ESTABLISHED 1855.

THE GRAFTERS

FRANCIS LYNDE

able to secure at the capital. By going

tened up the street toward the court-

In the mean time, to go back a little,

"YOU'RE TOO LATE!" HE BLURTED

OUT. "WE'RE DONE UP."

for the hearing drew near he grew

who had overheard the Juniberg-Les-

"I'm in for it with empty hands!"

judge tapped upon his desk with his

"Now, gentlemen, proceed with your

case: and I must ask you to be as

brief as possible. I have an appoint-

ment at four which cannot be post-

poned," he said, quietly; and Hawk

upon another with the careful method

dled out to the courthouse.

ing special.

CHAPTER X.

on to the station he could pick up the WITHOUT BENEFIT OF CLERGY. Boston wire which, while it was not At 10:48 on the Saturday morning strictly evidence, might create a strong hands of a receiver." Kent was standing with the general presumption in his favor; but in this manager on the Union station track case he would probably be too late to rail. platform beside the engine which was use it. So he counted the rail-lengths, to make the flying run to Gaston. watch in hand, with a curse to the Nine hours of sharp work lay becount for his witlessness in failing to tween the hurried conference in Lor-

ing's bedroom and the drive to the station at a quarter before 11. Boston had been wired; divers and sundry friends of the railway company had been interviewed; some few affidavits had been secured; and now they were waiting to give Boston its last chance, with a clerk hanging over the operator in the station telegraph office to catch the first word of encouragement. "If the advisory board doesn't send

us something pretty solid, I'm going into this thing lame," said Kent, dubiously. "Of course, what Boston can send us will be only corroborative; unfortunately we can't wire affidavits. But it will help. What we have secured here lacks directness.'

"Necessarily," said Loring. "But I'm banking on the board. If we don't get the ammunition before you have to start, I can wire it to you at Gaston. That gives us three hours to go and come on.' "Yes; and if it comes to the worst

-if the decision be unfavorable-it can only embarrass us temporarily. This is merely the preliminary hearing, and nothing permanent can be established until we have had a hearing on the merits, and we can go armed to that, at all events."

The general manager was looking at his watch, and he shut the case with

"Don't you let it come to that, as long as you have a leg to stand on, David," he said impassively. "An interregnum of ten days might make it exceedingly difficult for us to prove anything." Then, as the telegraph office watcher came to the door and shook crowded into a corresponding numhis head as a sign that Boston was still silent: "Your time is up. Off he had begun besieging the headquar- tice as he ran. with you, and don't let Oleson scare you when he gets 219 in motion. He tions, and, owing to Kent's good inis a good runner, and you have a clear tentions to be on the ground in per- ing at the station must convince Mac-

Kent's after-memory of that dis tance-devouring rush was a blurred lief, he had news of the coming spepicture of a plunging, rocking, clamoring engine gounding over mile after mile of the brown plain; of the endless dizzying procession of oncoming telegraph poles hurtling like great side-flung projectiles past the cab nervous again; and all the keen pains windows; of now and then a lonely of utter helplessness returned with reprairie station with waving semaphore arms, sighted, passed and left behind in a whirling sand-cloud in one and the same heart-beat. And for the central figure in the picture, the one constant quantity when all else was mutable and shifting and indistinct, the big. calm-eved Norwegian on the opposite box, hurling his huge ma-

chine doggedly through space. But at Juniberg, 27 miles out of Gaston, there was a delay. Train No. 17, the eastbound time freight, had left Juniberg at one o'clock, having ample time to make Lesterville, the next station east, before the light engine could possibly overtake it. But l.esterville had not yet reported its arrival; for which cause the agent at Juniberg was constrained to put out his stop signal, and Kent's special came to a stand at the platform.

Under the circumstances, there appeared to be nothing for it but to wait until the delayed No. 17 was heard from; and Kent's first care was to report to Loring, and to ask if there were anything from Boston.

