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> as the law directed. "Reverend sir," said the other man, stepping forward in a threatening manner, "you have the choice to follow us and take the sum of money offered you or remain here with a pistol bullet in your brain." With that he held a pistol at the old man's head and waited his answer. The pastor grew pale, rose up silent and trembling, and bastily clothing himself in his robes, said:

"I am ready, gentlemen." The strangers had spoken in Dan-STOVER WIND MILL ish, but with such a foreign accent as not to be mistaken. The mysterious men went silently through the And All Kinds of Pumps village, buried as it was in slumber, and the pastor followed them. It was a dark night in autumn, and the moon had already gone down. When they approached the church, Challenge Wind and Feed Mills, the bewildered old man, with fear and astonisment, saw it brilliantly lighted up, and his companions hastened across the sandy flats Pumps Repaired on Short Notice, which intervened between it and Farmers, come and examine our mill. You will find one erected on the premises of the Hammond House, in good running them. When they reached the church they blindfolded his eyes. GROCERIES. multitude. All around him he Russian. And as he stood amid **NEW STORE, NEW GOODS.** Goods delivered Free of Charge, Corner of 13th and Madison Sts. and he recognized by his side one of plentiful flood of tears extinguished at the dead silence that prevailed.

the church were densely crowded. yet the center aisle was quite empty D. T. MARTYN, M. D and the pastor perceived opened in which had covered it was placed through the crowd, and having leaning against one of the pews. pushed him rudely through the side E. D. MERCER, M. D. & J. C. DENISE, M. D., of Omaha, The pastor saw none about him but door they bolted it on the inside, tinguish one female form in one of churchyard. the distant pews. The stillness lastgery and deformities; acute and chronic diseases, diseases of the eye ed some minutes without any one bewildered and confused, uncertain attempting to break it, just as in the whether all he had just witnessed

of the thoughts generally precedes had torn the bandage off his eyes, some deed of crime.

At last a man rose up whose no-18th century the old and respected | ble appearance distinguished him pastor of the village of Norwig, in from the rest of the assembly, and New Zealand, sat in his easy chair, betrayed his rank. He stepped lost in devotional meditation. His quickly through the empty aisle house was situated at the furtherest | while the multitude silently gazed extremity of the village, and the at him as his steps resounded simple inhabitants knew so little of through the church. This man was mistrust and dishonesty, that bolts of middle height and stoutly built, and locks were alike strangers to of a most proud and haughty carthem, and every door remained riage; his complection was very either opened or without fastening. dark-raven-black hair and a high, The pastor's lamp burned dim, the acquiline nose gave a very comsolemn stillness of the hour was on- manding expression to his countely interrupted by the murmuring of nance; while long, bushy eye-lashes the waves, and the pale moonbeams overshadow his small black eyes, were reflected on the surface of the | which appeared to gleam with wild ocean, when he suddenly heard the passions. He was dressed in house door open and beavy steps magnificent green suit richly emascend the stairs, and he naturally broidered with gold, and on his expected a call to the sick bed of breast glittered a star. The bride some of his parishioners to afford who knelt near him was carefully the last spiritual consolations, when and even sumptuously attired. A two strange men entered his apart- dress of sky-blue satin embroiderments, their faces concealed in large | ed with silver, enveloped her slenwhite cloaks. One of them ad- der form, and hung in large folds of vanced and said to him very cour- drapery over her graceful limbs. A diadem, blazing with magnificent diamonds, adorned her golden hair. The highest grace and beauty could be traced in her face, disfigured as

was by terror. Her bloodless features were immovably fixed; her pale lips appeared death-like-and her powerless arms drooped helpless on her half-sinking body. So she knelt, a picture of death, an indescribable fear and paralyzing horror appearing to freeze both life and consciousness into the semblance of

The pastor then, for the first vitation in a commanding and time, perceived a hateful-looking threatening tone. When the old old woman dressed in a fantastical man had recovered himself a little, costume, and her head covered he began, in a mild manner, to re- with a red turban, who grimly and monstrate, and told him that his even scornfully gazed upon the sacred office did not allow him to kneeling pair. Behind the brideperform the solemn ceremony of groom a man of gigantic stature and marriage without knowledge of the forbidding countenance, had placed himself, who, standing there as implying with such other formalities | movable as a statue, glanced around him in a fixed and earnest manner.

