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An Incident in the Stege of the Alamo. BY EDGAR MATREW BACON.

with his little company of Americans was holding the fortress against the ta Anna, led by Castrillon and Cos. A devoted band of young men, inmantle courage, cut their way through the Mexican lines and gained the to die with its defenders. When the ever-whelming force of the Mexicarcame the little garrison only six of the Americans were alive to ut they were afterward killed on Santa Anna's orders.

trillon, hold your place wave's relentions flow a from the trembling plain Cos, what hope of grace? sep the Alamo

Brave steed and rider fall hot, accursed hail drops the nerveless sword; ing bends the advancing wall e guarding with his flail inna's Mexic horde.

roth the wind has torn, right and half to left, Mexican array; sel, tempest-horae, through the crimson cleft ters held their way.

On the fort deep silence fell Over Travis's hero band. No eye sought a neighbor's face; Chained, as by a potent spell, Panting stood they, steel in hand, For a leaf-fall's tardy space.

Then rang out the plandits deep As upon the hither side. Like a sumburs; after rain, From that fearful furrow leap Horse and horseman, stride to stride, Coming down across the plain.

Those who smiled, unmoved, at fate, Dauntless in the face of death, Men of iron—ran amain, Shouting, to the fortrees gate; Laughing, sobbing, in a breath, When at length the troop drew rein.

From his post the leader came, Met them with untachbied face, 'It was nobly done and great." Then he added, smiling grave, 'Ill the prize for such a nice, Help from San Filipe comes late."

"Life or death, what odds" they cries.
"We have ridden fast to-day
(Ask Almonte how we came)
Just to fight at Travis' side,
There is nothing more to say;
Room to die is all we claim."
—Youth's Companion.

## A PERVERSION OF JUSTICE

BY EDWARD DOBBON.

book, and the poor, often ignorant, man turned toward the village.

"The first place we visited was a resort we knew the men frequented."

"My man, however, thought that my friend and I were in league with the must by this time have grown accus-

ogh his pockets, taking the two in the snow. Chris, however, got a left here last night.' Cautioning the good look at the wielder of the weap- man to secrecy, my friend and I soon on. But if did not stand him in very been of the greatest assistance in send- tion.

"My man soon recovered consciouswith blood streaming down his face, and with lumps on his head almost as assault with intent to kill, hoping that, in the water. Later the bird and fish big as one's fist. It was with some by making the charge as strong as what had befallen him. He told me ment of the accused men. We did not that the sleigh had large runners, and forget that their friends were all-powthat the horse was white. That was erful 'roundabouts. They were ara good clew, as I had noticed such rested on the following day, and at a toblele, containing three men bent on a hearing the Squire set a date when having a hilarious time, traveling about the trial was to be held. In the meanthe vicinity for the past three days. Moreover, I had recognized these men, and my suspicion was directed against them. But my man was positive that faith in human nature and justice was there were only two men engaged in to be rudely shaken!

ing the fellows to jail.

"Securing a revolver apiece, we went got out and went through my man's clothes, where they threw his body, I cleansed Chris's wounds and dressed his head, cautioning him to remain as on the morrow.

"Early on Sunday morning, a clear,

HE man was in a reminiscent fresh as though it had been just made. Made me sign paper know nothing curean appetite may denote aristomood. He was touched with While balf way to the village I met an who robbed me. Gave me \$2.70, but cratic tendencies on the part of my gray, and his eventful life was old acquaintance, who facetionaly com- my cane gone for ever? We realized boarders, but I don't approve of it. filled with strange happenings mented upon my being out so early. I what they had done. Chris had signed Most of these acquired tastes are a that afforded many an interesting tale told him the story of the assault, which a deposition absolving the prisoners perversion of natural animal appetite, to those be honored with his reflec- brought from him the remark that he, of any complicity in the highway rob- and it is likely to prove harmful in too, had noticed the trail left by the hery, and he had received a paltry the end. The trick is pretty expen-We were seated in the sitting-room wide runners of the sleigh. We com- sum of money to compensate him for sive for us fellows that run ext-andwaiting for the call to dinner. The pared notes and reached the conclusion the amount taken from him. The dog boarding houses, and I'd like to occasion was a family reunion, or, at least, a gathering of as many relatives than the son of a nearby village hotel ter the law justly, had compounded a as could be present. All the family proprietor and the son of a local hos- felony. A wilful perversion of justice news had been told and discussed, telry keeper. They were on a pro- had resulted, but I don't know but

