er got hot, smashed the man in the face with a shovel and told him if he didn't leave by the next boat he would bring the matter to the attention of the pub-lic administrator in Dawson City and

have him sent up.

There is a 20 years' penalty attached to theft of that kind and the thief was considered lucky to get off as he did.
If the mine owner had wanted to make trouble he could have killed the man and no one would have bothered him But he happened to be an eastern man who wasn't in the killing business and whose only anxiety is to get everything out of his claim and go home with his

When one looks at the history of thefts in other gold fields, even those where quartz mining was the rule and where the miners were watched unde the most careful systems that could be devised, it is easy to imagine what will happen in the Klondike next summer when the thousands of new-comers get in working shape and force the prices of labor down to bed rock. Then, it is believed, petty thieving will be the order of the day.—Iowa State Begister.

COLDER THAN YUKON REGION

Ninety Degrees Below Zero Marked Last Year in Siberia. There is as yet no positive record of the lowest range of the thermometer in the upper Yukon region, but it is safe to assume that this range extends yearly to the -50-degree or -60-degree line, with a not improbable occasional would be approximately the low-level temperature of the true Arctic regions, and yet by no means the lowest that has ever been recorded. Thus Kane, in his Arctic service, has seen -75 de-grees, and the officers of the British ease. At Epsom after the races many flasks of ether are picked up among regions lying to the further south, the winter climate of the Klondike does not differ in severity very materially from that of many parts of the more thickly inhabited portions of British America, as Manitoba or Alberta, or even from Dakota or northern and cen-tral Minnesota, where almost annually

the mercury freezes in its tube.

While possibly sufficiently low to meet all the requirements of human happiness or discomfort, this freezing cold is yet far from equaling what is town of Yakutsk, which is situated a short distance without the Arctic realm, a spirit marking of -75 degrees is no infrequent event, and even -80 degrees is hardly sufficient to disturb the equanimity of the inhabitants. In the winrating is imperfect. - Philadelphia

The crocodile as a Benefactor.

The crocodile is about to appear in a new role, that of a benefactor of sokof, at a meeting of a scientific society recently, announced that whereas bacilli exert an influence upon toxins and can lessen or destroy them, these latter car be converted into antitoxins only by means of certain vertebrates. Among these the crocodile stands at the head for his special office, and through his agency the toxin of tetanus is rapidly transformed into an antitoxin. It is nevertheless difficult to imagine of what practical value this inform -N. Y. Commercial Advertiser.

-Florida, of all the states, has the most water within its boundaries 4,440 square miles. Too Dark to See Her

called to see you last night? Daughter—Yes, papa, hedid.
Father—It's strange you didn't have
the lamp turned up so he could.—Ohio
State Journal. Merely an Option.

"And you want to marry my daugh-ter, do you?" said Mr. Stockbroker. "Well, not right away, sir," said the timid youth; "but I'd like to have an option on her."—Yonkers Statesman. More Like It. Perdita-He has given her a ring, and

she is a woman with a past, too.

Penelope—Well, if he has given her a ring, she seems to be a woman with present N. Y. Truth. "Your husband belongs to a prominent secret society, I understand?"
"Yes, John is head officer in one of the lodges" the knights of microbees."

-Judge. She-Where is my picture? He-I have it in my heart.

She-Ah, I see! Cold etorage.-Dem No doubt she feels the same way. orest's Magazine.