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## HORSE SHOE ROBINSON

A Tale of the Revolutionary Struggle In Upper Carolina.

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"Indeed!" said Robinson, drily.

"Please upon the trencher!"

"Where mought you be from?"

pected me for wanting to hear some

and, to tell you the truth, I hate

"Since you are bent upon it, then,"

"It's the custom of our country."

"Well, most wise and shrewd mas

you, as likely as not, when you was

flusticated with liquor, and you took

was your business to stand to it. But

your pay: there was a bargain, and it

grudge your talking, because you see

am an unaccountable hard sort of

person to be instigated by speeching."

"that I couldn't be instigated. I meant

self to be as weak in the flesh as e'er

"Friend." said the other. "I do not

understand thy lingo. It has a most

lodpolish smack. It is neither gram

"Then, you are a damned onman

erly rascal," said Horse Shoe, "and

"Ha, you are at that! Now, my

ubberly booby, I understand you," re-

'Do you know to whom you are speak-

erect position to receive what he had

right to expect, the threatened as-

geon I took you for. It has suited

"Nothing good of you, considering

guess?

"You have been juggling

that's grammar, English and sense, all

mar, English nor sense."

"That's not to the purpose,"

the course of his travel

mought you be from?"

our right to know."

CHAPTER VI.

There's two at fisty-cuffs about it; Sir, I may say at dagger's drawing, But that I cannot say, because they Mayor of Quinborough.

When Horse Shoe left the apartment he discovered the person, whose front of the house. The moonlight, mould to raise a surmise, that, in most beautiful rarity; I wouldn't have to come and go for me." whatever form of communication the lost the sport of it for the pleasure of sergeant might accost him, he was not the best supper I ever ate myself." likely to find a very tractable subject Robinson, however, without troubling himself with the contemplation of such a contingency, pot companion; "that's the true mudetermined to delay his visit to the sic for good fellows of your kidney! stable long enough to allow himself But it isn't everywhere that you will the expression of a word of warning find such bountiful quarters as you the necessity for restraining his cu- cursed southern country a man like inn. With this view he halted upon do not find one ready made to your the porch, while he scanned the person hand when you get there." before him, and directed an earnest gaze into his face. The stranger, slightly discomfited by this eager without responding to the merriment scrutiny, turned his back upon his visitor, and, with an air of idle musing, threw his eyes towards the heavens, in which position he remained until summoned by the familiar accost

"Well! and what do you make of As sharp an eye as you Shoe's abrupt question, "and have sus- and what not." have in your head, neighbor, I'm thinking it will do you no great sarvice there. You're good at your spying me wrong. I forgive you for that, trade: but you will get nothing out of her; she keeps her secrets."

Startled by this abrupt greeting, which was made in a tone half-way between jest and earnest the stranger quickly confronted his challenger, and bestowed upon him a keen and inquiring inspection; then, breaking into a laugh, he replied with a free and impudent swagger .-

"You are mistaken, Master Jack What says the proverb? emphasis, "I'll answer your question, Wit's in the wane when the moon's at when you tell me what mought be full Now our mistress has let into a secret. She tells me that you will not lose your wits, when she comes to her growth. The reason herself with so small a stock as yours, and second, because your thick skull is moon-proof; so you're safe,

Shoe; "you are not safe, friend, if you eaves of houses." are cotched again peeping through the on the dark side of the doorway, to Ha! ha! ha! I would be sworn you pick up a crumb of talk from people think you have found some mare's that are not axing your company. Keep that in your memory.

"It's a base lie, Mr. Bumpkin, if you mean to insinuate that I did either." "Oh, quiet and easy, good man! No flusterifications here! I am civil and Take my advice, and chaw a reasonable hour, without minding him by the first word that came out what folks have to say who come to of his lips. You are an Englishman, the Widow Dimock's. It only run in and a red-coat into the bargain, as my head to give you a polite sort of a warning. So, good night; I have got been a sodger. Now, never bounce at

business at the stable." Before the other could reply, Robinson strode away to look after the

queer fellow, too-a joker! A civil, be best to be a little more shy against of a gentleman, who for some private peaceable man!-the hyperbolical ro- giving offence. You said some saucy affairs of his own, has come on a vislaugh or fight he shan't want a man to

stand up to him!" Having by this train of reflection himself into a mood which might be said to hover upon the isthmus between anger and mirth, ready to fall to either side as the provocation might serve, the stranger sauntered slowly towards the stable, with wholesome tail of the plough, I should a hundred odd fancies as to the character of the man he sought running tion." Upon his arrival there he found that Horse Shoe was plied Robinson, somewhat sternly. occupied in the interior of the building. tainty as to the manner in which it was proper he should greet our redoubtable friend, he took a seat on a wait for that worthy's reappearance.

