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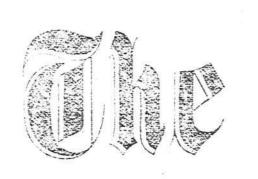
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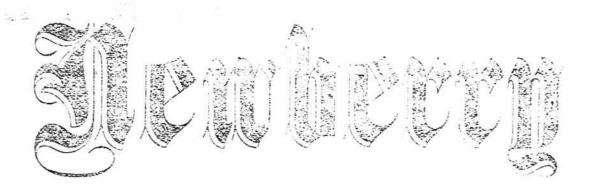
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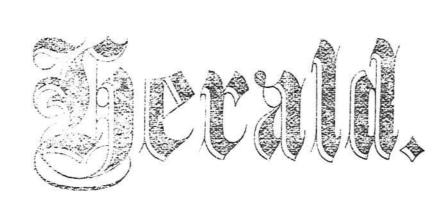
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I asked, quickly.

asked the doctor, briefly.

ready identified."

convicted them."

article behind that would have

at once to the police officials. I

found them in perplexity, some of

them believing in the innocence of

the countess, and the rest firmly

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THE NINETY AND NINE.

There were ninety and nine that safely lay In the shelter of the fold, But one was out on the hills away, Far off from the gates of gold, Away on the mountains wild and bare, Away from the shepherd's care.

"Lord, thou hast here thy ninety and nine; Are they not enough for thee?" But the shepherd made an answer, "This of

Has wandered away from me; And altho' the road be rough and steep, I go to the desert to find my sheep."

But none of the ransomed ever knew

How deep were the waters crossed; Nor how dark was the night that the Lord passed through Ere he found his sheep that was lost.

Out in the desert he heard its cry-Sick and helpless and ready to die. 'Lord, whence are those blood-drops all the

That mark out the mountains track!' They were shed for one who had gone Ere the shepherd could bring him back," suppose you'll admit it now?" 'Lord, whence are thy hands so rent and

They are pierced to-night by many a And thro' the mountains, thunder-riven,

And up from the rocky steep, There rose a cry to the gate of heaven, "Rejoice! I have found my sheep!" And the angels echoed around the throne-Rejoice for the Lord brings back his own!'

gelected Story.

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I had been "doing" the continent in a rambling way and had stopped for a few days at Venice. Here I met my old college

chum, Dick Glover. The latter had become a famous doctor within the last few years. Having at last married a rich and handsome young widow, he had concluded to take a short

period of relaxation, and hence his presence in this distant clime. Of course he was overjoyed to see me, and having been there long enough to know something of the place, he volunteered to

show me around. "By George!" I exclaimed, suddenly, as we stopped before the piazza San Marco. "There's as handsome a picture as I ever saw Innocence personified."

A young and most beautiful girl stood before us, engaged in feeding the pigeons.

The birds were marvelously tame, and approached her fearlessly, even lighting on her hands. "Did you ever see a more at-

tractive sight!" I asked my friend, enthusiastically, as we passed on. "Hum! I don't know," was the rather doubtful reply. "Rumor has been busy about that lady's

name of late." "In what way?" I asked indignantly. "I never saw a sweet-

er face in all my life." "Well, I'll tell you the story as near as I've board it. The woman is Countess Ardotti. Her husband, the count, is reputed to be immeasely wealthy, while the wife was but a poor peasant girl when he married her. Of course the general belief is that she wedded him for his wealth. This would not amount to much were it not for the fact that she makes no effort to show her dislike for her husband's society. I happened to be present at a large ball given here a few weeks ago. On that occasion the countess flirted shamefully with a young Italian, the son of some noblema Her conduct attracted universal attention, but she did not seem to heed that in the least. Now you see why I am rather more doubtful of her innocence than you are." "Still you may be mistaken by your prejudice against her," I re-

torted gaily. We arrived home at about four p. m., and the doctor's wife met us with a look of horror on her

"Have you heard the news?" she gasped. "Isn't it perfectly

"What news, dear?" asked the doctor, in surprise. "You'll have

dered!"

member of the board, who was most bitter in his hostility to the This man alluded to showed such an amount of strong dislike to me that I resolved to find ont the cause. All I could learn, how-

ever, was his name, and the fact that he was the father of a halfwitted girl. I had two interviews with the countess, and each of them strengthened my belief in her in-

I endeavored to find the young nobleman whose name had been coupled with hers, but he had left the country. Of course this gave a still darker look to the case, but I did not despair.

One night I was proceeding homeward at a late hour, when I heard a stealthy footstep behind me. I turned quickly, and just in time to catch my assailant by the arm. A keen stilletto was in his hand, and my prompt action had saved my life. Snatching out my revolver. I leveled it at his head, and ordered him to move on, at the same time keeping a firm hold upon his collar.

