for it without taking any precautions and

the revolver to effect an escape if disturbed.

saults and murders by so-called burgiars

"Of course the particulars as to rooms raluables. locks, windows and habits of

those living in a likely house, together

ometimes with wax impressions of keys,

etc., are obtained by 'the spotter,' a man

who has nothing to do with the actual bur-

glary, but takes a share in the haul, never-

heless. A 'spotter' may be anything from

a hawker calling at the servant's entrance,

the 'gas man' come to take the meter, a

water inspector to see if there is any leak-

age, or simply the (for the time being) de-

"Just a remark about ladders. In large

establishments I have particularly noticed

the care with which all ladders are locked

up, while just round the corner, perhaps

lying in the open, are the clothes posts

used for drying or sun airing the clothes

from the laundry. Now, it's as easy to

swarm up a good square clothes post to

reach a first-floor window, and, when in a

hurry, it's a lump quicker to slide down

"I tell you what will shake the nerves of

a burglar as much as anything, and p'r'aps

make him drop his tools-that is, kicking

against a large sheet of crumpled news-

paper carefully laid in the passage. I got

a noise that I immediately bolted.

'had' that way myself once, and made such

"But if you yerself is frightened of

burglars paying your house a visit." he con-

cluded confidentially, "the best tip I can

pish deg-one that will rouse everybody di-

rectly a door or window is tried-and let

one than a ladder.

voted 'follower' of one of the servants.

A PECULIAR MARRIAGE. By J. A. BOLLES.

New York.

He was a widower, and the management of his house was entrusted to Flora Floringer, the stepdaughter of his deceased brother, Edwin.

Flora was 17 years old, pretty and efficient, and Mr. Smith, in his peculiar way, was very fond of her.

Justin's chief assistant in farm work was his only gon, John, 22 years old. John was as sturdy as his father, but was more sen- might happen, and I've got everything well sible and generous-hearted.

industriously repairing a broken harness. He sat on a log in a shed. The gentle prevent an untimely elopement." patter of rain on the roof seemed to have a soothing effect on the young man, and he realize that supplications and arguments alternately whistled and sang snatches of would be unavailing. song. But his work became monotonous and he was feeling a bit lonesome, when it was for Jacob to obtain a wife." Flora entered the shed and stood beside him. She smiled in a roguish way, and kept one hand behind her back, as if she held something she wished to conceal. "What favor do you want now, Flora?"

asked John, good-naturedly. "I want you to fill the box in the kitchen

"But am I to have no reward? I rather suspect from your attitude that you have over." something for me."

bring in the wood before I will tell you." "Nonsense! You know I'll do anything "I promise."

you must go to Florida and help your Uncle The Smith brothers were all peculiar, and Theodore manage his orange grove. You Justin Smith was far more peculiar than must not leave Florida for four years, or any of the others. He lived on a good until Flora is 21 years old. If you do leave at a livery stable and had departed on a farm of his own in Duchess county, the state before that time, as an unmarried man, and I can find it out if you do, I'll disinherit you.

"But if you will remain there, as you ought to, until the end of the four years, you can then marry Flora. I shall be glad to have you, in fact, and you and she can live here on the other farm, and I'll manage both farms, with your assistance, as long as I may live.

"You see, I've had a suspicion as to what planned in advance. By putting you in It was a rainy day, and John Smith was Florida, under proper restrictions, and keeping a watch over Flora, I shall be able to John knew his father well enough to

> "You make it almost as hard for me as "No, not even half as hard, John, for Jacob had to serve fourteen years before he could get the wife he loved, and you've got to wait only four years. And if you'll only promise not to make a fool of yourself you can remain here and enjoy Flora's society until the four years are

"I must have time to think this matter "You can have ten days, provided you

completed."

"I must have your promise that you will will promise not to marry during that time.



for you."

"If you're sure you'll be rewarded, you should add.' "I'll add it, then, just to please you," retorted John with a laugh.

"You're so good I'll not keep you waiting John sought his father. longer." blush swept over her fair cheeks, she old." slipped the flower into a button hole of his vest. John caught her hands as she was there for four years, or until you may be

were full of ardor. "This cannot be all my reward," he said disinherit you." in a low voice, tremulous with feeling.

'Of course it is. Let me go."