erations of policy seemed to indicate a rumbunctious fellow you mought to him the necessity of making himmeet on the road.' self better acquainted with the business and quality of the individual whom he came to meet. After a few moments, Horse Sho was seen with old Tony at the stable door where, notwithstanding, the unhe had so lately offered his unwelcome tinued uninterruptedly and with deliberate composure, to give his orders upon what at that moment, doubtless, he deemed matter of much graver im-

This delay had a soothing effect upon

his temper, for as he debated the sub-

ject over in his mind, certain consid-

have in the visit of his new acquaintpiece of linen, rub it well over with tallow, and bring it here along with a cup of vinegar. The beast's back is cut with the saddle, and you must wash the sore first with the vinegar, and then lay on the patch. Go, old fellow, and Mrs. Dimock, maybe, can your purpose to play the clown, eh?

portance than any concern he might

With these intsructions the negro "I see you understand your busi-

ness," said the stranger. "You look tical time, a sodger of the king's? I to find that out." to your horse's back at the end of a have you there!" day's journey, and you know how to The stranger turned on his heel and you to have a chance at such a game? company I am in, before I dismiss such manage a sore spot. Vinegar is the retreated a few paces, evidently per- I count myself a pretty tolerable hand thing! You have had a long ride?" plexed at the new view in which the at the play" said the stranger, with a me out of the scrape before this."

hension. His curiosity and his inter- bited by Horse Shoe. est were both excited to gain a more brewdly conversant with the personal ad seen tonight for the first time in play it." nis life. With this anxiety upon his

"Well, and if I were? It is a character of which I should have no reason to be ashamed."

"That's well said!" exclaimed Horse "How do you know that?" inquired "Know it! any man might guess as nuch by the way you shovelled down yourself a sodger of King George— suits me best with both friend and your supper. I happened by chance to let me tell you, that, being against foe." pass your window, and seeing you at you, I am not the person to moslest it, faith! for the soul of me I couldn't you on that head, by spreading the back, are two of the contrariest things help taking a few turns more, just to news abroad, or setting a few dozen I know," said Robinson, "and so, seewatch the end of it. Ha! ha! ha! give Whigs upon your scent, which is a leaning against a post of the porch, in me the fellow that does honor to his thing easily done. If your business us go about it without more ado upon stomach! And your dolt head must here is peaceable and lawful, and you the first good bit of grass we can pop as it partially fell upon this man's be taking offence at my looking at don't let your tongue brawl against upon along the river. figure, disclosed a frame of sufficient you! Why, man, your appetite was a quiet and orderly people, you are free

"Thank you, sir; but look you, about my own business, and I scorn to ask any man's leave to come and claimed the other, with the air of a go where and when my occasions call

or rebuke, to indicate to the stranger get here at the Blue Ball "in that your way to ax them about other peo- the free swing of his arm as he moved riosity in regard to the guests of the you would breed a famine, if you even the rule of the war to question all fall in with, specially now, when there's a set of your devils scampered the sergeant, with great gravity. hardly a summer day's ride off this of his visitor, and purposely refraining province, burning houses and killing brawny proportions of the sergeant, from the answer which he saw it was cattle, and turning everything topsy- which, in the engrossment of the topthe other's drift to obtain relative to turvy, with a pack of rascally Tories ics bandled about in the late dialogue to back them. In such times all sorts he had not so accurately regarded. "It was natural enough that you of tricks are played, such as putting should have mistaken my object," con- on coats that don't belong to a man, tinued the stranger, heedless of Horse and deceiving honest people by lies,

