

"I Want Your Prisoner Signor Petrozin ni-You Will Release Him at Once!"



#### SYNOPSIS.

Count di Rosini, the Italian ambas made is at dinner with diplomats when hads for is at dinner with diplomats when hads for a ticket to the embaasy balt the ticket is made out in the name of head detective, are warned that a plot is head detective, are warned that a plot is subel Thorne. Chief Campbel to the state hall for information. His at-tonion is called to Miss Isabel Thorne, who with her companion, disappears. A shot is heard and Senor Alvares of the origin is called to Miss Thorne did it, the affair, and arrests Pletro Petrozinni, Miss thore is tasted thore from the did thousand dollars each, and the outer guard at seven thousand. The receipt of all of this money is conditional been bought—the turnkeys at five thousand dollars each, and the outer guard at seven thousand. The receipt of all of this money is conditional been bought—the turnkeys at five thousand dollars each, and the outer guard at seven thousand. The receipt of all of this money is conditional been would at seven thousand. The receipt of all of this money is conditional been bought—the turnkeys at five the as against you. I am telling you all this, frankly and fully, to make you be how futile any realstance would the as against you. I am telling you all this, frankly and fully, to make you be thought to bear in his be-toring the masked on has been thoused the bewildered ware the there and demanding ransom. The and that he are prime of Monatour Boisers the prevent and asking transom and asking the rought to bear in his be-tor. Thousand the service of Monatour Boisers the prevent and demanding ransom the absort allowers the prevent set of the is discored the prevent and each the bern the trans throne of Monatour Boisers the prevent and based of the beard of the beard of the bought to bear in his be-tor. The is a man who can command a mask of clear. Now, if you'll sit down, please.'' "It down?'' belowed the warden. unt di Rosini, the Italian ambas-

ready there. He rose courteously. At sight of him Miss Thorne's face went deathly white, and the escaped prisoner turned toward the door again.

"I would advise that you stay, your Highness," said Mr. Grimm coldly. Signor Petrozinni paused, amazed. You will merely subject yourself to the humiliation of arrest if you attempt to leave. The house is guarded by a dozen men."

"Your Highness?" Miss Thorne repeated blankly "You are assuming

a great deal, aren't you, Mr. Grimm?" "I don't believe," and Mr. Grimm's listless eyes were fixed on those of the escaped prisoner, "I don't believe that Prince Benedetto d'Abruzzi will deny his identity?"

There was one of those long tense silences when eyes challenges eye, when wit is pitted against wit, and mind is hauled around to a new, and sometimes unattractive, view of a situation. Miss Thorne stood silent with rigid features, colorless as marble; but slowly a sneer settled about the lips of Signor Petrozinni that was, and he sat down.

"You seem to know everything, Mr. Grimm," he taunted.

"I try to know everything, your Highness," was the reply. Mr. Grimm was still standing. "I know, for instance, that one week ago the plot which had your freedom for its puring the invisible ink; I know that four without dropping them. and that the man who was delegated took his place and made the escape

possible. I know that much!" "You-you-!" the prince burst out "You aided me to escape?" suddenly. Miss Thorne was staring, staring at them with her eyes widely distended,

and her red lips slightly parted. "Why did you assist him?" she demanded.

"Details are tiresome, Miss Thorne," replied Mr. Grimm with the utmost courtesy. "There is one other thing I know-that the Latin compact will not be signed in the United States." The prince's eyes met Miss Thorne's inquiringly, and she shook her head. The sneer was still playing about his

mouth. "Anything else of special interest that you know?" he queried. "Yes, of interest to both you and

Miss Thorne. That is merely if the Latin compact is signed anywhere, the the warden's hand; at no time had English-speaking countries of the the stranger's voice been raised. His world might construe it as a casus tone was a perfectly normal one. belli and strike soon enough, and hard "Besides yourself there are only five enough, to put an end to it once for other men employed here who are all."

Again there was silence for a little while. Slowly the prince's eyes were darkening, and a shadow flitted across been bought-the turnkeys at five Miss Thorne's face. The prince rose impatiently.

"Well, what is the meaning of all this? Are you going to take me back to prison?"

