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was the sound of my own voice would be disinherited.
that waked me from the state of What was to be semiconscious wretchedness which point I tried to think clearly. The room had the gray gloom of a dim cell under ground, and the four walls my way through this difficulty. With cell under ground, and the four walls lurked in shadow like four dark robed deliberation I laid my heavy head inquisitors watching some tortured vie- against the cushioned chair and closed

ngainst the brazer grille at the head of the bed. The bars were as cold as an of the eyes were sore. I saw many vi-Eskimo's idea of perdition, and no sions-the old days at Sayville; Gerdoubt they printed their pattern on me | trude, seventeen years old, upon a tenas I crouched there for two minutes his field shaking down the masses of forehead with my clinched hand. "How gibbering like a scared monkey. Have her hair disordered in the game, the should I remember anything? Where ing attained full consciousness through



A MAN WITH A LANTERN LEADS ME TO A

come quite usual with me, I began to automatically before waking: "As her husband is a citizen of Rhode

Could it be possible that I had put those words into a letter addressed to the one person in the world who mustn't know that the young woman in question has a husband? I knew myself too well to doubt that I had done it. My memory, for all useful am in the very act of discussing it.

into the heaven of sleep-I am liable the boat across the bay. to remember anything-minute-details | Mails reach Sayville about 2 o'clock of my boyhood, the exact turn of a in the afternoon, coming down by stage ed a scene of youth, but chiefly my by the best calculation that I could own faults and errors. These, whether come into my mind with startling suddenness and always with absolute accuracy, so far as I am able to determine. Sometimes I repeat aloud my own words or those of others; sometimes I utter vain protests against the recurrence of such thoughts, but the end is always the same-I pass through purgatory in the wrong direction and am cast into the torment of Wide-

The way in which this memory had come to me stamped it as genuine. Moreover, I have a rule for such matters, and I rely upon it with a sad certainty-that which is good is a dream. that which is bad is true.

I arose, shivering, and huddled some clothes upon me, with a heavy hooded bath robe over them. Then I made a fire of sea coal in the parlor and sat down before it to meditate upon a state of affairs which, briefly stated. was this:

An old gentleman named Christopher Hooper, who lives in Sayville, on the Maine coast, a pretty little town where I have spent a summer or two, had the status of certain property. He particularly desired to know what would become of it in case he should die without a will. He did not say why he wished to die without a will, but I was of the opinion that he might do worse. Indeed, I was considerably relieved to find that such was his intention. If he should not change his mind upon this point his granddaughter. Gertrude Ellis, would inherit about a quarter of a million dollars, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

In regard to the property mentioned in his letter asking my advice there might be a squabble over the matter of partition, and if litigation should arise the situation would be complicated by the fact that Gertrude was no longer a minor, with a legal residence in Maine, but was secretly married to Robert N. Ellis of Rhode Island.

Ellis was a young man who had had a little money and had lost it through neglecting the advice of Christopher Hooper. This was a serious offense, but he had cut himself off from pardon by taking a position on a newspaper Mr. Hooper despised all newspapers as a result of having been abused by one of them in the course of a political campaign in 1868. Ellis had met

Gertrude in summer vacations. = : had. He was still in his youth and with a sunny view of life. It was better that he should win her. I had never striven against him nor said one word in my own cause. I had no exalted notions of self abnegation. I thought that this would be like other

sorrows, but somehow it isn't. They made a great friend of me, and when it came to their childish folly of a secret marriage I was their sole cor fidant. I tried to dissuade them, self ishly, generously, I don't know which Perhaps the meeting of those storms of may have had something to do with the condition of it. At any rate, if it hurt married as a guarantee to Ellis tha old Christopher Hoop r's opposition mony occurred in New York, where Gertrude spends her winters with an aunt who is so dul! of wit that I think the wedding might have taken place in her own partor and she have been none

It was some months later that I had my letter from Mr. Hooper. As I sat down to answer it I said to myself: "I must be careful. I don't know what I'm about.

I had done my best with it, and my

best had been as bad as possible, for those words had crept in:

the man, and as Hooper had once been though backed by all the resources of perjury that are known to a New York

so that Mr. Hooper would not die without a will. No direct advice upon the point could have been half so effective. of ink after reading my letter Gertrude

I call sleep. The hour was uncer- must be a way out of it. I said to mytain, but the night seemed on the wane. self that if I could have ten minutes of I sat upon a pfllow with my back that held them open-springs that with the letter. I must think of that. "Have you heard"-

All that is good is a dream.

