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## OTTSIDE

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CHAPTER II. Check to-

"Check to- By-th-way, old fellow, how time flies. It was ten years ago tonight, wasn't it?" Gilbert Senn looked up from the

chessboard into his friend's face as he "Check! H'm! I wasn't looking for

just that. Let me see. There"-moving a piece-"I think that settles your you?" plan for the present. What were you saying? Ten years ago; what was it that happened ten years ago! Oh, yes, I remember: it is ten years since then; ten long years since the 5th of November, 1860."

"Ten years-ten years-check to your king-and-

"See here, Senn," Interrupted Walter Aldrich, good-naturedly, "you are taking a decidedly unfair advantage of me. You get me to thinking in a sentimental mood, perhaps, if a man with my health can be sentimental, and then you crowd me to the wall. Well"moving a piece reluctantly and irresobest I can do."

"Check!" "I-I-" And Aldrich thinks long and looks earnestly before he ventures to make another move, and makes it with a vague hope which is not warranted by the probabilities when his friendly antagonist is as keen a man as Gilbert Senn.

Senn studies the board. His hand wavers doubtingly over a piece, drops resolutely upon it, and he makes his

"Checkmate!" he says, "and now let us put away the board and the men and talk of morè important battles than this mimic warfare. Chess is not half so much like the battle of life as some would like us to think; if it were, shouldn't be winning over you.'

"No? I don't know. Life has its than any which chance or circumstance I can bring into our favorite game. One light strike upon the darkness and push time, as earnestly as we wept over the day rich, another day poor honest now, now lost; the admiration of friends today, the scorn of foes to-

said the ups and downs of this life in his Then a strange thing come to pass, ually bright. weak as to doubt the future.

and clasped his in a warm and cling-

forgotten what you did ten years ago;

nothing. Any one could have done

"But you did it." "And I would have done it for any

"For any one!" face coulded and his tone a little bitter; "for any one! I should think so. Ten not a beggar, not a drunkard; but life had narrowed-narrowed-narroweduntil the indistinct buildings in the half seemed in another world. clothed in rags and had barely a quar ter of a dollar which I could call my own. I stood on the platform at the station, and looked in at the window of

the ticket office-in from my darkness and misery, at the joy and carelessness me to a place of honor and responsiand happiness of those within. I could bility." not bear it. The contrast was too great my soul was crying for home; I had one you have has gone out. And get you know how long it will take a weatwelve hours?"

"For God's sake, Senn--"Wait. Hear me out. You never knew the half you did. I am not sure you ever can, for I know my recital nerved me, somehow. And besideof it must fall far short of the truth. into the darkness. Is it any wonder was careless? Down the track, I could thoughts. A thing-a factger. Up the track, lying so strong and the lights of the station, the privilege you had a little time ago and more hunger and weakness and weariness I think I was happily settled. I am the most fortua little delirious; I had not tasted food nate man in the world. She is good hours; the train was com- and true, and as beautiful as ing: I saw its headlight come round good. Congratulate me. the curve, flash up the track, and push the lines of silver a little further-just

a little further-into the shadows. And "Stop a moment. I shall be crying if you go on. I want to ask you two or three questions. You will answer them

ever known me to answer any question wisely, I doubt not, I heartily congrat-

in any other way? "No. I never have," said Aldrich, firmly; "I never have. Only-as these questions are a little peculiar-andand-personal-I thought you might not care to answer them. I confess I shall not blame you if you tell me it is none of my business."

Senn laughed. am not willing to answer truthfully, other friend when I marry, for my frankly and fully. Though why I friend will be my wife's friend as well." should be other than truthful and frank | Senn shook his head.

am sure I cannot tell. Please ask the questions. "I will. Have the last ten years of our life been happy?"

"Happy? Yes. No life is perfect. No joy is unmixed with sorrow. But the ten years just past have been happyvery happy."

"You are glad, then, that I save Senn stretched out his hand and

caught those of his friend. "Glad-glad!" he cried.

"And now-well---" "What is it? Ask it."

"I-I scarcely know how to ask you. You will pardon me, will you not?" "Pardon you? Of course I will."

or were you so discouraged-and-

"Was it an attempt at suicide? Is that what you mean?"