> of your rigmarole; but there you did the other; "but let me tell you, without circumlocution or periphrase, I Horse Shoe; "I axed you a civil ques- a true man who travels his highway have a right to. You can answer it of himself to every inquisitive fellow

ters that don't concern you?" replied the other, suddenly changing his tone, and speaking with a saucy joined Horse Shoe, "I don't know what suit such sixpence-a-day fellows as have it, it's no consarn of mine it might be in yourn, to larn a little you, who march right or left at the stop you." about the business of every man we bidding of your master to rob a church meet; but we do it by fair, out-andout question and answer-all above board, and we hold in despise all sorts hearth, without so much as daring to preaching you make with it, the more have a thought about the righteousof contwistifications, either by laying ness of the matter-it doesn't suit such to be befouling them that fight for church and fireside both, with your

ter, what do you call my country? ow who speaks his thoughts, that's nest. If it were not that your clown not to be denied!" said the stranger, again suddenly changing his mood, pate is somewhat addled by overfeeding, I would hold your speech to be and resorting to his free and easy adme, after all, are you sure you have guessed me right? How do you know we call them in these parts. You have self?"

"For two good and point-blank belonging to that craft. They listed you have pocketed the king's money and worn his coat-that's one. And, second, you are now here under the

with a voice of less boldness than once in your life. So far what say, I don't deny-I am in the service Well, I'll see him out, and things to me just now, but I don't it to this part of the province, and I admit I have been in the old country. "I am not mistaken, good friend, drawled out Robinson, affectedly.

"You come from the south. I "an "Verily, you are a most comical iece of dullness," said the other, in a ell men's fortunes without looking spirit of railery. 'In what school did into the palms of their hands." you learn your philosophy, friend? "You are wrong again," said the other, tartly, as he grew angry at be-You have been brought up to the ing thus badgered by his opponent, came from the north."

returned Robinson. "From the north, grant you-to the south with Sir Henry, and from the south up here. to be comprehended as laying down a You will find I can conjure a little,

kind of general doctrine that I was a "The devil take your conjuring! man not given to quarrels; but still, if and strode restlessly backward and savagely forward; which perplexity being ob- learning. the wink of an eye, in a project to to aggrevate it by breaking into olay me off, 'fore God, I confess mynoarse laugh, as he said—

> that sets about scouting after other people's secrets, ought to be wary nough to larn to keep his own. But there's no occasion for oneasinesshave no mind to harm you."

"Master bully," said the stranger, of the sergeant "in England, where I this green sod." turned the other, springing to his feet. sometimes give broken heads; and some of us are gifted with heavy fists, wherewith we occasionally contrive to box a rude fellow who pries too much the sergeant, placing himself in an into our affairs."

we generally like to get a share of we don't practice much with cudgels, scruples against a fair rap or two over of fair play and keeping rid of foul you the truth I am greatly afraid of give you a strip of woolen cloth to Well, sir, and pray, what do you the knowledge-fox, and the tripping- blood, you had best lay them aside beup of a fractious chap's heels, in the way of a sort of a rough-and-tumble, how things go here. Suppose I was to which maybe, you understand. You say you was, at this self-same iden-

"Then, it is likely, it would please

sergeant suddenly rose to his appre- composure corresponding to that exhi-

"Ho, ho! I don't want to hurt you, had mistaken for a mere simpleton, get yourself into trouble. You are hotbut whose hints showed him to be headeder than is good for your health." "As the game was mentioned, I

"To besure I would," said Horse mind, he again approached the ser- Shoe, "rather than disappoint you in geant, as he replied to the last ques- any reasonable longing. For the sake of quiet-being a peaceable man, I of the coat. It's altogether onmanful, will take the trouble to oblige you. Where, do you think, would be the likeliest spot to have it?"

"We may readily find a piece of Shoe. "Up and speak out, and never ground at hand," replied the other. "It be above owning the truth; that's the is a good moonlight play, and we may best sign that can be of a man. Al- not be interrupted if we get a little though it mought be somewhat dan- distance off before the negro comes gerous, just hereabouts, to confess back. Toe to toe, and face to face,

"A mule to drive and a fool to hold ing that you are in arnest about it, let In this temper the two antagonists

walked some hundred paces down isn't my way to answer questions along the bank of the stream. The man stalwart form of Curry at full length with whom Horse Shoe was about to hold this strange encounter, and who now walked quietly by his side, had the erect and soldierly port of a grenadjer. He was square-shouldered, comple's; but that don't disturb me; it is onward in the moonlight showed Robcomers and goers that we happen to adversary of no common capacity. ing and raging about in Carolina, confidence, when the same light dis-

When they had walked the distance I have mentioned, they had little difficulty to select a space of level ground with a sufficient mould for the purpose "You are a stranger to me," said of the proposed trial of strength.