"No," said Mr. Grimm. He glanced at his watch. "I will give each of you one-half hour to pack your belongings. We must catch a train at one o'clock.'



#### A Jacanese Tea.

Affairs Japanesque are always ef- tily collected articles-handkerchiefs, fective and pleasing to one's guests. balls, hats, hair ribbons, pocket knives. Drink Evil's Deadly Work in Provinces To make the rooms as really Japanese etc., which are to be passed on one as possible much of the furniture at a time until the end of the line should be removed, partitioning off is reached, the last player, depositing

spaces where necessary with Japanese the objects on the ground beside him, paper screens. Use flowering shrubs, begins at once to pass them back. The almond blossoms (artificial), chrys- line first accomplishing the task wina, anthemums and butterflies suspended by invisible black threads. The hostess must bow very low three times, sides; all on one side are blindfolded saying "Konichiwa" when the guests and the other side are given little arrive and "Sayonara" when they bells. No running is allowed and only leave. Tea should be served with no a certain space allowed to play in cream; use cups without handles. Sponge cakes may be served if rice and the captive is blindfolded A most

ones are not obtainable, also pre- laughable stunt is to seat two persons served ginger. If something cold is opposite each other on the ground, wished have cherry ice. Those who the other a small saucer of rolled assist should wear kimonos.

cracker crumbs first. This is a popu-Have some young girls in Japanese lar game with the birds, for they are costumes play "bag ball" (dama). Have pose was born; I know the contents of a number of bright-colored bags filled every letter that passed between you with dried beans. Each girl tries to and Miss Thorne here, notwichstand- keep as many bags going as possible grown-up young people the game of Another days ago several thousand dollars was amusing game is played by means of amuggled in to you concealed in a a long silk scarf, in the center of basket of fruit; I know, with that which is a loose knot or loop, held money, you bribed your way out, while midway between the two players who Miss Thorne or one of her agents hold the scarf and the floor. On one bribed the guard in front; I know that side of the loop a player sits. On the the escape was planned for to-night, other side is a small object, a flower, a bean bag, even a thimble. The to take charge of it is now locked in player who sits by the loop tries to my office under guard. It may inter- slip her hand through, grab the small est you to know that it was I who article and take her hand back again before those holding the loop can draw it tight and make her hand prisoner.

#### Games for Outdoor Partles.

All this summer outdoor affairs have been very popular and in consequence we have all been on the lookout for pastimes suitable for the lawn, the shore and the porch. One called "stagarino" is played by having two bases opposite each other, say at either end of the grounds; the players are on either side with "It" in the middle (the latter being chosen by drawing lots or the old-time method of "counting out"). The game is to run from one goal to the other without being caught. When once touched he or she joins in trying to catch the others.

"Fire buckets" is another jolly game, so called from the old way of long lines opposite each other with with the order. captains at the head who have a bas-

assured a most luxurious meal after the merry picnickers are gone. For "Mystic Thoughts" is a good one, and if cleverly done is really quite exciting. Two persons work together and arrange their method beforehand. They tell the company that much of their success depends upon their con-

centration. One of the two then disappears out of sight and hearing, the one remaining asks the circle to definitely settle on a trade and think of that one thing so steadily that the right thought may be transmitted to the absent one, who is then asked to come back. The co-worker asks a number of questions such as "It is a painter?" "No." "Is it a minister?"

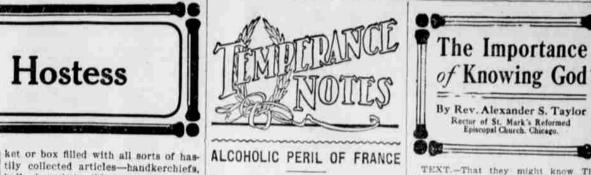
"No." "Is it a blacksmith?" "Yes." The trick is to mention a profession just before the trade agreed upon is mentioned.

Another mystic stunt is called 'Black Art." An object is decided upon and the questioner asks his coworker all sorts of articles, mentioning a black object just before the right one. It often takes some time to discover these tricks and sometimes the company remain mystified, which is so much the better, as they are good for another party.

