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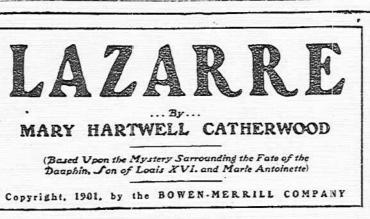
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Dry Goods, Dress'Goods, Fan- fected me like your living eyes staring cy Goods and Notions, Clothing, Shoes, Hats and the best line of Plantation and Family Groceries in the City.

To meet the demands of our trade everything is bought dauphin's sister, believes that the dauby us from first hands, and our patrons get the profit which phin was taken alive from the Temple other dealers must pay middlemen. We can and will save "Mr dear Lazare you money, both in what you buy of us, and what we buy of Duke of Orleans would lie-far be it from me-though these are times in



Next To Court House.



wretched commonwealth, and then go CHAPTER XIV. to the guillotine before his successor. As a good citizen I should have turned NTER the prince of a fairy these jewels and stones and coins over tale," said the Marquis du to the state. But I was acting the part Plessy when the lackey ushof Jacquot, and as an honest peasant ered me into the garden. It was a nest of amber at that time I whipped them under my blouse and of sunset, and he waited for me at a carried them away. In my straits of table laid for supper under a flat canexile I never decreased them. And you may take inventory of your property opy of trees which had their tops trained and woven into a mat. and claim it when we rise from the I took his hand to kiss, but he rose table."

My heart came up in my throat. I up and magnificently placed me in a reached across and caught his hands. chair opposite himself. "You believe in me-you believe in "Your benefits are heavy, monsieur," "How shall I acknowledge me!"

"Do I observe any etiquette with you, "You owe me nothing at all," he an-Lazarre? This is the second time I have brought the fact to your notice. swered, "as you will see when I have I particularly wish you to note that I do not observe any etiquette with you." "What does a boy who has been brought up among Indians know about "But you do not know anything

etiqueite? But you accept me or you could not put the property you have loyally and at such risk saved for my leather breeches, who has been acfamily into my hands." "I don't accept even your uncle of quainted with you much longer than

Provence. The king of Spain and I prefer to call him by that modest title. Since you died or were removed from "Yet I am not sure of deserving the the Temple he has taken the name of marquis' interest."

"Has the marguls admitted that he feels any interest in you? Though this will own: Few experiences have afout of the face of my dead king!" We met cach other again with a steady gaze like that in the mortuary tleman is either moral slush or a very deep quicksand. It astonishes me," "Do you believe I am"-"Do I believe you are- Who said there was such a person in existence?"

"Louis Philippe." "The Duke of Orleans? Eh, bien! ple I am obliged to meet." What does he know of the royal family? He is of the cadette branch."

I said.

chapel

"But he told me the princess, the

ters. But he would not object to seeing receive in charity." the present pretender ousted. Why, "It is easy to dole out charity money. since his father veted for the death of Kou are squeezing other people's purses, Louis XVI. he and his are almost outlawed by the older branch. Mme.

the Count of Provence is that assump-Royal, the Duchess of Angouleme, cantion of kingly airs, provided the story not endure him. I do not think she is true which leaked secretly among the would speak to him." emigres. The story which I heard was "He is my friend," I said stoutly.

"Remember you are another pretender, and he has espoused your cause. I an idiot in America. An idiot cannot think him decent myself, though there used to be some pretty stories told about him and the fair sentimentalist who educated him, Mme. de Genlis. But I am an old man; I forget gossip." My host gave lively and delicate attention to his food as it was brought, not one of them. In fact, Lazarre, I and permitted nothing to be overheard was rather out of tune with your

by his lackeys.

leries?"

part of a wall cupboard the queen's jewel case. We opened it between us. The first thing I noticed was a gold snuffbox set with portraits of the king, the queen and their two children.

she is grown?"

may look in."

ica.'