ils behind him, and side-stepped into were in it, too, ch?' I replied, "Yes,' mighty jar." ep snow for the vehicle to pass with- but I did not inform him just how I out furning aside. As the sleigh drew was in it. I then said that the stolen sar Chris, the driver swerved the cane was a highly prized accepsake toward him, and before he was from the victim's father, and gave my

were of danger, the fellow in the hearer the impression that I would snatched the cane from my man's like to return it to the owner, who, I ind, grabbed him by the lapels of had found, was a farm-hand. 'Say.' est, and belabored him about I said, in a confidential tone, what the head. He was stunned as a result did Clark do with the poor fellow's assault, and his assailants went hat and cone? The man healtated a is truly remarkable. moment, then he replied, 'Clark broke rs and a few cents which were the stick in pieces and burned it with They also took his hat and the hat in that stove yonder. I saw cane, and drove off, leaving him lying him do it just before he and Wilson started for home, and on the way good service, when it should have thither we decided on a plan of ac-

"We told Chris the result of our sleuthing trip, and persuaded him to | Clark with highway robbery and with | ulty that I got him to relate just possible, we would secure the punishtime we made out a perfect case against the men, and were confident that we could convict them. Alas, our

"At last the day of the trial, My man was sure that he could identify the report of the Interstate Commerce over the trail made by the runners of the person who assaulted him. My Commission: the sleigh. They left a very wide friend and I were interested in the track which we had no difficulty in case only to get justice for Chris, ninety-eight per cent, of the total. following. We saw where the men whose confidence in us was almost turned in, where the horse stopped, child-like. We made the mistake of the year ending June 30 last, where the scuille occurred, where one not hiring a lawyer to look after the Interests of Chris. The accused were \$84,003. represented by well-known local lawand where they continued their jour- yers, their friends packed the court- mile of line. ney. We then returned home, when room, and even the 'Squire was a close friend of the prisoners' families. per mile of line. Before the case was called, and while client as the Sphinx about the assault | the accused men were within our sight, I promised to do what I could for him I got my man, unobserved by any one, to identify the man who dealt him erisp day, I began the search for in- tification, and my belief that the pris- als of leased lines, aggregated \$150. eriminating clews. The trail was as oners would be convicted was strength- 735,784,

med. The case was called, the prethen Chris was requested to identify the man who assaulted him. I watched by Appellite For Smallpox and Jenner. him nervously, as I saw that the man conspicuous person in the room. Chris but it would take a day's journey to glanced around and a look of disap. pointment overcome his features. Again be surveyed all present, and to my in sked of the attendant. tense astonishment pointed to a man who

trap had been set for my man, we ally starving himself to death. refused to go. Whereupon the 'Squire The attendant passed on to a neighboring cage and poked his finger sportremained in the room during the hear. Ively into the side of a large gray cat ing he was to arrest us for contempt that "meowed" plaintively in response of court. We decided to retire, but to his cheery "Hello, there Caesar." fully expected to be called as wit. The cat had such a healthy, wholesome nesses. We left Chris, who could not appearance that the visitor inquired understand English, to face a hostile what meat he was fed upon "Humph!" crowd alone. An interpreter was pro- said the attendant, "You've missed it vided, but he twisted the replies in the there. He doesn't feed upon ment. favor of the prisoners. The rulings He's a vegetarian. He likes onlone betof the 'Squire, too, were such that the ter than anything else, unless it's meievidence of my man was declared in ons. A good many cats like melons,

law pretty generally becomes the We were well known to the proprietor, others, and all that we did was for tomed to them. worse off for the connection. How- My friend remarked in a casual way the purpose of clearing the men of It was not so long ago that an Engworse off for the connection. However, a case of the perversion of justies, in which I was mixed up, has
just occurred to me.

