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victed in your stead."

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'exoneration!'

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"That's true enough."

SYNOPSIS.

Garrett Const. a young man of New York City meets loughas Blackstock, who invites him to a card party. We accepts, although he dislikes Blackstock, the rea-son being that is the new in love with Kath-erine Thanter. Const fails to convince her that Blackstock is unworthy of her this situated and Blackstock shoots Van Tauf elend. Coast straggles to wrest the weaten from him, thus the police dis-cover them. Coast is arrested for murder.

CHAPTER III .- (Continued.)

"Weil, so much for Blackstockuntil the polic, get wind of him, at all events. They're' trying to locate nim by cable now; haven't heard of any success that way, however. Naturally came to the surface."

Coast started violently. "Dundas!" Turmm; full confession, enculpat- will be exoneration, absolute and uning you, incriminating Blackstock. Corroborative details: letters from this? Blackstock-all that sort of thing. Furthermore, Dundas told us why Blackstock feared Van Tuyl: Van knew something-some dirty business Blackstock had cooked up in the west. Immaterial now; tell you later. Also Dendas took us to the shop where member how we failed to prove the lieve me.

gun his-"Of course. Go on about Dundas."

"Well tor, nolled Dundas on the street one his accents so soft that Warburton not be denied. day, somewhere east of Third avenue. The man had been in hiding ever for a time. since Binchstock cleared out; he was in a pretty had way, broke and seedy: means of livelihood, went all to tion of the hour. pieces; couldn't work-had forgotten the trick-or wouldn't; drank up all GARRETT COAST PARDONED! tonight." he could raise by pawning things.

Trunx staked him to a meal and drinks, plenty of drinks; and all that on an empty stomach made him maudlin. Confessed he was keeping a conscience-remorse gnawing at his vitals-whatever those are-everything like that. Then Truax bundled him into a taxi and brought him to my rooms. It was near midnightgot me out of bed; I caught a cold. However . . I own it without computction, we worked the poor devil through the third degree: simply browheat and bullyragged him uptil I was ashamed of myself. But the truth cozed out finally, along with

stinted the bottle. "As I say, in the end Dandas owned up to the whole filthy affair, just as you told it-whimpered about selling his soul to Elackstock, price not deposed. We made him sign a brief con-

nipped with disappointment; it was merely Truax calling to offer his telicitations and demand Coast's presence at "a little dinner at the clubjust a few of us, all friends of yours;" the hour, seven that night. Mechanically Coast promised and rang off. He was unable to refuse; in his heart he knew that he would be unable to

"What about my rooms?" he asked, suddenly.

Warburton beamed. "They're waiting for you, everything just as you left it. I kept track of both your old "You won't be fully cleared, in the servants; they're there, too. Just public mind at least, until he's con- walk in and hang up your hat." Coast meditated "That's like you.

Dick." he said. "So we're keeping it quiet, for the An office boy entered. "Reporter

time being-the reasons for your re- from the Joinal wants to see Mister Coast.' "Why? What's the sense of that?"

"I've left," said Cast, Coast demanded, excitedly. "You said He thought soberly, frowning for a moment. "That puts my place out of "So it is, so it will be. But we don't the question; they'll swarm there." want to scare Blackstock. If he hears "Yes," agreed Warburton.

that Dundas has confessed, he'll never "I'll put up at some hotel tonight." be found. If we permit him to think. "Made up your mind which?" as the public will certainly think, that "No; I'll call you up when I'm setyou are pardoned principally because tled. You'd better give me

of your social standing and 'pull' some money." then he won't be so wary. You | Warburton's pudgy features con-But a few days ago Dundas see? So we're withholding the real torted themselves to express chagrin. reason. Be patient; it will only be "The one thing I forgot!"

for a little while. And in the end it "Then send somebody out for it." "How much?" Warburton drew a questionable. Will you stand for cheque-book toward him. "A hundred?

Coast nodded somberly at the dull A long pause prefaced Coast's estihaze hanging over the sweltering city mate. "Five thousand." toward which they raced. "I presume The lawyer whistled. "The devil

I must." he said wearily; "but it's you say! What d'you want with all hard-thundering hard. . . . I had that?" "How can I tell?"