mought find on the river," said Robinam a free born subject of the king, osn, "and so get ready, friend. Beand I see no reason why, because fore we begin, I have a word to say. some of his people have turned rebels. This here bout is not a thing of my seeking, and I take it to be close akin tion, and maybe, that's more than you should be obliged to give an account to downright tomfoolery, for grown up men to set about thumping and hamor let it alone. I want to know where who chooses to challenge it. Suppose mering each other, upon account of a cowardly blood off your face. Now I tell you that you meddle with mat- brag of who's best man, or such like, when the whole universe is full of oc-"Then you mought chance to get casions for scuffles, and stands in need with nobody by to hold back your your head in your hand, that's all. of able-bodied fellows, to argufy the hand that you are a lying, deceitful And, hark you, if it wan't that I am pints or right and wrong, that can't skulker, that loves the dark side of a rather good natured, I mought hap- be settled by preachers, or books, or wall better than the light, and steals pen to handle you a little rough for 'awyers. I look upon this here coming the secrets of honest folks, and hasn't erty, by calling them rebels. It doesn't arrant nonsense. But, as you will

> "You are welcome to do your worst," or root up an honest man's peaceful replied the other, "and the less saving of time.'

"My worst," interrupted Horse Shoe, "is almost more than I have the conscience to do to any man who isn't a once more I would advise you to think are flustrated, and sot upon a quarrel, and mayhap, you conjecture that by drawing me out from behind my re-"You suit these times devilish trenchments, by which is signified my I can't find it in my heart to good-nature, and forcing me to deploy the account is square. But now tell but there, Mr. Dragoon, you are misin siege or sally, crossing a defile or reconnoitring on a broad road, I am not apt to lose my temper, or strike reasons. First, you dar'n't deny that hit. Now, that is all I have to say; so me; and then, it may be broadsword or come on."

"You are not what you seem," said the antagonist, in a state of wonder at the strain of the sergeant's composed and deliberate speech and at the familiarity which this effusion manifested with the details of military life. But don't fancy I pause to begin our fight, for any other reason than that I may know who I contend with. On the honor of a soldier, I promise you, I will hold you to your game-man, or imp of hell-I care not. Again, who in the devil are you?"

"You have hit it," replied Horse Shoe. "My name is Brimstone, I am first cousin to Belzebub."

"And belong to the army yet?"

"True again; and I am as tough a old a sodger as yourself."

"Your hand, fellow-soldier. I mistook you from the beginning. You continentals—that's the newfangled find them, hold them as a keepsake to word-are stout fellows, and have a good knack at the trick of war, exclaimed the other, as he bit his lip though you wear rough coats, and are unrudimented in polite served by the sergeant, he did not fail man fights under, long usage makes a good comrade of him; and, by my a while his thoughts wore a grave faith! I am not amongst the last to complexion; but, as his careless good-"It wa'n't worth your while to try do him honor, even though we stand humor gradually broke forth through to deceive me. I knowed you by man- in opposite ranks. As you say, most the thin mist that enveloped it, he was fell into that deep oblivion of cares, sapient Brimstone, we are not much better than a pair of fools for this oates, here at midnight; but you have he said, half-audibly, "Odd sport for a don't take it so to heart, neighbor, my pledge to it, and so, we will go at it, if it be only to win a relish for his liking, as the old woman said; but our bed; I will teach you, tonight, some skill in the art of mensuration. planting himself immediately in front You shall measure two full ells upon

"There's my hand," said Horse Shoe; now, if I am flung, I promise you I won't be angry. If I sarve you in the same fashion, you must larn to bear

ipon my guard. Begin." "Let me feel your weight," said Robnson, laughing, as he put one hand upon his adversary's shoulder, and the other against his hide. "Hark you, I expected at the time you walked master, I feel something hard here out of the room. I couldn't go to my about your ribs; you have pistols untouch upon, we have no condesentious der your coat, friend. For the sake fore we strike. Anger comes up ona-

have been long enough here, mayhap, replied the other, stepping back and releasing himself from Robinson's grasp.

