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THE ETHICS OF LUCK. Arbitrary Dogmas Take the Place of

a Logrent Bants Among Bellevers. On the belief in luck have augurs,

divinators, fortune tellers, all traded from time immemorial to the pres ent age, says Chambers' Journal. They "calculate" the incalculable, and, acc-essarily, arbitrary doguas take the place of logical basis on which to work out their schemes. They cely on the luck of odd numbers; in them the imperial phantom-either in birth or chance or death-loves to reside. Seven has always been a number to con-jure with, and the resenth child of a seventh child born in the seventh month comes clad in a mysterious panoply of foreknowledge absolute; whil

nine was at one place and period looked upon as a symbol of Deiry. Great men will have their lucky day or month, as one of the Caesar's gave his mame to the eighth month-that in which the most fortunate events of his life had occurred. The blood of a great family, like that of the Stuarts or the Bourbons, for instance, is said to earry with It, even in Its collateral branches

the taint of that Ill-success, Hi-health ch is summed up as Ill-luck. Ce talu genus, such, for instance, as opala are esteemed as atones of ill-omentallsmans reversed. It is not, of course that their beauty is brittle, but that they curry with them ill-luck to their wearers or owners. The truth of this superstition is demonstrated by the violent deaths which have befallen un lucky opal wearers. Have they not succumbed to the ill-luck attending a gem, to gain possession of which a fellow-creature has not hesitated to shed their blood? No doubt it is very unlucky to awaken the covetousness

Honesty Pays. Jim-Honesty is der best polley, Fter ull BHI-How?

"Remember that dog I stole?" "Yep," "Well, I tried two hull days to sell m, an' no one offered wore's a dollar.

So I went, like a honest man, an' guy him to th' de lady what owned 'im, an' the guy me five dollars."-N. Y. Week-

The Thirteen Superstition. "Thirteen dollars and a half seemss high price for such a comparatively hort trip," said the man with the travthe steamer line, with an explanatory and apologetic cough.-Cleveland Plain Dealer. had had long gray hair and beard; he was quite sure of that for he re-membered wondering that an old man Plain Dealer.

The Worst Yet. Farmer Hayrake-Deacon Perkins did get stuck awfully on his last New York trip. Farmer Whiffletree-How wuz that ?. Farmer Hayrake-Why, he took

down six o' those old gold bricks o' his'n and swapped 'em off for 50,000 thares of oil stock .- Puck. "Look at those two bad boys in the

river," said Mr. Markley, as they

Debarred. Debarred. "So Spudder's going to join your Family News paper of the highest class, for farmers and be a pretty good linr as well as a

tains a l1 the most important general news of "Spudder can't fish."-Brooklyn

Life.

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COMPENSATION.

I sit alone with my heart to night Where the gloon is dark and deep, Across the perials the shadows fall And here with ney strift (weep; But over my sed heart's darkness Breaks a radiance rich and rary, For hong ago, when a child at play, I hid a cunbeam there.

The harp is atlant, the chords are dead Whose music was all too flast. And I listen in vain for Die allver strain That made my life complete: But long fire, when a cars-free child, With no thought of ander things, I nasting a song-bird to my breast, And there it sings and sings.

the.

And there it may show the. The garianits are faded and old and sear. And the laurels that came with the years Have gone with the drame and the per-lished hopes-Pouried them all with tears; But out in the garden of my soul The tames filoom to fair. For long ago, when a little child, I planted a rose tree there. -Muriol Strode, in this generatory Post.

The Robber's Cross By David Ker. **********************

firm HEY call Spain the land of ad venture," muttered Harry White, as he strulled before breakfast three weeks, and not had one adven-ture yet. A man gets no show at all in traveling nowadays. Hellol here what Harry feared came only too

comes somebody in a hurry!" Very much in a hurry, certainly, seemed the sturdy Spanish peasant who had just appeared on the top of the steep ridge above the boy's head, for he was leaping from erag to crag as recklessly as a wildcat, and at times even swinging himself over some deep cleft by the bough of a tree, as if in

such haste that he had no time to think of such a triffe as the chance of a broken neck But in this case it was "most haste

worst speed," for all at once a large stone gave way beneath the Span-lard's feet, and he came tumbling Spaniard again! headlong down into the road amid a whirlwind of dust.

