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myself with a cup of coffee and a roll, when which contained a request for my presence Mayonne, situated in the far outskirts of the en of the ugliest looking mortals that I ever city. It was an earnest and peremptory de- saw. mand for my services in an undertaking purporting to be of great difficulty and danger, and which was no less the ferreting out of the perpetrators of a foul murder which had than civilized men. The tallest and most just been committed, and to whom no clue burley of them, who seemed to be their could be obtained. To this was attached a leader, had an especially fiendish expression with. postscript which exhorted me to come in the of features. shortest possible time, and in disguise.

mons as these, and equally in the habit of instantly obeying the mandates of duty, so drank freely, and the landlord, exactly to my it was not long before I was on my way, expectations-although an eye less keen and dressed in the holiday costume of a marketman, well provided with weapons and tools vately signaled the leader of the gang to step and an extra stock of clothing.

After arriving at the depot, I went airect ly to the house of the magistrate, and was admitted into his presence in my assumed character as a poor man who had some complaint to offer. When I was alone with him I introduced myself and he seemed overjoyed to see me. In fact I found him greatly con- their captain, the gang withdrew from the cerned in the discovery of the authors of the house. late tragedy.

Tue affair was as yet a complete mystery to all who knew of it, and he could give me no circumstances which could give a clue to the villains. He, however communicated to me his suspicious, which were strongly-and as facts afterwards proved, not without foundation-fastened upon a set of vagabonds and arch-ruffians who had for some days been hanging around the hotel des Armes, and also upon the landlord, with whom they were on remarkably good terms. The landlord was an Englishman, and had been remarkably reserved in his remarks

npon the subject of the murder. The magistrate advised me to begin my operations at the hotel, and if not entirely successful, my efforts might find some clue which would aid in detection.

He promised me also a reward of five thousand france to be paid out of the private treasury if I succeeded.

My course was instantly adopted. Bidding the magistrate good day, with the promse to do my utmost, I returned immediately to the depot, add finding the station master, whom I knew to be a government official and a trustworthy man, I told him my business. Having let him into my secret, I asked him to land me a trunk, which he readily

Then donning the clothes of a man of busi ness, I found no trouble when the train arrived, in getting a man to take me, trunk and all, in his coach to the hotel des Armes,

By this time night was approaching, and as I entered the hotel wich the air and bearing of a man of business, I took the landlord aside, and pointing to my trunk with an assumed anxiety in my manner, said in a confidential tone, "Monsieur, that trunk contains bank notes to the amount of eighty thousand frances. I want it to occupy the same room with myself, unless you have a stronger place where you could keep it."-I thought I detected a slight flash of delight in his uncertain, gray eyes, as I pronounced these words, and also a slight uneasinese and confusion in his manner, as he replied quickly, 'Oh, yes, monsieure, our rooms are perfectly safe. I will show you and your trunk mmediately to the very strongest in the house, and I have no hesitation in warranting you perfect security."

"Oh. no hurry," said I waving my hand for I wished to draw bim into conversation, that I might more fully understand my man. I touched upon the recent murder, and endeavored to elicit further particulars concerning the affair. But little to my surprise found him not in the least disposed to be communicative on any subject, and least of all on this.

He only said that the perpetrators had not been heard from, and in his opinion never would be. Failing to overcome his reluctance. I ordered my trunk to be taken to my room, whither I immediately followed it myself. Then dismissing the lackey on pretense of making my toilette, I improved the opportunity to examine my quarters.

