STRANGE AS FICTION.

A Narrative of Bovish Folly and Girlish Innocence.

The San Francisco Morning Call has the following: It is a curious story, based upon a boy's folly and a girl's innocence, and would furnish material for cial from Batoum says: "About five a thrilling novel of the Braddon order. A kindly feeling for the unfortunate relatives draws a veil over the real names of ed for the purpose, advanced with batthe parties concerned-a feeling that will teries of field artillery, and made a furibe respected by all but those of a scan- ous attack upon the heights defending dal loving. disposition. With this ex- Batoum on the land side, which were ocplanatory preface we will begin the cupied by Bashi-Bazouks. The Ottostory with the boy's folly, calling him man troops were entrenched in the usual George Belmore in lieu of his real name, which is quite a romantic one. After making a good record in his classes, young Belmore left school some few columns a terrible and well sustained years ago to enter a business house in fire of cannon and musketry, which lit-San Francisco, and by dint of hard work erally mowed the Russians down in and exemplary conduct was advanced to swaths. They fell by scores and hunthe position of bookkeeper, having dreds on the plain below the Turkish positions. During their attempts to make gained the entire confidence of his employers. He was essentially what is way against this fire a body of Turkish horse and foot, taking advantage of a called a "good young man"-regular in his attendance at church, correct in his thick forest, broke forth upon the flank deportment, and popular among a large circle of acquaintance, and this at very great slaughter. The Muscovites being upon ground perfectly open, and having little more than twenty years of age. no choice but to fight or fly, in a short He fell in love, became ultra romantic time the spot which was the scene of this and took to novel reading, his choice flank movement became covered with falling, unfortunately, upon the most sensational books. The love waned, on dead and dying Russians. But the enemy one side or the other, it matters not quickly brought up reinforcements, and which, and the poor boy became moody , the battle was renewed with much deterand melodramatic, declaring that he mination. For many hours the efforts of the assailants were desperately mainwould throw off the trammels of civilzation and go out into the world an Ish- tained, but toward midday their artillery maelite, or a wandering hermit rather, if there be such a thing. Through it all, however, he attended strictly to business, and fault could be found with his manner only, not with his actions. The key of the safe was entrusted to his care, only one inner box closed to him, during fire gradually slackened, and they at maelite, or a wandering hermit rather, the absence of his employers. In this box were kept a number of valuables. on high ground, and it is due to this fact, including, among other matters, an expensive collection of diamonds and over no doubt, that their losses, compared pensive collection of diamonds and over no doubt, that their losses, compared medicines, who dishonestly try to deceive the with those inflicted upon the enemy, afflicted into the belief that their preparations at a heavy figure. On the fourteenth of were insignificant. The victory was won will accomplish impossibilities. By reason of its real intrinsic merit it has a sale surpassing February last Belmore borrowed the key by the extraordinary courage of the Bashi-Bazouks. The dead and wounded of this inner safe from one of the principals for some legitimate purpose and on the Russian side will exceed 4,000. The engagement lasted over eight hours' kept it for several minutes while he arranged the contents in proper order. On actual fighting. The last of the Russians did not withdraw until near midthe fifteenth, being sent upon some triffing mission, he remained away nearly night. The Russians lost many guns. The only Turkish officer of note killed three hours, explaining his absence upon the ground of having been kept in waitis Khalim Bey, major of irregulars.", ing. He failed to put in an appearance next day, a fact so unusual that the pro-

prietors supposed he must be sick. On the seventeenth his anxious mother called at the office with the information that he had been nearly two days absent from home. Suspicion turned to certainty when the safe was examined and a deficiency discovered. Further investigation brought to light the following facts: With the value of thousands before him to choose from, Belmore had abstracted 100 shares of Justice stock from the safe, leaving the books, which were under his entire control and which could easily have been tampered with, der the dog's black nose, and that animal remedy. It is a tonic without alcohol. This the bank account, the other stocks, some gave a howl and made a dash at the medicine is too well known already to require of them worth far more in value than

