THE BLACK ROBE.

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"On arriving at Ten Acres Lodge I found Romayne in his study. His manuscript lay before him-but he was not at work. He looked worn and haggard. To this day I don't know from what precise nervous malady he suffers; I could

again since he and I last met. "My first conventional civilities were dedicated, of course, to his wife. She is still in attendance on her mother. Mrs. Evrecourt is now considered to be out of danger. But the good lady (who is ready enough to recommend doctors to other people) persists in thinking that she is too robust a person to require medical help herself. The physician in attendance trusts entirely to her daughter to persuade her to persevere with the necessary course of medicine. Don't suppose that I trouble you by mentioning these trumpery circumstances without a reason. We shall have occasion to return to Mrs. Eyrecourt and her daughter.

"Before I had been ten minutes in his company Romayne asked me if I had seen Winterfield since his visit to Ten

"I said I had seen him, and waited, anticipating the next question. mayne fulfilled my expectations. He

inquired if Winterfield had left London. "There are certain cases (as I am told by medical authorities) in which the dangerous system of bleeding a patient still has its advantages. There are other cases in which the dangerous system of telling the truth becomes equally judicious. I said to Romayne: 'If I answer you honestly will you consider it as strictly confidential? Mr. Winterfield, I regret to say, has no intention of improving his acquaintance with you. He asked me to conceal from you that

"Romayne's face plainly betrayed that he was annoyed and irritated. 'Nothing that you say to me, Father Benwell, shall pass the walls of this room,' he replied. . 'Did Winterfield give any reason for not continuing his acquaintence with me?

"I told the truth once more with courteous expressions of regret. Mr. Winterfield spoke of an ungracious reception on the part of Mrs. Romayne.' "He started to his feet, and walked irritably up and down the room. 'It is "The truth had served its purpose by

this time. I affected not to have heard him. 'Did you speak to me?' I asked. "He used a milder form of expres-

"'It is most unfortunate,' he said 'I must immediately send back the val nable book which Mr. Winterfield has lent to me. And that is not the worst of it. There are other volumes in his library which I have the greatest interest in consulting-and it is impossible for me to borrow them now. At this time, too, when I have lost Penrose, I had hoped to find in Winterfield another friend, who sympathized with my pursuits. There is something so cheering and attractive in his manner, and he has just the boldness and novelty of view in his opinions that appeal to a man like me. It was a pleasant future to look forward to, and it must be sacrificed-and to what? To a woman's ca-

"From our point of view this was a frame of mind to be encouraged. Itried the experiment of modestly taking the blame on myself. I suggested that I might be (quite innocently) to blame

for Romayne's disappointment. "He looked at me, thoroughly puzzled. I repeated what I had said to Winterfield: 'Did you mention to Mrs. Romayne that I was the means of introducing you-"

"He was too impatient to let me fin-

"'I did mention it to Mrs. Romayne," he said. 'And what of it?'

"'Pardon me for reminding you that Mrs. Romayne has prejudices,' I rejoined. 'Mr. Winterfield would, I fear,

"He was almost angry with me for suggesting the very explanation which had proved so acceptable to Winter-

far too well-bred a woman to let her prejudices express themselves in that way. Winterfield's personal appearance must have inspired her with some unreasonable antipathy, or-

"He stopped and turned away him ghtfully to the window. Some Thate suspicion had probably entered

"He turned on me sharply.

"'I Non't know. Do you?'

assuming that Mrs. Romayne and Mr.

Winterfield are strangers?' "His eyes flashed with a sudden sinister brightness; the new idea had caught

light in his mind. "They met as strangers,' he said. "There he stopped again and returned | silently for a while. to the window. I felt that I might lose the place I had gained in his confidence if I pressed the subject any further. Besides, I had my reasons for saying a confidential conversation with Mrs. Eyre- I was careful to preserve my composure. lating to his present employment, and ion, and the inexhaustible capacity for terfield's past life.' There I stopped seventy-eight per cent. From 1851 to saved the train and lost his own life. lating to his present employment, and ion, and the inexhaustable capacity for sending kindest regards to his dear silence so familiar to us in English so-discreetly, and looked as if I knew all one suicide for 9,833 inhabitants, while

seemed to act as a relief to the gloom | self condemned to small talk while he and suspicion that had oppressed him was in the room. the moment before.

"'You don't know how I miss the dear, gentle little fellow,' he said, sadly. "'Why not write to him?' I suggested. 'He would be so glad to hear sc from you again.'

"'I don't know where to write." "'Did I not send you his address when I forwarded your letter to him?"

"'Then let me atone for my forgetulness at once.' "I wrote down the address and took

"As I approached the door I noticed on a side-table the volumes which Pen-

I thought that a good sign, but said only guess that it had been troubling him "Romavne pressed my hand at part-

> friendly, Father Benwell,' he said. 'I shall be glad to see you again.'

"Don't mention it in quarters where t might do me harm. Do you know, I really pitied him. He has sacrificed everything to his marriage-and his marriage has disappointed him. He was even reduced to be friendly with

"Of course, when the time comes, I shall give Penrose leave of absence. Do you foresee, as I do, the speedy return are good children; we only want a story. of 'the dear, gentle little fellow' to his old employment; the resumed work of smile. conversion advancing more rapidly than already placed by her equivocal recep- of a doctor, Mrs. Eyrecourttion of Winterfield? Patience, my reverend colleague!

"The next day I called to inquire how Mrs. Evrecourt was getting on. The report was favorable. Three days later more encouraging. I was also informed However,' he resumed, in his easier that Mrs. Romayne had returned to Ten tone, I happen to have seen a patient

tunities are worth waiting for. "Let me make this clear.

favor in the one case of the meet ing between Winterfield and Miss Eyrecourt in the picture gallery. The time was surely ripe for another chance? Besides, I recognized the necessity of not vou-I won't look at you-I positively and examined the case myself.' disturbing the renewal of relations between Penrose and Romayne by any Matilda! wheel me away to the furthest two of my reasons for not being in a Father Benwell, is my rock ahead in of Miss Eyrecourt's marriage at the first | Matailda; I want to bury my nose meeting between Winterfield and Ro- among the flowers.' their guard, without obtaining any use- of beginnings of sentences, mutely comful result. I can at any time make the pleted by a smile. disclosure to Romayne which informs ly widening the breach between husband | ject, oh, no.'