#### Charity Entertainment.

This novel supper was given by a club of young women in the parlors of a city church. At each place the menu (not filled out, the riddle at top passing buckets of water from hand unguessed) given below was laid with to hand in the volunteer fire compa- a pencil. The guest marked what he nies. The players are formed in two wished and the card was returned

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-- Absinth Taking Firmer Hold of People Every Year.

One of M. Rouvior's measures for making up the budgetary deficit with Here is a new version of "blind suppress the privilege accorded to priman's buff:" Divide the players into vate distillers, who in provincial France still provide a good deal of the alcohol which under various names the rural population consumes in large quantities. M. Rouvier's proposals When caught the bell is surrendered will in all probability become a law. and the private distillers will be suppressed. But the Temps points out that, though the French treasury may blindfold them and see who can feed expect its revenue to increase by such a measure, since the private distillery had no duty to pay, yet there are other reasons which militate against the adoption of this proposal and which the Temps unites under the head of "The Alcoholic Peril." It says that the French countryman will certainly not modify his drinking habits any more than he can alter his inevitable parsimonious character. Under the old regime he at all events drank good spirits, whereas under the new regime, though the spirits may have come from the licensed distiller. It is of such a character that its effect

upon the health of the inhabitants is most disastrous. In Normandy, says the Temps, every one who is not absolutely a beggar at noon takes a cup of coffee freely diluted with cider brandy. This cider brandy costs the private distiller from a franc and a half to two francs per liter, and yet in towns spirit which has paid duty both to the government and to the local authorities can be purchased for a franc a liter. The Temps admits that this concoction may be a marvel of chemical science. but its moral and physical effect upon the consumers is disastrous. Taking

the town of Caen, in Normandy, as an instance, this journal says that before the law making the drink trade free was passed there were 200 cabarets. or about one for every 250 inhabitants, whereas today there are nearly 800 such establishments, or one for every 70 inhabitants. The trade, however, is prosperous, for whereas in 1889 the town dues paid on alcohol amounted to 113,000 francs they have now increased to 187,000 francs, or 66 per cent per annum. The population of the country, however, is on the decrease. Last year in the Calvados department there were 1,223 more deaths than births. Crime and theft are on the increase, as in 1890 the correctional tribunals registered 3,553

noted 4,149. The drink question, this journal thinks, is not only a fiscal one, but one ing their lack of knowledge. Isaiah of national interest, and instead of en- goes so far in his rebuke as to acdeavoring to realize the greatest pos- cuse them of the densest stupidity sible financial profit from it the Temps and calls upon the beavens to hear thinks that the production and con- and the earth to give ear. He is drinks should be favored, while the manufacture of spirits, the basis of which is badly rectified alcohol, should be watched over and hindered in order to combat that which constitutes a social and national danger. The drink beloved of the modern Frenchman has had the misfortune to attract attention itself, and the eye of the political economist has failen upon it unfavorably. The French budget has need of several millions of francs if it is to approximate to a balance, and the amateur tax collectors, who presumably do not drink absinthe, have suggested to the finance minister that he cannot do better than put a tax upon the liquid. It is pointed out that absinthe pays no special duty and is only taxed on the amount of alcohol in it. The strongest absinthe is five times as deleterious as ordinary brandy; the weakest, that which is sold in the drinking shops, is twice or two and a half times as poisonous as the brandy sold in the same places. The argument therefore is that taking three times as the average the duty on absinthe ought to be three times as high as it is, and so the hectoliter Is it any less disgraceful in any Chrisought to pay a duty of 660 francs instead of only 220 francs. The advo- land, not to know God? We trow not! cates of this increased tax point out that absinthe is only very rarely of matchless Son of God ought to set all use medicinally, but that its daily con- men seeking for God. It is given not sumption destroys the nervous system to the disciples, though heard by and brings on epilepsy, paralysis and them. It is spoken in the holy place madness. Every year more of the of prayer. Any man, be he a sinstuff is drunk in France, and it is stated that to its use is due the great best, is approaching his zenith, when mortality from consumption in the French army. It is agreed that ab he prays to his Father. This is no sinthe is poisonous and that the finances of France want a new and whether any minister will have the Father that: "It is life eternal to courage to propose such a far-reaching know the true God, and Jesus Christ, Innovation.