"I know, old boy." Warburton's With a sigh and a shrug Warburton Elachstock bought that gun-sales hand touched his again. "But it's for drew the check and rang for his head man reculied the transaction. You re- the best-for your best interests, be- clerk That person brought with him the information that representatives Const's chin sank despondently upon of the Times, the Sun and the Herald

AT THE ELEVENTH HOUR !!! Warburton shook his head in cheer-



UNDEFEATED CHAMPION OF THE NORTHWEST.

T. A. Ireland, Rifle Shot of Colfax,

Wash., Tells a Story. Mr. Ireland is the holder of four world records and has yet to lose his first match-says he: "Kidney trouble so affected my vision as to inter-

> fere with my shooting I became so nervous I could hardly hold a gun. There was severe pain in my back and head and my kidneys were terribly disordered. Doan's Kidney Pills cured mo after I had doctored and taken nearly every remedy imaginable without relief. I will give further details of my

Case to anyone enclosing stamp."

"When Your Back Is Lame, Rememberthe Name-DOAN'S." 50c, all stores. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

In Strange Company.

The Visitor---And what is that gray stone structure over there?

The Courier-Zat ees ze armory for ze soldiers.

The Visitor-Ah, yes. And that long, low building that looks like a train shed-what is that?

The Courier-Zat ees ze arsenal.

The Visitor-I see. And what is the big factory with the immense smoke stack?

The Courier-Zat ees ze gr-a-reat iron works where is made ze big gun an' ze shot an' ze shell.

The Visitor-And that peculiar looking structure across the river-the one with the rounded roof?

The Courier-Zatees ze powder magazine.

The Visitor-And what is this magnificent marble structure with its wonderful dome and countless columns?

The Courier-Oh, zat ees only ze palace of peace!-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Explained.

An cld lady, the customer of an Irish farmer, was rather dissatisfied with the watery appearance of her morning's cream and finally she complained very bitterly to him.

"Be aisy, mum," said Pat. "You see, the weather of late has been so terrific hot that it has scorched all the grass off the pasture land, and Ol have been compelled to feed the pore bastes on water lilies!"-Ideas.

One of the Accessories.

Quiet-Spoken Customer-You keep everything for the piano, don't you? Salesman-Yes, sir. We do, sir.

Quiet-Spoken Customer-Give me an ax!-Puck.

Apicultural.

Mother-Yes, Johnny, the queen bee is boss.

Johnny-How about the presidential bee?

Consequences.

"The men came to clean the furnace out."

Hoods

Sarsaparilla

Eradicates scrofula and all

other humors, cures all their

effects, makes the blood rich

and abundant, strengthens all

the vital organs. Take it.

Stops

Neuralgia

Pains

Sloan's Liniment has a

soothing effect on the

nerves. It stops neural-

gia and sciatica pains in-

Here's Proof

Cumberland. Md., writes :- "I have used Sloan's Liniment for Neuralgia and I certainly do praise it very much."

"Yes." "Then they cleaned me out "

1.1 11回到1 tears-whisky tears We hadn't

his breast. "I must go away for a had foregathered with the Journal reit was Truax's do- time," he said, or, rather muttered, porter in the outer office, and would failed to distinguish them-"clear out "Get the money," said Warburton. "I'll tend to the rest." They passed a corner news stand He made a sortie into the reception where a man stood with a paper out- room and returned crestfallen. "I've claimed Blackstock hadn't sent him a spread before him, the width of its lied like a trooper." he confessed, dollar since he disappeared. So Dun- front sheet occupied by headlines in "but they won't budge. You were seen das, thrown back upon his pen for a huge black type, heralding the sensa- to enter; you haven't been seen to leave." They who rode might read: "Then," said Coast, "I'll stop here

Coast shivered as if chilled and ful dissent. "Not in the least neces-



HOMES ARE SCARCE EARL FAILED WITH CHICKENS

eration Is Serious Problem.

to Wait for Many Years for Habitation - Engagements Last Many Years.

London.-The Chelmsford laborer who was forced into a workhouse beof rural houses. It is quite a common gated iron.