How I knew them I cannot tell. Their pictured faces had never been put before my conscious eyes until that moment. Other portraits might have been there. I had no doubt, no hesitation.

I asked, feeling my voice like a rope in

"I knew Mme. de Ferrier in Amer-

"Their estate lies next to mine. And

what is the little De Ferrier like since

My host bolted the doors of his pri-

vate cabinet and took from the secret

my throat. "Do you know her family?"

"A beautiful woman."

I was on my knees before the face I had seen in spasms of remembrance, with oval cheeks and fair hair rolled high, and open neck-my royal mother! Next I looked at the king, heavier of feature, honest and straight gazing, his chin held upward; at the little sister, a smaller miniature of the queen; at the softly molded curves of the child that was myself!

The marquis turned his back. Before I could speak I rose and put my arms around him. He wheeled, took my hand, stood at a little distance and klssed it. We said not one word about the

portraits, but sat down, with the jewel ease again between us. "These stones and coins are also my

sister's, monsieur the marquis?" He lifted his evebrows. "I had ample opportunity, my dear

boy, to turn them into the exchequer Louis XVIII. and maintained a court of the Count of Provence. Before his at the expense of the czar of Russia quarrel with the late czar of Russia be and the king of Spain. He is a fine maintained a dozen gentlemen in wait-Latinist, quotes Latin verse and keeps ing and perhaps as many ladies, to the mass bells everlastingly ringing. say nothing of priests, servants, at-The Russians laugh at his royal masstendants of attendants and guards. es! But in my opinion the sacred gen-This treasure might last him two

years. If the king of Spain and his majesty of Russia got wind of it and said the Marquis du Plessy, "to find shut off their pensions it would not how many people I do disapprove of! last so long. I am too thrifty a French-I really require very little of the peoman to dissipate the hoards of the state in foreign parts. Yet if you He smoothed my hands, which were

question my taste, I will not say my yet holding his, and exploded: honesty, Lazarre"-"The Count of Provence is an old "I question nothing, monsieur. I

turtle! Not exactly a reptile, for there ask advice." is food in him. But of a devilish flat "Eh, bien! Then do not be quite as head and cruel snap of the jaws!"

punctilious as the gentleman who got "How can that be," I argued, "when turned out ci the debtor side of Ste. the American woods, with mind Pelagie into an alley. This will not his niece loves him so? And even I in do,' says he. So around he posts to the eclipsed, was not forgotten. He sent entrance and asks for admittance me of the money that he was obliged to again."

"Catch me knocking at Ste. Pelagie for admittance again!" "Then my advice is to pay your

hot your own. What I most object to in tailor, if he has done his work acceptably.

"He has done it marvelously, especially in the fitting."

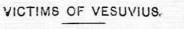
"A Parisian workman finds it no mirthat the dauphin had not died, but was acle to fit a man from his old clothes. reign. But the throne of France is not I took the liberty of sending your orders. Having heard my little story, clamoring so loud for a Bourbon at you understand that you owe me nothpresent that the idiot's substitute must ing but your society and a careful inbe proclaimed and hold a beggar's ventory of this trust." court. There are mad loyalists who

We were a long time examining the swear by this eighteenth Louis. I am contents of the case. There were six gems, rings for the hand and clusters

Perhaps you have never thought of it out the fact must be apparent to every one that constapation is caused by a lack of water in the system, and the use of drastic cathartics like the old fashioned pills only makes a bad matter worse. Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets are much more mild and

gentle in their effect, and when the "Ab, ab! Bonaparte's plan will then roper dose is so natural that one can be easy of execution. You may see her hardly realize it is the effect of a med-icine. Try a 25 cent bottle of them. For sale by The R. B. Loryea, Isaac M. this evening here in the Faubourg St. Germain. I believe she is to appear at Mme. de Permon's, where Bonaparte | Loryea, Prop.

Only Makes a Bad Matter Worse.