TEXT.-That they might know Thee, the only true God and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent.-John 17:3.

In these days when knowledge is spread through the whole earth, while the making of many books goes merwhich he was faced is a proposal to | rily on and much study is a weariness to the flosh, it may be timely to call attention to the importance of knowing God.

> While man is in this mundane life there are many things which owing to the limitations of this life he shall never know. It is not for him to know the time and the seasons, but, if he be wise, he may understand the signs of the times. Yet we are expressly told that far away above even the imaginations of the human mind in its ghostic flight in the one great Indestructible truth that a man may -nay, that a man must-know God.

If man would cease his molelike ferreting after the mysterious earthworms of philosophy, and come out of his pessimistic darkness, and try to know God and to serve him now, many of his doubts would resolve themselves. If a man does not know God, he has missed the one great, important thing; he has not yet found the key by which he may enter the holy place of his own life.

How he came here, why he came here, why, he goes from here and whither he goes-these things he knows not.

The work of God speaks in no uncertain tones on this subject. It tells us that knowledge of God is dependent upon a spiritual awakening and a revelation from God himself. We are told that there was a time when Samuel "did not know the Lord. for the word of the Lord was not yet revealed to him." We are further told that there came a time when Samuel did know the Lord, and all israel knew that Samuel knew the Lord. And the knowledge of God so impressed itself on the lay mind that the servant of Saul testified of him: Now, there is a man of God in this city? A man who knew God; who walked with God; who made himself felt in the national and individual life of Israel.

The key which David handed to young Solomon was the key of Divine knowledge. "And thou, Solomon, my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and a willing mind." Jeremiah told the men of his day that worldly wisdom, might and riches never would bring a man to glory; that if any man would glory, "Let him convictions, whereas last year they glory in that he knoweth the Lord."

God's controversy with Israel through his prophets was concern-

#### CHAPTER XVII .-- (Continued.)

"He was bribed,' was the ready reintruder continued pacifically, "it would be much more pleasant all around and there would be less personal danger in it for both of us if you would release Signor Petrozinni without question. I may add that no bribe was offered to you because your integrity was beyond question."

"Thank you," said the warden grim-"and it shall remain so as long as have this." He tapped on the desk with the revolver.

"Oh, that isn't loaded," said the masked man quietly.

One quick glance at the weapon showed the warden that the cartridges with a snap at the treachery of it, police headquarters. and with his left hand he pulled back one of the levers-that which should arouse the jallers, turnkeys and guards. Instead of the insistent clangor which he expected, there was silence.

"That wire has been cut," the stranger volunteered.

With clenched teeth the warden pulled the police alarm. "And that wire was cut, too," the

stranger explained.

The warden came to his feet with white face and nails biting into the paims of his hands. He still held the revolver as he advanced upon the masked man threateningly.

"Not too close, now," warned the intruder, with a sudden hardening of his volce. "Believe me, it would be best for you to release this man, because it must be done, pleasantly or otherwise. I have no desire to injure you, still less do I intend that you shall injure me; and it would be needless for either of us to make a personal matter of it. 1 want your prisoner, Signor Petrozinni-you will release him at once! That's all!"

The warden paused, dazed, increduous before the audacity of it, while he studied two calm eyes which peered at him through the slits of the

"And if I don't release him?" he demanded at last, fiercely.

"Then I shall take him," was the reply. "It has been made impossible for you to give an alarm," the stranger went on, "The very men on whom you most depended have been bought, and even if they were within sound of four voice now they wouldn't respond. One of your assistants who has been here for years unloaded the revolver tress of the house noticed that the in the desk there, and less than an our ago cut the prison alarm wire. sonally, cut the police alarm outide the building. So you see!" As yet there was no weapon in

sight, save the unloaded revolver in was again crooked; the same thing

coldly.