"It was an accident, purely and simply an accident. I suppose the thought for you." lutely—"that is bad enough, but it's the of suicide runs through every man's mind, the sane as well as the mad ometimes, and I shall not pretend that had never found it running through While I remember the old home among the New England hills; while remember the gray-haired mother who lives there and who counts the days, while I cherish her memory in my heart after she shall have gone from me, I shall be safe. No suicide or murder shall stand at my door. It was an

"Pray pardon my thought; I-"It is pardoned. Your suspicion was not an unnatural one."

"And now-will you tell me about our sensations, your thoughts."

Senn shuddered about nor to talk about, but I will try complications which are far stranger to tell you. I heard the train coming; I saw it round the curve: I saw the it further back. Then, suddenly, I felt almost tragedy of ten years ago." My head grew dizzy, the icy platform seemed to reel beneath my men stood catch something. My efforts were use-

mind always, I have. But I am not so namely this: I was mentally strong foolish as to scorn the present, nor so and vigorous, while I was physically Jahnway, sleeping before his library fire nothing. I could not move. I could at Jahnway Park, was letting the selfnot shriek. I could not make a sound, originated fancies of his dreams mingle Tears sprang up in Senn's eyes. He I heard women shriek. I saw one fall with the sound of the awful thunder of reached his hand across to his friend, fainting on the platform. Why? I was only a ragged tramp, and she had never heard the name of Jahnway drawn her cloak closer about her so as Park; he knew nothing of the existence not to touch me, when she had passed of Jasper Jahnway, nor did Jasper thinking a little time ago. I have nev- me a half-hour before. I saw a man, who could have saved me as well as was coming into the deep-blue, starnot, falter and turn away. I saw men studded sky of his life as surely as it

part in the battle of life; I have never stop to count the chances, unwitting I never shall forget it. If there ever were chances thrown away forever. I applied to the wheels, but knew then, friend. as well as I know now, that the train he went in. you dash across the platform, spring

"Pshaw! It was nothing.

o lose. A false step, a stumble, and self. neither one of us would have been here There was wealth there-gold, goods, tonight. But any man with a cool head food, pictures-and I was and quick hands could have done it." "But you-you did do it."

> "I did." "And you did it for me.

"And you helped me to work, helped

-home, sweet home; and have my revenge before you go. single night-but I had no money; do semed preoccupied. It was not many ninutes before Senn quietly captured ry, discouraged, disappointed, sick, his queen, saying "Check!" as he did half-starved wretch to walk, mind you so; and, soon after, he had driven Ald--as far as an express train can go in rich once more to hopeless defeat, saying that word of victory from which

there is no appeal-"Checkmate!" "I cannot play tonight," said Aldrich. Your story of ten years ago has un-

"Besides" "Besides that, there is another thing which I cannot keep out of my "I think I understand. I've been waiting for you to tell me. Shall I take

Aldrich laughed. "You needn't do that. 'The matter is

Aldrich held out his hand

"I do congratulate you," he said. you so long and so well, while But you know her. You have chosen

"Thank you." "When shall I lose you?"

late you both

What?" "When shall I lose you? When are

you to be married?" yet. Not before next spring; possibly sighed softly; not until June. But you are not to "I will tell you that," he said, "if I lose me at all. You will only gain an-

riends and companions."

"Nonsense! We shall have many deal. epetitions of this evening; we shall try ur powers and our fortunes many a

He touched them lovingly and as if it been worry. vere reluctantly, came loitering back o where his friend sat.

"I hope so," said Senn again; "I hope ; but someway I cannot help doubt-

explain it. Do you believe in presenti-"In presentiments? No. I do not. D

"I think not, and yet there seems to be a deepening shadow all around us. cannot get it out of my mind that something is about to happen which the day when, rich or poor, as the day will deeply affect us both. It seems impressed upon me that this 5th day of have to die. November in the year 1870, is a crisis n the lives of us both. It seems as though I had laid aside the chessmer for the last time; I find myself wondering-not whether this is to be our

be the last." "Was what happened an-an accident Aldrich took out his watch "Don't think me inhospitable," he said, lightly: "you know I've never driven you away from here yet, late though it might be. But the fact is you cannot be well; you wouldn't talk as you do if you were; let me prescribe

"All right. What do you prescribe?" "Rest. Go home and go to bed. Get good night's rest. Get these foolish are working too hard, or-'

"I'm not working too hard." Senn. stoutly. "Or worrying too much," concluded

some places, and some firms are goright; there isn't the slightest doubt of know me well enough to be sure I should be troubled if he were in any danger. The fact is he is safe-perfectly safe.