The reply was encouraging. A complete denial of everything, signed by threw down his paper and began at the proper officials, had been received once. and repeated to Kent at Gaston-was | Hunnicott heard his opponent's arthere now awaiting him. Kent saw gument mechanically, having his ear in anticipation the nicely calculated attuned for whistle signals and wheel scheme of the junto crumbling into drummings. Hawk spoke rapidly and small dust in the precise moment of straight to his point, as befitted a man fruition, and had a sharp attack of speaking to the facts and with no jury ante-triumph which he had to walk present to be swayed by oratorical efoff in turns up and down the long plat- fort. When he came to the summarizform. But as the waiting grew longer ing of the allegations in the amended and the dragging minutes totaled the petition, he did it wholly without quarter hour and then the half, he be- heat, piling up the accusations one

gan to perspire again. Half-past two came and went, and of a bricklayer building a wall. The still there was no hopeful word from wall-building simile thrust itself upon Lesterville. Kent had speech with Hunnicott with irresistible force as he Oleson, watch in hand. Would the en- listened. If the special engine should gineer take the risk of a rear-end col- not dash up in time to batter down lision on a general manager's order? the wall-Oleson would obey orders if the heav- Hawk closed as dispassionately as ens fell; and Kent flew to the wire he had begun, and the judge bowed again. Hunnicott, at Gaston, was be- gravely in Hunnicott's direction. The sought to gain time in the hearing local attorney got upon his feet, and by any and all means; and Loring was as he began to speak a telegram was asked to authorize the risk of a rear- handed in. It was Kent's wire from end smash-up. He did it promptly. Juniberg, beseeching him to gain time The light engine was to go on until it at all hazards, and he settled himself should "pick up" the delayed train be- to the task. For 30 dragging minutes

he rang the changes on the various The Juniberg man gave Oleson his steps in the suits, knowing well that release and the order to proceed with the fatal moment was approaching due care while the sounder was still when-Kent still failing him-he would clicking a further communication from be compelled to submit his case withheadquarters. Loring was providing out a scrap of an affidavit to support it. for the last contingency by sending The moment came, and still there Kent the authority to requisition No. was no encouraging whistle shrick 17's engine for the completion of the from the dun plain beyond the open run in case the track should be windows. Hawk was visibly disgustblocked, with the freight engine free ed, and Judge MacFarlane was growing

justly impatient. Hunnicott began beyond the obstruction. Having his shackles striken off, the | again, and the judge reproved him Norwegian proceeded "with due care," mildly. which is to say that he sent the eightwheeler darting down the line toward tirely irrelevant, Mr. Hunnicott. This reopen the case at your dinner-table, Lesterville at the rate of a mile a minute. The mystery of the delay was petition." solved at a point half-way between the two stations. A broken flange had attorney that he was wholly at the Judge MacFarlane forced a gray derailed three cars of the freight and court's mercy; that he had been so smile. from the moment the judge began to the block was impassable.

mandatory wire. Kent ran forward to tirely unsupported by affidavits or evi- your papers, I should be reopening the the engine of the freight train and dence of any kind. None the less, he was shortly on his way again. But in strung his denials out by every ampli- have your hearing in due course." the 20-mile run to Gaston more time fication he could devise, and, having was lost by the lumbering freight lo- | fired his last shot, sat down in despair- | shall be ready at any moment; we are comotive, and it was 20 minutes past ing breathlessness to hear the judge's three o'clock when the county seat summing-up and decision.

The prayer of the plaintiff was granted, the temporary relief asked for was of my train time." given and the order of the court would issue accordingly.

hot air of the room began to vibrate sound for which Hunnicott had been so long straining his ears. He was the first of the three to hear it, and he hurried out ahead of the others. At the foot of the stair he ran blindly against Kent, travel-worn and hag-

"You're too late!" he blurted out. "We're done up. Hawk's petition has been granted and the road is in the

Kent dashed his fist upon the stair-

"Who is the man?" he demanded. "Major Jim Guilford," said Hunnicott. Then, as footfalls coming stairhave Loring repeat the Boston mes- ward were heard in the upper corridor. sage to him during the long wait at he locked arms with Kent, faced him Juniberg; and when the time for the about and thrust him out over the decision arrived he signaled the engi- door-stone. "Let's get out of this. neer to slow down, jumped from the You look as if you might kill somestep at the nearest crossing and has- body."

CHAPTER XI.

