

Humorous Department.

A FORTNIGHT'S SICK LEAVE. "Sore throat, eh?" said the surgeon to a member of a military band...

HE KNEW WHEN TO STOP.—A man was traveling on a Dakota railroad managed by a local company.

KINDNESS REMEMBERED.—"John," she said, thoughtfully, "tomorrow is the birthday of that little Jones boy next door."

Smith walked up Market street the other evening with a box of candy under one arm and a big package of meat under the other.

ANTICIPATING THE OBSEQUI.—A poor man lay dying, and his good wife was tending him with homely but affectionate care.

FUN ENOUGH.—"I want to go to the funeral of the little girl across the street," said little Molly Fizztop to her mother.

"No, no, my child," replied Mrs. Fizztop. "You were at a matinee yesterday afternoon; last night you were at a concert, and you are going to a children's party tonight."

"Did I understand you to say that you didn't have any company in the kitchen while I was out, Katie?"

"Yes, mum; that's what I said."

The Story Teller.

THE ROMANCE OF REALITY.

A FRENCH DETECTIVE'S STORY.

I had some renown as a successful rogue-catcher, and I had some experience, too. My field of operations, as a usual thing, lay within the confines of the Department of the Lower Alps...

"Yes," he replied; "sit down and listen." We sat down, and he proceeded. "Within a few months past there have been some of the most mysterious murders committed in this department and in the department of war, that have ever come under my notice."

"But," said I, "is there not poison in this matter? Some innkeeper may administer the poison, and then send an accomplice after the victim."

"No," returned the prefect, with a shake of the head. "Experienced physicians have examined the stomachs of the dead men, but without effect; and now we mean to give the whole thing into your hands."

I reached Castellane in the morning, and went to a woollen factory and saw the business agent. His name was Louis Cazaubon, and he had come to Castellane about a year before.

I felt sure that he was not the man who had done the direct work of death, or he would have been discovered ere this. So I resolved to wait awhile and see if he returned.

I saw Cazaubon at his desk, and then I returned to my horse. I knew I had a risk to run now, but I was ready for it.

I had crossed the little cascade of St. Esprit, and was descending a short, steep hillside, when I saw a young man by the roadside, at the foot of the descent, engaged in whipping a mule.

"What's the matter?" I asked, as I went up near him. "This ugly mule has thrown both me and my bag of corn from his back," he answered.

"Did I understand you to say that you didn't have any company in the kitchen while I was out, Katie?"

if I had not been very much mistaken, I had seen him holding his mule very firmly with his left hand. I leaped from my saddle, and moved towards him, being careful to watch his every movement.

"I've found you, have I?" I said drawing my pistol, and cocking it. "I will simply inform you that I am an officer of prefecture, and that I have been hunting for you. Just offer a partical of resistance, and a bullet goes through your brain! Now give me that weapon."

"It is only a tobacco pipe," he said, as he presented it to me. And certainly it looked like nothing more; but I had seen enough of it to know that evil was in it.

"So you are selling your soul to Monsieur Louis Cazaubon?" I remarked, by way of letting him know that I was thoroughly informed.

He started, and I saw very plainly that he knew just what I meant; but he tried to recover himself, and asserted that he knew nothing about the individual I had named.

"You needn't lie to me," I sternly replied, "for I know all about you. Louis Cazaubon has been watched by me when he didn't dream of it. He thought I was a tradesman. But you are young, and I would save you. Confess everything to me, and I promise your life shall be spared."

I saw that he wavered, and followed up my advantage, and ere long I had him bent to my wishes. I made him understand that I held his life in my hands; and that I could protect him from the vengeance of anyone he might criminate, and that he had everything to gain and nothing to lose by a full confession.

His name, he said, was Henry Dupin. He was born in Paris, but never knew who his parents were. He went to live with Cazaubon when quite young, and had been with him ever since. He said Cazaubon used to be a chemist, and did some business in that line; and that it was in Paris he invented the infernal machine which they had used with such fatal effect.