"And now, I'll take your advice. will go home. I will get a good night's

Senn lighted another cigar. The two feet. I felt myself falling. I tried to opened the door. The friends stepped out. The night was calm and still. less. I went down-down upon the November though it was, the air was Senn: "if any one in the whole wide track. My head struck the rail. I felt warm and pleasant. The sky was world has a right to keep the fact of the blood gush down over my cheek. cloudless, and the stars seemed unus-

Aldrich turned suddenly, almost al heard hoarse cries. I heard the brakes ruptly. . He held out his hand to his

And Gilbert Senn, happy again, movfore reaching me than the earth can be ed slowly away. Away from the house stopped in its course. I suffered a whose threshold he would never cross thousand deaths. I never knew how again; away from the friend whose weet life was before. Then-I saw hand he would never clasp again; away present he loved: away, as far away as ails, you threw me out of danger. I the imagination can picture, from the future he had dreamed about.

He walked slowly down the street smoking and thinking as he went "In a sense, yes. There was no time From time to time he spoke to him-

nimself: "I wonder if I shall ever have chance to make my account with him ven? It isn't likely. He isn't the sort of fellow to go blundering down under

the wheels of an express train." And he smoked and walked in si-

He reached the door of his boarding louse. He paused a moment there, and

ooked up at the sky. "Dear old Aldrich," he said again; he deserves it all-all. I hope he will be happy. Of course he will be to think suddenly of something which roubled him, then said, vigorously: "The fact is, he is safe." Another pause. "Perfectly safe—unless—"

And Senn walked downed the street And it is getting late. Do you know hat there are times when it is betterafer, perhaps-for the gentle reader to their ways alone? Let us go to rest. Or, if you cannot rest until you see

by the door of his boardidng house until his return He looked worn and wan. There was anguish in his eyes. There was un oubtedly a heavy load upon his mind. He went up to his room. He threw

lilbert Senn safe at home, let us wait

imself upon his bed. For hours he It was growing almost daylight when began to conquer the wornout man. Slowly his breath grew deeper and slower; little by little he became calm and quiet; one by one his senses

faded into sleep. "Dear-dear old Aldrich. (The tempest was still raging a

Jahnway Park, and looking east from nently in bed that morning. the sun would soon be coming.) And then, just before, there fell upon Barron:

him the peace of such a sleep as too nany of us, men and women of the world, must look back to childhood's days to ponder over and wonder atthe sleep which poets tell us is the "That is a question I cannot answer characteristic of careless innocence. He will be with him directly." "Check-to-"

CHAPTER III. A Puzzle For Prier. was smoothly shaven; the wrinkles That black band, which men call about his mouth and eyes seemed to in-

"I don't know about that," he said, night, which bound Saturday, Novem- dicate age, but his quick and restless comily; "I don't know about that, ber 5th, 1870, to the Sunday which fol- movements implied youth. His deep-Marriage takes many a man from his lowed, had a strange influence over black eyes seemed to look through one, those with whom this history has to and to see everything at once, they were

he was inclined to be reckless in the in their wondrous depths. ng over to the chessboard and men. matter of business, too, it might have

Donald Barron had commenced life poor. It was his pride that he had passed the most of his life well-to-do. Being a private banker in Boomville, to one who has been such a friend, I ing it. The news of your engagement and the only man doing a banking bushas strangely affected me. I cannot iness there, he was not unlikely to realize his dearest hope. Recklessness in matters of business might possibly postpone the time when, dying, he would leave behind him the fortune which his heart and soul coveted. Recklessness in his attention to the

> might chance to find him, he would To tell the plain truth, however, Donald Barron had been unusually abstemious that evening. Business had some ugly features in sight for the future; but he had that laid aside which will

So, on the whole, I am inclined to think that it was the night and its influences which ailed Donald Barron. He lay in uneasy and restless wakefulness for hours.