The muzzle of my weapon was a convincing argument, and he did not dare disobey. I marched him straight to the house of my friend, Dr. Glover. As I marched my prisoner into the doctor's presence, I, for the first time, caught a glimpse of the face beneath the slouch hat. I started back in astonishment.

strange enemy among the police officials. I knew then that he was able to throw some light upon the mystery. "See here," I said, assuming my fiercest tone; "you are fairly cornered now. Confess what you know concerning the murder of

Count Ardotti, and you shall go

free, otherwise I shall give you in-

to custody for your attempt upon

It was no less a person than my

my life." The man, frightened by my manner, told all he knew. His insane daughter had been so made by the count's former attentions. to enlighten us on the subject, I'm | Having betrayed her, he had cast her off, and she had brooded over "Count Ardotti has been mur- her wrongs until she had become dangerously insane.

The doctor looked grave at | After the count's marriage she that is the end of it. We may hands of iron.

this intelligence, and glanced to- has sworn revenge, and became so have occasion to denounce him, ward me. As for myself, I was violent that she required constant in the heat and passion of the contrembling with conflicting emo- watching. On the day of the flict, as a "moral hyena, whose count's murder she had succeeded foul and fastering chops drip gall "Let me hear the particulars?" in eluding the vigilance of her and aquafortis, a mocker and de stroyer of the truth, upon whose

"I will tell you all I know," re- Her father was the first to miss vicious lips the dear pure truth, if plied the lady. "The count was her, and fearing her purpose, had ever it could spring from a heart found sitting in his chair with a gone straight to the count's en- so blackened and stained with poniard driven to the hilt in his trance. He had arrived just in crime turns to ashes and bitterness heart. He must have fallen asleep time to see his crazy daughter before it can be uttered." We and been attacked in that state." escaping by a back entrance, and may feel it our duty to call an es "What time did it occur?" shrewdly guessed that the deed teemed contemporary a "palterhad been perpetrated.

"About three o'clock they dis- His wish for revenge upon the rants," "an unprincipled scouncovered him, and then his body new countess for usurping his drel, whose grovelling carcass was not quite cold. The countess | daughter's rightful place, and his | wallowing in the cesspool of polit was immediately suspected of the fear that the crazy girl might ical corruption, steeped to bi crime. She was engaged in feed- have to pay the penalty of her thievish eyes in abhorrent parti ing the pigeons when they arrested act with her life, had led to his san infamy, pursues its nefarious her, and there was blood upon her silence. traffic to the very shadow of the

Strange to say, the sight of her | mocking gallows it has cheated "You was rather mistaken in murdered lover had brought back too long." We get mad at these your judgment that time," said the girl's wandering senses, and things sometimes, dreadful mad the doctor addressing me. "I she was legally hable for the act. awful mad. But we get over it

The doctor listened in open- especially if the other man is the "Never!" I replied. "It strikes mouthed astonishment, while I biggest. me that there is some deep mys- drew up the statement in legal | When the jealousy of Union gentery at the bottom of this, and form, and compelled the man to erais was bringing disgrace and that the countess is still innocent." sign it; then we accompained him | deteat on the Union arms in Vir-"Your legal instinct is wrong bome and had the truth corrobolginia, the newspaper corresponthis time, I'm afraid," said the rated from the unwilling lips of dents hung together and carried doctor's wife. "The poniard with the daughter.

which the deed was done belonged The countess was quickly libe | slaughtered rebels by the column to the countess, and has been all rated, and public opinion swung | -double-leaded brevier. People round in her favor. The real love us for this unselfishness. Our "Pooh!" I retorted; "that is murderess was never prosecuted, tranquil lives imprint upon our proof positive of her innocence. No opinion seeming to be that it was faces the beautiful and tender exone but a fool would have left an an act of justice.

Such is the story, as told me by member so long after they meet a lawyer friend on his recent re- an editor, and which makes them "I left the doctor, and proceeded turn from abroad. His wife was go home shuddering, to dream the former Countess Ardotti, and that every night they met a man she was, indeed, a most beautiful who had starved to death, and

Miscellaneous.

THE EDITORS.

with us there is none of that feel

feel constrained to call an es-

thing like that, he comes over

only tolerable.-Hawkeye. The editors of Indiana had a grand reunion at Lnfayette, the THE YEAR WITHOUT A SUMother day, and I was constrained MER. to stop and join them, for verily were they not going to open a One of the old residents of Derkeg of nails and cut a melon? by tells us the year of 1816 is what Happy, innocent, guileless men, sknown as the "year without a these editors! How little they summer." Old New England farknow of the world and its sordid cares; how little they know of dred and starved to death." Janits wrangling strifes and its noisy uary was mild, as was also Febwars; how little they see of its irredeemable and fluctuating curdays. The greater part of March rencies; bow sublimely, magnificently seldom do they light upon the combination of its safe lock. Ah, men of a busy, heartless, money-getting world, editors have no money. We have something better. We have calm, unmoved and unmovable, sleeping consciences, that you couldn't quicken with a stroke of lightning. What a priceless treasure is such a conscience! Journalism is the profession without jealousy. I don't bechusetts, and ten inches in ieve there is a profession in the world so free from jealousy as this. Look at musical people. They are the worst in the lot. Music hath ness of window glass in New charms to soothe a savage, but it has no power to tame the ferocity of people who play, and sing, and teach it. An opera company, In August ice tormed half an inch without a black eye, is an un thick. Corn was so frozen that a heard-of wonder. All through the great deal was cut down and dried opera season the frightened air is for fodder. Very little ripened full of the loud wranglings of in the New England and Middle warring tenor and soprano, con-States. Farmers were obliged to tralto and basso. Every mail brings pay four or five dollars a bushel to our ears the crash of another footstool Christine Nilsson has kicked over. And a church choir two weeks of September were weakness of those about him. -why, I never knew but one mild; the balance of the month choir that didn't have a chronic was cold with frost, and ice formrow on its hands dating back as ed a quarter of an inch thick. far as the tariff bill, and October was more than usually complicated than the Louisiana in cold, with frost and ice. Novem vestigation. And that one broke ber was cold and blustering, with up the first Suuday. One of the snow enough for good sleighing. first indications of a revival in the December was quite mild and church is when the soprano and comfortable. alto get on speaking terms with Windermere (Ct.) Weekly Forum each other. And at a musical

