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thinking he might discover a coping Tom hauled up the rope again, and or cornice by which we could reach in an instant I was ready to descend. building, but with the His instructions to me were the same Then we ran to the windows to see I don't get out of here allive, Mr. Bur-of this city who has taken much insame hopeless result. if there was any chance of help from rows, you see that Bessle and the bathe firemen. A cry of horror reached bles get that million." He glanced days ago I received a small jar filled enught sight of us.

vindow of the fourth floor.

blant et directly beneath us,

ani et diverily beneath us. "My God." graan d Oglethorpe, "it's the ladder in a jiffy." iteide to jump from this height. It My descent to the ground is still like suicide to jump from this height. It makes me dizzy to think of it."

cheme in my private office.

knows what will become of my wife We looked upward expecting to see and children when I'm gone."

"I can't be ronsted here like a rat, and to jump is worse! God, man, he slide down the rope?" Why, don't he slide down the rope?" an't there some escape? We can't die "He knows what he's about," said li e this, Why, man alive, I'd give a the millionaire. "Look!" the ground."

As he spoke he emphasized his about six feet apart. for the instant forgetting our perilous time."

dituation-and noted that, anmindful We saw Tom's feet come through of Oglethorpe, he was gazing intently the window, where he had to maneuo one side; then suddenly his face ver a moment to wind his legs around lighted up with a gleam of hope. the rope; then he slid down from one Turning quickly to the millionaire he knot to the next easily and gracefully. exclaimed, "Do you make that as a born fide offer, Mr. Oglethorpe?" ally landed safely on the ground.

"Certainly I do." "All right; I accept the contract, smiling and happy,

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ur cars as the crowd in the street over his shoulder to the rear of the with a peculiar brownish paste, which

The firemen raised ladders against ginning to break through. the side of the building, but our hearts I made a protest-and meant it, too sank, for the ladders reached only the -that it was only right that he should Francisco. A letter which accompan-

vindow of the fourth floor. go next. The rope was his idea, and One cry reached our ears, but it he ought to reap the benefit and save ounded like a death sentence. Some himself before it was too late. w, "evidently a fire chief, roared He replied, almost angrily: "Stop through a trumpet, "Jump! It's your your nonsense, Mr. Burrows, and get only chance;" at the same time point-ing to a group of men holding a large turns around the steam pipe, so as mation usually surmounted by two to hold you all right, and you'll be on

a hideous dream. I have a dim recol-Proctor was as cool as the proverb- lection of twisting and turning, at the inl cucumber, and talked to us as same time falling down, down, till it calmly as if discussing a business seemed as if I was dropping into a

bottomless pit in the infernal regions. "It's a case of roast or jump," said There was more shouting by the he; "that's the whole thing in a nut-shell. My case is much worse than I was standing on Mother Earth once yours, gentlemen. Your families will more, with Oglethorpe shaking my

and children when I'm gone." "See here, young man," Oglethorpe exclaimed, grasping Tom by the arm,

million dollars to be landed safely on To our amazement the rope dropped from the window with knots in it

it."-New Orleans Times-Democrat. words by shaking Proctor's arm, star-ing into his face with a flerce, desper-ate expression. I glanced at Tom-

Tom called to see me the next day.

A gentleman recently cured of dy spepsia gave the following appropri-ate of Burns' famous blessing :"Some have meat and cannot eat, but some

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