Many Married Couples Are Forced ardized they could easily build £120

MADAME CURIE IN HER LABORATORY

ME. CURIE, co-discoverer, with her husband, of radium, and one of the most famous chemists living, again

has been suggested as a member of the French Academy. Only her sex prevented her election as an "im-

mortal" on a previous occasion, and it is not unlikely that the prejudices of those who object to making women

recently been built in some of the new intensive gardens for £80. With these French gardeners are delighted.

Wife Was a Brxer.

him in the poultry farm. Then, utilizing his experience with broilers and

A member of a leading firm of builders said to a representative of this journal that if cottages were standcottages by means of concrete slabs. but absolute standardization would be necessary. Comfortable cottages have

cause there is no cottage procurable but the English workmen will not is no isclated victim of the dearth accept a home of wood and corru- failed, too.

During Bankruptcy Proceedings Yar-

The only solution of the great national question is the cheap cottage

mouth Tells Court of Failure on Farm-Looking for Job.

London .- During the bankruptcy proceedings against him, the earl of Yarmouth told the judge that he tried to make a living at the poultry business after his wife, who was Miss

Alice Thaw, Harry H. Thaw's sister. divorced him. He said he sank the \$5,000 a year his wife had settled on

squabs he appeared in a farmyard play, "Then Chicken House," but that

Lack of Cottages for Rising Gen-

members of the famous body will soon be overcome.

fession, but I knew that wouldn't be sufficient, and it was then too late and Dundas too far gone to do more with him. So I called in a central office man I happened to know, and turned Dundas over to him to be taken to a Turkish bath and licked into shape; and it did the trick with a hearty breakiast and plenty of black coffee for a chaser. He was prett; shaky next morning, but I coaxed him into a taxi and had him at the district attorney's office before he knew what was up. There he wanted to hedge. but his signature to the overnight confession took all the starch out of him. and he went all over it again, with a stenographer taking it down-typewritten deposition-all that sort of thing.

"Meanwhile my friend the detective had ransacked Dundas' lodging-some cheap room just off the Bowery-and found a hundle of letters from Blackstock-mostly written during the trial, when they didn't dare be seen together -hints and orders as to the evidence Dundas was to give. That settled it. fundas was rushed before a magistrate and jalled and the grand jury was asked to indict him for perjury. The poor fool was scared silly, as soon as he realized what he had done-declosed Blackstock would get him sooner or later. So he saved him the trouble-killed himself in his cell half an hour after being committed-had a phial of morphia secreted in his

clothing After a pause Coast said slowly: "So Elackstock did 'get' him after all! That makes two at least-two we know of.

Well, we called your WHY, YOU. trial judge into consultation-the disthree of us drew up a petition for your congratulation, already coming in by too simple pardon, the district attorney being the the score, to be opened and read. He Its very simplicity made it practicaed the pardon without a murmur. receiver over to Coast. His hope was And here we are."

"And here we are." Coast repeated

in a whisper. He was quiet for a time "You know I can't thank you, old man." he said at length, rousing. moment lightly upon his shoulder. You don't have to I feel too good about it myself. Always knew it would come out all right. Never lost faith in you, not for a second, Gar- man of the world and humorist, on rett.

He rattled on, Coast listening by the feeling among the natives was fits and snatches. He heard a little strong against Americans. The peoof this matter and that, heard less of ple of the Celestial empire were boymore. He replied at times abstract- cotting American goods and stoning Katherine Thaxter? Had she heard? away with it.

All Coust's thoughts focussed upon this: he must see her. There came a pause, made awkward

by a constraint in Warburton's man- he remarked airily. "If any of them The little lawyer licked his lips wallop under the chin." nervously.

won't like, perhaps. Coast smiled. "I'm not in a mood

for fault-finding. What is it?" to get Hackstock

sank back, crouching, faint with dis- | sary. I'll fix you up all right. You may, in his corner of the tonneau. can slip out into the hall by this door Publicity had him in its relentless -I'll make sure the coast's clear, first -dodge round into the Liberty street

