

ROMANCE AND REALITY.

For soul's mate he had painted a hero, with soft, azure curls, melting eyes, and pure brow, with a smile...

A CLEVER CAPTURE.

By "THE CAPTAIN."

"Take care of it, Hugh." "All right, sir. Good morning."

He was frequently employed in the execution of such transactions as the present between his uncle's bank and the other banks.

"What's the matter, Mr. Hugh? What is it?" was repeated more than once before his scattered senses were recalled.

Further explanation put them in possession of the fact that a celebrated detective was at the moment in the police station itself.

In accordance with the detective's directions, the registered letters were spread out before them.

MRS. G. HOPKINS.

19 P street, Harwich.

The detective just laid one finger on it, turned to Hugh, and said, with an emphasis which carried weight with it:

"Your money is in that letter, or it's gone beyond our reach. You must come to Harwich with me tonight."

All hope of seeing the money faded from Hugh's mind again and again; but his heart beat faster than usual as he turned into the dingy looking street.

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"MOONSTONE" VENGEANER.

Theme of Wilkie Collins' Novel Freshly Revisited.

A story which comes from Oakland, Cal., is reminiscent of Wilkie Collins' "Moonstone." After 25 years it would seem as though Collins were vindicated.

The Oakland story is to the effect that a painter fell from a scaffold and was seriously injured.

Collins then adapted this incident to his own needs. Franklin Blake, unused to laudanum, was given a heavy dose, and while under the intoxicating effects of the drug went to the room of Rachel Vandiver.

Retort That Cost a Lawyer \$50. The appointment of Judge Stafford of Vermont to the district bench to succeed Judge Pritchard.

EARLY DAY HUNT IN OHIO.

In the "Bag" Were 17 Wolves; 21 Bears, 300 Deer and a Few Foxes and Raccoons.

Doubtless the most successful hunt ever conducted in Ohio took place on Dec. 24, 1818, in Medina county.

Bears raided the pig pens at times, and wolves were a great obstacle to keeping sheep.

So-Called Prophecies.

Any man of a lively fancy, who knows enough of human nature to realize its abiding needs, can enumerate future discoveries by the dozen in a thousand may be realized within a century.

Roses Old as the World.

Rose culture's beginning goes back beyond records. The flower is mentioned in the earliest Coptic manuscripts.

Gratitude.

Mr. Skinalong—I hope, dear, that you will be happy now that uncle has left us a fortune.

Harbor of Valparaiso.

The harbor of Valparaiso, the important port of Chile, is only an open roadstead, in which 152 ships have been wrecked through storms causing them to drag their anchors.

PEARLS OF THOUGHT.

There is no coarsely without suffering. Business always lays the blame on luck.

When angels sing they do not have to wait for cultivated ears. Nothing is more unpractical than the neglect of the spiritual.

JAPS LOVE THEIR BATHS.

Everybody in the Land of the Chrysanthemum Likes to Be Clean. From time immemorial the bath tub has been an honorable institution in Japan.

THE HEAVIEST TAX.

The heaviest tax a farmer pays is the one he inflicts upon himself by economizing in room in the stables.

TEACHING A COLT.

Here is a good method to teach a wild colt, or any horse unaccustomed to being tied in a stall.

LIGHT IN STABLES.

Sunshine is just as essential to horses and other farm animals as it is to human beings.

Bovine Fire Alarm.

Fire broke out in the rear of Trachler's restaurant. Loss not over \$200, mostly from water.

WATER FOR SWINE.

One of the best preventives of hog cholera is a clean pen. If the hogs or pigs on the range have made a hole in which to wade, change the quarters at once.

Pitch-Blende.

Tests have been made in Vienna with pitch-blende which was taken from the ground as long ago as 1807.

Governor-General Tsen of Canton.

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FARM TOPICS.

SHILLER, THE HOG.

The hog is very sensitive to cold and should be well sheltered when the season becomes severe.

TO PREVENT VERMIN.

A handful of sawdust sprinkled with carbolic acid and thrown in a nest box will prevent vermin.

TO EXTERMINATE PLEAS.

Pleas become pests on some localities. An excellent mode of exterminating them is to use the well known kerosene emulsion.

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