The room was large and high; the walls were thick and the mouldings heavy. The door-and there was only one-was very strong, and fastened by a lock with a large brass key. Strange to say, this lock aroused it of a pattern easily counterfeited, and I enthe walls they might promise an easy prey. hand, to prevent their entrance, but I had in so exposed a position. planued otherwise. I well knew that an at

I had no doubt were hovering close by, to

take my life, and with it my trunk, which I instantly floored and manacled him, and imhad represented to the landlord as containing such valuable property. I knew that to run such a risk was eminently perilous, but I had just stepped into a cafe to refresh it seemed the shortest, and almost the only method of detection of the late murderers, a billet was handed to me by a messenger, and having finished my examination of the apartment, I descended to the bar-room at head-quarters, Hastily finishing my again, and after calling for supper, sat down lunch, I was soon on my way. Arrived at to wait the development of my plan. And the bureau, I found a dispatch awaiting me I had not long to wait. In half an hour we from the magistrate of the little village of were disturbed by the entrance of half a doz

> They were dressed in every costume, and the expression of their countenances was more like that of gladiators and savages, "A set of fellows fit for murderers," even

I was in the habit of receiving such sum- if they are not murderers," said I to myself The company walked up to the bar, and watchful would not have observed it-priaside with him.

How much I would have given to have heard that conversation. I well know what it was about, and I easily detected a slight uneasiness in the landlord's glance towards me as he returned to the room again.

The next moment, at a sly signal from

And now I felt that the game was fairly ommenced, and felt the need of having my faculties in a thoroughly wide awake state. The villains had gone for the present, with the intention of allaying my suspicions, but I saw through the ruse and knew that the still hour of midnight, would bring them back again to accomplish their foul work with unerring certainty.

I alm ost started as the thought flashed through my brain, "What if they should come before," and I almost shuddered at the thought of finding my room packed with the bloodthirsty villains I had just seen go away from the hotell. No time must be lost. If the robbers should get to my room before me, all my plans would be frustrated, and so giving a yawn or two and complaining of fatigue, I asked the landlord as coolly as 1 could for a light, and went up stairs to my room. Carefully locking the door, I placed the key conveniently in my pocket, and then proceeded to examine the room with the most absolute thoroughness, but without finding anything further to excite my suspi-

I placed my trunk near the head of the bed, then throwing off only a part of my clothes, and placing my revolvers where they would be ready for instant use, 1 proceeded to cover myself up in bed in the exact position of natural slumber. As I lay for hours. broad awake, and listening eagerly for the slightest footfall to break upon the stillness, I need not describe my sensations. Glancing upward at the ceiling, for I had purposely left my light burning, I noticed that the win dows were barred. Somehow or other this discovery seemed to give me fresh courage although up to this time I had no settled idea of the consequences if I had carried out my

But my suspense was not to last long. The minute hand of my repeater was over the hour of one, and in another moment there was a faint noise along the stairway. Instantly every nerve in my body was strung to its utmost tension. I listened eagerly. The sounds came closer, till at length they ceased; and in a minute I thought I heard a low subdued breathing in front of my door .-Collecting my scattered wits, I began to snore loud and long as naturally as I could. This sound seemed to reassure them for the next moment I heard the rattle of the key in the

I grasped my plstols with a nervous grip, while a cold sweat started from every pore in my body. The lock sprang in the socket. and the same gang of ruffians 1 had seen in the bar-room stepped cautiously into the I kept on snoring, and through my half

closed lids saw them creep slowly forward,

closing the door after them. An almost uncontrollable impulse urged me to spring forward and battle for my life, but I felt the time had not yet come. It cost me a tremendous struggle to restrain myself, as I saw one of the villains approach the bed. One of them began the job of forcing my trunk while one of the others held a sponge to my nostrils as I lay still snoring in bed. I now felt that the last moment had come, and with a spring like a lightning I was in the midst of my suspicions. I examined the key and found the robbers, sending a ball through the skull of one of them. and felling another to the floor tertained no doubt that these robbers-if with the butt of my pistol. This movemen any there were-would attempt an entrance on my part was so sudden, that it struct by means of a duplicate, and once within them dumb with amazement, and taking advantage of the moment, I leaped through the It would have been easy for me, with a door, and turned the key on the outside, variety of tools and contrivances close at which they had, unfortunately for them, left

tempt would be made by the villians, whom were securely caught in their own trap - quarter husband. Meeting the landlord in the passage way, I

mediately sent for a posse of constables who served the rest of the gang in the same man-

I need only say that they were convicted of the murder, and received the condign punishment which their deeds so richly merited.