"You see, I hope, that if I maintain a passive position it is not from indolence

asking if the lady would receive me. Shall I own my weakness? She pos sesses all the information that I want; and she has twice baffled my inquiries. it is a part of the pugnacity of my dis-

position to inquire again. "I was invited to go upstairs. "The front and back drawing-room of | the house were thrown into one. Mrs.

Eyrecourt was being gently moved back- had never heard of a person named ward and forward in a chair on wheels, Winterfield. Having acknowledged his propelled by her maid; two gentlemen | ignorance, in his own eloquent language, spite of rouge and loosely-folded lace the next room, and gravely contemplated might have thought I was in a fair way say that no dealer in Detroit, Buffalo, and flowing draperies, she presented a Mrs. Eyrecourt, with her nose buried in deplorable spectacle. The bodily part flowers. of her looked like a dead woman painted and revived, while the moral part, in the strongest contrast, was just as lively

"'So glad to see you again, Father Benwell, and so much obliged by your kind inquiries. I am quite well, though the doctor won't admit it. Isn't it anny to see me being wheeled about like a child in a peramubulator? Returning to first principles I call it. You see it's a law of my nature that I must go about. The doctor won't let me go about outside the house, so I go about inside the house. Matilda is the nurse, and I am the baby that will learn to walk one of these days. Are you tired, Matilda? No? Then give me another turn, there's a good creature. Movement, perpetual discovery for myself. Some eminent scientific person mentioned it in a lecture. The ugliest man I ever saw. not quite able to realize as yet. I troduce you to my friends, Father Benmy best to encourage the new train well. Introducing is out of fashion, I

know. But I am one of the few women I like introducing people. Sir John Drone-Father Benwell. Father Ben-Drone—Father Benwell. Father Ben- terneld is not a very countries and to-day the heart said. She was remarkably handsome the said. She was remarkably handsome the standard being twenty—States in round numbers is 1 000 000. "I ventured on a courteous remon- know the doctor by reputation? Shall Benwell, to discover if we can whether ing Mr. Winterfield with you?" "I ventured on a courteous remonstrance. 'My dear sir! if you can't find strance. 'My dear sir! if you can't find strance. 'De reputation? Shall be needed to a mere fraction above the semental with your winterfield with your winterfield with your winterfield with your in the strance. 'My dear sir! if you can't find I give you his character? Personally your Winterfield is the man of whom I will be needed to a mere fraction above the leftendi as a supernumerary in the strance. 'My dear sir' if you can't had I give you his character? Personally another reason, how can I? It must charming; professionally detestable. It must charming the feet. Here they remained till they be feet. Here they remained till they another reason, now that I: It must be charming; professionally detestable. Here they remained till they been a sudden antipathy, as you paper bags annually produced in this girl pined terribly for the relatives from were half dead, and then, to save their say. Such things do happen between of the consequences of the overstrangers. I suppose I am right in flowing state of my health. Another turn, Matilda, and a little faster this

"There her breath failed her. She

to the two visitors. Sir John Drone, it "This time-feeling myself, in all was easy to see, would be no obstacle to probability, on the brink of discovery ciety-there you have the true descrip- about it. "I gave the message. Romayne looked round with an instant change in his face. sician was quite another sort of man. I hear more. 'My object,' he went on, tants.

In the latest return the annual number of looks pretty sober when he hears the old woman, and she rolled down the sum originally paid for the unfortent part of the pay of a kinght of esquire was sixthe old woman, and she rolled down the sum originally paid for the unfortent part of the pay of a kinght of esquire was sixthe old woman, and she rolled down the sum originally paid for the unfortent part of the pay of a kinght of esquire was sixthe old woman, and she rolled down the sum originally paid for the unfortent part of the pay of a kinght of esquire was sixthe old woman, and she rolled down the sum originally paid for the unfortent part of the pay of a kinght of esquire was sixthe old woman, and she rolled down the sum originally paid for the unfortent part of the pay of a kinght of esquire was sixthe old woman, and she rolled down the sum originally paid for the unfortent part of the pay of a kinght of esquire was sixthe old woman, and she rolled down the sum originally paid for the unfortent part of the pay of a kinght of esquire was sixthe old woman, and she rolled down the sum originally paid for the unfortent part of the pay of a kinght of esquire was sixthe old woman, and she rolled down the sum originally paid for the unfortent part of the pay of a kinght of esquire was sixthe old woman, and she rolled down the sum originally paid for the unfortent part of the pay of a kinght of esquire was sixthe old woman, and she rolled down the sum originally paid for the unfortent part of the pay of a kinght of esquire was sixthe old woman and she rolled down the sum originally paid for the unfortent part of the pay of a kinght of esquire was sixthe old woman and the pay of a kinght of esquire was sixthe old woman and the pay of a kinght of esquire was sixthe old woman and the pay of a kinght of esquire was sixthe old wom

The mere sound of Penrose's usme had only to look at him and to feel my-

"You have always heard of it in my correspondence whenever I have been in the wrong. I was in the wrong now-I had forgotten the law of chances. Capricious fortune after a long interval was about to declare herself again in my favor by means of the very woman who had twice already got the better of me, What a recompense for my kind inquiries after Mrs. Eyrecourt! She recovered breath enough to begin talking

"'Dear me, how dull you are!' she said to us. 'Why don't you amuse a poor prisoner confined to the house? Rest a little, Matilda, or you will be falling ill next. Doctor, is this your rose left with Romayne. One of them

was open, with a pencil lying beside it. "'Promise to take care of vourself Mrs. Eyrecourt, and I will confess that the professional visits are over. 1 come here to-day only as a friend.'

