Heart Disease Among Children. There is more heart disease in New York city than ever before, and it is showing itself among the children to an alarming extent. The health depertments reports 1,234 deaths from heart weaknesses among children during their formative period.

Keeping One's Promise. It is a good rule always to keep your word. If you make an engagement, keep it; if you say you will do a thing, do it, and let it be known that you are sincere in your promises.

The Sympathy of Friendship. It is sublime to feel and say of another, I need never meet, or speak, or write to him; we need not re-enforce ourselves or send tokens of remembrance: I rely on him as on myself; if he did thus or this, I know it was right.-Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Kind Man!

"Don't follow me, pup," said the good natured man to the lost dog. "I haven't any more home than you have. I live in a flat."-Louisville Courier-Journa.

Beaties of Gorse.

No one who sees a common or hill side covered with gorse in full flower can fall to appreciate its beauty, and we can well understand such plant lov ers as Linnaeus and Dillenius going into ecstasies of delight, as they are reported to have done, when such & sight first burst on their view after being acquainted with the plant from bo tanical material only.

Character Shapes Our Lives. We cannot divide our work from ourselves, nor isolate our future from our qualities. A ship might as well try to sail north with her jib and south with her mainsail a sa man to go one way in conduct and other way in character. What we do belongs to what we are, and what we are is what becomes of us .- Henry Van Dyke.

Never Satisfied. Make a man a present of a fourcylinder automobile, and the probabilities are that he will regret that it isu't a six-cylinder affair.

The Long Climb. It is said that a man begins to go down hill at 40, but a good many people find that the uphil climb begins at that age.

Daily Thought.

Peace in this life springs from acce even in disagreeable things, not in exemption in bearing them .- Fenelon.

The Average Woman.

The average woman considers it a compliment if she told she resembles an actress.-Atchison Globe,

Human Nature.

"Tis with our judgments as our watches; none are just alike, yet each believes his own.-Pope.

Keep It in Your Mind. Make yourself a sheep and the wolves will eat you.-Italian.

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Imperfections of the Perfect. My studies of people have led me to the conclusion that the high and lofty soul has a good bit of the hypocrite in his composition .- London Outlook.

The Man Who "Knows Better." In the relationship between the architect and crient, when the client "bosses the job," the result is unsatisfactory.-Builders' Journal.

"Handsome iss" is not always as handsome as one is photographed.



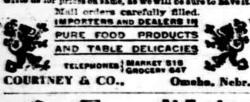
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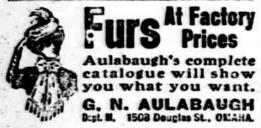
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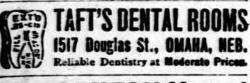


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SYNOPSIS. Giles Dudley arrived in San Francisco to join his friend and distant relative Henry Wilton, whom he was to assist in an important and mysterious task. and important and mysterious and who accompanied Dudley on the ferry boat trip into the city. The remarkable resemblance of the two men is noted and commented on by passential. sers on the ferry. They see a man with snake eyes, which sends a thrill through Dudley. Wilton postpones an explanation of the strange errand Dudley is to perform, but occurrences cause him to inow it is one of no ordinary meaning. Dudley is summoned to the morgue and there finds the dead body of his friend. Henry Wilton. And thus Wilton dies without ever explaining to Dudley the puzzling work he was to perform in San Francisco. In order to discover the secret mission his friend had entrusted to him. Dudley continues his disguise and permits himself to be known as Henry Wilton. He learns that there is a boy Wilton. He learns that there is a boy whom he is charged with secreting and protecting. Dudley, mistaken for Wilton, is employed by Knapp to assist in a stock brokerage deal. Giles Dudley finds himself closeted in a room with Mother Borton who makes a confidant of him. He can learn nothing about the mysterious boy further than that it is Tim Terrill and Darby Meeker who are after him. Dudley visits the home of after him. Dudley visits the home o Knapp and is stricken by the beauty of Luella, his daughter. Slumming tour through Chinatown is planned. The trip to Chinatown, Giles Dudley learns that the party is being shadowed by Terrill. Luella and Dudley are cut off from the rest of the party and imprison-ed in a hallway behind an iron-bound door. Three Chinese ruffians approach the imprisoned couple. A battle ensues. One is knocked down. Glies begins firing. Tim ferrill is seen in the mob. A newly formed mob is checked by shots from Giles' revolver. Policeman Corson breaks down the door with an ax and the couple is rescued. Luella thanks Giles Dudley for saving her life. Knapp appears at the office with no traces of the previous night's debauch. Following his instruc-tions Dudley has a notable day in the Stock Exchange, selling Crown Diamond

er of Dudley meets him by appointment with "the boy" who is turned over to Dudley with his guards and they drive with him to the ferry boat to take a train out of the city. CHAPTER XXII.-Continued. The train had not gathered headway before a man bent beside me, and

and buying Omega, the object being to

rush Decker, Knapp's hated rival. Dudley

discovers that he loves Luella Knapp. Mother Borton tells Giles Dudley that "they've discovered where 'the boy' is."