I returned to Castellane with my prisoner; having left him in charge of the sub-prefect, I took a gendarme along with me and went to the factory. Monsieur Cazaubon was surprised to see me back again so soon; but he was more surprised when I asked him to take a walk with me.

In due time Monsieur Louis Cazaubon was tried and condemned to death, and the prefect of Dinge took possession of the infernal machine. Before the villain was executed he confessed his crimes—told how many years he had worked to perfect his fatal instrument and produce the poison—and also owned that the young man had been driven to help him through fear of his life.

So the rascal was executed. Henry Dupin, his accomplice, spent two weeks in confinement, and was then set free, and commenced an honest life. As for me, I got all the praise I deserved, and perhaps more. At all events, I had done the country some service, and the people were not slow in acknowledging it.

A SCOTCH JOKE.—A traveler had left his wrap in his carriage. The guard, opening the door of a compartment, inquires, "Is there a black mackintosh here?" "No," answers one of the big-bearded Highlanders inside, "there's no black mackintosh, but there are six red Macgregors."

Miscellaneous Reading.

BILLY ROSE'S UNIQUE LIFE.

COLUMBIA, July 7.—One of the most interesting figures in South Carolina today is Billy Rose, the colored veteran of three wars, who for more than twenty years has filled the post of porter in the governor's office.

The Governor's Guards, the crack military company of the city, elected him an honorary member of their organization nearly a generation ago, and since that time he never has missed a parade, always appearing in full uniform, and always accompanying the guards on trips outside of the state.

He is a very old man now, and his snow-white hair, which reaches almost to his shoulders, is in marked contrast with his dark brown complexion, for though a pure Negro, he is by no means an ebony black one.

The history of this interesting veteran—the most popular Negro in South Carolina—is unique. Born a slave Christmas day, 1813, he was a boy of 13 when Lafayette visited Columbia. He still remembers seeing the heroic old Frenchman walk from the house now occupied by Bishop Capers, two squares, to the State House door, a path literally covered with flowers by little girls.

After the Mexican war broke out, ex-Governor Butler was elected to lead the Palmetto regiment, and Billy went to his second war. The Palmetto regiment covered itself with glory; but the gallant Butler fell at the battle of Churubusco, near the City of Mexico, and the task of bringing his body home fell to his faithful servant.

In 1858 Billy narrowly escaped a dreadful fate. One of the Butler estates was sold for division and he fell into the hands of Negro-traders, who were buying slaves to ship to the Red river and Texas. In dire distress Billy appealed to a Mr. Goode, a comrade of his dead master, and that gentleman bought him to save him.

Three years later the Civil war commenced, and Colonel Maxcy Gregg, who had known Billy for years, asked his master to lend him to him as a body servant. Mr. Goode consented, and Billy went to his third and last war, Colonel Maxcy Gregg became Brigadier-General Maxcy Gregg, and Billy was the witness of a great deal of hard fighting, for Gregg's South Carolina brigade became famous throughout the army as its ranks thinned.

General Gregg was killed at the battle of Fredericksburg, and the melancholy task of bringing another master's body home devolved upon Billy. Before his death General Gregg gave Billy his watch, which he still has, refusing large offers for it from the general's sisters, who live in Europe. The watch was given as a token, Billy says, and he means to wear it until he dies. Then it will be returned to the family.

The war over, Billy returned to the trade of a carpenter, to which he had been apprenticed 40 years before. But life was a struggle with him, and when General Hampton became governor, in 1876, he made him porter or messenger for the executive office. Each succeeding governor, even Governor Tillman, who turned out practically all the State House employees, retained Billy. Probably Billy will hold the place until he dies. He never was married and has no relations; but when he dies the Governor's Guards will build a monument to him after they have laid him to rest in his brilliant staff uniform with military honors.

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NEW FIRM. We take this method of informing our friends and the public generally, that we will continue in business at the old stand under the firm name of GRIST COUSINS, and ask for a continuance of the same liberal patronage heretofore bestowed on the old firm. We assure all that they shall receive the same courteous treatment that has characterized the business from its inception.

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