IN STRIPES, BUT NOT A CONVICT.

A Case of Love and Mistaken Identity. By GARRETT GEERLINGS.

county penitentiary. Pictiers had suc- prepare for the journey. ceeded in tunnelling into the enclosure "And can we buy the Pittshurg papers against you." from a house directly opposite the massive there, too?" asked Helen. up in front of an opening convinced the ence of a daily newspaper. officials that the hole must extend many . feet in length. Several men volunteered to

The authorities next decided to sink a was necessary to secure the services of an reation at the seashore. experienced mining engineer.

Robert Masters, a well known young engineer, was communicated with and post day came prepared for business.

This is a very dirty piece of work, said Warden Wrex to the engineer. "I advise you to dog this suit of convict's clothes. It is strong and cannot be ruined."

Robert Masters attired himself in the suit without hesitation. He was intent on tired to her room.
the work before him. The city was interested in the extent of the tunnel and his some other girl." success or failure would be made public in the papers. He determined to succeed and casion did not embarrass him.

The warden and two convicts who were to assist in the work accompanied the englneer across the street to the cellarway. A large crowd had gathered to watch the

Helen Morse and two of her friends were smong those who were watching the work. She could not help but notice the differ ence in the convicts. Two were pate and aiding a criminal. listless, cowering and abashed, while the third, who to her seemed unusually familiar convict evidently interested her more than ened with the thought. did the tunnel.

"What a handsome man." said Helen to desperate character. His face shows too gir!" was landed in safety.

clety. She was young and her studies had, One day, in a curt note she declined in a great city. So the proposition to visit been accepted with enthusiasm.

The young engineer remained underground for hours; the crowd was thinning out. insisted on remaining. She had become interested in a convict and wanted to see him

When Robert Masters reappeared he was covered with mud, but there was a sparkle in his eye, denoting confidence that he could determine upon an opening in the street which would communicate with the Some calculations were made and speedtly two convicts with pick and shovels were digging a hole.

Masters watched the progress of the diggers; fust as intensely did Helen watch the features of the young engineer. He gave orders, talked with the reporters and received courteous treatment from the warno ordinary prisoner and she edged up more closely

Robert Masters' calculations were correct; once more he had made no errors, and, proud of his success, he joined the warden and convicts said the astounded warden as the engineer

Helen concluded that the handsome conhe certainly was a dangerous criminal.

Jack Thibet, a life prisoner, was one of the men who had assisted the engineer in identity," said the warden. determining the windings of the tunnel. prison yard. This he knew, because he heard the convicts crushing stone above. Quickly returning, he stirred up the pools sent for. Masters was determined to spend such an odor that his companions gave up the work for that day.

That evening the warden visited Thibet's which had been made to liberate the prisoners and was anxious to gain information from Thibet, who had been in the hole. During the conversation the convict complained of severe headaches. This the warden attributed to the foul odors which the men had encountered and he gave Thibet permission to exercise for a short time in the prison yard.

Armed guards stood upon the massive walls and no prisoner had ever attempted to scale them. Thibet walked briskly to and fro and after repated steps was convinced that he had located the spot where the tunnel terminated. The difference in resigned to his fate as a life prisonerbut he had a chance. He paused. would wait for the rumble of a street car or a passing train. Just then a steamboat on the Ohio river blew its sonorous whistle. Thibet leaped into the air and then went

had seen nothing, neither had they heard. Thirty minutes later when the keeper went to look for his prisoner the hole was discovered and the alarm given. A rush was made for the opening to the tunnel across the way, but the prisoner had esesped. A suit of clothes intended for the man whom the plotters had planned to lying in its place.

Early next morning Helen was on her way to the penitentiary. She purposed distributing a basket of fruit among the prisoners, or rather to a prisoner. When she arrived at the prison she was told of the daring escape and when told that the convict was one of the men who had assisted in locating the windings of the tunnel she hoped it was not the man for whom the fruit was intended.

"I should like to have him free and yet, if free, how shall I ever see him again," she mused.