> some interesting story about a patient. room is like your confessional, Father sorrows are poured into his ears. What is the last romance in real life, doctor, that has asked you to treat it medically? We don't want names and places-we

"'It is impossible to persuade la, ever; and the jealousy of the wife aggra- dies,' he said, 'that we, too, are fathervating the false position in which she is | confessors in our way. The first duty

"'Is to cure people, of course,' she interposed, in her smartest manner.

"The doctor answered seriously. "'No, indeed. That is only the second duty. Our first duty is invariably I called again. The report was still to respect the confidence of our patients. to-day under circumstances which the "Much of my success in life has been rules of professional honor do not forachieved by never being in a hurry. I bid me to mention. I don't know, Mrs. was not in a hurry now. Time some- Eyrecourt, whether you will quite like times brings opportunities-and uppor- to be introduced to the scene of the story. The scene is in a madhouse.'

"'No horrors!' she cried. 'The bare | trustworthiness of the statement. dea of a madhouse distracts me with refuse to be frightened out of my wits. premature proceeding. There, you have end of the room. My vivid imagination,

mayne, and would have excited their "Sir John upon this spoke for the first distrust and put them respectively on time. His language consisted entirely

"'Upon my word, you know. Eh, him that his wife had been Winterfield's Doctor Wybrow? A man of your exguest in Devonshire when she affected perience. Horrors in madhouses. A to meet her former host on the footing lady in delicate health. No, really. of a stranger. In the meanwhile I give Upon my honor, now, I cannot. Some-Penrose ample opportunity for innocent- thing funny, oh, yes. But such a sub-

"He rose to leave. Doctor Wybrow gently stopped him. "'I had a motive, Sir John,' he said, or discouragement. Now we may get but I won't trouble you with needless

explanations. There is a person, un-"After an interval of a few days more known to me, whom I want to discover. I decided on making further inquiries at | You are a great deal in society when Mrs. Eyrecourt's house. This time you are in London. May I ask if you when I left my card I sent a message have ever met with a gentleman named "I have always considered the power

of self-control as one of the strongest points in my character. When I heard Under these humiliating circumstances that name my surprise so completely mastered me that I sat self-betrayed to Doctor Wybrow, as the man who could answer his question.

"In the meanwhile Sir John took his time to consider, and discovered that he being present, visitors like myself. In he drifted away to the window-box in my pulse at that moment I am afraid he and the "prime" over six. It is safe to

"The doctor turned to me. "'Am I wrong, Father Benwell, in supposing that I had better have addressed myself to you?' "I admitted that I knew a gentleman

named Winterfield. "Doctor Wybrow got up directly. "'Have you a few minutes to spare?' was at the doctor's disposal. 'My house is close by, and my carriage is at the field without any address.' door,' he resumed. 'When you feel inclined to say good-bye to our friend, Mrs. Eyrecourt, I have something to say to you which I think you ought to know.' "We took our departure at once, Mrs.

it again.' In five minutes more we were in Doctor Wybrow's study. "My watch tells me that I cannot hope to finish this letter by post-time. Accept what I have written thus far, and be assured that the conclusion of my report shall follow a day later.

friend. "Doctor Wybrow went on. 'Will me. time. Oh, how I wish I was traveling you pardon me if I venture on an indiscreet question? When you are ac- friend, the doctor said. 'Time is every quainted with the circumstances, I am way of importance in this case. Will sure you will understand and excuse you kindly call here at five to-morrow reclined in her chair and fanned herself me. Are you aware of any-what shall afternoon? I call it—any romantic incident in Mr. "I was now able to turn my attention | Winterfield's past life?"

ALL ABOUT PEANUTS.

WINNSBORO, S. C., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1881.

After the vines are up the field must

twelve cents per bushel, and the deft-

ness which one must acquire makes this

It is a misnomer to say peanut fac-

of made; but yet the big warehouses

are so designated. But few nuts are

visits from each other, and employes of

suspicion on the employes of another.

tor found another man in whom he

It was not necessary to go into the

something on the order of a fanning-

mill. They are then dumped on endless

carriers, and as they pass the grades they

The prime comes next, and then the

who have flattered yourselves on get-

Leen chewing on "medium" alone.

Cleveland or Chicago ever has anything

better than a third grade on sale. The

best go abroad, or to the finest candy

wholesale price of which is about two

drop down to the men who sack them.

As a rule only the lowest grades are

could place implicit confidence.

that I am going back to Hampstead to- itself. The strictly prime are the larg-

morrow afternoon when I have done est, fullest and whitest, and are sorted

was merely to be reasonably sure that 1 was speaking to the right person in speaking to you. I may now tell you that I have no personal interest in trying to discover Mr. Winterfield; I only act as the representative of an old friend of been profitably grown, but there are mine. He is the proprietor of a private | twelve or fourteen counties in which the asylum at Hampstead—a man whose in soil and climate are suited to the growth tegrity is beyond dispute or he would not be a friend of mine. You under-

"Proprietors of private asylums are While the war ruined many industries in these days the objects of very general it built up others. There was no Northdistrust in England. I understood the ern market for melons before the war. doctor's motive perfectly. "He proceeded. 'Yesterday evening peanuts. Such small quantities were

my friend called upon me and said that he had a remarkable case in his house three houses handled the entire crop. which he believed would interest me. The Last year the crop was handled by person to whom he alluded was a French twelve large houses, and its preparation boy, whose mental powers had been im- sands of hands. perfectly developed from his childhood. The mischief had been aggravated when growing peanuts, but there are localities he was about fourteen years old by a where the crop does well on light clay. serious fright. When he was placed in The ground is plowed, dragged, mathe asylum he was not idiotic or danger- nured and cultivated until it is like a "'You best of men! Do me another favor. Enliven our dullness. Tell us technical language) of deficient intelligations and the personne are then sowe by drill or dropped by lead in row technical language) of deficient intelligations. gence, tending sometimes toward acts of are the most placed in a hill, and it is These great doctors, Sir John, pass unreasoning mischief and petty theft, wonderful what results will follow in a their lives in a perfect atmosphere of but never approaching to acts of down- good season. In a field in Surry County romance. Dr. Wybrow's consulting right violence. My friend was especially peanuts, and in cially interested in the lad, won his con- one case the yield was 122. Benwell. The most fascinating sins and fidence and affection by acts of kindness, and so improved his bodily health as to be kept clear of weeds and the hills justify some hope of also improving the | rounded up, and that is the only work state of his mind, when a misfortune oc- until time to pull, which is about the curred which has altered the whole pros-cause to be anxious, for a little delay the French. Arkansas and Missouri captured by gallant charge, a convent pect. The poor crerture has fallen ill or bad weather will change the grade of are Indian, the former being doubtful; of a fever, and the fever has developed his crop and alter its market value. the latter is claimed to mean in its "Dr. Wybrow looked at me with a to interest you; I am coming to a re-

> "I looked at him when he made this amazing assertion, with a momentary mately go to the barns and the pickers. doubt of his being in earnest. Doctor The men, women and children, who Wybrow understood me.