Pempeli and Herculaneum Not the Only Citics It Has Burled. The road out of Naples toward Vesuvius is the same route that one follows to reach Pompeil. When intending to

go up the mountain the tourist leaves the Pompeii road at Resina, the modern city which overlies Herculaneum. Apropos of these two ancient towns, it is remarkable how many people speak

of them as the only buried cities in the vicinity. In fact, there are many, and it may not be uninteresting to mention them. Next to the two familiar ones, the one whose name is most frequently heard is Stabiæ. Then there are Cumae, the oldest Greek colony in Italy; Baiæ, a watering place, resort of the Roman swells in the first year of our Lord; Parthenope, Palæopolis and Neapolis, three buried cities lying under modern Naples, from the last of which it took its name; Dikearchia (later called Puteoli, now Pozzuoli), another Greek city of large wealth and with much commerce; Capua, one of the great military posts of ancient Rome, now covered by a modern city, also a garrison, and Suessola, whose medicinal springs held high repute among the gouty epicures of the Roman time.

Cataclysmic have been the earth's throes around that laboring monster Yesuvius, for some of these buried citles, which were great seaports 2,000 years ago, are now far inland. On the other hand, offshore at Baiæ you may look down from a boat when in smooth water and discover ancient houses and streets far below you at the bottom of the sea. Some of these buried cities were much larger and more important places than either Pompeii or Herculaneum, yet to many travelers their names seem unfamiliar .- Argonaut.

#### EDUCATING OYSTERS.

Training Schools In Which the Bivalves Are Taught Some Sense. "A school for oysters," said a dealer

in fish, "is an institution that you would swear could not exist, for oysters are\_notorious for their stupidity. It is, however, a fact that there are many oyster schools. I will explain many oyster schools. I will explain them to you in such a way that you will believe in them. An oyster's intel-ligence is limited, but still it has intel-ligence. Years ago certain wise fish dealers discovered that if you take an oyster suddenly from its subaqueous bed it opens its shell, whereupon the life giving water inside it all escapes and the oyster dies. But if you ex-pose an oyster to the air gradually, lifting it out of the water for a few minutes and then returning it again, it gradually learns that to keep its shell closed when out of the water is the best thing for its health. These fives-tigators found that they could take two oysters, one trained and one untrained, and the trained oyster, keeping its shell closed while out of the water, would live a long time, while the untrained bags of coin. all gold louis; many unset | and the trained oyster, keeping its shell

one, opening its shell, would die in a

few hours. Therefore training schools

for oysters were established. The

schools are in appearance nothing more

than reservoirs full of water. Oysters

are put in them, and the water is drain-

ed off and then returned again. It is

kept off for a few minutes at first, then

for ten minutes, then for half an hour

and so on. Oysters in these schools

learn that they will live longest and

keep healthiest out of water if they

hold their shells tight shut. As soon as

they learn this they are graduated and

go out into the world."-Philadelphia

borer wondered how the partridge

would act. The time necessary for go

ing around the field was about twenty

minutes, yet in that almost incredible

safe spot. Careful search led to the

discovery of the bird calmly seated up-

on her treasures in the bottom of the

hedge out of reach of the plow. Nine-

teen partridge chicks were eventually

hatched and duly escaped unmolested.