The alarmed girl began to struggle and to blush violently; but the hands that could such was his curious character that he was hold a plow firmly for hours behind a pair rather proud that John should have taken of strong horses were fully equal to the present emergency. "This is the only way to thank you prop-

girl toward him and imprinted a kiss. "I think you're real mean, John Smith," said Flora, in as indignant a tone as she

could summon "I know I am, but I can't help it." he rejoined. "I won't stay with you a minute longer,"

she cried, as he reluctantly released her. "Then I'll stay with you." And he ran by her side. "I'm sorry I gave you the rose. You'll

never have another chance to get the best "Then I'll take the last chance. Flora, be mine and I'll be yours.' "No, I thank you.

"You don't mean it," cried the young man as he caught her and bestowed another kiss. "You are my prisoner," he murmured tenderly.

"How can I obtain my release?" "Only by promising to become my wife."

"I promise. "What's all this kissing and fooling mean?" cried a rough voice.

The young man looked up in a startled way. He knew he had been caught by his father. In his haste and rapture as a lover John had thrown caution to the winds and had forgotten that he might be observed in

his act of ardent wooing. "It means that Flora has promised to become my wife," said John, frankly and fear-

"Well, I'm sorry to hear it, for I'm afraid it may be necessary for me to make you seek another situation than the one on this farm," repeated Justin glumly. "I think I know what is in your mind,"

said his son "You probably do. If you think I'm going to give up my hold on the Edwin Smith farm in a hurry, you've made the big mistake of your life. The will, as neither you

nor Flora can have forgotten, left Edwin's farm to be under my control during my life, after which it will become Flora's property. It is provided that the only way she can receive it sooner is for her to marry before she is 21 years old. If she marries before that age she is to obtain the farm deal better than any one else can, at least, ought to be when it is time for me to die. It is next to this farm, and a larger and manage the two farms together with more profit and benefit to all of us than anyone vided you could wait until the right time. But nothing sudden or injudicious will be permitted by me.

the old man's presence. During the ten

days they had many serious talks and

made such plans and decisions as seemed

to them best. On the last day of probation "I've made my decision. I will not prom-Flora produced a rose, and, as a slight ise to marry Flora before she is 21 years

"Then you must go to Florida and stay

about to step back, and his handsome eyes married-of course you can marry some one else than Flora if you want to-or I will

"I will accept your terms and go Florida." Justin Smith was quite surprised, but

the course he had. "The boy's a chip of the old block," he said to himself. "He's got my grit. He'll erly," cried John, as he suddenly drew the make a substantial man, capable of running the farms after I'm dead nearly as well as

I can run them." 11.

The next morning John left for Florida, after a tender parting from Flora, somewhat tearful on her part, it must be confessed. John being absent, it was necessary for Justin to hire an extra man to assist him. and, through Flora's aid, he secured the services of a young, good-looking German. The new hand's name, curious to relate, was John Smith, a fact which seemed strange to Justin and was unwelcome to him.

"How is it that you, who are a German, should be named John Smith?" inquired the old farmer. "You ought to call yourself Johann Schmidt or some such name." "It is easily explained," replied John, with a twinkle in his eye. "I was left an orphan when but a little child and the American farmer that brought me up could

not find out my real name, and so he named me after himself, John Smith." "Well, I suppose it's all right. But I don't exactly like it that my hired man has the same name as that of my son. You'll remind me of him too much, I'm afraid."

"But I don't look like your son nor act like him, do I?" "If only you'll show yourself to be a smart fellow, I'll forgive you for having an

undesirable name." It was not long before Justin Smith Flora seemed to be more friendly than is usual between the mistress of a house and an employe, and at times the old farmer felt a little uneasy, but he did not consider it worth his while to warn Flora or remonstrate with her. She would not give up

such a fine, respectable young man as John But Flora, strange to say, soon seemed to forget the claims of her first lover and to be infatuated with the good looking German, who, in his rude way, could make himself quite agreeable.

The suspicious of Justin had finally be come well aroused, and Flora noticed that he was keeping a close watch over her. But, as luck would have it, thieves had of outright at once. Now I'm supposed to late twice visited Justin's garden at the know, and do know, a good deal more than rear of his house and succeeded in securing you and Flora, and my judgment is that I a number of his best watermelons, and the can manage the farm my brother left a good farmer had formed the habit of hiding for a time each evening in such places as would until you two are as old and sensible as you enable him to see a thief if he should enter the garden or were already in it.