From tier to tier and from cell to cell she passed, but the basket of fruit remained intact. The convict she was looking for was not there and she concluded that he had escaped. The visit over she did what could have been done when she arrived-left the fruit for some deserving

"I suppose the man whom I consider the most deserving the prison management considers the most undeserving-if caught. thought Helen. "I'm glad he is free, yet it is far easier to catch a man in a pen-

itentiary then out of it." "Why, Helen, what an interest you are taking in the daily papers. Here you have a copy of each one published." said

her hostess one morning. "Yes. I'm so concerned about those poor

"What is the latest news?" asked her hoateas. "Oh, they haven't found him yet," an-

missionaries," volunteered Helen.

swered Helen.

'Why-why, Andre, the explorer." and Helen wondered and wondered why she should have hesitated to tell the truth.

walls. The strange actions of inmates of The houters was astounded. Her guest this house aroused a woman's suspicions up to this time had looked forward to the and the authorities were placed on their bathing, dancing and other pleasures of guard. The cellar was examined imme- the seashere as the event of her youth. diately, and the great mans of earth piled New her pleasure depended upon the pres-

enter, but after advancing a short distance pointment as chief engineer of a mining wisely all funds she purposes to lay out units in a large loose knot. Frawn from were forced by the stiffing oders to retreat company. His prospects were very on fresh curtains. If the allowance for the line, to right and left, the lengths are cournging. Before engaging upon the ac- autumn renovation is not very generous knotted again around big iron book nails shaft from the street to the tunnel. To de- tive duties of his new position he had and the householder yearns after a genu- driven in the top corners of the window termine the exact spot to dig the hole it joined the throngs for a few weeks' rec- inely artistic effect she must refuse even to facing and then they drop their fringed

He would not have been attracted to Miss Morse, but why did she shrink from him so when they were introduced. Mr. Masters loved a contest and he determined to win her esteem at least.

"No, I will not accept his invitation to she said to herself, but she accepted. Was she dancing with an escaped convict? She excused herself and re-

"At this moment he may be dancing with some other girl," thought Helen, as she vainly tried to close her eyes in sleep "But what do I care for him-it's the girl. the donning of, convict's clothes for the ... She must not dance with him! She would

"No, thank you," she said next morning, as she refused the engineer's invitation for a ride. "I'm afraid he'il murder me," she said to herself.

A few minutes later the "other girl" re turned from the ride, unhurt and radiant. Helen was angry. The "other girl" was

"If he knew the secret which I possess he would not treat me thus," said Helen with the warden, was bright, energetic and with tears in her eyes. "Yet, he gives alert, indifferent to the staring crowd. This me the preference," and her face bright-

But that evening she again refused a ride on the bay with the engineer. Howher friends. "ife certainly must be a ever, she did not retire until the "other

much intelligence and shrewdness to be | Helen desired the company of the supclassed among the ordinary criminals. I posed convict. He was cultured, well educated and popular. She did not trus Helen was visiting friends in the city. him. He had designs for he was a crim-She lived in a small town, where she was inal, but in spite of this she did not want popular and the recognized leader of so- the "other girl" to receive his attentions.

thus far, prevented her from becoming Robert Masters' invitation to join a picnic familiar with incidents which occur daily party. He seemed indifferent, when an hour later Helen saw the "other girl" and the the penitentiary and see the tunnel had engineer walking away from the hotel, gaily swinging a basket of lunch between them. Helen was in a rage. She had already lost her heart, now she lost her head. To Helen's friends wanted to go home, but she the chief of police she told her story. Then she went to her room and cried.

"Mr. Masters, we are obliged to detain you at the station until the arrival of a Pittsburg police officer. We have conclusive evidence that you are an escaped convict," was the greeting which the engineer received upon his return from the picnic that night. He was angry and obdurate. The officer was persistent. Had he consented quietly to accompany the officer, he would not have attracted attention. now a blackened scoundrel. He was placed behind the bars.

den. All this convinced Helen that he was but in spite of her protests she must appear as chief witness on the morrow. Warden Wrex arrived early next morn-"They have struck the tunnel!" sud- ing. His reputation had suffered, but he denly exclaimed the engineer as a volume would redeem himself with his superiors of cold air rushed up from the opening, if the convict could be landed in his cell

> "Great Scott! Mr. Masters, you here." was brought from his cell.