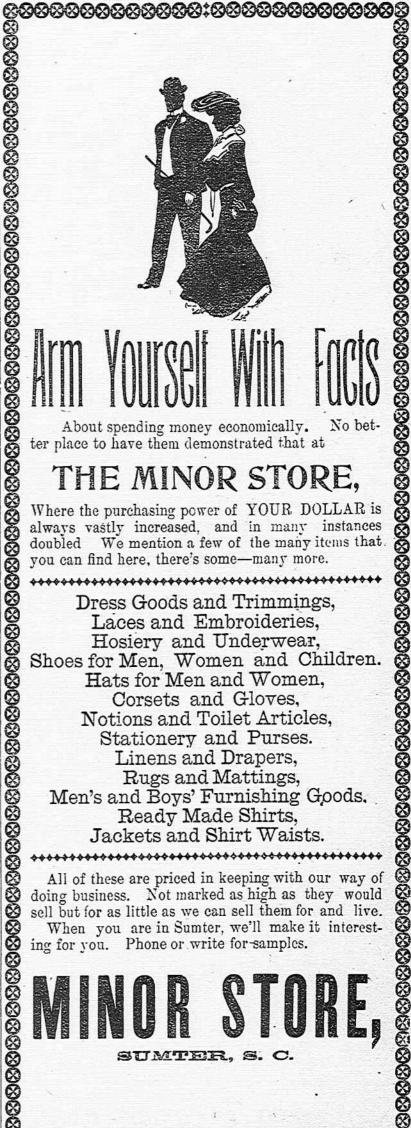
The Ingenious Magpie.

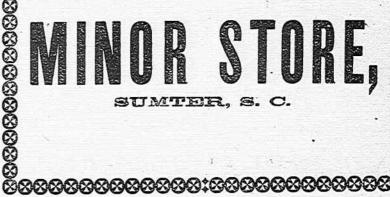
The magpie is nothing if not ingen-

-London Tit-Bits.

live a long time,

Record.





Rheumatism Is Not a Skin Disease.

Most people have an idea that rheumatism is contracted like a cold, that the damp, chilly air penetrates the muscles and joints and causes the terrible aches and pains, or that it is something like a skin disease to be rubbed away with liniment or drawn out with plasters; but Rhuematism originates in the blood and is caused by Urea, or Uric Acid, an irritating, corroding poison that settles in muscles, joints and nerves, producing inflammation and soreness and the sharp, cutting Bowling Green, Ky.

pains peculiar to this distressing disease. Exposure to bad weather or sudden

Exposure to bad weather or sudden chilling of the body will hasten an at tack of Rheumatism after the blood and system are in the right condition for it to develop, but have nothing to do with the real true causes of Rheumatism, which are internal and not external. Liniments, plasters and rubbing will sometimes reduce the inflamma-tion and swelling and ease the pain for a time, but fail to relieve permanently because they do not reach the seat of the trouble. S. S. S. cures Rheumatism because it attacks it in the blood, and

the trouble. S. S. S. cures Rheumatism because it attacks it in the blood, and the Uric Acid poison is neutralized, the sluggish cir-culation stimulated and quickened, and soon the sys-

Q C tem is purified and cleansed, the aching muscles and oints are relieved of all irritating matter and a lasting ture of this most painful disease effected. S. S. S. is a harmless vegetable remedy, unequalled

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house. The evening was warm and fresh "Not you!" I sald. with the breath of June. and the gar-"I do not fit in these times. I ought

den by a contrivance of lamps around to have gone with my king and my its walls turned into a dream world friends under the knife. Often I am after sunset faded. ashamed of myself for slipping away. "My dear boy. I do not say that I be-That I should live to see disgusting lieve in you. I do not observe etiquett fools in the streets of Paris after the with you. But I am going to tell you Terror was over, young men affecting the Greek and Roman manner, greeting little story about the Tuileries. Yo one another by wagging of the head! have never seen the palace of the Tu They wore gray coats with black col-

lars, gray or green cravats, carried I said I had not. cudgels and decreed that all men should "It has been restored for the use of have the hair plaited, powdered and these Bonapartes. When I say these Bonapartes, Lazarre, I am not speak- fastened up with a comb like themselves! The wearer of a cue was likely ing against the empire. The empire gave me back my estates. I was not to be knocked on the head. These creatures used to congregate at the old one of the stringent emigres. My es-Feydeau theater or meet around the

tates are mine whoever rules in France. entrance of the Louvre to talk classical You may consider me a betwixt and betweener. Do so. My dear boy, I am. | jargon and wag!" My heart is with my dead king. My carcass is very comfortable both in