THE LAST DITCH. It was a mark of the later and larger development of David Kent that he was able to keep his head in the moment of catastrophies. In boyhood his hair had been a brick-dust red, and having the temperament which belongs of right to the auburn-hued, his first impulse was to face about and make a personal matter of the legal robbery with Judge MacFarlane. Happily for all concerned, Hunni-

ott's better counsels prevailed, and when the anger fit passed Kent found himself growing cool and determined. Once free of the courthouse, Kent began a rapid-fire of questions. "Where is Judge MacFarlane stop-

"At the Mid-Continent." "Have you any !dea when he intends leaving town?" "No; but he will probably take the

first train. He never stays here an hour longer than he has to after adjournment." "That would be the Flyer east at six

clock. Is he going east?" "Come to think of it, I believe he is. Somebody said he was going to Hot during this day of hurrying to and fro Springs. He's in miserable health." Blashfield Hunnicott had been having Kent saw more possibilities, and the exciting experiences of a decade worse, and quickened his pace a little. "What do we do?" asked Hunnicott, ber of hours. Early in the morning willing to take a little lesson in prac-

ters wire office for news and instruc-"The affidavits I have brought with me and the telegrams which are waitson, had got little enough of either. Farlane that he has made a mistake. charge of the receiver and for the vacial; and with the conviction that help cation of the order appointing him, was at hand he waited at the station and ask the judge to set an early day with what coolness there was in him for the hearing on the merits of the to meet his chief. But as the time case. He can't refuse."

Hunnicott shook his head. "It has been all cut and dried from 'way back," he objected. "They newed acuteness when the operator, won't let you upset it at the last moment.' terville wire talk, told him that the "We'll give them a run for their

special was hung up at the former stamoney," said Kent. By five o'clock Kent was in the lobby "O my good Lord!" he groaned. of the Mid-Continent, sending his card up to the judge's room. Word came None the less, he ran to the baggageback that the judge was in the cafe room end of the building and, capturing fortifying the inner man in preparaan express wagon, had himself truntion for his journey, and Kent did not stand upon ceremony. From the The judge was at his desk when archway of the dining-room he Hunnicott entered, and Hawk was on marked down his man at a small hand, calmly reading the morning patable in the corner, and went to him per. The hands of the clock on the at once, plunging promptly into the wall opposite the judge's desk pointed

matter in hand. to five minutes of the hour, and for "The exigencies of the case must five minutes Hunnicott sat listening. hoping against hope that he should you here, Judge MacFarlane," he behear the rush and roar of the incomtold that you were leaving town-" Promptly on the stroke of three the

The judge waved him down with a deprecatory fork. Court is adjourned, Mr. Kent, and parte. Why did you allow it to go by

default?" "That is precisely what I am here to explain," said Kent, suavely. "The time allowed us was very short; and series of accidents-

Again the judge interrupted. "A court can hardly take cognizance of accidents, Mr. Kent. Your local attorney was on the ground and he had the full benefit of the delay."

"I know," was the patient rejoinder. "Technically, your order is unassailable. None the less, a great injustice



"JUDGE MACFARLANE, IT IS MY OPINION, SPEAKING AS MAN TO MAN, THAT YOU ARE A SCOUN-

DREL. has been done, as we are prepared to "Much of what you are saying is en- prove. I am not here to ask you to hearing is on the plaintiff's amended but if you will glance over these papers I am sure you will set an early No one knew better than the local day for the hearing upon the merits.

"You vote yea and nay in the same Armed with the general manager's consider his purely formal defense, en- breath, Mr. Kent. If I should examine case at my dinner-table. You shall "At chambers?" said Kent. "We

ready now, in point of fact." "I cannot say as to that. My health nearest the courthouse, he might still be in time to get a hearing with such documentary backing as he had been denial of the allegations. The duty of the description of the descriptio

the court in the premises was clear. fortune. And now I shall ask you to excuse me. It lacks but a few minutes

The hotel porter was droning out the call for the eastbound Flyer, and The judge was rising when the still, Kent effaced himself while Judge Mac-Farlane was paying his bill and makwith the tremulous thunder of the ing ready for his departure. But when the judge set out to walk to the stawere five squares to be measured, and for five squares he hung at MacFarlane's elbow and the plea he made should have won him a hearing. Yet the manner in which you have held the judge remained impassible, and at your cotton. the end of the argument turned back in a word to his starting point.

"I cannot recall the order at this time, if I would, Mr. Kent; neither can I set a day for the hearing on the merits. What has been done was done in open court and in the presence of your attorney, who offered no evidence in contradiction of the allegations set forth in the plaintiff's amended petition, although they were supported by more than a dozen affidavits; and it cannot be undone in the streets. Since you have not improved your opportu- that the supplies from this crop and nities, you must abide the consequences. The law cannot be hurried." They had reached the station and the

eastbound train was whistling for Gaston. Kent's patience was nearly gone, and the auburn-hued temperament was clamoring hotly for its innings. "This vacation of yours, Judge Mac-Farlane: how long is it likely to last?" he inquired, muzzling his wrath yet

another moment. "I cannot say: if I could I might be able to give you a more definite answer as to the hearing on the merits. But my health is very miserable, as I have said. If I am able to return shortly, I shall give you the hearing at chambers at an early date."