"'Just what I thought, too, when I first heard it,' he said. 'My friend was neither offended nor surprised. Afingular case, publicly cited in the Cornall Magazine, for the month of April, 1879, in an article entitled, "Bodily Illness as a Mental Stimulant." The arti- handled in Virginia outside of Peters-"Mrs.-Eyrecourt broke out with a co- cle is published anonymously; but the burg and Norfolk, and between the two "Thus far the chance had only been quettish little scream and shook her character of the periodical in which it Norfolk handles the most. The peanutwas so far influenced by the testimony terror. Oh, fie, fie! I won't listen to thus cited, that I drove to Hampstead prime, medium and low altogether. It

"'Did the examination satisfy you?" "Thoroughly. When I saw him yes- ers have no way of cleaning the nuts, terday the poor boy was as sane as I fully mixed with leaves, stems, sticks am. There is, however, a complication and dirt. hurry! A man of headlong disposition life. I declare I can smell the odious in this instance, which is not mentioned in my place would probably have spoken madhouse. Go straight to the window, in the case related in print. The boy in Norfolk and presented my errand, I appears to have entirely forgotten every event in his past life, reckoning from the time the fever declared itself.'

"This was a disappointment. I had begun to hope for some coming result, btained by the lad's confession. "'Is it quite correct to call him sane

when his memory is gone? I ventured one factory are supposed to look with "'In this case there is no necessity to | This is because all do not use the same enter into the question,' the doctor anrefers, as I told you, to his past lifethat is to say, his life when his intellect was deranged. During the extraordi- its workings. In case of his death the cat. That's what made them all hate clared itself, he is putting his mental powers to their first free use; and none of them fail him, so far as I can see. His working rooms, however, to ascertain new memory—if I may call it so—pre- the points I was after. The peanuts are serves the knowledge of what has hap- first cleaned by means of pans and sieves, pened since his illness. You may imagine how this problem in brain disease interests me; and you will not wonder are deftly sorted out, each grade by

with my professional visits. But you the second time to make sure that not may be reasonably surprised at my troubling you with details which are medium, which is really the staple. You mainly interesting to a medical man.' "Was he about to ask me to go with | ting something extra at five cents per him to the asylum? I replied very quart from the grocer or the street briefly; merely saying that the details were interesting to every student of The 'strictly prime" are worth over human nature. If he could have felt eight cents per quart at the factories,

of catching the fever, too. "'Prepare vourself,' he resumed, 'for another surprising circumstance. Mr. makers. The poorest are eaten at home Winterfield is, by some incomprehensiand used by second-class confectioners. ble accident, associated with one of the | The peanut-candy sold for forty cents mischievous tricks played by the French | per pound is made—the peanut part of boy, before he was placed under my it-from the grade called "low," the friend's care. There, at any rate, is the friend's care. There, at any rate, is the cents per quart. The shelling is all only explanation by which we can account for the discovery of an envelope, emptied into a hopper, and the meats he asked. It is needless to say that I found sewn up in the lining of the lad's or kernels flow into a long spout and

waistcoat, and directed to Mr. Winter-"I leave you to imagine the effect which those words produced on me.'

"'Now,' said the doctor, 'you will un- uncertain as the profits on wheat-growderstand why I put such strange questions to you. My friend and I are both Eyrecourt—leaving some of the color of hard-working men. We go very little her nose among the flowers-patted me into society, as the phrase is; and neither in August, and this year it had very encouragingly with her fan, and told the | ne nor I ever heard the name of Winter- little or none at all. Nevertheless, I doctor that he was forgiven, on the field. As a certain proportion of my have not talked with a grower who will understanding that he would 'never do patients happen to be people with a average less than \$50 per acre. The large experience of society, I undertook average will always be considerably to make inquiries, so that the packet | than tobacco or cotton. The only enemy might be delivered, if possible, to the is the drought, and when that comes all right person. You heard how Mrs. crops must be affected. Last year the Eyrecourt (surely a likely lady to assist | peanut-growers of Virginia averaged me?) received my unlucky reference to the madhouse; and you saw how I puz- who held their crop over into this year zled Sir John. I consider myself most got from \$1.30 to \$1.40 per bushel. fortunate, Father Benwell, in having had a farmer new to the South, and the sooner did the supply exist than a de-"The doctor began cautiously. "Win- the honor of meeting you. Will you grower gets his cash with every bushel mand was created. New uses were dis-

"I was punctual to my appointment.