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gers." as they are called now, was place was the village near formation that they had dropped in on shortly left my service. Wilson be- potentate, while still another had to New York where I had my farm. A him last night and carried on some came a prosperous hostelry proprietor send election results to a German heavy fall of snow had covered the what. After an exchange of pleasant- nearby. As for Clark, two months Cabinet Minister. The Duke of Saxeroads, making them in some localities ries, which would leave no other im- later he was appointed a constable by Coburg bired a messenger boy to field impassable. We had finished our pression than that we had only an the Squire. A number of burgiaries his termis balls. Other boys have taken week's work and were preparing for ordinary interest in the actions of the 'which aroused the neighborhood were Indian noblemen to the theatres, and Bunday. Chris Johnson, an illiterate men who had become our quarry, we proved to the satisfaction of a few helped ladies of title at fashionable German, who could not speak English. left the place and proceeded to another citizens to have been committed by bazaars. When a boy gets a call he my farmband, was told to go to the resort some distance off, which we Clark during his rounds in the per- can never tell whether he is summoned village, about a mile and a half away, knew to be, more or less, their head- formance of his duty. They knew, merely to take a puppy out for a walk, for some supplies. He received two quarters. Entering, the usual friendly however, that his trial and conviction or to embark for San Francisco. Ocdollars from me and set forth on his greetings were exchanged with the were impossible as his friends were casionally he has to wheel a baby carerrand. It was about half-past nine proprietor and the others there. Abid- all-powerful, and that persecution riage containing a much-protesting ining the opportunity. I got mine host, would be the reward for any action fant or go to a railway junction to feed "He trudged along the middle of the with whom' I was well acquainted, they might take with that object in a pet cat which is on a journey and road, where travel had packed the aside, and I laughingly remarked that view. Not long ago Clark, who had see that it makes its proper "connecsnow so that walking was not very that was a great game, to mention remained constable, died a respected tion." mit. He carried an old cane, a names, Wilson and Clark, had played citizen, and at his funeral he was ould paske from his father. When some last night. He started quickly, then gized as a faithful public officer. But fance down the road he heard sleigh- smiled and significantly said. So you my faith in human justice received a

An Eagle Drowned by Its Prey. A colony of American eagles has made its home along the shores of York Press. Chautauqua Lake for many years. A story is told of one of these birds which is verified by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dykeman, who reside on Bayfield farm, who witnessed the incident, that

The eagle was gracefully soaring over the lake when it suddenly darted with lightning rapidity toward the water, catching in its talons a muskallonge two feet or more in length and weighing probably ten pounds. There was a clash and a splashing of fins and feathers, but slowly the bird rose in the air with its captive dangling and wriggling below. When at a height of ness sufficiently to grope his way accompany us to the Squire and swear, to the fish, began to sink slowly toward about 1000 feet the bird, still clinging the lake again, gaining speed as it deseended, and finally fell with a splash were found together dead,

The fish had evidently been too heavy for the eagle to carry, but its claws were so firmly imbedded in the flesh that it could not release its hold, and as its strength gave way it sank into the water whence it had sought its prey and was drowned.-Buffalo Cour-

## The Bailroads of the Country.

The following interesting figures per taining to railroads are gleaned from Returns cover 195,000 miles, or about Passenger carnings, \$472,429,165, for

Freight earnings represent \$1,200. Gross earnings represent \$8736 per

Operating expenses represent \$5645 Net earnings were \$3001 per mile of

The total income of the above roads was \$688,331,287. the injuries. He made a perfect iden- The dividends paid, including rent-

Possibly the dog world might afford he wanted had sented himself in a a better specimen of a living skeleton chair and had buried his head behind than one in the kennel next to the a paper. In fact, he was the least door of a boarding place for animals,

"What makes him so thin?" was

"He won't est," was the reply. "That somewhat resembled the accused, and is, he won't eat hospital food. He's said, There he is? Clark then dropped been spoiled. Lots of dogs and cats the paper from his face. Chris threw that are brought here have been his hands up excitedly and excisimed, spoiled. Their owners think it a sign 'My Got, I had made mistake! It is of high breeding to cultivate an appetite for a peculiar and an unnatural "Then the Squire took a hand to diet. They train animals to ear all the proceedings. "That won't do," he kinds of food that they would never said to Chris. You have upon your touch of their own volition. This emaoath identified this man (pointing to clated follow has been taught to like the innocent stranger) as your assell. fruit. He is particularly foud of pears, ant. Now we shall see whether you but in case he can't get them, peaches, have made a true identification.' At applies and bananas are a fairly satisthis point my friend and myself, as factory substitute. Unfortunately his being witnesses in the case, were or- present allment makes a fruit diet exdered from the court-room. Not know. tremely dangerous, and since he is de ing the law then, and thinking that a prived of his favorite food, he is liter-

and most of them are also partial to "Well, we had waited outside for raw asparagus. The fact is, you might an hour when Chris appeared with a run through a list of all the dishes that very dejected countenance. 'Well,' I find a place on an up-to-date mean and said to him, 'is it our turn now?' He you find that some of our patients have shrugged his shoulders. 'It's over, acquired a taste for them. This epi-