"And if not?" "If not, I am afraid it will have to go over to the next term of court." "Six months," said Kent; and then his temper broke loose. "Judge Mac-Farlane, it is my opinion, speaking as man to man, that you are a scoundrel. I know what you have done, and why you have done it. Also, I know why you are running away, now that it is done. So help me God, I'll bring you to book for it if I have to make a lifetime job of it! It's all right for your political backers; they are thieves and bushwhackers, and they make no secret of it. But there is one thing worse than a trickster, and that is a

trickster's tool!" For the moment while the train was hammering in over the switches they stood facing each other flercely, all masks flung aside, each after his kind; the younger man flushed and battlemad; the elder white, haggard, tremulous. Kent did not guess, then or ever, how near he came to death. Two and maimed on a western circuit and since then. MacFarlane had taken a coward's precaution. Here was a man that knew, and while he lived the cup of trembling might never be put aside.

It was the conductor's cry of "All aboard!" that broke the homicidal spell. Judge MacFarlane started guiltily, shook off the angry eye-grip of his accuser, and went to take his place in the Pullman. One minute later the eastbound train was threading its way out among the switches of the lower yard, and Kent had burst into the telegraph office to wire the volcanic news to his chief. TO BE CONTINUED

MOUNT ETNA'S VASTNESS.

The Highest Volcano In Europe Ninety Miles In Circumference. "Just come out. Yes, it is visible!" plead my excuse for intruding upon very vastness dwarfed it. We had not hunters of the past. realized that the highest volcano in gan courteously. "But I have been Europe was 90 miles in circumference fined to merely the bed of a creek or ances which were formerly depended at its base. The slope is so gradual the side of a mountain, but often is upon almost entirely. After crushing pression is totally different from that of an abrupt mountain rising 11,000 to the dignity of an expedition and em- quantity of free gold among the parmust decline to discuss the case ex feet above the plain and sea and pro- braces a variety of apparatus, to say ticles. As the mercury can be elimiduces something of a disappointment. nothing of a staff of geologists and nated by heating the composition to a Then, too, this morning there is no other experts, smoke. The snow scarcely comes down more than 3,000 feet; the long might be termed, of seeking precious modern prospector. slopes below are clothed with forests. in the sunlight. This for a few minthemselves round the head of our diswill uncover, and show himself longer Taormina is rapidly becoming the

picturesque." It lies on a shelf of shovel will reach. gether gone mad and raving." If one

head remained uncovered. Then we gold bearing ore, he breaks off likely the protest of friends, he carried out street. Some one might shoot you on had to be content with a tremendous portions with his pick, crushes them his intentions, although scarcely able the street in a big city, but it is dead mass of cloud, dark and far from im- as best he can and dumping the dust to stand in the chancel. In words sure that a bear or a mountain lion pressive. He was a cold neighbor, and fragments into his pan repeats of melting tenderness he pleaded will never attack you unless you drive sending a chill air or a tempest or a the separation process. the delight of the Taorminians, he al bearing ore, the arrastra of the Mex- there was scarcely a dry eye in the tricts for big game in the country, and Furman of this city was chosen presrain almost every day. One day, to covered all the ground with snow, icans and Spaniards has been used ex- church. The day had been well nigh I've seen a good many grizzlies, but ident of the South Carolina Medical After a night of storm, on the morning tensively, especially in California perfect, and in the late afternoon, reof our last Sicilian day, he stood forth and Oregon. This contrivance con- covering somewhat from the strain of a man unless he was cornered or of delegates yesterday at 1 p. m. in all the glory of his majestic great- sists of a vertical shaft or axis, which the service in the church, he walked ness. No single mountain we had ever supports several wooden bars fasten- slowly and feebly down the terraced bear in a lonely place you'll hear a seen had presented outline so simple, ed at right angles to it. To the ends walk to the water he loved so well grunt, something like that of a mamso grand. From the most distant un- of the bars are attached heavy flat and which he was about to leave moth hog, and then there will be a slope of his base to the dazzling stones, which, by the movement of forever. The spell of the hour was whiteness of his summit not a sug- the axis, revolve in a circular pit. The upon the minister. While the bright gestion of cloud! All the eyes that specimens of ore are placed in the pit, sunset colors faded into the sober fast as he can go. All you can gen- and Dr. T. P. Whaley and Dr. C. P. had waited so long were uplifted, fix- a stream of water is turned upon them grays of twilight he slowly made his erally see of a mountain lion is a Aimar were re-elected to serve as seced upon him. Taormina was not. Etna and the arrastra placed in motion by way back to the house in prayerful tawny streak as he makes off at inwas everything. How stupendous a animal or water power. The ore is silence and went to his room. When credible speed. If he has any intenpresence! What individuality! Not resolved into a slimy sediment by be- he joined his family a little later he tion of being after you it must be ed; Edward F. Parker, Charleston, one of a range, but standing there ing ground in the water and passes off bore in his hand the words that were his intention to go around the world first district; T. G. Croft, Aiken secalone; not beautiful, but more than through the sluiceway, which is pro- destined to move thousands. His and catch you in the rear, for if you ond district: O. B. Mayer, Newberry, that—sublime; strong and mighty, his vided with riffles for catching the prayer had been answered. His last are standing to the east of him he is third district; J. W. Jervey, Greenville, is very precarious, and I am under a head clearly outlined against the bril- gold. late between two sharp-pointed horns brief. On the part of the plaintiff physician's orders to take a complete liant sky! Nor is this the mood of an The modern methods for searching duced that which will be a blessing there was an amended petition fully rest for a time. I am sorry if the de-