ready cash, intact. On the fifteenth he Mr. Parker, "you want to put a strap on is claimed for it. Now is the time to tone up had gold the stock in the office of a that man dama. He's mad." had sold the stock in the office of a that year dawg. He's mad. prominent broker for \$1,243.75, representing that it was his father's, and being identified in his real name by a gentleman present who had known him from childhood. On the sixteenth he purchased a ticket for Callao by the steamer frightened. Suddenly, however, a Colima, which was to sail at noon, giving the fictitious name of Frank M. Ball. He then called upon his lost lady love dressed the policeman haughtily : and bade her farewell, saying that he was and bade her farewell, saying that he was about to leave San Francisco forever. who we are. We had desired to pre-At noon he sailed. Among the passengers were an actress of the acrobatic order, and a bright, innocent girl, pretty in features, modest in manner, and barely sixteen years of age. This unsophisticated lassie had never before left her mother's care, and was en route to New York, where she was to complete her education under the supervision of an aunt. Her parents had placed her in charge of the officers on board, feeling that she would be safe under their protection; and so she was without the slightest hesitation. until she left it. An intimacy sprang up between the actress and the lovely child, so the tale is told, and ere many days had passed the gasoline star had also included among her friends the absconding bookkeeper. Through her the boy and girl became acquainted, she, of course, being ignorant of his antecedents, and she finally made a proposition to them both to join a new troupe which she intended to organize on reaching New York. The actress, by the way, not having the requisite coin to pay for It was no respector of persons or rank; her ticket, had deposited some jewelry it pummeled haughty officers in the ribs her ticket, had deposited some jewelry at the office, saying that she could re-deem them through a friend at Panama. From Belmore she obtained \$200 as earnest money of the partnership con-cern which they were to start, and then the idea was proposed that the young people should marry as a more convenient arrangement. Gretchen was little loth, for she was pleased with the vonth's appearance, with his attentions to her and with his off-hand, generous made off across the common with astonmanner, and Faust was equally willing, ishing bounds. The soldier, in his exfor the girl's pretty face and winning ways had charmed him. It was a hothouse love and blossomed at its very birth, attracting the attention of the manner attempted to frighten a private ship's officers, who tried to put an end in the 100th regiment, who was on guard to it by separating the parties as much by a powder magazine. Again was a as possible. At Mazatlanl a Reverend gun fired and again did the ghost stalk Mr. Watkins came on board as a rassenger to Panama, and the young lovers the ghost pounced upon another soldier pleaded with him and with the captain and endeavored to snatch away his rifle. that they might be married. This the A sharp struggle ensued, which ended captain solemnly forbade, however, kept the girl locked in her cabin for awhile, and shut off all communication between her and her would-be husband. When the Colima reached Panama, Belmore, accompanied by the Reverend Mr. Watkins, called upon the American consul and his object was to show the nation and through certain representations ob- how easily he could frighten the soldiers tained a marriage license. They then went to the Grand Hotel, where they met little Gretchen and her actress friend, and without a moment's delay, the Rev. Mr. Watkins pronounced them man and wife. It is to be hoped that he received a handsome wedding fee. Belmore was married under his assumed name of Frank M. Ball. On April 13th the party landed in New York, for Belmore had abandoned his Callao intention and sold his ticket in Panama, and from the former place came the first news of the erring couple. The parents of the child wife immediately sent her a loving letter, promising everything if she would only place herself under the charge of her aunt, as at first arranged. The poor little thing has always borne a spotless New York Herald stating that the sword

THE FIGHTING AT BATOUM.

A Middleburg correspondent of the Albany Argus, writing under date of The Russians Assaulting the Heights--Twice Repulsed with Heavy Loss of Both May 11, says : About three o'clock this Men and Guns.

afternoon we had a genuine earthquake here. It was so severe that many peo-The London Daily Telegraph's speple ran out from their houses and places of business in alarm. The ground o'clock in the morning the Russian trembled, and in some places a sound forces, which had been largely augmentwas heard resembling the noise of thunder. Rev. Dr. Crane, for ten years a missionary in Turkey, told me a few moments after the occurrence that he had experienced many shocks from earthquakes in this and other countries, but that this was the severest one that he offective manner upon the slopes and had ever known in this country. Some ledges of these hills, and upon the adthought that horses were running away, vance of the enemy they opened on his others that chimneys were falling over their heads, while many, not dreaming of earthquakes, ascribed the noise to the rolling of heavy barrels. At Schoharie it produced the same effect.

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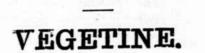
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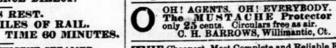


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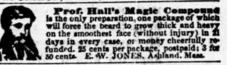
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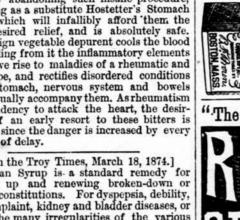
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Mr. Parker and His Dog.

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"The board of aldermen be darned," said Mr. Parker. "I'm not going to

put a four-foot strap on your neck, Mar-

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at his dog and chuckle to himself.

small boy.

"Well, old feller, who's the judge? I sav that year dawg's mad, and I'm goin' to knock 'im on the head with my club.' Mr. Parker for the moment looked twinkle came into his eye, and, drawing himself up to his full height, he ad-

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"Well, I'm blowed," mused the offi-cer as Mr. Parker and his dog disappeared. "I'm blowed ef that dawg couldn't work a free lunch route off the people's legs afore the juke could pernounce half his name."-New York World.

A Ghost in Camp.

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After Thirteen Years.

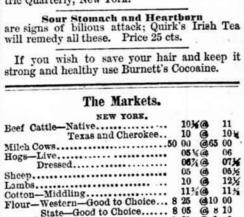
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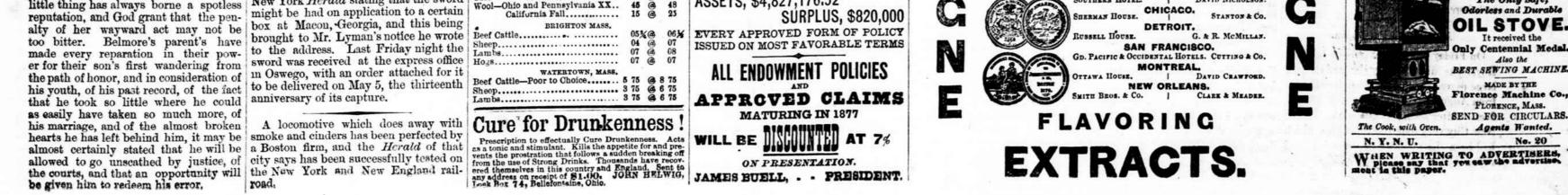
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