"Yes, I am am accused of having taken vict had earned his liberty; if not, then he a hasty departure from your hospitable roof." said the engineer angrily. "But this is surely a case of mistaken

"I wish people would make their mistakes While in the hole he had advanced beyond in cold weather so that the innocent his companions and found that the opening wouldn't have to lose their weight in adterminated within six inches under the dition to their reputations," said the perspiring engineer.

In the meantime Helen Morse had been

of foul water as he went, which emitted every cent he owed and could borrow to punish the party who had brought upon him this indignity. When Helen appeared his fierce resolves

He was worried about the attempt vanished. "She believes I am a convict; no wonder she repulsed me." thought Robert. "Miss Morse, you have made a very

serious mistake," said Warden Wrek, "This man was never an inmate of the Allegheny county penitentiary." The girl was embarrassed. She knex

then a mistake had been made, but believed that her error would be excused when a statement was made. "I did see that man in your company

at the penitentiary, Mr. Wrex, and at the time he was wearing a convict's garb. That same night a prisoner escaped. When I sound told him so. Until now he had been saw Mr. Masters I recognized him as one of the convicts and reported the fact." Robert Masters laughed in such an unbecoming manner that the tears went coursing down his cheeks.

"Miss Morse," said the warden, "permit me to introduce Robert Masters, an englneer of Pittsburg, who was of great servcrushing through the earth. The guards ice to me in locating the trend of the tunnel dug for the purpose of freeing a prisoner from the penitentiary. At the so as not to soil his own."

Helen would that she had never left her quiet home. The efficers looked upon her with contempt. The reporter's eyes rescue was missing and a convict's garb gleamed with pleasure as he was writing up the sensation of the season.

Very well, warden, I'll go to your hotel imagine they won't entertain me at the hotel at which I have been stopping," said

the engineer. "Of course they will Mr. Mastera. will explain everything and take all the blame. I, not you, will be the sufferer."

With downcast head and upturned eyes Helen appealingly awaited an answer. "Here are three notes in which you have refused my company on different occasions, said the engineer as the keeper of the jail returned his possessions. "Will you refuse again, if I ask permission to escort you to the hotel?" That she accepted the warden knew, for he left for his hotel alone.

Helen was the first to speak. Masters, I would leave the hotel tonight were it not that I feel the need of asking your forgiveness for this awful mistake every hour of the day."

"That suits me." said Robert. "I'll then be sure of your company on all occasions." "Then I'll never know that I'm forgiven." "With forgiveness you might forget and treat my advances with your former con-

tempt," he said. "My conduct permits you to treat me with contempt, I deserve it," said Helen earnestly.

"Very well, your refusals shall be treated in the same manner." Gossip at the hotel ran wild, but was stopped when Robert Masters at supper that evening took a seat at Helen's table. "Mr. Masters, are you not taking an un usually long route to the hotel?" she asked

one evening after they had been wandering about for hours. The most circuitous route on a moonlight night is the most direct route to a

"But what has a woman's heart to do or brass poles with large rings and bulls your going home?" asked Helen are no longer considered in good taste. They would not for example be utilized nervously. "As a friend you might again send me with such hangings as are represented in behind the bars, but, do you know. Helen, the sketch of a tall window draped with that a wife need not testify against her a view to shutting out an ugly prospect

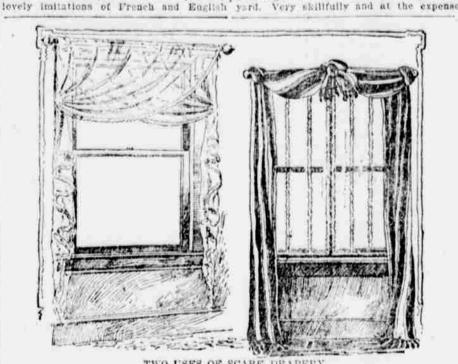
DRESSING WINTER WINDOWS.