Then, just as the sun came up, he fell

And in his sleep he dreamed that he was in his place of business. It was almost night. In a few minutes it would ed him as intently as though locks and ancies out of that brain of yours. You be time to close up and go home. He keys were entirely new to his experwas very, very tired, and the time had lence. never seemed to drag so before; he was anxious, so anxious, for rest and sleep. had been filled with worry and trial. Much money had been paid out, while up the room. Then he went to work. but little had been received. Men who had done business with him for years, who had trusted him fully, had come him in utter bewilderment. The disin with their hands full of his obligaoser of a position, if he didn't, but you tions to pay; had come in hurriedly; had come with doubt and suspicion window to the stove, and so on. lurking in their eyes, and had gone away showing on their faces that its presence there was an insult and a paper-weights, the blotters; children aside, eager to get money doors, at the windows, at the walls, at while there was money left to get. been. And now he was waiting for the Barron had made a fire, and sat down. time to come when he could close the ors and go home. Suddenly a man posit before the astounded banker. It that has been robbed. I confess I'm a bore the signature of Donald Barron. little at a loss, and I never made a

> the certificate; but it seemed in his had two very similar jobs to this in my dream as though he had forgotten its experience, and I did hang a man in existence up to that very moment. each case." "Cash quick." said the man. amount reached far into the thousands of dollars. There was no such amount out the guilty one in each case, conin the money drawers or on the counter. Barron turned to the safe. He reserve fund ready for an emergency;

but a handful of ashes! That was awoke and stared straight up at the and careful to have any lingering that safe? Thank you," he remarked, doubts on such a subject. He knew to when Mr. Barron had complied with his penny the amount of his outstanding obligations. But the tin box-the part about the tin box had seemed you those stories the very first time I fearfully real-and there was a tin box,

and it had a reserve fund in it, and he Go! He could not move! He could not cry out! He could not stir so much as a finger or a toe! In perfect con ciousness, knowing his needs, knowing that every moment during which this fearful incubus kept its dread power

over him lessened his hopes of leaving looked a little nervous. He conquered his bed alive, he could do nothing. How he fought! How he struggled-

active will against deadened nerves and unresponding muscles. ·It could not last long. Such a fight

a warfare between man and death. Victory for one is speedy. And this time the man won. He moved a hand The horrid spell was broken.

The man crept weakly from his bee and dressed hurriedly. It was not usday, though he did sometimes go in for it; the experience is worth all the sufa little while before church-time to read his paper on write a few letters. This morning he hurried. He un-

desks and papers were all in perfect order. The safe was closed and locked in his memory. The man laughed softly to himself, thinking how foolish he had allowed himself to be, as he which he was being subjected. opened the safe.

And then-He didn't find his tin box with a handful of ashes in it.

He didn't find any tin box at all Donald Barron was prompt and ac old without getting wisdom. In ter ninutes after discovering his loss, his telegram was on the way to one of the best private detective agencies in Bos-

"Boomville, Me., Nov. 6, 1870. "Send your best man by first train. Today if possible, Donald Barron.' Then Mr. Donald Barron went home o breakfast. He attended church, and kept awake much better than was usual. He appeared to give the most earnest attention to the sermon, not a wonderful thing, when we remember how near he came to remaining perma

cloud across the morning sky, where a ring at the Barron mansion. The servant brought up this card to Mr.

J. P. PRIER.

lor," said Mr. Barron, "and tell him I When Mr. Prier rose at the entrance of Mr. Barron, the latter thought he had never seen so remarkable a man. Mr. Prier was entirely hald, and his face

eves well calculated to confuse and Old Donald Barron found that night abash a guilty man, while an innocent very unpleasant. It might have been person could not fail to read a reassurime over the narrow battlefield of the indigestion, for Donald Barron was very ing penetration and wisdom, together reckless in the matter of suppers. As with a stern and resolute friendliness,

"H'm!"

"Yes."

quarter of an hour.

"In what shape?"

"Got the numbers?"

"Let me see them."

"Of course."

for the present

by it honestly."

"It was mine."

"On Saturday."

"No."

ey on deposit in your bank?"

"When did you get it?"

"Perhaps not, but---

"It came from Boston."

"How did you get it?"

"I raised it on mortgages."

oving toward the safe.

"Mortgages on real estate?"

"Sit down; sit down," cried

"By express."

you raised it."

"Lent again."

"Some of it."

"Most of it."

"On long time?"

"On good security

"Good rates of interest?

"Some in speculation, I suppose

"Not a dollar of any man's money

"There is some of it which it is im

"I shall be ruined!" cried Mr. Barron

"You would prefer getting your mon-

"I'll keep that fact in mind. A de-

tective's work is a strange one. Did

you ever think of being one yourself?"