Paris and on my ancestral lands. Na- the desire to stand between him and poicon likes me as an ornament to his the shocks of an alien world. Yet there Lourgeois court. I keep my opinion of him to myself. Do you like garlie, my

boy?" I told him I was not addicted to the

use of it. "Garlie is divine. God gave it to man. A hint of it in the appropriate dish makes life endurable. I carry a piece in a gold box at the bottom of my vest pocket, that I may occasionally take it out and experience a sense

of gratitude for divine benefits." on the outside of his wine bottle, poured out a glassful and drained it, smil-

ing adorably at me in ecstasy. "We were speaking of the Tuilerics. You should have seen the place when it was sacked after the flight of the

seen it. I am glad you were gone."

"Did you see the Tuileries at that time, monsieur?"

"I did. I put on the clothes of one of my peasants, slumped in Jacquot's wooden shoes and kept my mouth open as well as I could for the dust. The fantastic was yet in my blood.

as on a pool of blood.

My royal mother!

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was about him a tenacious masculine cept your royal uncle of Provence. But I knew is my heart what I would help strength, an adroitness of self protection, which needed no champion. do with that mob if our turn ever "Did the Indian tell you about a man

named Bellenger?" I inquired. His dark eyes rested on the red wine "Bellenger is part of the old story

about the dauphin's removal. I heard "Sick of the ruin, I leaned out to look in the garden from a window in of him first at Coblenz. And I understand now that he is following you the queen's own apartment. I stepped on a shelf, which appeared fixed under with another dauphin and objecting to

the window, but it moved, and I found you in various delicate ways. Napoleon Bonaparte is master of France, made to hold it. It had concealed two because he has a nice sense of the valarmchairs placed opposite each other ues of men and the best head for detail so cunningly that their paneled sides that was ever formed in human shape.

yet looked a part of the thick wall. There is something almost supernatu-I sat down in one of them, and, though ral in his grasp of affairs. He lets the cushion was stiff, I felt something nothing escape him. The only mistake he ever made was butchering the hard under it." M. du Plessy glanced around in evyoung Duke d'Enghien; the courage

ery direction to satisfy himself that and clearness of the man wavered that no ears lurked within hearing. one instant, and, by the way, he bor-"Eh, blen! Under the cushion I rowed my name for the duke's incogfound the queen's jewel case! Dianito during the journey under arrest. monds-bags of gold coin-a half cir-England, Russia, Austria and Sweden clet of gems! Since the great necklace are combining against Napoleon. He will beat them; for while other men was lost such an array had not seen the light in France. The value must sleep or amuse themselves or let cirbe far above a million francs." cumstances drive them he is planning The marquis fixed his eyes on me success and providing for all possible

contingencies. Take a leaf out of the and said: "What should I have done with it, general's book, my boy. No enemy is contemptible. If you want to force the Lozarre?" "It belonged to the royal family," I hand of fortune, scheme, scheme all answered. "But everything which belonged to

the time-outscheme the other fellow." The marquis rose from the table. "I am longer winded," he said, "than the royal family had been confiscated to the state. I had just seen the bea man named De Chaumont, who has longings of the royal family trampled been importuning Bonaparte in season as by cattle. First one tyrant and then and out of season to reinstate an Ameranother rose up to tell us what we ican emigre, a Mme. de Ferrier." "Will Bonaparte restore her lands?" should do. to batten himself off the

of various sorts which I knew not how to name, that blazed with a kind of white fire very dazzling. The halfway crown was crusted thick with colored stones the like of which I could not have imagined in my dreams. Their

names, the marquis told me, were sapphires, emeralds, rubies and large clear diamonds like beads of rain. When everything was carefully returned to place he asked: "Shall I still act as your banker?" I begged him to hide the jewel box

again, and he concealed it in the wall. "We go to the Rue Ste. Croix, Laarre, which is an impossible place for your friend Bellenger at this time. Do

you dance a gavot?" I told him I could dance the Indian corn dance, and he advised me to reserve this accomplishment.