It is a comfort to ride in a railroad the mystery of divine mercy, averted train. The engineer knows his way, it or would have done so but for my and the conductor, for a consideration, will put an absent minded passenger off at the proper station. If he happens to forget to render this service just where to look for the bit of lunacy why should the absent minded passenger make trouble? Rather let him be it stood, most plainly written down, comforted by the thought that some | "As her husband is a citizen of Rhode one else has lost his memory. However, Island." The phrase had recurred to Boston is a terminal, so there is no risk. me accurately in sleep. In Boston it is raining to a degree
The need of the moment was for quick and accurate thought upon the roof of the cab in which I cross the present emergency, but there was no scending upon it.

Beyond Boston the train seems like a submarine boat. Night closes in, and the rain still falls. We are late at Portland, later yet at the junction where in the room over my head. Without a I must change to the little branch road. notion as to what I should say or do I A man with a lantern leads me to a rushed up the stairs four at a leap. little inn that looms in an ocean of rain. He takes it for granted that I want to go to bed. Probably he has never seen a man who did not have that natural inclination at such an bour of the

purposes, is gone. I meet my friends region seemed to be a lake. I had many and do not know their names; I talk misgivings, yet the branch train startwith them and forget the subject ed confidently on time. It ran about which is under discussion even while I ten miles and then stopped while the track ahead was tested and repaired. But when I am asleep-or sunk in A few miles farther along the same that purgatory of mental stress through process was repeated, and so we crept which I never can quite win my way down to Belfast, arriving too late for

phrase or glance of an eye that mark- along the east bank of the Penobscot. make my letter had been in the very train that had taken me to the junction. It would probably fail to make tonnections at Bangor because of the storm and would not go down to Say. have looked after fox coverts I have ville until next day, but if I should often been puzzled by the disappearance wait for tomorrow's boat I might be of well known foxes and have become too late to intercept the letter, the margin of time being very narrow. Therefore it was advisable for me to hire my hounds several times, often turn their own transportation across the bay. It was 2 o'clock when we drifted into In a small covert that I know well

ram Banks, who was Mr. Hooper's he loped quietly homeward after his

handy man. "Rather early for summer visitors, mind being seen. When the season b'en in a hurry. Goin' up to the house, I suppose. I knew Mr. Hooper 'd writ- unstopped drain in our neighbor's terribad. I'm goin' for the doctor."

"Just come from there," he replied. of the terriers, who knew all about

hopes, and it had prostrated the old man. Well, I might have expected as ination showed nothing. The tree was and sent this message to Gertrude: "Matter of R. N. E. necessitates your

his letter as the excuse for it.

"The stage?" I gasped. "It gets in an hour earlier Thurs

"She came by the stage," said he. "I

days," said he. "Don't ye remember"



"As her husband is a citizen of

The name of the state would identify lawyer, could repair the mischief.

Beyond doubt I had arranged matters If he lived long enough to find a bottle

What was to be done? Upon this my eyes despite the force of the springs picture of youth; the first time I ever is she?"

Mailed about half past 10 of the even- "I ain't heard nothing," said he. "Is ing, it had not yet started on its way there likely to be a rumpus?" Boston. Only one mail a day at Say- I strode by him into the parlor and ille. I wrote a letter to Gertrude once | flung my overcoat off upon the floor. and beat it to Sayville by a full day's As I did so something fell out of the time. If I take the fast express at 10 breast pocket. I picked it up. It was o'clock this morning I may be there in time. In that case I'll find some way I had forgotten to mail it! All this to intercept the letter. I'll bribe a serve mental torment, this self accusation, ant. So that's all settled and off my this scurrying across country, this inmind, and I may sit here in this chair same summons to Gertrude, had been and dream of things that aren't true. wholiy

Next day the weather had cleared. The sun shone brightly, but the whole

Sayville harbor. While I was walking up the main fellow he was. I have more than once street of the town I encountered Hi- met him when taking an early ride as

"Has he been to the mail?" I de-

"when he was took." So my letter had come despite my hedgerow and began to whimper and What was to be done? My not difficult to climb. It proved to have mind refused to take hold of the prob- a hollow trunk, and there, at the botlem, but some instinct directed my tom, was my friend curled up fast I went to the telegraph office asleep. His mask smiles on me as I

Then I went to the Hooper house. The old gentleman was quite ill, and the doctor advised me not to try to see him. I waited till evening, when he was considerably improved, and then I went to his room. His first words let me know that he had not received my letter, but in the meantime I had had a telegram from Gertrude saying that she had started. I had not the resolution to tell Mr. Hooper this. Gertrude must explain her own coming. As to mine, I had no trouble, alleging

I went down to the Belfast boat to meet Gertrude next day. My soul feared the sight of her. The boat did not bring her, and I hurried back to the house. Banks was standing on the steps.



"Remember?" I echoed, striking my tmitates is a free man.-Klopstock.