"We took hands just now," said Rob- sergeant," said Butler, "and our good inson, angrily. "When I give my hostess will show us the way to it." hand, it is tantamount to a book oath distinct insight into a man whom he man," replied the sergeant. "You will that I mean fair, round dealing with candle, and conducted her guests to a the man who takes it. I told you, besides, I was a sodger-that ought to ter wishing them "a good night," she have contented you-and you mought courtesied respectfully, and left them ncerns of one, whom, apparently he thought you might have a fancy to sarch my breast, inside and out, you'd to their repose. seen in it nothing but honest mean-

ings. There's something of a suspectable rascality, after that, in talking about pistols hid under the caps have had some passage with him; and, and, what's more, onsodgerly. You ane a deceit, and an astonishment, and between you. What passed, and what of Tit-Bits thirsting for information on hissing, all three, James Curry, and have you learned?" no better, to my comprehension, than a coward. I know you of old, although mayhap, you disremember me. I have hearn said, by more than one, that you was a double-faced, savage-hearted,

disregardless beast, that snashed his teeth where he darsn't bite, and bullied them that hadn't the heart to rithmatical account-keeper and letterfight: I have hearn that of you, and, as I live, I believe it. Now, look out the Earl of Calthness, him that was for your bull head, for I will cuff you aidegoing to Sir Henry Clinton. Well, in spite of your pistols." With these words, Horse Shoe

Lowering blows, in such quick success left the vicinity of the stable, and the other's guard; and then seizing him by the breast, he threw the tall and I reckon, now major, he talks as upon the ground.

"There's your two ells for you! there's the art of menstirration, you disgrace to the tail of a drum," exlaimed Horse Shoe, with accumulate ing wrath as the prostrate man strove to extricate himself from the lion grasp that held him. In this strife, Curry everal times made an effort to get his nand upon his pistol, in which he was queen, or some of the dukes or coloconstantly foiled by the superior vigor of the sergeant.

"No no." continued the latter, as h ecame aware of this attempt, "James Curry, you shall never lay hold upon our firearms whilst I have the hand ling of you. Give them up, you twistng prevaricationer; give them up you disgracer of powder and lead; and arn this from a rebel, that I don't flinging such a lump of petrifaction into his clutches. There, man," he added, as he threw the pisto's far from him into the river, his exaspera your cronies in vonder running stream. n't tossed you after them, to wash the that you are upon your legs, I tell you us tonight"here, in the moonlight, man to man, heart to stand up fairly to th man that tells you of it. Swallow that, James Curry, and see how it will lay

ipon your stomach." "! will seek a time!" exclaimed Curry, "to right myself with your heart's

"Pshaw! man," replied Horse Shoe don't talk about heart's blood. The next time we come into a field together, ax for Galbraith Robinson, comdownright flagratious enemy; and, monly called Horse Shoe Robinson Find me out, that's all. We may take before you draw me into a fray; you a frolic together then, and I give you my allowance to wear your pistols in

"We may find a field yet, Horse Shoe not fail of my appointment. Our game will be played with broadswords."

"If you should so turn out James that you and me are to work through a campaign in the same quarter of the world, as we have done afore, James, holiday to pay my respects to you. I see that I didn't want to have no quar without seeing where my blow is to won't trouble you to ride far to find pistol, rifle or bagnet, I'm not overscrumptious which. Only promise shall see you when I send for you."

"It's a bargain, Galbraith Robinson Strong as you think yourself in your cursed rough-and-tumble horseplay, I am soldier enough for you any day. I "In the devil's name, who are you? only ask that the time may come quickly."

"You have no objection to give us and to clinch that bargain, James?" asked Horse Shoe. "There's my paw take it, man, I scorn to bear malic after the hot blood cools."

"I take it with more pleasure now, aid Curry, hastily seizing the hand, than I gave mine to you before tonight because it is a pledge that suits my humor. A good seat in a saddle, blade, I hold myself a match for the best man that ever picked a flint in

"Now, friend Curry," exclaimed the sergeant, "good night! Go look for your pop-guns in the river; and if you emember Horse Shoe Robinson, Good

Robinson left his adversary, and re No matter what colors a walked, over the strange incident in which he had just been engaged. For found, before he reached the porch, laughing with a quiet chuckle, at the conceit which rose upon his mind, as and anxiety wear down. to my thinking, he mought have done

better if he had gone to sleep at a stage may sometimes be traced through proper hour, like a moralized and sober Christian." When he entered the parlor, he found Butler and the landlady waiting for

"It is late, sergeant," said the major "You have forgotten the hour; and I began to fear you had more to say to your friend, there, than suited the of the ascent.