We drove together to the asylum." (To be continued.) Recently published statistics of sui- The fireman jumped off and escaped,

The Names of the States.

a paper at the annual meeting of the There are only seven counties in Virginia, writes a Detroit Free Press corcester, in which he discussed the origin respondent, in which peanuts have of the names of several of the states. His conclusions were as follows: New shire, England. Massachusetts is deof favorable crops. While the nut has rived from an Indian name, first given been grown for the last fifty years, it is to the bay, signifying "near the great only in the last decade that men have gone into peanut raising as a business. origin. The island of Rhodes, the "Island of the Roads," and a Dutch Few cigars were sold, and the tobacco tidal river." New York, New Jersey, grown in the South that two or for market gave employment to thou-A light, sandy soil is the best for it is claimed to have first been an alias "dark and bloody ground," or "a bloody garden, and the pesnuts are then sowed river," or "the long river." Tennessee

is named after an Indian name, signify ing "something great," with an accent name of an early land company. Illinois comes from the Indian—the name of the name of the lake, "Great lake," in patients of sound mind, this crazy and wilt the vines. If kept out too flowery land." Oregon has a conject charge. spec and become third grade. The entire crop, vines and all must ulti-Minnesota is Indian, "sky-tinted water." almost a trade by itself. Women and from an Indian root, Kaw, corrupted by again defeated by the American forces; Indian, the name of a fortress and a off, and ancient bards recotribe, signifying, as is claimed, "here ing incidents and heroic tory, because peannts are grown instead

Getting Rid of a Loafer.

haver must be as lyny-eyed as the and preparing for a talk. his crop, but mixes prime, strictly room with all I could do. The trouble about that was I could never get my is then for the buyer to look over the loads and discover the average. Growcatch him. Lots o' times I made up and the four grades are therefore plentimy mind to shoot at him the next time I caught him about, but somehow he always took me by surprise, and consequently, strange as it may seem, I wasn't ready for him. The women were expected to be rushed up from three to afraid of him. Some of them wouldn't six pairs of stairs like a rocket. Great stay in the room when he was around, was my chagrin, therefore, when poand of those that did, one-half didn't litely informed that even the Presicare for anything, and the other half dent of the United States would not be admitted to witness the modus operandi

"He was a good-sized fellow, and of preparing peanuts for market. could hold his own with lots of 'em Owners of factories will not permit bigger than himself, if there had been many such. He always came around dressed in a kind of a rough, dirty-looking brown coat with a long tail, and he wore it buttoned close up under his process of cleaning and grading, and chin. He was sly and sneakin' as a because some of the most useful maweasel, and he'd get in and out and chinery is not patented. A machine in one of the factories in Petersburg is around among passengers and seats run by a colored man, who alone knows without making any more noise than a him so. He wouldn't come around factory would be :dle until the propriewhen there was a crowd, but only when the room was quiet. He'd glide in from

somewhere, and look at the people out of them gray, greedy eyes of his till they didn't know what minute he might tackle some of 'em. He never did do any actual damage, but he was such an infernal nuisance that I'd a killed him any day, it I could do it in a quiet way. Well, things went on in this shape for two or three weeks till last night, when I got a chance to get my work in on him. He'd slipped in and out of the depot a couple of times and was making himself so familiar that I couldn't help suspecting something was wrong, so I laid for him. He was mixing himself around some baggage in the corner, and had his back turned so he couldn't see me. You bet I didn't miss no such golden stove, and came on him unbeknownest long for, grasp, appropriate, anything, like. I dropped him one on the ear one that distributed his spinal 'column, and he hadn't the backbone to do any-

thing more than to lay still and let me "Kill him-you didn't," burst from nor any knowledge of how to get what the listeners. "Yes, but I did, though. Oh, I tell you I'm the red-headed ranger of the depot flats, and a mighty dangerous man to stir up. Want to come and view the remains? And the murderer led the way to a

corner of the depot, where lay in the

shelled, and you can remember this cold embrace of death an enormouswhen you find them on sale. The profits of peaaut-growing are as The Paper Bag. ing. The Virginia nut ranks above any The triumph of machinery in its apknown to commerce, and in good seasons men have made as high as \$30 per articles is well illustrated in the history acre. The nut must have plenty of rain of the paper bag. Twenty-five years ago higher than that, and it is a surer crop would certainly never pay to apply cognizes the brotherhood of man and a paper bag, a mere joining of paste and of the principles of justice." over sixty bushels to the acre, and those

capable of turning off 100,000 bags a is spent in the service of acquisitiveness day. What followed was the same as in is simply an intellectual brute. hundreds of industries similarly affectis a crop which can be easily handled by ed. Bag factories sprung up, and no the pound, the standard being twenty- States in round numbers is 1,000.000,- Minor. Another Heroic Engineer. The name of J. F. Wager, of Sedalia

MEXICAN HOLIDAYS.

The Hon. Hamilton B. Staples read The Way They Celebrate Lost Battlez-When a Mexican sets about to celebrate a feast day or event of national importance, says a letter from Mexico, he pitches in in a whole souled sort of Hampshire gets its name from Hamp- way that is refreshing and makes the celebration a success. If of a convivial disposition he "smiles" repeatedly and is carried home in a back at night. If addicted to music he haunts the plazza. Under all circumstances he throws business to the dogs and gives himself origin, "Red Island," were mentioned. up to enjoyment. It is a second nature for the Mexicans to celebrate, and they torical support. Connecticut is an even go cut of the long list of Mexican Indian name, signifying "land on a long | saints to get their fill of holidays. In their desperation they observe the anni-Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland | versaries of numerous prominent battles. were passed over. Virginia, the Caro- and by doing so place themselves in linas, and Georgia have a royal origin. rather a ridiculous light. In her past Maine was named from the fact that it war history Mexico has obtained fame was supposed to contain the "mayre only by the number of battles she has portion" of New England. Vermont lost. Some way it has always happene has no especial question, except that that the Mexicans were the first to ske daddle, but this does not deter the -New Connecticut, alias Vermont. nation fro keeping green, by annual Kentucky popularly signifies either a celebrations, her many encounters with