One evening Justin sought the garden as better farm than this one is, and I can usual, and to his delight saw a man standing near the middle of it. Justin had a stout club in his hand, and, with the stealth else can. I've no objection to your marrying of a cat, he advanced. When he was within Flora after she's 21. Indeed, I'd calculated two feet of the back of his victim he raised that such a marriage would be the thing to his club and cried: "Ah, you rascal! I've expect, the proper thing for you both, pro- got you now. If you try to run l'il brain

But the figure did not move. permitted by me.

"Now, John, if you'll promise solemnly—
and I know your word can be depended upon—
net to marry Flora until the day after her
ling man was a scarecrow, which John Smith
list birthday, you can stay here. If not, had placed in the rarden just before support 21st birthday, you can stay here. If not, had placed in the garden just before supper | floor of the exchange.

that day, for the purpose of diverting the attention of Justin while the young man and

Flora drove away from the house. Mortified and disgusted, Justin returned to his abode only to search for Flora in vain. He next walked toward the barn and shouted for John, but the hired man did not appear. Entering the stables, Justin discovered that the swift mare that Flora

was accustomed to drive was gone. With an agility surprising in one of his years he harnessed his carriage horses and drove to the nearest village at a furious rate. But when he reached the village be was told that the couple had left the horse train for Albany fifteen minutes before his arrival.

For the first time in his life he questioned whether be was a wise man. In spite of all his precautions the girl would be married before she was 21 years old, and would obtain possession of the Edwin Smith farm, which he boped to control as long as he might live. She had disgraced herself, and had also deprived him of the farm, whereas If he had only consented to her marriage to his son the property would at least have been kept in his own family. Justin was forced to acknowledge that he had made a lamentable botch of the whole business. He learned from an Albany paper that the land descriptions in general." marriage had taken place on the day the couple had fled, and three days later the

happy pair returned home. Justin received them with distant politeself had acted so unwisely that he felt too much disconcerted to find fault with others. Of course, now that Flora was legally and a deed of the farm was immediately wife started on a journey, the destination the segregation. and object of which were unknown to Justin Smith.

Three weeks later Flora returned, and with her was John Smith, the son of Justin. The in lowa, which runs across the state, stophad hired to be her house servant, entered bury county, leaving three tiers south of the home of the old farmer. The sight this "correction line." almost paralyzed Justin with astonishment. "What does this mean?" he gasped, as he

"It means that Flora is my wife, and that have come home to take charge of the Edwin Smith farm." "But the girl is already married to an-

other John Smith." part of a mythical John Smith in men's each other, and therefore there must be her to practice laudable deception for a

"But the ceremony was fraudulent, then, and the farm belongs to me still." "It does not belong to you, for Flora Floringer has been twice married to a John Smith, the second time in a legal way, to myself. The marriage took place in Florida,

oo, so you cannot disinherit me." "Well, this beats all I ever heard of," cried the old farmer, "but I'm so glad to and south, have it turn out better than I could have hoped for that I forgive you. One farm belongs to her now, and both farms, after my death, will belong to you and your wife, as they should."

SAYINGS OF BISMARCK.

Characteristic Utterances of the Man of Blood and Iron.

Of universal suffrage he said: "It is the government of a house by its nursery." "Radicals." said he, "are forever wanting crave cherries in winter and oysters in sum-

is likely to accrue to me from an adversary mouth and was the connecting link be-I first of all subtract the man's vanity from | tween the survey systems of the two comhis other qualities. On one occasion of obedience to his wife John and Flora retired crestfallen from

Bismarck remarked: "It is surprising what a man will do to enjoy peace in his own house after having had a thorough taste of

Bismarck was showing a friend around his house some time ago and as he laughingly pointed to the ponderous and forbidding iron safe in his wife's bedroom he said: see, my wife acts as my cashier and let me tell you that a man who trusts his wife with his financial interests has discovered an infallible way to save money."

After the day on which Bismarck was shot at (May 7, 1866), by Karl Blind, his wife said: "If I were in heaven and saw the villain standing on the top of a ladder leading down to hell I would have no hesitation

n giving him a push." "Hush, my dear," replied Bismarck; "you would not be in heaven yourself with such thoughts as those."