ed the landlady; "and that's more than bed, till I was sure you and my lodger had no disagreeable words; for, to tell

"There is nothing hot or hasty about him, ma'am," replied Robinson; "he is about as peaceable a man as you mought expect to meet in such times as these. I only told him a little scrap "We are strangers; I must know the of news, and you would have thought he would have hugged me for it, ha, umes

"We are to sleep in the same room,

The dame upon this hint, took a chamber in the upper story, where, af-

"Tell me, sergeant, what you made out of that fellow," said Butler, as he "I see that you from your tarrying so long, I began to te a little apprehensive of rough work in an interview with a representative

"Enough major, to make us more circumscriptious against scouts, and spies, and stratagems. When I was a orisoner at Charleston, there was an amazing well-built fellow, a dragoon. scribbler for that young fighting-cock, this fellow had a tolerable bad name, as being a chap that the devil had his adversary some half dozen over- spiled in spite of all the good that had been pumped into him at school: for. sion as utterly defied and broke lown as I have learnt, he was come of gentle people, had a first rate edication,

> observation." "Keep that until tomorrow, ser geant," interrupted Butler, "and go on with what you had to tell me."

"You must be a little sleepy, major however, this fellow, they say, was cotched cheating with cards one day, nels in the guards-for he wa'n't above any thing rascally. So, it was buzzed about as you may suppos when a man goes to cheating one of them big fish—and the king gave him his choice to enlist, or to go to the a sort of sarvant to that young earl. blow out your brains, only because I He sometimes came about our quarters accommodate the devil by to list prisoners and make Tories of 'em, for his own people kept him to do all that sort of dirty work, upon account of the glibness of his tongue. He was a remarkable saucy fellow and got nothing but ill-will from the prisners-though, I make no doubt, the man is a tolerable sodger on sarvice. Now, after telling you all this, major you must know that the identicle, same, particular man that we saw looking through the porch window at

"Is the man you have been describing? Is it possible? Are you sure of

"I knowed him the minute I clapped eyes on him; his name is James Curry; but, as I didn't stay long at Charlesin particular, it seems he didn't re-

"You conversed with him?" "Most sartainly I did. I wanted to gather a little consarning of his visit up here; but the fellow's been so battered about in the wars that he knows how to hold his tongue. I had some mischief in me, and did want to make him just angry enough to set his speech loose; and, besides I felt a little against him upon account of his misdoings with our people in Carolina, of the squarest in pint of grammar and Robinson," returned Curry, "and I'll topographical circumlocution—as Lieutenant Hopkins used to say-why he set me down for a piece of an idiot, and began to hoax and bamboozle me

I put that matter straight for him very oon, by just leting him say so much neaceable man, major, he seemed to rel with him, which made him push it at me rather too hard, and all my civility ended in my giving him what 'ar thrashing."

The sergeant continued to relate to Butler the details of this adventure which he did with more prolixity than the weariness of his listener was able to endure; for the major having in the progress of the narrative got into oped, the rest of his body "runs to citancy of his faculties, exhausted may be an exceedingly strong man, every expression of assent by which vet from the expert's point of view, one who listens to a tale is accustomed he comes nowhere near perfection. o notify his attention-he at length

the sergeant to conclude at his leisure. When Robinson perceived this, he had nothing left but to betake himself, four strong legs below me, and a sharp whoreupon he threw off his coat, and thema against sleeping on feathers, (for it must be observed, that our good nostess, at that early day, was liable to the same censure of an unnatural attachment to feather beds in summer which may, at the present time, \* be turned to the inn, ruminating, as he in the United States,) and then ex-

made against almost every country inn inguishing the candle, he stretched himself upon the planks, as he remarked to his unconscious companion "that he was brought up on a hard floor;" and after one or two rolls, he by which nature resummons and sup-The speed of Horse Shoe's journey

through this pleasant valley of sleep might be measured somewhat in the a mountain defile, by the notes of the case again, only one part of the body the succession of varying intonations ithat such towns as Sheffield and Birthrough which he ascended the gamut, mingham, where many of the inhabibeginning with a low but audible tants are engaged in work of this debreathing, and raising through the several stages of an incipient snore, short quick bark, and up to a snort

Occasionally a half escaped him, and words that showed in what curent his dreams were sailing water, James! These utterings were ac mpanied with contortions of body that more than once awaked the sleep-: but, at last the huge bulk of Horse strong sleep. next morning, at early dawn,

ur travelers resumed their journey which I will leave them to prosecute whilst I conduct my readers to the afairs and interests that dwell about \* This stricture true in 1835, the

brought into play. date of the first edition of these vol-umes has, I am happy to notice, lost much of its point in the lapse of sixteen years. TO BE CONTINUED.