Abrams' voice spoke softly in my ear. There are two of 'em aboard,' "Yes? Where did you find them? I

"In the stoke hole. I hid behind a bench till every one had gone and saw em crawl out. They bribed a fireman

or deckhand or some one to keep 'em under cover. They got off the boat at the last minute and I sneaked after

"And they're on the train?"

"Yes, three cars back-next to the sleepers. Shall we chuck 'em overboard as soon as we get out of Oak-

"Not unless we are attacked," I returned. "Just sit down by the rear door and give the signal if they come this way. There'll be no trouble if hey are only two."

We reached Livermore at near 11 clock, without further incident than report from Abrams that the spies of the enemy got off the train at every station and watched for our landing. Yet when we stood on the platform of the bare little station at Livermore and saw the yellow cars crawling away on their eastward journey, we looked in vain for the men who had

"Fooled, by thunder!" said Fitzhugh with a laugh in which the others joined. "They're off for Sacramento." "They'll have to earn their money to find us there," said Abrams.

The gray day had become grayer, and the wind blew fresh in our faces with the smell of rain heavy upon it as we sought the hotel. It was a bare country place, yet the trees grew by the hotel and there were vines climbing about its side and it looked as though we might be comfortable for a day, should be have to stay there "Plenty of room," said the landlord,

rubbing his hands. "We wish a large room, you know, where we can be together." I said. "and sleeping rooms adjoining."

"Here's just the place for you," said the landlord, taking the way to the end of the upper hall and throwing open a double door. "This is the upstairs parlor, but I can let you have it. There's this large bedroom opening off it-the corner bedroom, sir-and this small one here at this side opens into the parlor and the hall. Perhaps you

would like this other, too." "This is enough for our comfort," I assured him.

"There'll be a fire here in a minute," said the landlord, regarding the miserable little stove with an eye of satisfaction that I attributed to its economical proportions. "This is good enough," said Lock-

hart. looking about approvingly at the prim horsehair furniture that gave an awesome dignity to the parlor. "Beats our quarters below hollow."

said Fitzhugh. "And no need to have your gun where you can grab it when the first man says boo!" "Don't get that idea into your head,"

said I. "Just be ready for saything you what you want. that comes We're not out of the woods yet, by a long way."

"They've gone on to Sacramento." laughed Fitzhugh; and the others nodded in sympathy.

"Indeed?" I said. "How many of you could have missed seeing a party of nine get off at a way-station on this line?"

There was silence. "If there's anyone here who thinks he would have missed us when he was set to lock for us, just let him speak up," I continued with good-natured

"I guess you're right," said Fitzhugh. They couldn't have missed seems

raillery.

"Exactly. And they're not off for Sacramento, and not far from Livermore.

"Well, they're on! two," said Lock-

"How long will it take to get a doz-

en more up here?" I asked. "There's a train to Niles about noon," said one of the men. "They could get over from there in an hour

or two more by hard riding." "The Los Angeles train comes through about dark," said another. "I think, gentlemen," said I politely, "that we'd best look out for our defenses. There's likely to be a stromy evening, I should judge."

"Well," growled Wainwright, "we can look out for ourselves as well as the next fellow."

"If there's bloody crowns going round, the other gang will get its share," said Fitzhugh. And the men about me nodded.

I was cheered to see that they needed nobody to do their fighting, however advisable it might be to do their thinking by deputy. "Very good," I said. "Now I'll just

look about the town a bit. You may come with me, if you please, Fitzhugh." "Yes, sir."

scouting if they like." Abrams and Lockhart thought they would like.

"Better keep together," I continued. walk ahead," said Fitzhugh gruffly, as

And then Mr. Thatcher unbent, and between periods of vigorous mastication at his cud, introduced us to his horses and eagerly explained the advantages that his stable possessed over any other this side of Oakland.

though words were going at a dollar "Very good," I said. "We may want apiece and the market bounding upsomething in your line later. We can ward. When I tried to question the find you here at any time, I suppose." fireman the engineer recovered his "O Lord, yes. I live here days and tongue and had so many orders to be sleep here nights. But if you want to attended to that my words were lost take a look at the property before it in a rattle of coal and clanz of iron. gets a wetting you'll have to be pretty spry."

fill, changed its labored breathing to a My suggestion of a trade had misled hissing and swishing of steam that the worthy stableman into the impressent the hot vapor far on both sides, sion that I was considering the purand then gathering speed, puffed its chase of real estate. swift way back the road by which it "I'll see about it." I said. had come, leaving the car deserted on

"There's a big rain coming on, sure," he said warningly, as we turned back to the hotel.