village on the river-"Tanasee." Ohio over the French at Pueblo in 1862. The triumph, however, was but momentary. for the French with reinforcements, of admiration. Indiana comes from the advanced upon the Mexicans and comyears Maxamilion domineered over the a tribe. Michigan is claimed to mean country. This temporary victory has "lake country;" it probably came from been made to serve as an apology for creating the glorious 5th of May so dear which bore this name before the land to every loyal Mexican. Upon the 20th 1st of October. Then the grower has adjacent was named. Louisiana is from of August, 1847, the American army to typhus. So far there has been little Some growers throw their vines upon original "muddy water," which de- The convent, which exists at this day as scribes the river. Iowa is also Indian, a ruin, is situated in an open plain, and others use the fences or stack the vines with doubtful meaning. Texas is popu- the Americans in their assault were markable event at last. At the stage of around stakes. The peanuts must be larly supposed to be Indian, but may exposed to a most galling fire, yet it the fever when delirium usually occurs exposed to the sun to harden the shells be Spanish, Florida is Spanish, "a was not necessary to repeat the The Mexicans threw out French boy has become perfectly sane long they shrink and become "poppers;" tural origin; it is probably Indian, but the white flag on every side, and and reasonable!' Spanish origin is elected. California the American army at a great comes from a Spanish romance of 1510. loss of life, entered into possession of Nevada takes its name from the moun- the building. Now, what do the Mextains, who get theirs from a sem- icans do but celebrate this event and blance to the Nevadas of South Am. ica. her poets and writers almost make out Nebraska is variously rendered "shallow | can be cited in the battle of Molino del water" and "flat country." Kansas is Rey, in which the Mexican army was was neither offended nor surprised. Afthildren earn about fifty cents per day ter inviting me to go to his house and as pickers, and men from seventy five water," or "whole river." Alabama is the inevitable Mexican banquet comes the Mexicans against odds. The fact is the M to celebrate. It is in h...

come out, and he is not particular as to the time of the event. It is hardly necessary to add from the Mexican was a complete success. The great event of the day, or one that most directly appeals to the people prize. This \$50,000 drawing occurs coming he'd fly, and lightning couldn't only twice a year; upon the 5th of May one, even if he has to pawn his last shirt, is supposed to have an interest in this lottery, and a hope that the rich plum may fall to him. At the time of his writing it is not known who has drawn the capital prize of \$50,000. The Mexican lottery is under the supervision of the government, and particular pains are taken to have the drawings conducted upon a fair and systematic

basis. The capital prizes range from \$600 to \$50,000, and drawings occur three or four times a week. A number of Mexican fortunes have been made from these lotteries. Public opinion is strongly in their favor, and any attempt to moralize upon the pernicious effect of the lottery as an institution of Mexico meets with no attention. The Mexican over the front gate of the Spuddles is intensely superstitious. He also believes in that abstract quality known as the desire will possess him to "play" in the lottery. To abolish these draw-

ings a Mexican would consider his most sacred rights encroached upon. The Government will not Havana lottery tickets to be sold openly upon the streets of Mexico, but there is said to be quite a secret sale in the city of these tickets. In fact, in the lottery line, the Government is somewhat exclusive, and will encourage only the home article, and does not look with favor upon any foreign lotteries.

In the introduction of his pamphlet on "How to Grow Rich," Dr. Bland gives the following definition and analysis of this organ: opportunity. I just gathered the old an intellectual faculty, but a selfish iniron poker out of the ash box by the stinct. Its office is to desire, covet,

everything that can in any way minister that kind o' confused him like. He to the physical nature. It is a legititumbled to the racket and tried to crawl mate organ, whose function is necessary under the bench, when I handed him to the continued existence alike of the It is devoid of moral sense as well as lative value of things. It is simply the and -" But Spuddles was flying up unceasing torrent of abuse, and then instinct of acquisition. The ant, the each compelling what instinct he has to we suppose he did not hear his wife to shoot if the woman did not immedibecome the slave of acquisitivness. It when she raised her voice to the high- ately return to the house. This enraged is the controlling faculty in each. The est pitch and fairly screamed: insect and the brute, having no other than a sensuous existence, their wants are limited to food and shelter. Man, while allied to the animal kingdom, on the sensuous plane, is lifted infinitely above it by the fact of his being endowed with reason, and crowned with plication to the manufacture of simple moral sense and spiritual aspirations. By means of his superior intellect, man is able to subjugate the earth and all the limited amount of paper bags in use its forces, compelling it to yield its fruits were made by hand, and it probably and treasures in rich and varied abunnever occurred to the ninety-and-nine dance to supply his needs and gratify conservative ones that there was any his desires. Through the guilding necessity of improving the method. It wisdom of his moral faculties, he remachinery to so insignificant a thing as the equality of the race, the foundation

paper! Yet inventive skill tried its | Accepting these propositions as corhand, and the result was a machine rect, it is clear that the man whose life

the case of a young girl scarcely out of terfield is not a very common name, he accompany me to the asylum to-morrow? delivered. In Petersburg they are covered for the article and to-day the her teens, who was two years ago kid-"I answered of course that I was a that morning on his visit to Paris. His and it can be purchased all the way country, more than three-fourths are whom she had been dragged away, and address there was thus far not known to from \$8 to \$50 per acre, according to urned out of eight factories, whose come she importanted her new mistress and farm improvements, nearness to market, bined capacity is about 5,000,000 the effendito give her her liberty. Findetc. chinery to the manufacture of paper avail, she tried to enlist the sympathy bags, the greatest revolution in the in- of her entourage, some of whom were dustry has been wrought by the inven- slaves and others paid servants. In-Mo., is to be added to the list of locomotive engineers who have deliberately tion of a machine to manufacture what
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Have you noticed the role the lette motive engineers who have deliberately given their lives to save others. His stead of commisserating with her they have you noticed the role the letter is called the "satchel-bottom" bag, in heaped all kinds of insults upon her for G plays in the personal politique of the stead of commisserating with her they have you noticed the role the letter is called the "satchel-bottom" bag, in heaped all kinds of insults upon her for G plays in the personal politique of the stead of commisserating with her they have you noticed the role the letter is called the "satchel-bottom" bag, in heaped all kinds of insults upon her for G plays in the personal politique of the stead of the satchel bottom is called the "satchel-bottom" bag, in heaped all kinds of insults upon her for G plays in the personal politique of the stead of the satchel bottom is called the "satchel-bottom" bag, in heaped all kinds of insults upon her for G plays in the personal politique of the stead of the satchel bottom is called the "satchel-bottom" bag, in heaped all kinds of insults upon her for G plays in the personal politique of the satchel bottom is called the "satchel bottom" bag, in heaped all kinds of insults upon her for G plays in the personal politique of the satchel bottom is called the "satchel bottom" bag, in heaped all kinds of insults upon her for g plays in the personal politique of the satchel bottom is called the "satchel bottom" bag, in heaped all kinds of insults upon her for g plays in the personal politique of the satchel bottom is called the "satchel bottom" bag, in heaped all kinds of insults upon her for g plays in the personal politique of the satchel bottom is called the "satchel bottom" bag, in heaped all kinds of insults upon her for g plays in the personal politique of the satchel bottom is called the "satchel bottom" bag, in heaped all kinds of insults upon her for g plays in the personal politique of the satchel bottom is called the "satchel bottom" bag, in heaped all kinds of insults upon her for g plays in the personal which the bottom is so shaped that the her bold denunciation of captive life, world? In Russia, Gortschakoff; in train, heavily loaded with passengers, two protruding corners of the old-style and constituted her with one accord the Germany, Gillaume: in Greece, Georbag are avoided. Certain bags can be drudge of the household. This kind ges; in England, Gladstone and the exactly as a prisoner going back to jail, Missouri Pacific Road, when the engine left the track and finally broke through the bridge, to be buried in the water.