## Miscellanous Reading.

STRONG MEN.

Secret of Their Development a Puzzl to Science.

To decide which town in England, or even which country, produces the strongest men is a very difficult matter. Were I to decide in favor of some place in the north, said Mr. Sandow this point, I should have people in the south down upon me in a moment, and with justice, for naturally well developed men-the term "strong" men gives rather a wrong impression-are to be found in all parts of England. In the recent contest which I held

or instance, representatives qualified from every county, and finally the prizes for the most perfectly developed competitors were fought for by 15 possible to award the prizes with fair duced by any one town or any one country. One was an American, another came from the north of England, another hailed from the south of Engwell as a book, whereupon I have an land, another from the west of England, and the remaining two from the Mid'ands. The real fact is that while well-developed men are produced in every part of England their developnent is accomplished by differen means, according to where they live and the work they are engaged in.

of muscular work indoors may be no better developed than another who uses his muscles much less but leads an entirely open-air life. This is particularly noticeable when one contrasts the workers in some of the Yorkshire and north country towns whose lives are spent in iron founda ies and so on, where they have great deal of heavy work to do, with the agricultural laborers from such countries as Essex, Sussex and Surrey, The latter, although they do none of that muscular work which is part and parcel of the former's life, may be just as fine specimens of humanity owing o the ideal conditions under which heir work is performed.

Nothing is more essential to proper physical development than plenty of open air. Some people have an idea that the strongest men are to be found in those districts where the most heavy work is done. They think that if a man is forced to do hard, muscular work hour after hour and day after day, he is bound to become well developed. But although hard labor is good up to a certain point, yet when once that point is passed it tends toward deterioration.

Take the case of miners. ngaged upon hard work all the time t is very seldom however that one finds a miner who is at all well developed. This is because in the first they are obliged to overwork hose muscles which the nature of their ask brings into play, while, in the second place, they have to exist in ar unhealthy atmosphere. Few men are more readily attacked by disease than miners, and if the health of a man is as unsatisfactory as this implies it follows that he is not a suitable subect for proper physical development. The towns in mining districts are hus put out of court in any search

that is made for the best muscle-producing place. In just the same way that too much work causes deterioration, too little work fails to bring the body to perfecion. Mention has already been made of the healthy lives led by the workers n agricultural districts, but while their out-of-door life is an ideal condition, ever reach ideal development. Take the case of a man who is ploughing. He walks leisurely along behind his plow, which it often requires considerable strength to guide straight through ough ground; but while a few of his seed," so to speak, and although he

No better illustration can be given dropped into a profound sleep, leaving of this one-sided development than the ordinary English athlete. England is a country of lop-sided sportsmen who levelop one-half of their body to the deterioration of the other half. The lic life, well known, who wear artificial nan who plays football becomes developed in a different way to the man who plays cricket, he differing again from the man who plays polo or goes n for hunting. It is only the allround athlete who ever approaches perfection physically, and the most brilliant exception among the sportsmen in this country is probably to be er. "I started out as a fine carpenter, found in the person of Mr. C. B. Fry, who is such an all-round man that he and one day I went into a place in ample of the first-rate physical development, that may be brought about by properly applied athletics.

It is gentle exercise, which does not over-exert the muscles, that has the work for him. They can't steal our most beneficial effect upon the human rame. The man who knocks in tin make an artificial limb without years tacks with a light hammer will have of learning as it would be for some far finer arms than he who wields a tinhorn maker to produce a Stradivarheavy sledge. I have seen some re- ius."-Shoe Retailer. markable specimens among men whose daily work consisted in the delicate hammering of steel and other metals to prepare them for inlay. But in this oachman's horn; it was defined by becomes developed to perfection, so

scription must be left out of calcu-Let us next examine the condition of things at some of the seaport towns of England. Equally with the agricultural laborer, the sailor and the dock laborer work under absolutely ideal conditions, for we all know and have experienced the health-giving properties of sea air. On the whole, sailors thoe grew motionless in a deep and are strong, healthy men, but, although the pulling of ropes and the climbing of spars develop certain muscles very nicely, they do not produce a uniformy fine body, and many of a sailor's most important muscles are utterly undeveloped because they are never

it, and any man who goes home dead tired every night may be certain that he has little chance, so long as this state of things goes on, of becoming