It was a little after 1 o'clock, but as we approached our quarters Lockhart came running toward me. "What is it?" I asked, as he panted,

out of breath. "There's a special train just come in," he said; "an engine and one car. It's at the station now."

on it?" "Abrams has gone down to find out." "Come along then," said I. "We'll see what is to be seen."

"So? Did any of our friends come

CHAPTER XXIII.

A Piece of Strategy.

A few idlers were on the platform of the station as we approached with much apparent unconcern, our hands in our overcoat pockets where the weapons lay.

"Where's the train?" I asked, looking at the bare track.

"Yonder," grunted a native, point-"And Abrams and Lockhatt may go ing his thumb lazily up the road where the engine lay by the watering tank, hotel, and the chatty agent left us slaking its thirst.

"Well, just let me and Lockhart



THERE ARE TWO OF I'M ABOARD' "What's the earliest time any one |

could get here?" "Two o'clock-if they drove over." "I'll be around here by that time. You, Abrams, can look out for the road and see who comes into town." "All right, sir," said Abrams. "There

won't anybody get in here without I catch sight of him." Lockhart nodded his assent to the boast, and after cautioning the men

who were left behind we sallied forth. The town was a straggling, not unpleasing country place. The business street was depressing with its stores closed and its saloons open. In the residence streets I was better pleased. Man had done little, but nature was prodigal to make up for his omissions. The buildings were poor and flimsy, but in the middle of December the flowers bloomed, vines were green. bushes sent forth their leaves and the beauty of the scene even under the leaden skies and rising gale made it a delight to the eye.

"Not much of a place," said Fitzhugh, looking disdainfully at the buildings. "Hello! Here's Dick Thatcher. How are you, Dick? It's a year of Sundays that I haven't seen you. This is-er-a friend of mine, Thatcheryou needn't mention that you've seen

"We needn't be strangers to Mr.

capital here." Mr. Thatcher began to scratch his

head and to expectorate tobacco juice copiously, and I suspected he was wondering what the secret might be that he was not to betray. So I made haste to say:

"Is this stable yours?"

"Pretty good business, eh, Dick?" said Fitzhugh, looking critically about. quite unable to obtain any clue but disparagingly. "You don't make a phone the other evening and notified the with each other in front of the tortune running a livery stable in that the restoration of the urn would counters. The scheme has proved a these parts-times are too hard."

we started along the track. "I shouldn't have the first idea what we was here for if you was to be knocked

Fitzhugh could not be much more in host to do the honors." the dark on this point than I, but I let him have his way. If some one was to be shot, I was ready to resign my claim to the distinction in favor of the son," I said; and then added sharply first comer. There were perhaps a score of peoneed a regiment to ask a man to din

ole about the car. "There's Abrams," said Lockhart.

"There's no danger, then," said Fitzhugh with a grin. "See, he's beckoning to us."

We hastened forward eagerly.

The others sank back into their seats and the three I had named fol lowed me meekly down the hall and (TO BE CONTINUED.)



WOULD NOT BE HURRIED.

Rudely Aroused Oriental Made an Indignant Protest.

The American traveler who endeavors to hasten the comfortably gaited markable proposal in regard to the oriental against its wish soon comes punishment of murderers in France. to a halt. That was the experience of He is of the opinion that neither guil-"A Woman Alone in the Heart of lotining nor life imprisonment is an Japan." "Make the rikman hurry. I adequate or suitable punishment for have a date and can't wait here all murder. The guillotine, he points out, Thatcher," I laughed. "My name is day," she said to the "bess rikman" at inflicts absolutely no suffering on the Wilton. Of course you won't mention the station. He blazed like a fiery criminal, who is probably a man who dragon. "Vell, you get so mad, you has passed his life in inflicting suffer "Oh, no, Mr. Wilton," said Thatcher, no can wait for dis, you go find 'nod | ing on others. As to life imprisonimpressed, and shifting the quid of to- der riksha," he said. She answered ment, it entails a heavy expense to the bacco in his lantern jaws. "Of course very meekly: "Dear friend, you do not country and generally reduces the know me. I am not the least bit mad. prinoner to insanity. He suggests, "And you needn't say anything of This is only a gentle A perican hustle, therefore, that such criminals shall be our being here at all." I continued. If you want me to be real mad, I will branded on the face with a redhot show you the difference." "Vell, you iron and then released. The branding, "Mum's the word," said Thatcher. vas almos' mad," he insisted. "You he thinks, should be done in public, "I'll not let a soul know till you say seem jus' like mad when you say the "M," signifying meurtrier, the 'Let 'er go.' O Lord! I hope the trade "No can wait; mus' have riksha French word for murderer, being goes through. We want a lot more quick; hurry up!"-Youth's Compan-

Brigand's New Means of Extortion. Even cremation has been made to subserve the purposes of the brigand in a manner in which those interested ought to take note. At Strasburg there is a crematorium with a depos- York department store is the delight itory for urn attached. From this of mothers and incidentally the inno-"Yes, sir," said Thatcher eagerly. place there disappeared some days vation has increased the rush at the T've been running it nigh on two ago the urn containing the ashes of two members of a wealthy family named Berle. The police have been "Nothin' to brag on," said Thatcher the family were called up by telecost them £5,000.—London Globe. great success.