Harry-whose sympathies were al-ready enlisted hf favor of a man cap-able of such feats of strength and daring-flew to the spot, feeling as if he had really met with something his knife, close to the prisoner's ear, like an "adventure"nt last. But when

elling bag in his hand. "We thought people would rather pay that than Si3," replied the agent of he had seen bounding along the ridge

LED HIM UP A STEEP ZIGZAG PATH "No. He heard that a man had to should be so active. The hair of the man before him was short, thick, and black as night, and he had no beard

> at all. Meanwhile, the stranger had man-"No," was the reply, "but we are exaged to sit up, and was wiping the cting him every blood from a bad cut on his forehead. Just then a hasty step was heard below, and a tall, dark figure, springing up the rocks as nimbly as a moun-Harry's eyes fixed wonderingly upon tain goat, same bounding on to the platform "Well," asked hv, flercely, answer-"Up with you, comrades!" shouted ing the boy's glance with a defiant stare, "do you know me?"

allver cross from his neck and giving it to Harry. "It may be of use to you if sowr we meet again. And, as you seem asxious to meet with some Span-ish brigands, it may please you to learn that you have seen half a dozen of them to-day."

So saying, he spurred his horse and and have kept him for ransom," re-vanished into the forest with his grim plied one of the banchia. comrades, while Hurry turned slowly back to the town, hardly knowing

whether he was awake or only dream-

"Just like my luck! I've lost my way, sure enough! And this strikes me as the very place to fall in with that nice man. Pedro Gonsalves, the brigand captain, who seems to be ter-rorising the whole country at this time."

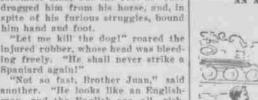
friend, Harry White, now grown into a riedly: tall young man, and revisiting, after "Who "Where did you get that cross?" "It was given to me five years ago by a smuggler of these parts, whom I helped to escape when he was crippled five-years' absence beyond the Atlantie, his former haunts in southern He had certainly good cause to feel by a fall," repiled Harry, looking fixed

the spanish mountains, with night at hand and a storm coming on, is not a pleasant experience in any case; but

t robbers, whose usual mode of demanding ransom for a captive is to tage of San Tomas; and when you tell sierra Morena; "and I've been in it ment is requested," he must indeed be away, even upon a brigand."-Golden

A secret service fund is voted yearly soon. A hoarse shout was suddenly heard among the bushes, and before by parliament for the purpose of de enting conspiracies against the state. e could draw his revolver he was sur-Last year £13,000 was paid to spies who were employed for this purpose. rounded by a gang of fleree-looking men, whose grim, ruffiauly faces and wowling eyes boded him no good. For a copy of a treaty between France

and Russia, known as the treaty of That, Great Britain paid £40,000. A smart stroke from the butt of Harry White's heavy whip felled the foremost man, but the rest at once



man, and the English are all rich. We'll make him pay a fat ransom "And if he don't pay it quickly," "his friends won't find him quite se he reached the fallen man he stopped handsome the next time they ser

Harry shuddered at the horrible breat and the roar of bratal laughter that followed. He was not complete-ly disenchanted, for the brilliant and thivalrous bandits of his boyish dreams were utterly different from these ragged, hangdog roffians, who almost choked him with the stifling odor of garlie and bad tobacco.

Then his horror turned to rage at the thought of being plundered and inulted by these brutal rascals, and he inwardly vowed that when he did get free he would spend all the money he had in hunting them down. But, as we shall see, he never got the chance of loing se

The robbers haid their prisoner on the horse and led him up a steep, zigag path to a kind of rocky platform walled in on three sides by unscalable liffs, while on the fourth lay a preciice of several hundred feet.

Here about 20 more brigands were encamped; and Harry White, audden-ly remembering his aliver cross, looked eagerly to see if the man who had given it to him was one of the band; but he could see no one in the least like him.

> "Has Capt. Gonsalvez come back yet?" asked one of his conductors.

"There is no time to think of ransoms now, when our very lives are at atake," said the robber chief, sternly.

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when to all this is added a very strong rades, give him back all that you have probability of falling in with a band taken. Follow that path, Senor Amertaken. Follow that path, Senor Amer-leano, which will lead you to the vil-

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"I see I must be more severe with you, Alfred! If you get home again an late I'll dismiss the cook and begin doing the cooking again myself!"-Fliegende Bisetter.

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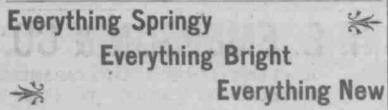


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"Yes, I am," replied the other, with a strange smile. "Are you going to No Noxious Deses. No Weakening of the give me up to the police?" "Not II" cried Harry. "It's not the style of us Americans to give away

a man who can't stand up for him

"Ah, you're an American, then?" threly enten away the same membranes, that their makers have almod to ours, while makers and observate samed same at him. "Well, if you are willing to help me, I'll tell you how you can do it. Give me your arm as far as the chapel of St. James, about half a mile down the rond-for I find Fre sprained my ankle too hadly to walk alone-and then I'm all right." "Come along, then," rejoined Har-ry, offering his arm.

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