Miscellaneous Reading.

Cotton King Gives Wise Advice to Cotton Planters. To the Cotton Growers of the South: "If you wish to win your battle and tion, Kent walked with him. There obtain a fair price for your cotton you must reduce your acreage very considerably.

WHAT SULLY SAYS.

"You have surprised the world by "Surprise it again by cutting down

our cotton acreage.

"Do not be led astray by the present steadiness of prices. "Three causes have contributed to bring about this rise of more than one

cent a pound. "First. The urgent demand arising from an unprecedented consumption. "Second. Your courage and wisdom in making the buyer meet your terms "Third. The belief that you would cut your acreage to such an extent the growth of 1905-06 would make

world needs. "The first two causes lose their force the moment it is known that there is a prospect for a moderately large crop next year.

"Even if the mills take 12,000,000 bales during the current season, this would leave a carry-over-of 1,500,000 bales. Hence the necessity of a smallr crop this year.

"Do not let any rise in prices beween now and the end of the planting season deter you from reducing your acreage.

Such an advance would be merely anticipating that you were making the decrease which your friends have

advised you to make. "If the June report of the governnent shows that you have failed to make sufficient reduction the only persons who would be gainers by the advance would be the speculators who sell their futures at a profit.

"The price of the cotton you proluce will be regulated by the actual, ot the expected, reduction, "Don't depend on your neighbor

o the reducing. "In this matter of acreage reduction bear in mind three suggestions: "Don't rely on bad weather to cut down the size of the crop.

"Don't put a large acreage into coton simply because it is too late to plant corn or other diversified crops. "It would be far better to let part of your land lie idle than to run the risk of raising a crop so large as to make possible another period of low-

priced cotton. "I am making cause I regard the next few weeks as critical to the south and because I believe that every man who is interested in the welfare of the south should urge the importance of a reduced DANIEL J. SULLY." creage.

MODERN SEEKER FOR GOLD.

His Methods Differ From Those Old Prospectors.

The yield from the gold mines has ncreased 60 per cent in less than a lecade. In seeking the reasons for methods followed by the modern gold when drawn over the surface of seeker. The prospectors, says the the metal. Scientific American, have taken adis vantage of progress in geology, chemistry and other sciences and have pro-So it was. But how different from which are far superior to the crude Where the existence of placer gold is the Mt. Etna of our imagination? Its implements employed by the metal

Their examination has not been confrom base to summit that the first im- so extensive that it embraces miles of the specimens of test ore, the quickarea. Many a prospecting tour rises silver can also be used to ascertain the