The pastor, paralyzed with fright remained for some time as if struck damb, until a savage look from the bridegroom woke him from his trance. What now puzzled him was whether the bridal pair could understand his language. This appeared to him improbable; however, composing himself, he ventured to ask the names of the bride and bridegroom.

"Neander, Feodora," answered the latter, in a rough voice. The and richly decorated coffin. With pastor now begins to read the form almost youthful impatience the old of the marriage ceremony, and as man descended into the grave -othhis voice faltered and as he made many blunders in the reading, which the bridal pair did not seem to remark, his suspicion was confirmed that they did not understand his language. But when he asked: pistol bullet had apparently been "Neander, wilt thou take Feodoria, discharged through her heart. The But there are four extremely happy now kneeling beside thee, for thy wedded wife?" and he doubted whether the bridegroom, ignorant of his language, could answer him, and the village, still concealed in to his great astonishment, the latter their white mantles, while his limbs spoke out, "Yes" in an almost palsied with age and fright, he with screaming tone, which resounded difficulty strove to keep up with through the church. Deep sobs bursting out simultaneously from the crowd accompanyed this excla-The (to the pastor) well known side | mation, and a visable emotion, trandoor opened at their approach, grat- | sient as the distant lightning flash. ing on its hinges, and he found him- appeared to pass over the almost self then thrust into the church, emotionless features of the bride which appeared fiffed with a great | The old man then turned himself, speaking louder to the bride, as if heard a muttering and sound of he wished to wake her from her many voices in a tongue unknown | death-like lethargy, while he said to him, but which he supposed to be | "Wilt thou, Feodora, take that man kneeling beside thee for thy husband the multitude with blindfolded and honor him as such? If so, aneyes, puzzled and not knowing what swer me in the affirmative." Then was going to happen, he felt his the lifeless bride appeared to waken hand seized and was pulled with up, a deep and awful shudder apconsiderable violence through the peared to move her pale features. crowd. At last, as well as he could her bloodless lips moved, and a judge, the throng was thrust aside, quick, transient fire sparkled in her loosed the bandage from his eyes, eyes, her bosom heaved, while a his former companions, and found the momentary sparkle of her eyes, himself standing before the altar, and the word "Yes," was heard like which was lit up by a row of wax | the last word of a dying soul, and lights, burning in splendid silver appeared to find an echo in the andlesticks, and the church itself unrepressed cry of sorrow which was so completely illuuminated by simultaneously burst from all presthe numerous lights, that the most | ent. The bride sank exhausted into distant object could be plainly dis- the arms of the old woman behind cerned; and as, when he was thrust her, and relapsed into her former blindfolded amid the crowd, the state of insensibility, and so the noise had terrified him, so now his ceremony ended. The bridegroom soul was struck with astonishment rose up and bore the lifeless form of the bride to her former place and Although the aisles and benches of the old woman and gigantic man

followed them. The pastor's first conductors then appeared again and blindfolded his eyes as before, and it a newly-made grave. The stone | led him, not without some trouble, men, but he thought he could dis- and left him standing alone in the the Great.

Here he remained for some time human soul a still, gloomy brooding | was not in a dream. But when he

and he saw the church before him, all lighted up, and heard the noise of the people within it continued, he felt convinced of the reality of the mysterious event he had been an actor in. In order to observe as much as possible the conclusion of the strange scene, he concealed himself in a corner of the porch, and anxiously listened, as every mobrother. This left to the sole care ment the noise within became and protection of their parents two louder and louder. It seemed as if a warm strife had risen; he thought he could distinguish the rough voice of the bridegroom who loudly commanded silence. Then followed a long pause which was succeeded by a piercing scream of a female voice. After that an-

other silence, and then a voice of

loud lamentations, which lasted for

nearly a quarter of an hour. The

lights were then suddenly ex-

tingnished, the confused noise of

the crowd was again heard, and the

whole multitude came streaming out of the church, and hastened noisily down to the sea shore. After a little while the pastor crept out of his hiding place and hastened to the village. He then awoke his friends and neighbors; and, still laboring under the effects of his fright, related to them all that had occurred. But so peaceful, still and monotonous was the usual course of events in the community, that an alarm of quite a different nature siezed on them. They believed their respected pastor had lost his senses, and it was not without some trouble that he at last pursuaded some of them to accompany him with pickaxes and shovels and

follow him to the church.