Our are drudge of the nousehold. This sind of thing went on for some time, until at last the poor girl, in consequence of thing went on for some time, until at last the poor girl, in consequence of thing went on for some time, until at last the poor girl, in consequence of thing went on for some time, until at last the poor girl, in consequence of the poor girl, in consequ lower, the advance being about twenty the cruel treatment she received, was Grevy; in Italy, Garibaldi; in America, the prisoner. The judge was agin me, word about Penrose next. As it happen- court. An excellent country gentleman, I said, quietly: 'Some such incident as cides in France show for the last thirty but Wager stayed to put on the sired, I had received a letter from him re- with the bald head, the ruddy complex- you describe his occurred in Mr. Wir- years the extraordinary increase of brakes and reverse the engine, and thus price of paper.—Manufacturer's Grzette. A Kentucky woman sat at the head of of her as soon as possible. She was again "Love laughs at locksmiths," but he the stairs while her daughter had a put upon the market and sold to anin the latest return the annual number looks pretty sober when he hears the beau in the room below. Sleep came to other master for one-fifteenth part of the pay of a knight or esquire was six-

What a Volcano Did in Iceland. A letter from Iceland says: From the geyser there is a plain view of Hecla. that awful volcano that has so often threatened the very existence of the people of this unfortunate island. It s interesting only on account of its history, and looks so much like other mountains that unless you were a geologist, you could not tell it from hundreds of others. Being 5,364 feet high, it has particular charms for Englishmen, who pensity to climb, but as most of the ponies that have attempted to climb it came down with a rush over its treacherous pumice-lined sides, no sane American has yet been up to its top. About the time they celebrate the next millennial here, when they put up a Jacob's ladder, as they have it at Mount Washington, and introduce a railroad, at Vesuvius, Americans, I have no summit. Their representative is there now, for it is a favorite screeching place of the eagle. The reputation of Hecla is like many others—more than her due. She is heard of in all lands, yet Skapta Jokal has done twice as much in a

In my reminiscences I was almost

forgetting about Skapta Jokul. Skapta

may be said to occupy the southwestern

nill, for she has pre-empted a space It isn't that she is so big as that she re-Hecla had done the best she knew how. The reading of the account of Skapta's work will invigorate the imagination, ready for harvesting at all times. for she gets away with anything the pegan in the neighborhood of the moungreat volume of smoke and ashes spread over the whole district of Sida, going in the direction against the wind. On the 10th the river Skapta overflowed of lava came oozing out of the dry bed explosive. The researches have sho channel was 600 feet deep and 200 wide, per cent. of tire damp (a quantity so the lava overflowed the banks and in- small as to escape notice) is undated the Meddelland country, lift- the presence of coal dust. ing the grass as it went as water would float a film of oil. The stream finally floated into the Meddelland lake, filled it up, and then divided into two streams. one of them again seeking the course of the river and finally leaping, maddened This last stream of lava, as far as it has

resistance in the Hverfisfliot river bed. been surveyed—there is much of it, how which no man has ever been-is forty miles in length and seven in width. convulsion ended with a great earthquake. For a whole year it continued to rain cinders and dust and thousands of acres of grass land were buried and estimated that 190,000 sheep, 28,:30 tioning in the volcano line.

"You ought to get married, Bill," said Spuddles the other day to a young cottage, talking about old times. William, "it strikes me that a single

but now, since I've tried married life a many miles away. The sheriff, howyear I'm twice as happy. I have a cozy ever, knew to the contrary, for he had home, a nice little wife, and one of the seen Martin through a crink in the sweetest of children, and when my day's | logs. While Goodman and Estes were work is done I come home and all is parleying at the door with the family peace and harmony. No, Bill, the old and demanding admittance, they heard ife has no charms for me now."

Souddles' head protruded.

Sally can wash for me this week." The door closed with a slam, and the to the entire posse. The sheriff's rebappy wife muttered:

It seems to me that man won't man's face and he gave up the rifle. do anything I want him to any more. The house was found stocked with As soon as I begin to tell him what I guns and ammunition, and all the want he starts off, and now I'll lay a arrangements for a long siege. William dollar he is not back for four hours. Martin said that he would have surren-Hanging around the saloons I reckon, dered immediately but for fear of being just like the balance of the men."- mobbed by the sheriff's posse, which he Morritton (Ark.) State.

Roumania evidently has in her mode | Lebanon was made quietly and without of judicial procedure great opportuni- interruption, and the murderer was es for reform. In the district of Dam- safely lodged in jail before daylight. brovitza ten peasants unjustly suspected of stealing were treated recently with outrageous brutality in order to compel an acknowledgment of guilt. First who had made a close shave of being they were severely punished with the elected, had the ill-luck to lose a bastinado, and as they still declared themselves innocent, they were then stripped and severely beaten with net- but the Sheriff overhauled him about tles. Under orders from the subperfect, the quills of ducks were then violently barn. The prisoner was captured and forced between the nails of their fingers | vet he was not. If he could not get out failed to extort confession the men had no effect on him. In this emer were submitted to indescribable out- gency the officer called out: rages, and then they were hung up by lives, they confessed to having stolen shave getting this office?" the goods. Before the judge their innocence was clearly established and their sufferings fully described, but the second term. If I lose you I might as authors of these inhuman tortures ap- well hang up. The opposition will dear to have all escaped scot free.