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Strange as it may seem, finer specimens of physical development are to be found among the navvies than by any other walk of life. works all day in the open air, and hi energies, when he shows any, are directed in all sorts of directions. In pretty brought into play at one time or anothhe takes good care of that-and the mo ment that any particular muscle is tired he rests awhile until the oversee inspects the piece of work he is en-gaged on. Unknowingly he is prac-ticing the very essence of physical ulture, which consists in gently exercising every muscle without over-exerting it, and so building up all parts of the body evenly and little by little without unnecessary strain.

## MAKING ARTIFICAL LIMBS

Secrets of the Trade—Persons Carry Around Different Sets.

'Oh, yes, indeed, they come pretty nigh," said the artificial leg maker. "It is a beauty, though, isn't it? I venture to say there ain't another one in Philadelphia like it, on or off, and it's as light as a feather, too." With these words the creator of artificial limbs flourished a leg in the air. He was fat and smiling, and he spoke

cent, and every once in a while his face beamed with enthusiasm. "They all come to Philadelphia for hem, too," he continued. "We've cus-Africa. There are lots of leg makers in the city-at least they call themselves such, but some of them are not leg makers at all; they're harness

with an undistinguishable foreign ac-

makers." The august Philadelphia leg maker purveyor to kings, queens and governgraceful and otherwise. Some of them were huddled in corners, accumulating the dust of ages; others hung aloft or racks, so light and airy that they were wafted to and fro in the

breeze "You see," continued the leg maker, 'We know how to do things now. We have got the secret all right. First they chop down the willow tree: then we cut out the legs. It takes a heap of flexible leather to put the tendons in the right place. See that spring in the ankles? That's made by the leather tendons. If you saw one on a man you could not tell the difference Then the whole thing is covered over with fine pink enamel. Looks natural enough don't it?" At this juncture a rap came at the door, and a big man 6 feet 4, weighing nearly 300 pounds,

shook hands with the leg maker. through a tough fight," he went on. "You know I always travel with a lost. I only saved the one I had on and now you've got to get to work to make another set for me double quick." With an air of languor and ease the big man stood to have himself meas-

"Do you know who he is?" questioned he of the leg trade, after the ponson of one of the richest women in the United States. He lost his leg through disease, and he-always comes to Philadelphia to have his sets made. Plain ordinary boxes do for most people to cart their leg around in but he's got fine leather cases with his name engraved upon them.

"Do many of them go into it on such a wholesale plan?" was queried of the

"Heap's of them," he replied, laconically. "Some of them can do anything with 'em. There's one young man in this city who belongs to a glee club and they tell me he's the best dancer muscles thus become beautifully devel- of Irish jigs in the town. He was a good dancer before he lost his leg, and he's all right yet. No; we have no lady attendants. We ought to have, though. What's the reason? Oh, because there is not one woman in Philadelphia that I can find who knows the trade. Pity too, because there's money in it. A good leg maker ought to

> number of dances last winter has an thing for me," concluded the leg makdoing up banks and public buildings, for a friend in distress. The maker was a doctor, strange to say. He sized me up and I sized him up, and in a patents, either, for it's as hard to

markable allegation, says a burg correspondent, that the the Russian fleet if the battle of the Sea of Japan had gone in the Russians favor is made by Admiral Rojesiven Vremya on last Wednesday, with the sion of the minister of marine. Referring to the absolute secrecy of Admiral Togo in regard to the dispo-Rojestvensky de clares that "this was unknown even to the admiral of the British fleet allied with the Japanese, who concentrated Russian fleet if this, the final object of Great Britain, was beyond the power of the Japanese." From Admiral Rojestvensky's account of his tactics in the battle of the Sea of Japan the reader is almost convinced that the sian commander out-manoevred Ad-Togo at every point, miral himself the real victor. He declares he knew Admiral Togo's abouts two days before th made his dispositions accordingly and entered the fight with his eyes open. Spring-Rice, the British charge d'affaires, without waiting for The dock laborer comes higher up in the scale because he has more general muscular exercise; but in this case he almost invariably has too much of