Messenger Boys' Queer Jabs. and a silence prevailed. It was then tracted, victors skylark, and, it seemed, what our ignorance of the law was States at the behest of Richard Hami-

Boys have to act as guides to foreigners, take children to board-school shaperon women and wait at tables. There are cases on record where they have had to nurse sick people, lead the blind and even take charge of lunatics.--London Correspondence New

### New Use For Electricity. The workmen in the great electric

power houses have a use for electricity to which the attention of physicians might be called. This use was exemplified in a striking way the other night in one of the uptown houses. One of the workmen hobbled in on a

on was wrapped in a white towel. "I got a needle in her." he explained. He went over to one of the big dynamos, sat down on the floor of concrete, bared his wounded foot and then ex-

crutch. The foot that he did not walk

tended it to the current. "I ran this needle in this morning." be said, as he sat waiting. "It disappeared somewhere or other. I couldn't find it; the doctor couldn't find it; thought I'd let the current see if it could find it, the same as the other fellows do when they get needles lost

inside 'em." The man waited. Five minutes, ten minutes passed. Suddenly his foot twitched and he gave a grunt of pain. The lost needle, drawn forth by the power of the current, protruded a balf- have in the days of her girlhood. inch from his instep. He readily drew it out the rest of the way with his fingers - Philadelphia Record.

"Nobody looks on Utah as a cottonraising State, and yet there is a Mormon settlement in our State that has engaged in its production for at least Townes of Salt Lake City. "The scene of this industry is in the extreme southwestern part of Utah, and not only do rial, but they have for years been converting it into thread and cloth. Their | world as best hats and not leat hats. factory is the quaintest thing in the shape of a mill I ever saw. It was built at a time when material was not a single nall. Wooden pegs alone were utilized, but so cleverly was the work done that the building is standing to day in as solid condition as the lay it was built "-- Chicago Journal.

By C. E. A. Winslow.

MALLPOX has been so held in check by vaccination that its horror is forgotten, and the number of thoughtless and misguided persons who are to-day unvaccinated threatens a serious menace to the public health. Two hundred years ago every one had smallpox. first or last, as children have measles to-day, those who escaped in one epidemic being almost certain to sicken in the next. From palace to havel none were safe but those who had gone through the disease and recovered.

It has been made evident by calculations from the Bills of Mortality of the City of Landon, renowned for medical science, that at the beginning of the eighteenth century about one-fourteenth of the inhabitants died of smallpox. and during the last thirty years of that century, when the practice in smallpox was highly improved, the mortality of this disease had augmented to one-

Medical skill and sanitary science were of no avail, until a village doctor, Edward Jenner, suggested the practice of vaccination, which seemed at the middle of the last century to be "the greatest physical good ever yet given by science to the world." It had long been observed among the dairy folk of Gloucestershire that a mild eruptive disease of cattle, known as cowpox, could be communicated to human beings, and that those thus affected were protected from subsequent attacks of smallpox. Jenner conceived the idea of applying this preventive inoculation with the cowpox on a larger scale; he tested its afficacy by cureful experiments, and finally succeeded in convincing scientific men and the intelligent public that the dread disease could at last be conquered. All over the civilized world the new prophylactic was eagerly adopted, and everywhere it was followed by an abrupt decline in the smallpox death rate.-Atlantic Monthly.

## The Good Old Times---No Complex Life Then

Ly J. T. Trowbridge. O my parents set up their simple housekeeping, and passed, I have no doubt, their happiest days—days as happy, very likely, as any their children or numerous grandchildren or greatgrandchildren have enjoyed, in the stress of a more complex civilization. She sang at her work; his are resounded in the forest. He made a clearing, and planted corn and beans and potatoes among the stumps. Their first child was born in that hat. The clearing grew, and before long a larger, wellbuilt house replaced the primitive cabin. This more substantial house had one large room on the ground floor, about