## WASHINGTON LETTER

them for having brought it out. The title is "Our Good Old Uncle Joe," and goes to the tune of "I Smoked My

We have with us a pleasant guest, One whom we love to know; Of all the good souls the rarest, best, His friends call "Uncle Joe."

Oh, he's a man to know, This same old "Uncle Joe;" Search high and low The stars below, There's none like "Uncle Joe."

This song was first rendered at a recent festive gathering at the residence of Representative Sibley of Pennsylvania, when he entertained in honor of ex-Speaker Henderson. Messrs. Tawney and Sherman made a decided hit in their rendering, particularly with

He's a witty, wise and tactful man, His words do easy flow; He seldom bets a bobtail flush, Our esteemed "Uncle Joe."

There were several stanzas of like heartfelt tribute, but enough has been given to convey an idea of the spirit of the tuneful lay.

"Gone up to his room," he replied.

which had caused the trouble had, in

that had dribbled from my pen. There

one to think it. I stood wringing the

letter in my dripping hands until it

was a mere rag, and my mind was

wrung in precisely the same way. All

Some one said "Come in!" as I

Gertrude was sitting upon a hassock

ding tears.' As I entered she rose

A WISE OLD FOX.

Eluded the Hounds.

In common with other people who

wits to account to avoid being hunted.

write. After a seven mile point and

on a good scenting day he met his fate.

Inspiration For a Ball Gown.

Among the many characteristic stories that have been told of the methods

that were used by the great man dress

great belle desired to have absolutely

unique. The great man spent the night

the idea refused to materialize. Weary

with their fruitless toil, the three art

and forget their disappointment in

cigarette. "Voila! It is the dawn!

Worth, and "Dawn," with its subtle harmonies of gray and violet and rose

shot through with gold, was the suc

The earliest church permanently esablished in Maine is said to have been

Episcopal. Services were held at Saco

in 1637. At what is now Popham serv

ices were held frequently in 1607, the

the rites of the Episcopal church in

any part of the United States north

of Virginia and the first Protestant

worship and preaching by an ordained

minister in any portion of this vast

Probably even in prehistoric times

nen have noticed the face of the "man

in the moon." Plutarch noticed it and

even wrote a whole book about the face

other objects are supposed to be visible The dark markings on the surface are

bounding rice. In India they are said

to resemble a rabbit. To the Persians

they seem like the earth's oceans and continents reflected in a mirror.

Kwoter-He thinks he's still youthful. Well, you know the old saying,

Newitt-Yes, and when an old fool dyes

his whiskers there's nobody fooled but the old fool.—Philadelphia Press.

The Man in the Moon.

maker of Paris, Worth, in creating his

-Country Life.

cess of the ball.

knocked at Hooper's door. Entering, I

beheld the old gentleman lying upon a

quite its customary expression.

am so glad you sent for me!"

Cautious Secretary Shaw. prive the sightseeing public who visit | London Lancet publishes the analysis Washington of one of the most popular souvenirs of the trip. The little busts | was found to have a "nutrient value" of Washington and Lincoln in greenback pulp, with the bits of bills in nunc in the treasury department has form of diet as has been supposed, and convinced the secretary that it is a conjectures that it yields as much susdangerous thing to allow the green- tenance as beefsteak are certainly not back pulp to be made up into such supported by its chemical composi-trinkets and sold, as they often contain pieces of quite noticeable size, and ter is only moderate, and it must be rethere is a constant temptation to pick | membered that in calculating the nu-

them out and patch together a bill. No one here ever heard of the thing being done, and one of the expert Probably the true albuminoids and mathematics out at the Naval observatory made a computation that in ly lower than would appear from the the doctrine of chances it would not be done but once in 8,000,000 years. is rather large, and the quantities of Nevertheless Mr. Shaw is a very careful man, and he will take no chances even at the ratio named. The greenback pulp is hereafter to be more carefully guarded and will be ground to a fine flour so that it will lose all identity with its former noble purpose as money. The bust modelers will be per mitted to use this, but they say that no one will want to buy the things unless they can see the bits of greenback

sticking out of them. A Gentleman's Weight.

couch and propped up with pillows. Secretary Taft is huge. He is tall and broad and thick. At Senator For It was of a perfect whiteness and as fine as the strands of a sunbeam. With aker's reception in his honor the other night somebody looked the secretary his clear blue eyes it gave him a certain beauty, and I marked a serenity over and asked, "Mr. Secretary, how much do you weigh?" upon his countenance that was not

"You remember that Speaker Reed told a similar inquirer that no gentle beside the couch. She had been shed- man weighs more than 200 pounds don't you?" said the secretary. "Yes: I believe he did say something

quickly and with the spring and the grace of youth. The old man eyed her of that kind." "Well," boomed the secretary, "I admiringly in the second's time before have revised that. I tell everybody "I have confessed all to grandfather, that no gentleman weighs more than

and he has forgiven me," she said. "1 300 pounds." Obliging Policemen

Washington police are the most obliging in the country. The other afternoon a woman went into the Sixtl precinct station house and complained to Sergeant Goss: "My husband has not been home to his dinner, and everything is getting cold. I wish you would make him come home." Whereupon a detachment of coppers wen band, found him playing poker in a room over a tailor shop and sent him home double quick to his dinner. Then they arrested the host, and he was fined \$50 the next morning.