New Draperies.

cream-white Madras.

and yet securing all possible light. For "Then Robert, I place myself where I this window the sash curtains are made can never again feel obliged to say a word of cheap cream white Madras at 21 cents a yard. The edging and bands of insertion are done with an inexpensive wash lacand then the whole window is framed Graceful and Easy Ways of Adjusting with two long Singapore mate. So universally popular are these widths, woven No room Jacks in charm if its windows of grass and dyed in bands of red and are prettily draped. So many are the blue and yellow, that they need no recomadequate and inexpensive materials suitable mendation. In this instance the fringed for winter draperles that a woman is ends of two main meet in the center of Robert Masters had just received an ap- hardly to be forgiven if she fails to expend the upper wood facing of the window and

> consider any of the chenp cotten-filled ends to the floor. damasks and initation Oriental stuffs that | For a long low window no more suitable blaze with crude colors, but go back to drapery can be suggested than the design the simple and cheap denim, cheese cloth, given in sketch for dressing a long street soft dull-colored India slik and dotted window. Here the problem was confronted. For 15 cents a yard one can buy really avoiding a view of a neighboring back-



and figures and a durable and agreeably yellow to imitate leaded panes. Below this, figured cotton goods known as upholsterer's over the sheets of clear glass, one width lining. This last is printed with patterns of pale yellow India silk was draped like of big white empire wreaths, or a small bunting, from frame to frame, and made diamond design, on a ground of forest fast by rosettes of narrow yellow ribbon. green, pompadour red or mandarin yellow. When silk and ribbons soil they are taken and if with these stores of good materials down, wrung out in a bath of refined charmingly for the output of \$1,20 per space of half an hour. window then the dresser thereof has no

right to feel herself an astute or success-

ful person.

Simple graceful lines of drapery and good color is what sets a window off to the Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic at once! greatest advantage and four suggestions All druggists, 10c, 25c, 50c, are sketched in order to give any one of an SHORT RECORD OF CATASTROPHES. engineering mind some ideas as to which is attainable with inexpensive upholstery What the United States Has Suffered fabrics. One of the pictures shows how in The polished gentleman of an hour ago was a room that boasts four sun-admitting windows the curtains can be arrayed to United States has ever had, says Leslie's Helen insisted on going home that night, terior of the room a most delightful air of which \$190,000,000 of property was destroyed; inviting coziness.

Cottage Drapery. This fashion of hanging a window is



THE COLLEGE DRAPERY. gives selvage edges at the sides and neger- United States by a tornado, lost 100 lives sitates hems only at tops and bottoms of and \$2,500,000 of property in 1890. A tornado the three-yard lengths. The hom at the ravaged the coast of Georgia and Scuth Carbottom should be about three inches deep olina in 1893 which destroyed 1,000 lives and and at the tep it is merely a casing through \$2,000,000 of property. The most remarkable which to run a stender brans rod, on which collection of tornadoes which ever visited the curtains are gathered and from which the United States at any one time was oa they hang. A flounce of dealm from four- February 9, 1881, which afflicted Virginia, teen to eighteen inches in depth is then North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, made, strung by small brass rings to a Mississippt, Tennessee, Kentucky and Illilarger rod than the first and fastened to nois, sixty distinct storms being traced on fall in a flounce lambrequin over the top that day in those states, in which 1,000 perof the curtains proper. The ends of the sons were killed and 15,000 buildings deflounde red should be flutshed off with stroyed. small brass balls and if a touch of cutra | Churleston, S. C., in 1886 had the severest ornamentation is desired the flounce may earthquake ever experienced in a city of time he wore a suit of convict's clothes be made of red denim that is striped or the United States, in which the destruction



and this season a good use is made of dull red or green burlaps. Both of these materials cost more, however, than the denim. Scart Braperles.