"You wouldn't know how to test

man of whom you were suspicious

"I shouldn't. I suppose I should eith-

er swear out a warrant and put it in the

hands of an officer, or perhaps hun

him up and give him a piece of my

The detective leaned back in his chair

"Ah!" said he, at last; "a man ar-

make trouble for one who has been rash

nen on suspicion. I arrest men when

"Various ones. I will wager you a

tirely different persons, and never ex-

cite your suspicions regarding my dis-

ective is the highest variety of art."

"But you have some common plan,

"l'll tell you. First of all, I make

riend, of the man I suspect."

"A good point, I should think.

o get him alone with me."

"That is difficult, surely?"

"Isn't that difficult?"

thief ?"

"Never."

would you?'

"That is true"

"What plan do

mind.

"I certainly should."

"Very good indeed."

Stocks and shares?"

"Yes."

pose?

"In paper, of course?"

"Hundred-dollar bills."

"Two thousand of them?"

and smoked in silence for a while

ou say?" he asked, after perhaps a

"Two hundred thousand dollars."

Mr. Barron got the book in which th

"You wanted a detective?" "I did: I sent for the best man. "Exactly. I am here! I am at your

"Your name is Prier?" "J. B. Prier." "You are ready for business?" "I am. I'll be blamed if I don't hang Donald Barron smiled.

"I think this is scarcely a hanging a glance. Whatever use he might wish matter," he said. "My safe has been to make of it in the future, the mere obbed, that is all.—Serious enough, of fact that there was such a list seemed course, but not serious enough for all he cared to know in that direction have forgotten one thing, one principle ed and operated in the interest of cotproductions of his cook might hasten hanging." "Excuse me," said Prier, "my lan-

> guage was only figurative. It's a form he asked. of speaking I have." Donald Barron smiled again and

"Safe robbed?" said Prier. "Tools

left? Let me see them." "No tools were left. In fact, I think last evening together, but why it is to always make the crooked straight in none were used. The bank seems to financial matters-money-and much have been entered by some one who

didn't need tools." "Bank? Safe in bank? Let's have a look at the bank.' The two men walked down to the ank building together.

"I studied architecture once," he said.

"Beautiful subject-beautiful. This is fine building." Mr. Barron made no answer, but proceeded to unlock the door. Prier watch-

inside, Mr. Prier . helped Mr. It seemed to him as though the day curtains so that they should be free from observation. He helped him light He measured more than a hundred different distances, Barron watching from the door to the counter,

from the counter to the safe, from the Then he examined everything he ould find; picked up the inkstands, the time. What did you get the menace to him. The strong had jostled into the money-drawers; opened the the weak; men had pushed women and stove and looked in; looked at the notes, drafts, certificates of deposit." the floor and the ceiling. Then he Such, it seemed to him, had his day drew a chair up to the stove in which this must be paid out?"

"Well " said Barron, "Well," said Prier, in an exceedingly the bank. He laid a certificate of de- derly place I've ever seen for a bank The old man remembered, now, when failure yet. I'll be blamed if I- Byhe had received the money and issued the-will, speaking of hanging, I have

"You did hang a man" "Figuratively, of course. I traced forgotten Barron's very existence for nected him conclusively with a murder, and the authorities did the rest.

"Oh, no, you don't. You don't see ne brought the box to the counter; he anything more regarding those cases opened it. There was nothing inside than I do regarding this; and that,"out my own," he said. hard to collect?" persisted Prier. handkerchief, and speaking with a haped box disclosed its worthless contents, tell you all about them some time," he possible to collect or to raise money on continued, "some time when I am at "And some, I presume, will be a los ceiling. A forgotten certificate of de- leisure—I am very busy now. Will you posit? Not at all. He was too wise be kind enough to give me a look into at last?" "A little, no doubt." "Then you will be unfortunately sitnated if you cannot get your money request and unlocked the safe for him-"thank you. Don't let me forget to tell back?"

> have a half-hour to spare." Prier examined the safe, outside and ey, then, to finding and punishing the

"What was the money in?" he asked. "In a tin box." "In what part of the safe? Mr. Barron showed him.

"How much was there?" "Two hundred thousand dollars." Prier whistled softly to himself, and

his feelings, however, and came and sat "Were you ever hanged?" with a smile.