In the old fashioned system, as it metal the prospectors can be divided But the summit is clear and glittering into two classes-those who are satisfied to obtain the metal in any form utes only. Then the clouds wrap and the "pocket hunters." The latter individual considers himself above the appointment. We hope the monarch other type of prospector, terming his calling professional. Many a one has ploring beds of streams and dry val- Me," for twenty years was a sufferer popular tourist resort of Sicily. Not leys in search of pockets. In south- from consumption. During this time only is it one of the best, but it is the ern Oregon the pocket hunters have he was the minister over a parish safest point whence to study the effect been perhaps more numerous than composed largely of fisherfolk in a of light and shade on the mighty elsewhere in the United States proper, coast town of England. He labored opes of Etna and the long and jag- as this section of the state has yielded faithfully among his people, yet he alged coast line of the ever-foaming sea. a large amount of gold in this form. ways longed to do something that Places down below are malarial. This Pocket prospectors depend upon the would have an influence for the good place is high in air, above all risk of pick, shovel and pan, as do their fel- of humanity after his death—a longnalarial fever. It is also extremely lows, but they seldom dig further into ing which found expression in a beausicturesque-some one called it "mad- the side of the bank or hill than their tiful poem. The story of how this de-

rib-like lanes ascending and descend- along the bed of the stream or tramps Delineator in an interesting paper by cept alligators. Grizzlies, black bears ing on either side. Above and behind through its sand if it is "dry," here Allan Sutherland, giving the history this one long street three tall, jagged and there filling his pan with the ma- and romance of the famous hymn. peaks fling themselves wildly upward terial. Then immersing the pan in against the sky, the "mountains alto- water, he thus separates the sand from clans informed Mr. Lyte that it would that come out there to hunt think the other matter and gradually spilling be necessary for him to relinquish that if they stir one hundred yards wishes to realize what may be meant out the sand, eagerly gazes at the bot- his work and spend the winter in away from camp they must be armed by "mountain insanity," let him come tom of the pan to note any glittering Italy. When the last Sabbath of his to the teeth for fear of being attackstreak which may betoken the presence stay in England, Sept. 5, 1847, arrived ed by a bear or a 'painter' and killed. Two weeks at Taormina and Etna of gold. If he is working along the he determined to preach once more There's a heap more danger of getting would not be gracious! Sometimes, side of a hill where he believes the to his little flock and to celebrate with killed on account of leaving your gun for an hour in the early morning, his ledge of rock may contain a vein of them the Lord's supper. In spite of at home when you go down Market

In the examination of rock for met- and when he took his leave of them

By dropping off at the street crossing fortified by uncontroverted affidavits. lay shall work a hardship to the com-

region the formation has been pierced as far as 2,000 feet in the effort to ascertain the existence of a vein or the dimensions of one already discovered. Some of the projects which have been carried out preliminary to the opening of mines represent an outlay of more than \$1,000,000 in the purchase of ap-

Among the mechanical appliance which have been of great assistance to With it he can make borings in a week where, if a shaft were sunk, a year would be needed. If the formation is to be examined by a shaft, however, the cost of sinking it is re- terfelt was a genuine coin and there duced to a minimum by means of explosive cartridges, which are now manufactured especially for such service They are ignited by means of the electric current, and it should be said that an essential part of the modern prospecting outfit is the chemical battery, which is of value not only for this purpose but in the application of elec-

the operations.

precious metal from the dross. Few expeditions of any size are sent commercial crop no larger than the out without an experienced geologist, and other data giving the best inforto be explored. Maps giving the exthe region where the mine is to opened draughtsman is frequently included in the staff, with material for

trolytic methods for separating the

preparing the maps on the spot from the data obtained by the investigators. Besides the geologist, the services of an expert chemist are also of great importance, and a laboratory in miniature is contained in the packs carried portion of the equipment that a fairly the drill or by the other prospecting \$200,000 from the mint. tools. If the outcropping of a quartz vein is discovered, enough is broken off to allow its character to be studied both from a geological and a chemical

standpoint.

After examining it in connection geologist is often able to indicate where the surface can be bored with the possibility of reaching the ore bearing stratum at once. The value of the ore from the outcropping and that from the interior can be approx-To crush the ore is a slight undertakreadily fused in a portable furnace. In fact, he has the essentials for makweight that they can readily be car

ried on muleback. Taking the ingot of lead and of preheating the latter to the required temperature in an oven constructed of vicinity. With his nitric acid he separates the silver which may remain, that he had put in circulation. leaving the gold only to be tested for its value. The proportion of the gold false alarms was given at Sheepsto a given quantity of ore can be head Bay. From a number of sources determined by his scales, but by usthis truly remarkable development one ing his touchstone or black basalt he s especially prominent—the great advance which has been made in the the color which this substance makes

In the outfit of the modern prospector quicksilver has become practically indispensable. Its affinity ofor vided themselves with mechanical aids gold makes it a most valuable agent. imagined, the introduction of mercury into the test washer soon solves the use of riffles and other crude applisufficiently high temperature, it is now utilized in large quantities by the

A FAMOUS SONG.