Shortly after Bismarck had taken his seat in the first Prussian Parliament in 1849 an opponent said: "You alone in all your party have always treated us with politeness. Let us make a bargain. If we gain the upper hand we shall spare you; if fortune should favor you, you shall do the same by us.'

Bismarck's reply was: "If your party has its way life will not be worth living; if ours is victorious there will have to be no executions, but they shall be conducted with politeness up to the last step of the ladder. At the close of his official career he said to some friends at Friedrichsruhe: "I have seldom been a happy man. If I reckon up the rare minutes of real happiness in my life I do not believe they would make twenty-four hours in all. In my political life I never had time to have the feeling of happiness. But in my private life there have been moments of happiness. I remember for instance, a really happy moment in my life, and that was when I shot my first hare. In later years it gave me pleasure to see my irrigated meadows and plantations thriving, and at home I took pleasure in my

wife and children." Bismarck fell in love at a friend's wedding with the young woman who became his wife, and presently wrote to her parents to

The good people were naturally much surprised at a direct attack like this; they were very simple folk, leading a very quiet life observed that his new hired man and and they were rather frightened at the reputation for high living which the candidate enjoyed.

> As, however, their daughter intimated in discreet terms that she did not look upon the young gentleman with an unfavorable eye. Herr von Puttkammer wrote to young Bismarck, inviting him to come and see

> All did their best at Reinfeld to give the visitor a suitable reception; Fraulein von Puttkammer's parents put on an air of grave solemnity, and she stood with eyes modestly bent upon the ground. Bismarck, on alighting, threw his arms

> round his sweetheart's neck and embraced her vigorously before anybody had time to tell him that his conduct was hardly proper and correct. The result was, however, an immediate betrothal. Prince Bismarck was very fond of telling this tale, and was careful always to finish

> the story by this reflection: "And you have

no idea what this woman has made of me."

Found Dead on Children's Graves. ST. LOUIS, Aug. 16.-R. W. Golson, broker on the Merchants' exchange, was found dead today, lying across the graves of four of his children at Bellfontaine cometery. He had committed suicide with a dose of strychnine. Financial difficulties are thought to have been the cause of his act When discovered Golson had been dead several hours. He disappeared from his hom last evening and was not seen again until

Duplication of Land Description Numbers in Adjoining States.

An Inheritance for Dakota Territory from Iowa-Transferred to Nebraska by Changing Course of River-Land Number Novelty.

"Did you know there is a peculiarity in the public land survey near Sloux City which doesn't exist anywhere else in the country?" remarked George M. Pardoe who is an authority on abstracts and land law, to a reporter for the Sloux City Journal. in Iowa and the other in Nebraska, and name the state, which is not the case in

part of the original territory of Dakota in- ago. herited its township and range numbers ness, refraining from all scolding. He him- either directly or indirectly from Iowa, the married, it was useless for Justin to oppose the Missouri river changed Its channel and their servants may be with regard to the stipulations in the Edwin Smith will, near the mouth of the Sloux river, thus changing the original boundary between given to Mrs. John Smith. Her husband Dakota and Nebraska, and the Dakota at once took charge of the farm, but his descriptions were retained in Nebraska after

But Dakota's descriptions were an extension of the numberings based on the conditions north of the "correction line," two, accompanied by a young German ping at the Missouri river, and cutting off woman named Anna Schwarz, whom Flora the northern tier of townships in Wood-

Square Areas on Curved Surface The attempt to lay out square areas of land upon the curved surface of the globe must after a while result in an accumulation of errors that require correction. The meridian lines on the earth's surface constantly approach each other as they proceed from the equator toward the poles, while "You are wrong. Miss Anna Schwarz the range lines, six miles apart in the westhere, I acknowledge, successfully acted the ern system of land surveys, do not approach clothes, but it is no longer necessary for occasional adjustments. There are two of ning across the state of Iowa-one in the southern part of the state and the other

these adjustment or correction lines runstriking the Missouri river within the corporate limits of Sloux City, between townships 88 and 89. The accumulation of the errors in the distance between these two correction lines amounted to about four miles, so that there had to be a jog of that distance in the range lines running north