WITH THE BRAND OF CAIN.

French Scientist Advocates the Marking of Murderers.

A French scientist has made a restamped as an ineradicable mark on the forehead of the criminal. He would thus bear about to the end of his days the mark of his crime, and be a constant warning to his kind.

Watching the "Kids." A sign displayed in front of a New store's bargain counters. The store employs a fatherly-looking man to

stand outside and watch the young

hopefuls while the mothers wage bat-

"There's no one here," said Abrams,

"What is it?" I asked.

I went forward to the engine. The

engineer was as close-mouthed as

And the engine, having drunk its

with a puzzled look.

a siding.

regular puzzler!"

"none for anybody."

turned innocently.

the distant hills.

led his tongue.

the rain outside.

quired Wainwright.

"But you see-"

the country?"

have gone to bed."

low," he announced.

Mr. Meeker to join us."

"You don't mean--"

the first to speak.

with me.

gang best."

came in.

ceived the news calmly.

into town?" asked one.

telegraph office at once," said I.

ference, nodding toward the empty

"Oh, there was a party came up,"

said the agent: "a dozen fellows or

didn't say anything to stop them."

"I guess they know their business-

it will save you from a wetting."

Wainwright had established

turn. "The landlord has promised to

send up a good dinner in a few min-

"Yes, I see," I interrupted. "I see

this-that they are here, that there

Wainwright nodded his agreement

"And then." I continued "they won't

try to do anything until after dark-

not before the middle of the night.

"Well, here's the dinner," said I

In the midst of the meal Porter

"Darby Meeker's in the office b

Fitzhugh and Wilson with you and ask

The men looked blank. Porter was

"I mean to bring him up here," I

said blandly, rising from the table.

"I suppose, though, it's my place as

"No-no," came in chorus from the

"Come on, Porter-Fitzhugh-Wil-

"sit down, the rest of you! We don't

"Very good," I said. "Just take



Judge-Do you understand the nature of an oath? She-I'm a telephone girl, judge.

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Aptly Defined. A woman in a town lying under the Rockies was much distressed at hearing a small clique in her town refer more. Bill said they took a fancy to to themselves as the "smart set." She get off a mile or more down here, and appealed to an ex-United States senaas they were an ugly-looking crew he tor and asked him what he understood "I don't see what they can be doing by the term "the smart set." He replied: "I think I can give you an inkup in this part of the country," I reling. In the eastern part of Colorado and the western part of Nebraska there is a large tract of land known as anyway, it's none of mine," said the

the 'rain belt.' It never rains there." agent. "Do you go in here, sir? Well, Brats or Onio Crry or Tolebo. We had been walking toward the PRANE J. CHENEY makes outh that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every under its veranda just as the light drops began to patter down in the dust of the road, and to dim the outlines of came of CATAREH that cannot be cured by the use HALL'S CATAREE CURE.

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to abandon the theory that the boy was dumb, but I suspected that it was The Intelligent Witness. fear rather than discretion that bird-"What was he doing when you saw him?" asked the judge of the witness. "Do you think the gang have got "Well, sir, yer honor, ef I don't disremember, he wuz a-raisin' of the "They'll have wet jackets if they are devil an' a-doin' of nothia'!"-Atlanta

on the road," I returned, looking at Constitution. "Hadn't we better find out?" in-If Your Eyes Bother You box of PETTIT'S EYE SALVE, ok reliable, most successful eye remedy made. All druggists or Howard Bros., Buffalo, N. Y. "Are you in a hurry?" I asked in

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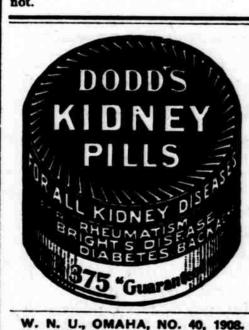
able is to admit that it is wrong .-

'so you can make yourselves easy. He who hesitates much will accom Porter, you may keep an eye on the plish little.-Von Moltke. stairway, and Brown may watch from the windows. The rest of us will fall

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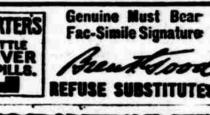
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