"Ever hanged?" cried Barron, in asand laughed heartily. here accident, of course, but it came ear being the end of me. I've always rested on suspicion is either innocent felt a little sorry, since then, when it or guilty. If innocent, he is likely to was necessary to send a fellow-being ual for him to go to the bank on Sun- to the gallows. But you ought to try and hasty." fering, provided, of course, that you are

not kept in a state of suspense too guard at once Therefore I don't arrest and Williamsburg. Mr. Barron said nothing. He looked I have proof." closely at Mr. Prier. But that gentlean had taken a cigar from his pocket Mr. Barron. The dream was already growing dim and lighted it, and appeared entirely engrossed with the pleasure of smoking, and oblivious of the scrutiny to

"I suppose you've no objection to my ooking over the books of your business?" said Prier, suddenly, throwing guises. I have a dozen different plans Laurens and Greenwood. away his cigar and getting briskly on for every disguise. The art of the deo his feet

"That would be a little irregular, have you not-some plan which you use ouldn't it?" asked Mr. Barron. ftener than you do others?" "Certainly, and if you object-"Certainly. "I don't object. Do anything you wish. Do anything in the world which will help get my money back, and I

ceeded to bury himself, figuratively peaking, in the books of Donald Barron's business. "I studied book-keeping once," he

shall approve it all."

self?"

"No."

"Yes."

"Yes '

"H'm! Rich, are you?"

"Make it yourself?"

"Poor boy, perhaps?"

said, when he had been working silently I really am." for nearly an hour. "Indeed?" asked Barron But Prier was deep in the books again,

and made no answer for another hour. "Oh, no, that is usually the easies Then he looked up and said: "Yes; called an expert once. Might have made lots of money by it, too. then; I turn his thoughts away from streak of cowardice as broad as a barn Liked detective work better. Rather the matter in hand, and I study him- door running through his whole mor- est producer of eggs in the world. The ock you up than look you up; do you study him-study him!" "I should think he see the point? Ha! ha! ha!" And he closed the book with a bang, what you were at."

and walked to his chair by the stove "Show the gentleman into the par- again and sat down. "Books seem well kept. Do it yourthat I make a careful study of a suspected man a special feature of my to the enemy in the storm of battle
the face of danger, who will desert a friend in
the face of danger, who will go over
to the enemy in the storm of battle
the face of danger and in the face of d

all I can about him and his actions in other ways. By the time I've done this I am usually certain that my suspicions And then Prier lighted another cigar were well-grounded, or that the man is

"Two hundred thousand dollars, did entirely innocent." "I should think you would be." "But I usually end by frightening the nan almost to death, and getting him fully in my power. If he is innocent it harms no one, and is a valuable test sire to throw out for the consideration in addition to what has gone before; if he is guilty, his actions usually show forward to the organization of a bank it, and I have him beyond the power of and warehouse, both to be strictly un-

than any so-called 'intelligent jury' numbers of the bills had been entered could possibly be after having tried sustained as legitimate reflection. It him 'according to the law and the evidence'-and the lawyers?" "I don't doubt that. But you seem to

"The money cannot be used, then? time ago.' "And what is that?" "The principal that a man is likely "Not unless the persons passing of attempting to pass it can show good

to be armed and likely to resist." reason for an assertion that they came "I don't forget that, I disarm him and put handcuffs on the individual." "Easily said-" "I see. This money was yours

"And easily done!" Yours personally, I mean, and not mon ned his hands leisurely into his pocket; he sauntered slowly back to Mr. Barron's side. And then-

"It isn't entered on your books yet?" There were two or three motions too "That isn't exactly business-like, quick for the eye to follow; and Donald Barron's wrists were ornamented with just as other banks pursue the policy of irons; and J. B. Prier was looking into favoring their own customers first, we "Never mind. Where did you get it? the eyes of the man as though he would read his very soul

plan," said Prier, slowly, taking a key as important as the ownership of a bank. It does not occur to me that we from his pocket and unlocking and re-"Of course. I took that for granted noving the handcuffs, "I may say that ing to confine our business to our-never release a guilty man until he selves. It should be our purpose to didn't mean that. I didn't make my question clear. I intended to ask how is in charge of the authorities."