"Bonaparte's police are keen on any scent, especially the scent of a prince. The Marquis du Plessy drew himself together, with a strong shudder. I had His practical mind would reject the Temple story, if he ever heard it, and there are enough live Bourbons for him to watch."

"But there is the Count de Chaumont." I uggested. "He is Lot a man that would put faith in the Temple story, either, and I understand he is kindly disposed to-

ward you. "I lived in his house nearly a year." "He is not a bad fellow for the new sort. I feel certain of him. He is coaxing my friendship because of ancient amity between the houses of Du Plessy and De Ferrier."

"Did you say, monsieur, that Bonaparte intends to restore Mme. de Fer-"They have been given to one of his

"Then he will not restore them?" "Oh, yes, with interest! His plan is to give her the officer for a husband."

Tond and Not a Toad.

away humiliated and hides himself.

Consolatory, but Not Helpful.

beetles and other insects.

nter heaven.'

Constitution.

law,' said a Detroit lawyer, who begged that his name be suppressed, "I

A Trying Position. Clubberly-What's the matter? Is to me with a request to sue a debtor. that widow I've seen you with trou-I found it would cost far more than bling you?

could be recovered and told him so. He can't make up my mind whether she is was indiguant and left rowing to get going to marry me or not.-Detroit market prices. a lawyer to press the case regardless of Free Press.

"A few weeks later he came to me again. 'Well,' said he, 'I took your ad-Hard to Head Off. Wantanno-I wonder if Gabsky will vice and saved \$250 by it. Now, I want recite for me at my little party this you to take charge of all legal matters affecting the Blank corporation. Your evening? retainer will be \$2,000 per year.' I took Dunno-He will unless you know

it, it is needless to say."-Detroit News. some as yet undiscovered way to prevent him .- Baltimore American.

One of the queerest reptiles in the Good Natured. world is the horned toad of Arizona. "What would you do if I were to offer In the first place, though it looks like a you work?"

"It 'u'd be all right, mister," answer toad and is so called, it isn't a toad at ed Meandering Mike. "I kin take a joke all, but a lizard. It lives nowhere save in the desert and feeds on hard shelled as well as anybody." - Washington Star.

One of the oddest things about the ----creature is its way of fighting. Two A Startling Test. horned toads will meet and fight like

To save a life, Dr. T. G. Merrit, of balls by butting, not apparently with No. Mehoopany, Pa., made a startling test resulting in a wonderful eure. He any notion of killing each other, but each trying to turn its adversary over. writes, "a patient was attacked with The toad that is finally upset goes violent hemorrhages, caused by ulcera-tion of the stomach. I had often found Electric Bitters excellent for acute stomach and liver troubles so 1 prescrib-"De rich will have a hard time gittin' ed them. The patient gained from the first, and has not had an attack in 14 months." Electric Bitters are positive-"Yes." said Brother Williams, "dat's comfortin' thought; but it don't help y guaranteed for Dyspepsia, Indiges de po' man when rent's due!"-Atlanta tion, Constipation and Kidney troubles. Try them. Only 50c at The R. B. Loryea Drug Store.

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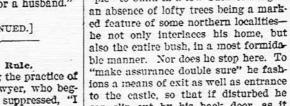
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rier's lands?" rising officers."

TO BE CONTINUED.]

The Lawyer's Rule. "Ever since beginning the practice of

have made it a rule not to take cases in which I could not promise my client a percentage of gain over my fees. One day not long ago a business man came

were.

plunder it is by no means an easy matter, but when circumstances oblige the "ple" to build in a low bush or hedge-

nest with thorn branches, so that to

expenses.

can slip out by his back door, as it