#### CURING A WIFE.

Mr. Dimlight, for the past ten years, has prayed every day that his wife would tumble down stairs and oreak her neck, or else die like a Chaistian in her bed.

The simple reason for this is, that Mrs. Dimlight was for d of complaining, taking medicines and having protracted interviews with the doctor, all of which required money, and money Mr. Dimlight hates to part

In fact, he had much rather part with Mrs. Dimlight; but that lady manifested no intention of leaving this pleasant world and taking up her abode in an uncertain sphere --Neither did she say that she should live eaving her lord in an uncertain state, and her physician in a perplexed condition. The doctor said she wanted rousing, and Dimlight thought he would do something to start her, and get her out of bed.

He hit upon a plan which he thought wo'd operate in a satisfactory manner,

Mrs. Roundwink acted in the capacity of nurse to Mrs. Dimlight. Roundwink is a widow, very pretty and very coquetish. For a handssme present she resolved to enact the part that Dimlight marked out for her, so one evening, when Mrs. Dimlight was groaning, and threatening to die, Dimlight called her to the window.

"She is going to kick the bucket at last." said the husband, "so you and I may as well fix things so that we can start fair."

Mrs. Dimlight turned her head and stopped moaning. Her eyes began to assume an unnatural brilliancy. The parties in the room took no notice of her.

Yes, said Mrs. Roundwink, "she is going at last. Now we can talk over our own affairs., Mrs. Dimlight raised her form in bed, and

sat boldly apright. She listened attentively, and her eyes grew brighter. "How soon snall we be married after she is dead ?" asked Dimlight, passing his arms around the substantial waist of Widow Round wink. "I suppose you will be willing to wait a week or two?" simpered Mrs. Roundwink

lovingly. Mrs. Dimlight utfered an exclamation which sounded profane, and giving one spring landed on the floor.

"You think I'm going to die, do you?"\_ she yelled. "I'll see you hanged first !-I'll live to spite you-yes, I will! Now out of this house," turning to Mrs. Roundwink, "for act as my own nurse, you good-for nothing

And from that day there was rapid im

His version of the love-making scene is not believed by the restored Mrs. Dimlight.

How to FALL ASLEEP .- The great point to be gained in order to secure sleep is to escape from thought especially from that clinging, tenacious thought, which in most cases of wakefulness has possession of the mind, I always effect this by the following simple process : "I turn my eye balls as far to the right or left or upwards or downwards, as I can without pain, and then commence rolling them slowly, with that divergan ce from a direct line of vision, around in their sockets, and continue doing so until fall asleep, which occurs generally within three minutes -always within five at the most. The immediate effect of this procedure differs from that of any other that I have ever heard to procure sleep. It not merely diverts thought into a new channel, but actually suspends it. Since I became aware of this I have endeavored, innumerable times, while thus rolling my eyes, to think upon a particular subject, and even upon that which before kept me awake, but I could not. As long as they moved around, my mind was blank. If any one doubts this, let him try the experiment himself. I wish he

would; let him pause just here and make it. I venture to assure him that, if he makes it in good faith, in the manner described, the promise of "a penny for his thoughts," or for each of them, while the operation is in progress, will add very little to his wealth Such being its effect, we cannot wonder that it should bring sleep to a nervous and wakeful man at night. The philosophy of the matter is very simple. A suspension of thought is to the mind what a suspension of travel or labor is to a weary body. It eniovs the luxury of rest; the strain upon its faculties, is removed ; it falls asleep as naturally as the farmer in his chair after toiling all day in his fields.

It is often a pretty good matrimonial firm It was now their turn to tremble for they that consists of three quarters wife and one-

Wa. H. Szwann, Se'y of State,

The Washington Conspiracy Case.

Were this trial to have taken place before respectable civil court, it seems to us that though nearly all the defendants would be damned socially, as maliciously inclined inbeciles-anything like a legal conviction on evidence, as to any capital offense, would be very difficult, if not impossible. In this the reason that the "Bureau of Military Justice" unknown to our laws-has given over the trial to the 'Inquisition," the "Star Chareber," the "Court of High Confession?"-In short, to sum it all up in one illegal term that is to be given over to future execution a "Military Commission!" And that, too, in

times of what they tell us is peace !