twenty feet square, a low-roofed chamber, to which access was had by a ladder, and in the course of time a "linter" (lean-to) addition. The "linter" was framed, but the main part was built of logs. These were hewed on the inside, and the cracks between them filled with a plaster made of clay. The filling was liable to crack, and it was necessary to patch the broken places every fall. This was called "chinking up the house," and it made a happy time for the older children (I had not yet appeared on the scene), there being "Jargers's" famous trip to the United slwsys some of the moist chay left over which they could use in making cups that the man of reminiscences related stopped at doing nothing that would partly responsible therefor. The eviling Davis is recalled by the mission of dressed chestant planks, the beautiful grain of which was kept scrupulously and sancers for their play-houses, and other ornaments. The floor was of supply them the wherewithal to keep dence should have been presented for another London messenger boy, who clean and smoothly polished. At one end of the room was a huge stone fre-"I do not believe much in justice," it up. My friend, who was in a sleigh, the consideration of the Grand Jury, just has been sent off post haste to place, with great iron andirons, and from shovel and tongs in the corner. In he began, cynically. "At least I have agreed to join me in a hunt for evi- who, had it been sufficient, should have carry a bottle of medicine to Aix-les- the "linter were the spare bed with its white counterpane, a tall brass-handled never seen it throughout my life. The dence against them. So, taking a indicted the two men accused. The law is on the side of the biggest pocket-book, and the poor, often ignorant, man turned toward the village.

Substitute of medicine to Alx-results and our father's large oaken chest, with its complicated tills, siways brook, and the poor, often ignorant, man turned toward the village.

Substitute of medicine to Alx-results and our father's large oaken chest, with its complicated tills, siways the novelty of the novelty of bis errand, for he and his kind have aver he went to open it.—January Atlantic.

By Edward Howard Griggs.

HE new ideal is the largest possible freedom for woman. Now, I do not mean that she is to rush in and do all the things that men are doing, but that it is believed that every arbitrary restriction and artificial limitation must be removed. If, then, she takes up what she finds she cannot do, she will learn her limitation in that direction and take up something else. In continuance of this belief and in the same spirit we demand equal pay for equal service for men and women.

It is a misfortune-it is an evil-that nine out of ten of our teachers are women. Not because they are not good teachers-for they are-but our children need the masculine influence just as much as they need the feminine influence. They need to associate with both men and women in getting their education. The qualities of each are necessary to the proper rounding of their character. The question is, Why do we get well trained and gifted women for our schools and not an equal number of equally well trained men? And the answer is that the former come for less money. So there will be no change in this situation until there is equal pay for equal service.

To achieve the highest, men and women must be of equal nobility of character, for that union is dependent upon the deepening of the content of the individual, of the personal spirit. In socialism this is often forgotten. Perfect union in marriage also demands this, and yet such deepening of the content gives an added susceptibility to suffering. But if the basis of union be strong enough to pull the two natures together, the larger the difference the stronger the union. So men who have progressed the furthest have gained certain of the gentler feminine qualities and demand a corresponding gain in masculine qual-Ities in the women of their choice, the gain operating in the one case toward the more perfect manhood and in the other toward the more perfect wemanhood. and thus increasing the differentiation.

# The Advantage to a Girl of Having Brothers

I is an indisputable fact that the girl who grows up with plenty of bruthers has a great mivantage in knowing and understanding men when she arrives at years of discretion.

What is more important, such a girl is much more companlonable to a man. If young men exercise any thought when choosing their sweethearts they cannot do better than select a girl with brothers.

The girl who has lacked brothers in her early life does not get used to that untrammeled attitude toward men which is a second nature with the girls who are brought up in a houseful of boys. Indeed, tomboyism in a young girl is perhaps the best education which she can

There is a give-and-take attitude in the girl who has brothers, symething more than a possible feeling of comradeship, and the certain knowledge that because a main pays her some attention, it does not follow that he means marriage, or has "serious intentions," to use the words which old-fashioned mothers apply under such conditions. The girl, on the other hand, who has not had brothers, translates any civility as having an ulterior motive, especially if she is not quite so young as she used to be, and hopes to be married, for we know how often the wish is father to the thought. Then, anxious that the man should not see that she has any such idea, she at once endeavors to hide a quarter of a century," said G. C. | her thought. To do this, she adopts an unnatural attitude, and, so far from concealing her idea, she shows her hand,

"For a boy nothing matters;" you are almost certain to hear the expression In nearly every house you go to. With the girl children everything matters. these Mormons produce the raw mate- If a little girl is going out to see a friend, she has her best dress and her best hat put on even before she has begun to know that there are such things in the

Then, again, there is undoubtedly a sort of insincerity in the education of a girl. She is told she must not be this, and must be that, if she wants to please, until in time it becomes second nature to her, and before she does anything she scarce, and in its construction there is | begins to calculate what the result will be, Now the girl who is brought up with plenty of brothers, some older and

some younger than herself, will have a chance to correct the defects of her education. If she has any sense she will learn to avoid these faults. She will insensibly acquire a pleasant, companionable manner with men, and she will know that they do not like stiff, self-conscious young women.