David and Goliath. When Senator Stewart was engineer night's foraging. He never seemed to ing the Indian appropriation bill in the senate Senator Spooner entered vigor ain't it?" he inquired. "How'd ye opened he gave us one or two capital ous objection to some of its provisions come? Sailboat, eh? You must 'a' runs, on the second occasion only just Mr. Spooner, whose seat is directly in saving his brush by scrambling into an front of Mr. Stewart's, is about five feet tall. Mr. Stewart is at least six ten to ye. He's sick. Just took; quite tory. After that he was never to be feet. The latter persisted in preserving certain provisions in the bill which Mr. found when hounds came. Yet he was seen about as usual at other times. One | Spooner thought should be rejected, and finally the "little glant from Wis day when walking near the covert one consin" used a gesture which closely resembled shaking his fist at the bi foxes, took a line to an old tree in the Nevadan "David and Goliath," remarked Senator Free to Senator Plat would hand David his sling," remarked the tall senator from Connecticut without a suggestion of a smile.

Chinese Voters Republicans. A San Francisco man says that al Chinamen who become voters in the United States vote the Republican ticket. Only those who are born in this country can become voters, the immigrants being excluded. This gen tleman told me that the political alliance of the Chinese was determined by the close alliance on the Pacific surprises there is one of a commission coast of the labor unions and the he received for a fancy gown which a Democratic party. Labor unions are not liked by the Chinese and they are apt to be prejudiced against any party that is closely affiliated with the un-

consulting with his collaborators, but Would Hate to Crowd Mr. Dalzell. A bright faced page about ten years old was talking with Representative Ruppert of New York. said one. "Ciel! It is the dress!" cried "Who had you appointed?" Mr. Rup

pert asked. "Mr. Dalzell of Pennsylvania," the youngster answered. "I suppose when you grow up you are coming to congress to succeed Mr

Dalzell?" "Well, I'd hate to crowd Mr. Dalzeli out," answered the page hesitatingly CARL SCHOFIELD. Fine Old Netherlands Repartee.

One Barend Vet of The Hague had recently the misfortune to call a constable a monkey, an accusation which one of the local papers pointed out as "being, of course, untrue" and which, moreover, is a form of untruth not permitted in Holland. Vet was arrested and brought before the judge on a charge of "insulting the police," being sentenced to forty-five days' imprisonment. Before being removed he turned to address the court. "Then I must not call a constable a monkey?" he said. "Certainly not. You must not insult the police." The culprit reflected. "May I ca'l a monkey a constable?"; he asked, with a flash of genius. The judge shrugged his shoulders and, holding no brief for the animal, replied, "If it gives you any satisfaction." With a smile of gratification Vet turned on his heel in the dock and bowed to his prosecutor. "Good day, consta ble," he said. St. James Gazette.

Yern-Now, if all men would vote as they pray this would truly be a happy world. Dern-But if that should ever happen you wouldn't get the average He who thinks for himself and rarely | man to the point | Catholic Standard. man to the polls once in ten years.

THEY DIDN'T PART.

so for a long time." "Well, do you hale the carbonic acid which they have know of any lady?" "Yes; I do. Is gathered from the soil and air and over the movements of the group of selected the same woman, the manager of a hotel at Okehampton. "Well," ing the hours of darkness, when the keyboard typewriter in the early stage time of life." So they tossed up who is prudent in spacious wards is imper- violinists, telegraph clerks, tailors and should marry her. The winner rode ative in smaller chambers. and was accepted. All three lived together and the wife nursed both brothers in their last illness and was left

Plum Pauding as Food,

In popular belief plum pudding, Secretary Shaw has decided to de- | large proportion of nutriment. The of 68 per cent and the other of 59. It appears that, although most agree

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think one of us ought to marry?" all plants and flowers are removed the work to it. It is probably cause from hospital wards, because they ex by the complete exhaustion of sor there any one you fancy?" On com- thus give off by a process similar to muscles involved. We may therefore conclude that dur- cure, though the substitution of "we have lived together all respiratory process is active and the is often of no avail. A dial machine it's a pity we should fall out at our have no place in our bedrooms. What thumb, is not so successful. Planist

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