recessary, but from which no light can can way. wisely to excluded, a charming arrangement of drapery is possible with cream Madras, cheese cloth, or even snowflake that is striped in good colors. This scarf decoration while it gives a window an slaborately garnished appearance is too transparent to shut off any desired dayight. A liberal amount of material is required in the makeup of the full crossed scarfs, edged with a coarse cream point such good results that he wrote to know de Paris face that costs 2 cents a yard. give a graceful amplitude to every side brass rods are again most fittingly em- handle

cretonnes and chintz, denim in solid, rich! of \$5 the upper glass of the sashes were, reds, blues and greens or relieved by stripes, by the inhabitant of the room, painted in to draw from a window cannot be dressed gasoline and tacked in place, all in the

Down in the Dumps Sad, with a heavy anxious feeling-the blues! The liver needs quick attention.

from Fire, Water and Wind. The greatest conflagrations which the temper the glare and convey to the in- Weekly, were the one in Chloago in 1871, in the fire in Hoston in 1872, in which the damage was \$80,000,000, and the blaze in New York in 1835, in which 600 warehouses were properly called "cottage drapery" and destroyed and the damage was \$30,000,000. warm red denim is one of the best goods. for the purpose. A single width of the was only about 250,000, or about like that heavy fabric is enough for the straight of Newark, N. J., now, the loss was severer fall at right and left of the sash. This proportionately than one many times larger would be in 1900. Chicago's fire, thoughand Chicago had a population of only a little over 300,000 at the time-was the most restructive which ever occurred anywhere in the world, with the possible exception of that in Moscow in 1812. Chicago's certainly exceeded the damage at the conflagration in London, which is called the Great Fire, which occurred in 1666.

Johnstown, Pa., in 1889 furnished the most destructive of the floods (Johnstown's being from a bursting reservoir) of the United States until that at Galveston on September 9, 1909. The property loss at Johnstown was approximately \$10,000,000, and the loss of life was 2,150. The destruction at Galveston was over 5,000 in life and about \$30,000,000 in property. The bursting of a reservoir in Mill River valley in Massachusetta in 1874 destroyed several little villages and drowned 150 persons. Floods on the Mississippi have frequently destroyed from \$5,000,000 to \$10,-600,000 of property at a time, and more than once drowned from 1,000 to 1,500 people. The most destructive tornado which ever hit a large city in the United States was that which destroyed 400 lives and \$10,000,000 in property in St. Louis in 1896. Louisville, the second largest city ever struck in the

of life was fifty and that of property \$5,000,-Exactly the same effect as this can be 600. New Madrid, Mo., and the lower Misgained by using single faced velours and simippi valley had a series of earthquake lining the plain surface with red sateon shocks in 1811 which destroyed many villages, but the aggregate losses were not as great, owing to the region being sparsely peopled, and most of it having no people at all, as in Charleston.

The coast of the Atlantic and of the Gulf. of Mexico has had many hurricanes and a few tidal waves, but none of them approached in destructiveness that which has just occurred at Galveston. With characteristic American courage, elasticity and adaptability, however, the afflicted communities quickly recovered from the effects of these disasters. New York more than doubled in population in the fifteen years immediately following its great fire in 1835. Chicago has five times as many inhabitants now as it had at the time of its conflagration in 1871. Before the embers of Boston's fire of a year later were put out the property owners of the burned district were of fered more for the land which was covered than was asked a day earlier for the land and the buildings which were upon it. A now and greater Galveston is already rising Now for a raom where curtains are on the ruins of the old. This is the Ameri-

Went on a Visit to Philadelphia. Last spring Mr. G. S. Wallace made a trip to Philadelphia to visit his brother-inlaw and took with him a part of a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which he teft there on his return home. During the summer his brother-in-law took a very sovere cold and used the Cough Remedy with where could get more. He was Two widths of wide goods is necessary to prised to learn that he could get it from any druggist there. This remedy is one of the high looped garniture and small of the most staple articles that druggists and one of the most reliable. Those who once give it a trial are seldom As a matter of fact, unless a rich bro- satisfied with any other. Mr. Wallace is "Tomorrow we leave for the seashore, woman's heart," said the young engineer, cade or weighty stuff is used and the win- a well known citizen of Grand View, Ala-

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