"Sit down?" bellowed the warden. Suddenly he was seized by a vio-

lent, maddening rage. He took one sponse. "Now, Warden," the masked step forward and raised the empty revolver to strike. The masked man moved slightly to one side and his clenched fist caught the warden on the point of the chin. The official went down without a sound and lay still, inert. A moment later the door leading into the corridor of the prison opened, and Signor Petrozinni, ac-

companied by one of the guards, enman glanced around at them, and with I can't sign compacts in prison." a motion of his head indicated the door leading to the street. They passed through, closing the door behind them

For a little time the intruder stood had been drawn! His teeth closed he went to the telephone and called

> "There has been a jail delivery at the prison," he said in answer to the "hello" of the desk-sergeant at the other end of the wire. "Better send some of your men up to investigate." "Who is that?" came the answering ington now, to-night." question.

The stranger replaced the receiver on the hook, stripped off his black mask, dropped it on the floor beside the motionless warden, and went out. It was Mr. Grimm!

## CHAPTER XVIII.

#### Notice to Leave.

Miss Thorne, followed by Signor ful to him, for I am the first woman Petrozinni entered the sitting-room of referee in New York county." her apartments in the hotel and turned up the light they found Mr. Grimm al- ed to her .- New York World.

"Leave the city?" gasped Miss Thorne. "Impossible!" exclaimed the prince. "One-half hour," said Mr. Grimm

> "But-but it's out of the question," expostulated Miss Thorne.

"One-half hour," repeated Mr. Grimm. He didn't dare to meet those wonderful blue-gray eyes now. "A special car with private compartments will be attached to the regular train,

> and the only inconvenience to you will be the fact that the three of us will be compelled to sit up all night. Half a dozen other Secret Service men will be on the train with us." And then the prince's entire manner

underwent a change. "Mr. Grimm," he said earnestly, "it is absolutely necessary that I remain in Washington for another week-remain here even if I am locked up tered the warden's office. The masked again-lock me up again if you like.

"Twenty-five minutes," replied Mr. Grimm quietly. "But here," exclaimed the prince ex-

plosively, "I have credentials which will insure my protection in spite of your laws."

"I know that," said Mr. Grimm placidly. "Credentials of that nature cannot be presented at midnight, and you will not be here to-morrow to present them. The fact that you have those credentials, your Highness, is one reason why you must leave Wash-

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Young Woman Made Court Referee. Miss Frieda Thomas started life as a poor girl and had to work hard to become a lawyer.

"I'm just the happiest girl in the world," she said the other day. "Justice Gerard has honored me by apnointing me referee in a foreclosure At fifteen minutes of midnight when procedure. I shall always be grate-The parchment had just been hand-



### Where Art Was at Fault

House Mald Has Trouble With Pleture of Leaning Tower of Pisa.

the mistress said to the maid as she Among the engravings that adorned dusted: the walls of a Toledo woman's home "Mary, you've hung that picture of was one big one of the leaning tower the tower crooked. Just look at it!" of Pisa. One morning, shortly after "That's what I say, mum," returned the domestic, "look at it! The only way I can git that blamed tower to picture of the tower hung crooked She straightened it and said nothing of the matter to the new servant, who had evidently shifted it while

hang straight is to hang the picture crooked."-Lippincott's.

Sleep eight hours only, and on moderately hard bed



**Cotton Dresses** 

HE first is in olive green case | Anglaise, 1% dozen buttons.

ment cloth. The skirt is quite The other would look well in salplain, with just a deep hem. The mon pink linen. The skirt has a Magyar bodice has a prettily wrapped seam down the left side of shaped front arranged over a yoke of front, which is partly trimmed with broderie Anglaise. Buttons and buttons covered in the material. The straps of braid trim the fronts, also bodice has the sleeves cut in with it, productive tax, but it is doubtful over-sleeves, which are split up at the and set to lawn cuffs edged with lace. outside; the under-sleeves are of the The collar matches these; the front broderie to match yoke A little col- is arranged to match skirt and is lar of material finishes the neck. Ma- trimmed with buttons. Hat of black terials required; 412 yards casement chip, edged with salmon pink and cloth 40 inches wide, 1/2 yard broderie trimmed with roses and foliage.

> shade of the gown with which it is worn.