POPULAR SCIENCE.

French authorities are investigating the subject of the influence of school

Dr. Dankwortt has just tabulated the positions of forty-six stars for the commencement of each century from 2000

B. C., to 1800 A. D. The preservation of articles of diet with salicylic acid has been prohibited seems to be born with a hereditary pro- by the French Government, it being considered that this well known preservative agent is dangerous to health. An egg deposited long ago by an

ostrich was discovered in a subterranear culumbarium at Gonzaga. It has been submitted to a chemical examination by found to differ from a recently laid egg in that it had more carbonate and phosphate of lime and less of carbonate of

The hydro-carbon discovered sometime ago by a Frenchman, still attracts liar property of burning at a very slight increase of heat above the average of

depths of water, as practiced in Connecticut, the Scientific American says ovsters can be obtained in a fit condition for the table every week in the year. quires so much room for what she don't | The greater the heat the earlier the want. Skapta's greatest effort was per- oysters will spawn. Those in the deeper formed in 1783, seventeen years after and colder water feel the heat later and spawn later. Some portion of the oyster

field, so to speak, will therefore be In the British collieries numerous enny-dreadful anthor ever thought of. experiments have been made to deter-About the beginning of June, of the mine the cause of explisions in the year named, the usual preliminary noise | mines, and these results are now accepted as correct by most of the experimenters: tains, and on the 8th of the month a 1. Explosions are usually caused by the presence of coal dust in air containing small amount of true fire damp, the Davy lamps serving to detect the presence of dangerous gases when in with fetid water and then suddenly dis- | sufficient quantity to alone cause appeared. Fire broke out on the explosion. 2. Mixtures of coal dust mountain, and two days later a stream and air without fire damp are not of the river. Notwithstanding that the that air containing no more than two

How a Murderer Was Recaptured. A letter from St. Louis gives an account of the recapture by Sheriff Goodman of William E. Martin, who is under sentence of ath for the murder and hot, into the sca, over the great of one Weise. Laclede county. cataract of Stapafoss, whose brink is 300 While Martin was in jail he gained the feet above the sea level. The other affections of Sheriff Wilson's niece, and stream, after traversing a wide section the girl unbarred his cell, furnished gether. The pair fled the State, and When Goodman was elected sheriff he much no one knows, in a country over immediately instituted a thorough and back to Tennessee, in which latter That which went over the cataract is State he captured Martin and the girl. fifty miles long and fifteen broad. The While he was taking them from St. lava ceased to flow in August, and the Louis to Lebanon Martin escaped from the train. The father and mother of Martin live on a farm ten miles from Lebanon, in what is known as Goodwin Hollow, and the sheriff had a close withered under the hot showers. It is watch kept on their residence, believing that the son would pay them a visit. At horses, 11,000 cattle and 9,000 men length the sheriff received informadied as a result of the eruption. Since tion that Martin had visited the paternal then there has been nothing worth men- roof, and he organized a posse of ten men and started for Goodwin Hollow. Martin has hundreds of friends who would fight for his liberty at a moment's notice. The posse left Lebanon at 9 o'clock at night and traveled seven "Don't know," said the doubting farm. Arriving there, the house was cautiously approached and covered by life beats your married bliss out of shotguns from every direction. Sheriff There's just where you are off, old | Estes, demanded admittance, which boy." said Spuddies. "You know I, was of course denied, and the inmates used to be one of the gayest of our gang, solemnly declared that "Billy" was

where they hitched their horses in the woods and walked toward the Martin Goodman, accompanied by Marshal the sound of clapboards being removed Just then the door opened and Mrs. from the roof. Soon afterward Martin's head popped through the roof. "Mr. Spuddles, run right up town But he caught sight of ten guns pointed and get another bottle of that cough in his direction and he disappeared. syrup for the baby-he's just coughing Parleying at the door was again rep his very toe-nails-and come past sumed. At length Martin responded the store and bring up a ham of meat, to the demands, and declared that he and some butter, and eggs, and coffee | would surrender at daylight. It was common to brute and man. It is not -we're clean out-and some lard, and then after 12 o'clock, and Mr. Goodanother sack of flour, and don't forget man suspected that with daylight that can of peaches you promised me would come assistance. A general a week ago. We must have some fight could not be permitted, and potatoes, too, and if you see any vege-tables get some. Heavens alive! do if they were acting in good faith they you think I can be penned up here day must surrender immediately. After after day with a squalling brat, and consultation they agreed to yield, and nothing to eat in the house? And don't | young Martin threw open the doors and forget those new towels some time this stepped out into the moonlight. In a week, and be sure you wait till I'm en- twinkling he was handcaffed and tirely barefooted before you get those shackled by the sheriff. But the parents new shoes-you know I can't go after were not so easily quieted. The mother them while Johnny's got this cough- ran out and poured upon the officers an the street at a gait that would have struck one of the posse with ar ck The charmed an admirer of fast stock, so man through his gun up and threatened the father, and he took down the old "Come by old Tubbingers and see if | Winchester rifle with which his son had murdered Weiser, and threatened death

knew contained some men who were his

mortal enemies. The sheriff reassured

him on that point. The journey to

In the days gone by a Detroit Sheriff prisoner from the jail. The fellow made good his escape to the country, eight miles out and drove him under a

"You know I had a mighty close

"Well, I'm laying my pipes for a hundreds of men in my own party will

"Well, Iask von to come out, not but more as a patriot bound to stand by "I'll be hanged if I don't!" replied

your jail, but if it's going to help the

party and crush the hydra-headed oppo-

sition out I come "-Free Press. General Grant has insured his life