He paused a moment. "Donald Barron," he said, quietly; we have played out the comedy part of this affair, and we are ready for se-"Good. I may see the deeds, I suprious work. I have found and taken few things-pardon me for declining "Certainly," said Barron, rising and just now to say what-which will make the crime we are to study a help toward I don't want to see them now. Tomor the solution of more important mysrow will do as well. One thing at a teries than the theft of mere moneytwo hundred thousand dollars. I will will confer benefits that are not now tell you frankly that when we came dreamed of, and the whole thing is "To pay outstanding obligationsdown I believed you the guilty man: I "Where is the money which was defully expected to have had a full conposited-the money paid in, for which fession from you before this; but I know now that you are innocent. Le us go home; I will be your guest; let us seek the rest we need; all will be

right in the morning." morning! They went home together. Prier was

the edge of his bed. He took several

articles from his pocket. He opened Mr. Barron gave the detective a quick his valise, took out a sort of case or glance of suspicion. But that individcasket which it contained, opened it, ual was looking vacantly at a ring of put the articles in, locked the casket, Christense blue cigar smoke, and seemed to have and placed it carefully in a pocket of sum of \$15,000 to enable Mr. Lyon to the time being. So that his answer had "The money nothing of indignation in its tones, enough," he said; "simple enough. The had already spent \$20,000 of the peohough he used the same words which nad rushed angrily to his lips when the

> likely it was, and it ought not to be difficult to flx upon the guilty individual." Before retiring, he took the casket fiquors, from his pocket and put in under his

cover of the dense darkness, and reaching up his hand, he caressed the casket lovingly. Crime, whatever you may be, there light coming! Criminal, whoever you may be, shudder tonight! Victim, senses fall aside; sleep claims dominion over the brain of the great detective. But the grim smile lasts; the sleeping

us listen; let us catch his sleeping thought "I'll-be-blamed-if-I-don't-hang

-somebody!

To be Continued. Two NEW CIRCUITS .- A house bil roviding for an additional judicial circuit has been amended in the senate so as to provide for two more circuits, twelve in all. The bill as it making passed the senate divides the state as

The 1st circuit shall be composed of the counties of Berkeley, Dorchester, Orangeburg and Calhoun. The 2d circuit shall be composed of the counties of Hampton, Aiken, Bam-

berg and Barnwell. The 3rd circuit shall be composed of "And if guilty he is put upon his the counties of Clarendon, Lee, Sumter The 4th circuit shall be composed of

the counties of Chesterfield, Darlington and Marlboro the counties of York, Chester, Lancas-

The 7th circuit shall be composed of counties of Cherokee, Spartanburg and Union. The 8th circuit shall be composed of the counties of Abbeville, Newberry The 9th circuit shall be composed of

ter and Fairfield

the counties of Charleston, Colleton and The 10th circuit shall be composed o counties of Anderson, Greenville, Pickens and Oconee. The 11th circuit shall be composed of

"I've a curiosity to know what it Edgefield. The 12th circuit shall be composed or the counties of Florence, Marion, Hor-

friend, a familiar and confidential ANALYSIS OF THE HAZER.-A hazer who goes to the room of a stu-"Not very. Then I impress him with dent and inflicts injuries upon him punished exactly as he the idea that I am much less acute than would be if he were to go out and enter the home of a citizen and inflic punishment on the members of the ousehold. The hazer should be sup-"A very good point. Then I manage pressed. He is a cowardly sneak, the hazer is. The boy who goes around under cover of darkness and backed by superior numbers of cattle of his own stripe wantonly inflicting punish on his fellow students, has a al system. A hazer will never fill a humblest farm hut has hens in plenty. man's place when either moral or phywould suspect sical courage is needed. He is a whitelivered, cringing coward, the hazer is, at home, though she sometimes man-"Not often. Sometimes I don't care over and always when the bugle calls for true bravery are sounded. He is the fellow who will desert a friend in the fellow who will desert

Miscellaneous Reading

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BANK AND WAREHOUSE.

Two Things of Which the Farmers

Editor of The Yorkville Enquirer I have a suggestion or two that I deof the farmers of York county and that is that it will be well for them to look injuring or resisting me. Why, Mr. der the control of the Farmers' Union I am not disposed to offer any unfavorable criticism of any of the existing whom I have given the valuable disci- banking institutions. pline of such a course as that. I am some complaint against some of them more certain of the facts in his case but so far as I have been able to inbeen based upon objections that can be

may be that some of the banks are not

disposed to look as carefully after the interests of the cotton producers as

they might: but then they

which you yourself laid down a little ton producers. If we had a bank so owned and operated, then we would be able to know the why and wherefore. All of us who have any idea of business, of course, understand that if we undertake to organize a bank, we must go down into our pockets after the neessary capital, and we must put the institution in charge of the most cometent and experienced ability that is to be found amongst us. It must not be thought for a moment that a bank-Prier rose lazily, and laid Mr. Bar- ing business can be organized or operron's pistol on the counter; he drop- ated on wind, and after our bank is established we must not encourage anybody to think that they will be able to secure loans or any different basis than now obtains in the banks that are al-