AlLong Speech .- On one of those flembi. able days when the Ransas-Nebrasks bill was being debated, Senator Seward tapped Douglas on the shoulder, and whispered in his ear that he had some "Bourbon" in the Senator's private room, which was twenty vears old, and upon it he desired to get Douglas's judgment. The "Little Giant" declined. stating that he meant to speak in a few minutes, and wished his brain unclouded by the fumes of liquor. At the conclusion of his speech, Douglas sank down exhausted in his chair, hardly conscious of the congratulations of these who flocked around him. At this juncture Seward seized the orator's arm and bore him off to the Senatorial sanctum. "Here's the Bourbon, Douglas.said Seward;

ry some-its sixty years old:" "Edward," remarked Douglas, "1 have made to-day the longest speech ever delivered; history has no parallel for it."

"How is that?" rejoined Seward, "you spoke about two hours only !"

Douglas, smiling, replied,-"Don't you recollect that a moment before obtained the floor you invited me to partake of some Bourbon twenty years old, and now, immediately after closing my remarks, you extend to me some of the same liquor, with the assertion that ic is sixty years old !-forty years, speech was never delivered be-

Seward acknowledged the "corn," and the wo enemies (politically) "smiled."

A STAGE SCENE IN AMERICA .- A writer,

who has traveled extensively, says that he witnessed rather a strange scene in Shakspeare's beautiful tragedy of "Romeo and Juliet." It was at one of the Western theatres. The piece had passed off well without interruption until the the last scene. The character of Romeo \*\* ax excellently enacted and loudly applauded. The very model of the lover was before the tomb of the Capulets, gazing upon the motionlest form of her whe had so attracted his soul, and meditating upon committing an act which would send his spirit to that undiscovered country where he you don't stay here another minute! I can supposed Juliet had gone. Just as he exclaimed. 'Here to love ?' and at the same time raising the vial which contained the polson to his lips, a stalwart young countryman provement in Mrs. Dimlight's health. She jumped upon the stage, seized him; dashed no longer tolerates nurses, but one can im- the vial from his hand, crushing it into atoms, agine what kind of a life poor Dimlight and yelling, "Yer stupid foo!", she ain't dead ! Only been takin' a little sleepin' medicine .-Didn't yer get the parson's letter ?" "Sirrah ?" growled the tragedian, while the houselfairly shook with laughter. "Why, yer girl sin't dead I tell ye. The way it was, they wanted to make Julie marry that chap that," peinting to paris, "whose business you have just settled; but I tell yer Julie war pluck -she got her back right up, and vowed she wouldn't do it, even if she war in the vault, and the ghost of the other fellow whom you killed should dash her brains out with the bones of some of her dead cousins. Wal, her pluck war up, and she took the stuff the parson fix. ed; so he could play possum till you got hum That's the way it war," added the countryman, giving the desparate lover a poke in the ribs with his elbow, and at the same time loosing his hold. "Curse the fellow !" muttered the raging tragedian, as he stalked behind the scenes. "Wal, now," said the ccuntayman facing the audience. "if that ain't a leetle the meanest cuss I ever did see, 1 hope to be swowed. That's all the thanks 1 git for stopping him from pizening himself .-Hope to be tarnly smashed if ever 1 go to interfere again when a fellow wants to murder himself,' he continued, at he clambered back to his seat, just in time to prevent his upper story from coming in contact with the curtain' as it descended.

> The human race is undoubtedly of more mportance than a horse race.

You should never wink at faults, and not

too often at the ladies. Speak and write by the card, but do not play by it.

It is a bad habit to carry your plus or your religion in your mouth.

There are three faithful friends an old wife, an old dog, and ready money The noblest question in the world it-

August is unquestionably the harvest month of reapers and doctors.

humbagged by alle bales."

What good can 1 do ?