corridor, and take the elevator there. stopped before the building on Nas- You're hardly liable to be recognized sau street in which Warburton had on either the subway or the L, if offices. Coast alighted, sick with fear you're careful. Make your own selecof recognition. The sidewalk throng tion of a hotel and call me up at the passed him with blank looks, the ele- club any time after five. Meanwhile "Yes," Warburton assented uneasily, vator boy had a copy of the blatant I'll send a boy to your rooms for whatworried by the hard expression that sheet and a stare for Mr. Warbur- ever you want, and he'll bring everylined Coast's mouth; "looked at that top's client. In Warburton's private thing to you at any hour you name." room there was business to distract Coast smiled agreement. "That's a him: papers to be signed, details to be wonderful head you wear, Dick, but I trict attorney and 1-and between the arranged, letters and telegrams of doubt if your scheme will work; it's

first to sign. 1 got off to Albany by was called on the telephone-Warbur- ble, however; and a little after four (TO BE CONTINUED)

thing in the country for marriages to be postponed for years solely owing to want of houses.

Close to Dunmow is a notorious

a number of would-be village benedicts. In a number of Huntingdonshire villages engagements of ten and fifteen years' standing away. She stayed. Hunter's first ment it. wife, whom he thought dead, appearare common. The couples either wait indefinitely till a cottage is ed two years after his marriage to Jean Hunter, and he left the latter available or migrate to the towns or

emigrate. An observant motorist through the eastern midlands could soon reckon up a hundred vanished homesteads still traceable by either ruins or rectangular foundations covered by the work of worms and moles.

Only wealthy landlords can afford to build cottages. The duke of Bedford, in Cambridgeshire; the duke of vorce has resulted Buccleugh, in parts of Northampton and Huntington; the university colleges, and, best of all, the ecclesiastical commissioners have built many good cottages for moderate rents; and have done it in spite of financial loss. Some smaller landowners have done their best to erect cheap cottages. There is one notable and most successful example near Salisbury, where the use of local concrete has solved the problem; but in general every

other village in the remoter parts of the country is short of cottages. Here other local bodies have built, but in almost all cases the rents are more than laborers can pay.

Local bylaws prevent buildings. They permit the folk to live in unhealthy cottages; they permit overcrowding and all sorts of insanitary conditions, simply because they dare not turn out the inhabitants. At the same time they enforce the letter of absurd regulations upon anyone desiring to build, and so discourage enterprise. Beyond all question the rural birth rate is immensely diminished by the progressive want of cothis services absolutely unsaleable. and "no encumbrances" has become a cardinal virtue.

"Bloated," told the judge further that Enoch Arden Reversed. he has signed bills to money lenders Seattle, Wash -A reversed Enoch for \$85,000 on which he had received

Arden story came to light here when only \$22,000, the balance being ap-James Q. Dixon brought suit for di- plied to interest, commissions and vorce from Jean Hunter Dixon costs. His income at the moment is Only this "Mrs. Enoch Arden" didn't \$1,500 a year, he said, but he is merely peek into the window and go looking around for a job to supple-

> Guarding California Fruit. Sacramento, Cal.-In his effort to

and clave once more to his first love, see that the Mediterranean fruit fly never reaches California, State Horticultural Commissioner Jeffry has Chicago - Alburn Lippett admits cabled a guarantir - order to Honoluthere has been trouble in his house in directing that no bananas or pine-

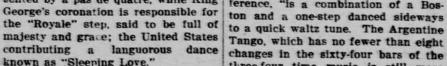
Get it today in usual liquid form or chocolated tablets called Sarsatabs. ever since he taught his wife how to apples be shipped to California until box. Alburn can no longer complain a method of packing which shall inwithout being invited to fight. A di- sure that no pest is carried in the wrapping is adopted

SIX NEW DANCES IN FASHION

International Conference of Dancing Masters Sets Stamp of Approval on Them-Some Statistics.

Paris .- Although the five-step Argentine is to be the dance of the season, the international conference of dancing masters, meeting here, has bestowed its approval on five other dances

cal dance, which, beginning with a be exchanged with one's partner. flying movement, finishes very slowly. There is a Russian dance known as Mme. Adele Collier, a London dancing the "Lukinskoff;" Spain is repre- teacher who was present at the conknown as "Sleeping Love." conference, presented some dancing



M. Giraudet, the president of the effective. In this dance the man dances by the side of his partner, his tages. A gardener with children finds statistics. In dancing for five min- right arm round her waist, holding her utes to three-four time 1,200 steps are right hand. The woman holds her left taken, equal to fifty-two yards. Dur- arm in front of her partner and clasps ing an evening's daucing the polka his left hand."

would be equivalent to a walk from the bank to the marble arch; a pas de quatre would bring the dancer to Hyde Park corner; a waltz to Piccadilly circus; a joyous two-step through the Green park to Buckirgham palace; finishing up with a galop and a double Boston, which would bring the dancer to Hammersmith.