forward to doing business on business

principles just as other banks do, and

must look first to taking care of our customers and the members of the Un-The ownership of a warehouse is just should look forward to the idea of try-If other warehouse managers can do better for us than we can do selves then we will give them the business; but if we prove that we can torily than it is now being stored, we

can bring the others to our basis of operations It seems to me that provided they are house can be made to operate to the very great advantage of cotton produc-We believe that the existence of such institutions under strict Union control and along strict business lines well worth careful consideration at the

ands of all producers of cotton Union Man.

Clover, February 15. SENATOR JOHNSON AGAIN.

Has Arithmometer at Work on Com There was another personal privilege statement in the senate last Monshown to his room. He sat down upon day anent the dispensary winding up Senator Johnson was the

speaker, he said: "Mr. President: In my remarks on Thursday last on bill No. 669, Mr. Christensen's bill, to appropriate the secure counsel to prosecute alleged grafters, I stated in opposition of the bill that the investigating committee safe was opened by some one who knew ple's money without any results. That the winding-up commission had spent \$50,000 during the year of their exto examine all who knew it. It was istence, and if statements and charges opened by some one who knew the in the public prints were true and to noney could not be used; that is, it is be relied upon, in refusing to accept an offer that was said to have been made by a firm or corporation outside of the state to take over the entire stock stock, odds and ends, at their original nvoice price and having subsequently sold the stock at a discount of 20 pe cent on the dellar, which resulted in He smiley grimly to himself, under another loss of \$200,000 to the people of South Carolina. I did not say, how or for what purpose the \$50,000 was spent, but I simply said that it had been spent statement to the contrary is false. But it now develops and is shown by their own record that \$59,389.66 was spent sleep in peace in the grave you fill! The by them, instead of \$50,000 as stated in my argument, and the \$15,000 given them by order of Judge Pritchard and the \$20,000 spent by the investigating But the grim smile lasts; the sleeping committee, together with the \$15,000 fingers clasp still closer the precious carried by the Christensen bill, will casket. And-hark! He speaks! Let make an aggregate of the enormous sum of \$110,000 in round numbers of the dispensary fund that has been gotten away with in one way or another, which is over one-eighth of the total

amount of the entire assets of the dis-'Now comes one W. F. Stevenson who is said to be the attorney for the commission and who claims that no such offer was ever made except in a

jocular way by a Mr. Hull of Peoria, "This alleged offer and loss caused will, however, be investigated, but Mr. Stevenson says if such an offer had been made it could not have been accepted under the act. This is a most remarkable proposition to come from a man who claims to be a lawyer, but not altogether surprising to others in view of the fact that if an offer had been made and accepted, it would have been followed by the loss

of some fat legal fees. I do not believe, however, there is a real lawyer in South Carolina who would read the act creating the commission and place any such construction upon it. the counties of Kershaw and Richland
The 6th circuit shall be composed of the counties of York Chester Twee of Yo they were made, and any charge or intimation of unfairness on my part is false and without foundation no matter by whom made. I will further

state that I am responsible for what

I say, here or elsewhere."-The State. FRANK CONFESSION .- The house last Saturday morning adopted a remarkable resolution by Mr. J. H. Dobb, confessing by implication that the general assembly has not been behaving well he counties of Lexington, Saluda and and resolved to turn over a new leaf. There was violent opposition to it led by Mr. Rucker, but it passed by about

ten votes. The resolution reads: "Resolved, that it is the sense of the general assembly, now in session at Columbia, S. C., that we have been sent here by the people whom we represent purpose of transacting "such for the business as comes before its body, and that it is the duty of the said general assembly to use its utmost, honest enleavors to discharge said duties with and that durdispatch and economy ing the remainder of this session we onduct ourselves as becomes the dignified body we are supposed to be.

If China is supposed to be the larg-

hazer turns out to be after he leaves pan from time immemorial, samples of "I shouldn't have suspected you of having such frankness in your nature." of men. In after years you will always temples, palaces and museums. When "Very likely not; I have it, though. Following my study of him I usually question him pretty fully, and find out roe Enquirer.

The after years you will always temples, palaces and museums. When gold and silver are used in connection with the lacquer, the product is often roe Enquirer.