How "Abide With Me" Came to

Written. spent the better part of his life in ex- matchless composition "Abide With sire came to be fulfilled through writ- can find most any kind of savage The ordinary prospector wades ing "Abide With Me" is related in the animal that you get in America ex-"In the autumn of 1847 his physi-

with his people to lead holy lives, him to it.

A BATTERED DIME.

Recalls Interesting Reminiscences Chief Wilkie. A battered dime lying upon the desk is all that remains of a famous counterfeiting case writes W. W. Price, the Washington correspondent of the paratus, the employment of noted experts and in the general magnitude of Columbia Record. "This coin," said Chief Wilkie, "caused a panic in a bank, disturbed the business interests of a whole town, and put this bureau the modern prospector is the drill. to a great deal of trouble. After we minute unless he is a good shot and had run down the counterfeiting plot

from its inception to this little coin,

we dropped the whole thing as quick

as a wink. Why? Because the coun-

was no 'plot.' "The number of wild goose chases the secret service has been obliged to the train. If the big fellow gets the undertake on apparently first-class chance to deliver one blow it is all evidence of wrong-doing, would, if over. There was a grizzly up our way written out, make a good sized book. that the cowboys called Big Ben, who Very often, as in the case of this innocent and perfectly good ten-cent steers before he was finally shot. He piece, the people who have first shouted 'counterfelt' have done so with nothing better than a genuine coin or note to back up their charges Not so very long ago we got a flood who is usually provided with maps of complaints from the cotton belt of can beat any man in a footrace.

the south. A quantity of 'dangerous' mation available regarding the region standard dollars were circulating all through Mississippi, Louisiana and tent of the claims, the direction of the Georgia, we were informed, and it veins and the general topography of something was not done, and done Prisoner Could Not be Locked Up pretty quickly, business throughout are obviously of much value, and that section would be at a standstill for no one would dare to take any money. We rushed our men to the scene of trouble at once and found that the terrible 'counterfeits' were plain, every-day, silver dollars. What had aroused the suspicions in the minds of the business people was the fact that all the coins were brand new by the animals. So complete is this and all of the same date. The explanation was very simple indeed. The correct field analysis can be made of sub-treasurer at New Orleans had run the specimens secured by the use of out of silver dollars and had got about

"Often a defect in a perfectly good coin, such as a bubble formed in the melting pot or a slip of some of the machinery that does the reeding or milling will give it a strange appearance or will affect its ring. Immedi with the formation in the vicinity, the ately someone will jump to the conclusion that it is a 'very defective counterfeit, almost as good as the genuine,' and we will receive a volume of complaints about it.

"A few months ago our agent at Louisville happened to be visiting in imately determined by the chemist. Washington. I believe that I will get a lot of these new dollar notes,' he ing, and with the lead which he has said, and take them back home with brought along the material can be me. We very seldom see any new money out our way.' He went down to the treasurer's office and secured ing a "dry assay" on a limited scale, fifty new bills, which he took home gan getting kicks from business mer and professional men who desired to give us a 'tip' about the latest work clous metal he can easily oxidize the of the counterfeiters. After we had lead by placing it in his cupel and received a few of these complaints, we sent them to our Louisville man. It was not more than a day or two bematerial which he can obtain in the fore he tumbled to the fact that he was 'running down' the very notes "One of the most famous of our

> we learned that there was a gang of supposed counterfeiters at work of nights in an isolated house down near the race track. Men were seen to sneak into the house, which stood with its barn at a considerable distance from any other habitation, and would remain working there until day light. Strange noises, hammerings, and subdued conversations came from the mysterious building, and the only explanation that could be given of it all was that a gang of counterfeiters were making money there and would soon be flooding the country with the warrant which would have locked him spurious currency. We got so many complaints and they came from such apparently trustworthy sources, that we finally gave orders for the agents in the district to raid the place. On the eventful night the raid took place. The operatives waited until the 'gang' was well at their nefarious vocation. then surrounded the place, and broke in. As they entered the sight that first met their eyes was a man shoeing a horse. The 'gang' consisted of a small crowd of men who were at work on a 'ringer.' They were fixing up this horse to run him at Sheepshead track, but of course did not dare to go ahead in the open. So they waited each night until the race horse crowd had gone home and then went at home. The infant was produced to work doctoring up their entry."