In the meantime the night had

passed away and the sun had appeared; and as the pastor and his companions ascended the hill on which the church stood they saw a ship in full sail leaving the shore and steer in a northerly direction. Such an unusual sight is such a solitary neighborhood made them a little inclined to credit the old man's story, and it was fully confirmed when they found the church door had been forcibly broken open. Full of curiosity, they entered the church, and the pastor pointed out to them the grave which he had seen open during the night. It was easily perceived that the stones had been lately displaced, and the tools they had brought with them soon enabled them again to remove it, and in the grave was found a new he told his adventure, and was coners followed him-and the pastor soon found his horrible forebodings confirmed. In the coffiin laid the form of the murdered bride. The and can well afford to take care of magnificent diadem was gone, and a his sisters. Whether a romance will traces of grief and sorrow had vanished from her features which now | man who feels that he has acted the wore a placid smile of almost heav- part of a knight-errant in a manner enly expression, and she lay there quite worthy of the middle ages, like an angel. The old man threw and who will doubtless be a better himself down weeping beside the man all his life for having allowed coffin, and deep wonder, horror, and the best part of his nature to assert astonishment siezed all the behold- itself on that single occasion .- New

The pastor found himself in duty compelled to report this strange oc- Tit-Bits of Domestic Wisdom. currence to the Bishop of Zealand, and before he went for the purpose to Copenhagen, he requested his parishioners on no account to mention what had occurred. The grave was again covered up, and no one again ventured to speak of the matfrom the seat of government, desircommended the pastor's prudence in preserving silence about the matspeak of the subject with the After the death of the pastor, among his papers was found a detached to the church records. Some believed that it was in some way connected with the events which

highest displeasure of the authori- sibilities of insipidity, sameness, and an article instead of asking to have tailed account of the transaction at- happier moods. He is no more 3. Keeping the lips open during dren, than with his own lighter thoughts. All the monotony and occurred in Russia, in the period beweariness of life he encounters outtween the death of Peter the Great side of his home. It is the pleasureand that of the Empress of Catharine. It is hard, and, indeed, impos- loving man, the merry companion, who requires constant excitement, with the tongue). sible to satisfactorily explain this dark and mysterious occurrence; that finds home-life unendurable. He soon grows weary of it, and but the very rough and brutal manconsiders everything so very tame, ner of the Russian nobility of the highest rank, and even of the imperial family, of that period, render t probable that some of them were concerned in this tragedy, of which the victim is supposed to have been a princess of Courtland, and the principal actor a grandson of Peter

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## -Springfield (Mass.) Republican. HOW TO CHOOSE A HUSBAND,

That woman is wise who selects

Table Etiquette. for her husband, a man who desires to find in his home a place of rest. There are many people who are It is the man with many interests, conscientious in the discharge of with engrossing occupations, with what they esteem is right, but who ter. A short time afterward a man plenty of people to fight, and with a are opposed, for one reason or anof high rank arrived at the village struggle to maintain against the other, to the optional rules of table world, who is the really domestic etiquette as practised by those who ed them to show him the grave, and | man in the wife's sense, who enjoys | lay some stress upon the importance home, who makes a friend of his of good manners at the table, as wife, who relishes prattle, who feels | well as upon the importance of havter; he ordered the whole affair to in the small circle where nobody is ing something to eat. But certainly be kept as private as possible, and above him, as if he were in a heaven no one will refuse to avoid the folthreatened any one who dared to of ease and recreation. The draw- lowing named practices: back of home-life, its contained pos- 1. Reaching past any one for consequent weariness, is never pres- it passed. ent to such a man. He no more | 2. Rising from the chair in order tires of his wife than of his own to reach anything. bored with home than with sleep; he is no more plagued with his chil-

4. The disgorging of wind from

the stomach.

5. Watching another person or

plate closely. 6. Playing with any dish which is used by the whole company (the writer has seen the salt cellar licked

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A singular chemical change is and so like flat beer, that it is im- sometimes effected by the mixing possible for him not only to be of the cream of a full milch cow happy but to feel that he is less with one well along with calf, or if unhappy there than anywhere else. it is not a chemical change, what is We do not mean that the domestic it? The cream, as above indicated, has man, in the wife's sense, will be been churned hour after hour for a always at home. The man always whole day with no appearance of at home has not half the chance of producing butter, and finally abanthe man whose duty is outside of it, doned as a hopeless case, but upon for he must sometimes be in the withdrawal of the cream of the cow way. The point for the wife is that in calf, the other would make butter he should love home when he is with no difficulty.