we don't care at whose expense

festival, did you ever notice how He who learns and makes no the chorus stood back and glared use of his learning is a beast of at the solo? It is awful. But burden with a load of books. Comprehendeth the ass whether ing. We love each other. And he carries on his back a library or when, in the course of our politia bundle of fagots? cal duties as standard bearers, we

Strength of mind depends upon teemed contemporary a "measuresobriety, for this keeps reason un less liar," he knows we mean business, and if he is a man who clouded by passion. will get mad at a little trivial

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period of gloom and agony. No money, either gold or silver; no paper convertible into specie; no measure or standaad of value left remaining. The local banks, all but those of New England, after a ing slave to a ring of petty tybrief resumption of specie payments, again sank into a state of suspension. The Bank of the United States, created as a remedy for all these evils, now at the head of the evil, prostrate and helpless, with no power left but that of suing its debtors and sellng their property, and purchasing for itself at its own nominal price. No price for prosperity or produce, no sales but those of the Sheriff and the Marshal; no purchasers at the execution sales but ereditor or a hoarder of money; no employment for industry; no demand for labor; no sales for the product of the farm : no sound of hammer but that of the auctioneer on the war and won victories and knocking down property. Stop laws, property laws, the replevin laws, loan office laws, the intervention of the Legislature beween the creditor and the debtor -this was the business of legispression which people always relation in three-fourths of the States of the Union-of all South and West of New England. No medium of exchange but depreciated paper; no change even but little bits of foul paper, marked so had crawled out of his grave to many cents and signed by so steal a pretzel and couldn't find many tradesmen, barbers, or innhis way back. We eat well, and keepers; exchanges deranged to the extent of fifty or one hundred we dress well, we sleep well, and per cent. Distress, the universal we drink-well, only tolerable, demand, thundered at the door of all Legislatures, State and Fed-

THE CZAR'S LIBERALITY .- The czar is said to be a child in money matters. A most intimate friend, Count Adlerberg, is often in debt, and the czar since his accession to mers refer to it as "eighteen hun- the throne, has ungrudgingly paid millions to release him from his embarassments. One day last ruary, with the exception of a few winter, the count appeared at court coughing violently and lookwas cold and boisterous. April ing very ill. "What is the matter opened warm, but grew colder as with yon, Adlerberg?" asked the it advanced, ending with snow czar. "Severe bronchitis, sire," and ice, and winter cold. In May replied the count. "My doctor ice formed half an inch thick, says that I ought to go to buds and flowers were frozen and Nice for a couple of months." corn was killed. Frost, ice and "Then why don't you go? I will snow were common in June. Al- give you leave." "I cannot afford most every green thing was killed. | the journey, sire." "Never mind and fruit was nearly all destroyed. | the expense; I will defray that." Snow fell to the depth of three | The count brightened up. "I will inches in New York and Massa | defray the expense," in the emperor's mouth, could not mean less Maine. July was accompanied than ten or twenty thousand with frost and ice. On 5th roubles. The next morning his ice was formed of the thick- majesty sent for the count, and graciously handed him a five hun-York, New England and parts of | dred rouble note-less than \$350, Pennsylvania, and corn was nearly at the present rate of exchange, all destroyed in certain sections. for a two months' trip from St. Petersburg to Nice and back again. Count Adlerberg got rid

of his bronchitis in Russia. The character of a wise man consists in three things; to do himself what he tells others to do; to for corn in 1816 for seed for the act on no occasion contrary to next spring's planting. The first justice, and to bear with the

> With every exertion the best man can do only a moderate amount of good; but it seems in the power of the most contemptible individual to do incalculable

> Affection, like spring flowers, breaks through the most frozen ground at last, and the heart which seeks but for another heart to make it happy will never seek

> When the idea of pleasure strikes your imagination, make a just computation between the duration of the pleasure and that of the repentance that is likely to follow.

The most painful part of our bodily pain is that which is bodi-Divine vengeance comes with less or immaterial-namely, our feet of lead, but it strikes with impatience, and the delusion that it will last forever-