GRIZZLY BEARS AND PANTHERS.

Afraid of Man, Says Wyoming Hunter-Danger When Attacked. "In the mountains of Wyoming, where I have hunted for years, you and mountain lions are commonly killed there," says Hugh Shiverly, of Sheridan, Wyo. "Some of the men

"I've hunted through the best dis-I've never seen one of them go after association at a meeting of the house wounded. If you run into a grizzly mighty crashing of underbrush as he makes off in the opposite direction as of Ridge Springs, third vice president.

evening in his old home had pro- sure to go due west. "Mountain lions in the winter time

human beings is the thing which makes them hard to shoot. In all the time that I have been in the mounbeing attacked by a wild animal that of Chief Wilkie, of the secret service had been left strictly alone. But I've known men to be killed even by deer when the brute was driven to desper-

"Grizzlies are the best game in the

world. When you once get their dan-

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der up they are savage fighters, and the hunter's life is in danger every has a steady nerve. If you ever get within reach of the grizzly's paw you are a dead one. These stories of men killing them with knives in handto-hand fights are about as reasonable as it would be to talk of stopping a locomotive by getting in the way of killed about one hundred and fifty would break a steer's neck at one blow. and then he would pick him up and carry him off to a secluded place. Grizzlies look awkward, but they are

mighty light on their feet, and they Louisville Herald.

THE LAW IN ICELAND.

In the midst of all the debate awakened, especially in England, by Hall Caine's treatment of the problem of his "Prodigal Son," as yet there has praise of Icelandic customs and mor-

als. The Anglo-Saxon world knows

nothing of such primitive honesty as

is known in that northern land, nor does Europe Stephen Marshall, the "factor" of a great London trading-house, stationed low at Reykjavik, who knows the island better than any other European, declares that scarcely would it be possible to exaggerate upon the na-

tive's respect for any least outward expression of the law. Marshall says he was crossing the wild country that lies between Reykjavik and Akureyri, the chief among the northern trading stations, about two years ago, when he met a man

riding his pony toward the capital. "What is your name?" asked the "Stefan." "Whose son?" "Thorsteinsson. "Where are you going?" "To prison." "What for?"

"Stealing sheep."

"No one taking you?" gave me his warrant and sent me on by myself."

Whereupon the two exchanged snuff and parted. Four days later, as Marshall was returning, he again met this fellow,

evidently on the way back to his "What?" he exclaimed naturally "Stefan Thorsteinsson? surprised. Why, you said you were going to

would not let me in." "Why not?" "I somewhere lost the warrant, and

the sheriff at Revkjavik said he could not receive me without it." "But why then are you not already

at home. You should have made the fourney in two days." To this, the answer may sound with comic-opera note to American readers, but in it, says Marshall, lies the core of the whole Icelandic reverence for the machinery of the law: Stefan had lost two days' time looking for the

up.—Chicago Record-Herald.

IRISH STORIES.-Of stories of Irish hospitality Mr. Macready had a full supply; also of hotel attendants and the peasantry. On one occasion he asked the girl in attendance for poached eggs. She looked a bit nonplused at first, but after a little hesitation replied, "There are no poached eggs in the place, sir, but I think I could get you some poached salmon." In a poor little cottage of two rooms he saw a married couple and seven children. Hearing a baby cry, he asked to see it and explained that he took an interest in babies, having one for inspection, and the mother asked sir?" To which he replied, "I think it is a little bigger." Instantly the instincts of the mother were roused and, tossing her head, she said: "So well it might be. That's only half of ours; the other half is with God. We had

twins." At a hotel one of the party asked, "Have you got any celery, waiter?" "No, sir," was the significant answer. "I relies on me chances." That man deserved an extra tip. On another occasion the dinner was especially good one of the party remarked, "You're an angel. Pat." "I am, sir," assented Pat, "but I fly low."-London Telegraph.

doctors had a most enjoyable meeting in Greenville. Many interesting papers were read and the discussions were full of suggestions. The Daily

"By a vote of nearly two to one over that of his opponent, Dr. Davis

S. W. Pryor of Chester, who was nominated in opposition to Dr. Furman, was chosen first vice president, Crown Torrence of Union was elected second vice president; D. D. Frontis

The following councilors were electfourth district; R. A. Bratton, Yorkville, fifth district; F. H. McLeod,