Men who do not dance will be surprised to learn that during a five-min-The "Pas des Aviateurs" is a topl- ute waltz no fewer than 650 words can Mrs. C. M. Dowker of Johannesburg, Mich., writes :-- "Sloan's Liniment is the best medicine in the world. It has relieved me of Neuralgia. Those pains have all gone and I can truly say your Liniment did stop them." Mr. Andrew F. Lear of 50 Gay Street, Cumberland. Md., writes :-- "I have "The five-step Argentine," said

sented by a pas de quatre, while King ference, "is a combination of a Bos-

three-four time music, is still more

is the best remedy for rheumatism, backache, sore throat and sprains.

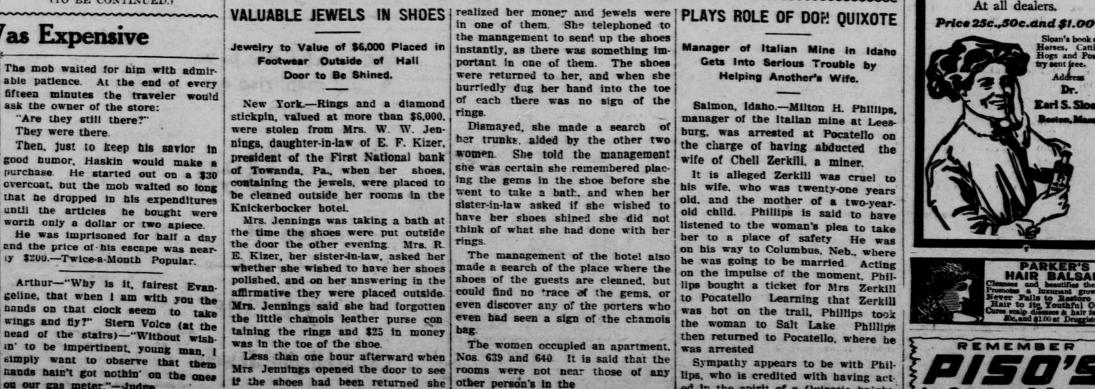
stantly.

At all dealers.





Sympathy appears to be with Phillips, who is credited with having acted in the spirit of a Quixotic knight.





The Sidewalk Throng Passed Him With Blank Looks.

clutches At two in the afternoon the car

the first train. There wasn't the ton fully satisfying himself as to the Coast made his escape precisely as slightest trouble; the governor grant- caller's identity before turning the Warburton has planned.

His Escape Was Expensive Warburton's fat little hand rested a Globe-Trotter Haskin Keeps Store- The mob waited for him with admir keeper Good Natured While

Chinese Mob Waits. Frederick J. Haskin, globe-trotter,

one occasion struck Shanghai when

Americans whenever they could get Haskin was warned not to take any

"These people won't bother me,' Coast gianced at him inquiring- tries to burt me, I'll hand him a swift

Ten minutes after he left his hotel "There's one thing," he said, "you he was bottooting it down the street while a gang of Chinese used him as head of the stairs)-"Without wisha target, and pelting him with anytling they could lay hands on. Final-"Of course, you know it's desirable iy, out of breath, and looking like a hands hain't got nothin' on the ones cyclone victim, he ducked into a store. on our gas meter."-dudne.

able patience. At the end of every fifteen minutes the traveler would

"Are they still there?" They were there.

purchase. He started out on a \$30 overcoat, but the mob waited so long that he dropped in his expenditures until the articles he bought were worth only a dollar or two apiece.

and the price of his escape was nearly \$200 .- Twice-a-Month Popular.

Arthur-"Why is it, fairest Evangeline, that when I am with you the

wings and fiy?" Stern Voice (at the in' to be impertinent, young man, I simply want to observe that them