> > Bizarre Color Effects.



millinery keynote. Never were so many sheer, plain

striped silk waists, Long top coats are carried in near-

Eyelet embroidery has a strong vogue in new millinery. With the promise of wider skirts

comes the return of ruffles. White pumps were probably never green, black and purple in a geometric before in so great demand.

the prophecy of wider skirts. The dainty fichu introduced this

son's favorite material for tub dresses. Ecru mousseline de sole has super-

cuffs.

#### Moderate Drinking.

Moderate drinking prepares the soll for drunkenness. It works mischief secretly and imperceptibly and by paralyzing the power of self-control and obscuring the senses brings its victims in unyriads of cases to the verge of inebriety, while all unconscious that the bounds of moderation Some of the latest models in tub have been passed. Men are weak and frocks show bizarre and even weird alcohol is strong-strong to make paucombinations of color. For instance, pers of the wealthy, sluggards of the a violet linen has collar, cuffs and industrious, invalids of the healthy, strappings of turquoise linen and desperadoes of the gentle, imbeciles revers of some black and white of the shrewd and the clever, degradstriped wash goods. A chocolate-toned ed outcasts of those in every class of linen-ugly as possible-is piped with society who were once upright and retomato red and finished with wide spected. It is the plain teaching of a revers of white pique. And a black world-wide experience that in total aband white striped lawn is made constinence exists the only real safespicuous by a belt, waist and sleeve guard .- The Temperance Witness. band trimming combining red, blue,

#### Drink and Scholarship.

A school teacher in Vienna made A pleasing change from the ubiquitan investigation among over 500 chilous, overpopular band of plain madren. He divided them into five terial as a finish to the high-waisted classes: the children who never had frock of striped summer goods was a any alcoholic drink, those who had it group of three scant ruffles seen on a occasionally and those who had it know him better, the old hymn, 'Nearblack and white striped voile. The peasant waist was redeemed from Then he turned to the scholarship records. He found the proportion of lowest marks increased with the frequency of drink using.

sumption of natural and hygienic astonished that the ox knows his owner, and the ass the place for his fodder, but God's people do not know. The depravity of that day was not on account of the lack of religious observance. The smoke from the morning and evening sacrifice went up as regularly as the days came and went.

> It was a time of decent, decorous, esthetic, eye pleasing, ear tickling service; but it had no core; there was no heart in it. It was all external-it was something which the Lord could not get away with; it was abomination to him, and we have no reason to think that God has changed his mind in this year of grace. They offered incense; God wanted clean hearts and pure lives, and these come from knowing God. The apostle Paul denounced the church at Corinth for this very thing, and a strange denunciation it is to come in his matchless argument for the resurrection.

Awake to righteousness and sin not, for some have not the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame." tian community, in any Christian But the great reason given by the cere man, is most sincere, is at his in his closet, after shutting the door. fitting place for cant, dilettantism or sham. It is the one real moment of his life, and the Son of God tells his whom he had sent."

Friends, what an opportunity! To grow in the knowledge of the Father and the Son; this is worth while. To know God experimentally-his purposes in creation and in redeeming grace-this is life eterral "And lesus Christ." The knowledge 13 vet one, for there is no saving knowledge apart from him, just as there was without him nothing made that was made. All men know him, but all men do not know him. What does this knowledge mean?

Salvation alone to him. He alone paid the price of sin. His blood alone cleanseth from sin. He rose for our justification and he will demand a reckoning for our knowledge, our faith and the use to which we put them now. There is no promise of life for ignorance and the solemn duty devolved upon every Christian. And emphatically comes the obligation to know, obey, love, serve and deny ourselves for the living God. It is life sternal so to do.

If we set before ourselves the high resolve that, God helping us, we shall once, twice and three times daily, er, My God, to Thee," will have a fuller, grander meaning, and when the King himself returns to reign in highest marks decreased and of the righteousness and execute judgment on the earth, we shall see him face to face and know as we are known.

# High feather decoration is a fall

ly all vacation trunks. happened the next day and the next.

Finally, one morning, chancing to be in the room where the picture was,

> pattern. More and more insistent becomes

summer has become more than popular.

White linen is apparently the seaseded white for separate collars and plainness by ceinture and fichu of

black satin. The wearer was a slen-Hosiery in every case matches the der girl of perhaps seventeen.