For instance, while the entire six miles of range 47, in township 88, in Woodbury county, He directly north of the same range in township 87, only two miles of range 47, in township 89, lie directly north of the range of the same number below the line, the other four miles lying north of range 48. Now the numbering, which Dakota inherited from Iowa, was that which had been corrected by shoving the range lines four miles further west at the correction line. The first tier of townships that reached the

the unattainable, like the Russians, who territory of Dakota was 89, and this was the first in which the northern adjustment of range lines was made. Range 48 of "When I wish to estimate the danger that this tier straddled the Stoux river near its monwealths. Its western neighbor was in range 49 and its northern neighbor was in township 90, and so the numbering progressed regularly westward and northward, until all over the eastern portion of South Dakota there is a definite relation

ship with the survey numberings in Iowa. The System and the Missouri. But, while the system in Iowa could stretch itself across the Sioux river, it could not leap the Missouri-notwithstanding the Missouri subsequently leaped the system. Therefore the northeastern portion of Nebraska, up to the Missouri as it ran then, had the independent system of surveys established for Nebraska territory, its range numberings being east or west from wha was called the "sixth principal meridian" Iowa's range numberings being based or the "fifth principal meridian," located in

the eastern part of the state. But along in the later '60s the Missouri cut its way across "Sloux Point," the south eastern corner of the territory of Dakota As the channel of the river was to be the boundary between the commonwealths, the chunk thus sliced off of Dakota became

part of Nebraska. This chunk had inherited its numbering from the system which Dakota had inherited from Iowa. The system in vogue in this state had crossed the Sloux river, i will be remembered, with township 89, range 48, just north of the corrected line; but 'Sloux Point" would have been south of that point if it was extended west, on account of the big bend in the Missouri before the cut off. So, then, township 88, of range 48, in Dakota and later in Nebraska, when it inherited its numbering from township 89 of range 48, as it did, was four miles

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of the adjustment of range lines made at the window. the correction line between townships 88

both in Nebraska and Iowa a section 16, for instance, of township 88 in range 48. traps to catch 'em giving away dripping or And there is probably no similar case in odds and ends and so on and making all of all the history of land description by numbers instead of by metes and bounds.

POINTS FROM A BURGLAR.

Advice Which Householder May Take Favorable or the Reverse. Thomas Simpson, alias "Tom, the Dodger, who is known in police circles all over "We have two different areas the country, was in town the other night, which have to be described by the same relates the Cincinnati Enquirer, but he township and range numbers, one of them got away before any of Colonel Deltsch's I knew nothing more until I found myself "fly coppers" got onto him. He met sevwhenever reference is made to section loca- eral persons in a downtown resort, and tions in either of these it is essential to after indulging in a few drinks he became confidential in his talk. Tom's hints to householders were quite interesting. Among The ultimate reason for this condition those who listened to him was an ex-delies in the fact that while the southern | tective, who had often locked him up years

"You see," said Tom, "the public themselves assist us a great deal, or men in my original territory of Nebraska established line wouldn't be able to bring off successits own township and range numbers. But fully one-tenth of the jobs they do now. after such land numberings had been fixed. For instance, however careful housekeepers window fastenings on the ground floor, as a rule they pay little attention to those of rooms upstairs, being absolutely careless in many cases, for even when the fastenings are in good order they are often left unlone. Now a man who knows his business never tries the ground floor for an entry unless he is perfectly well acquainted with the run of the house and the habits of the household; and even then he nearly always enters by one of the doors, for which a key has been procured, or the lock and bolts of which can easily be forced.

"What is the best window-fastener" Well, there ain't none any good, unless it's two wedges forced down between the sashes, one on each side of the window. The screw to fix the sashes, as well as the other 'safe' dodges, can easily be undone by cutting out a piece of glass. Now the wedges, if you 'tumbled' at once that there were wedges, could only be got at by cutting two holes n the glass, and then, if properly fixed, they can't be shifted without making more

ODD TRICK IN THE SURVEY further west than would have been the case noise than we care about doing while on the case is that directly an opportunity offers to ship 88 of range 47, as it should, because if a bell with a coil spring is attached to carry out a burglary, they go for it -go

"The last time I was 'copped' was through relying on brute force, the knife or even and 89. But there already was in existence one of them coil-spring bells-but not on a in Woodbury county, Iowa, fractional town- window. It was like this: The house went That is why there are so many brutal asship 88 of range 48, which had inherited for was occupied by an eccentric old man, its numbering regularly and directly from well-to-do and owning a tidy lot of plate. Just at that time of the year. DUE TO THE MISSOURI'S WEAKNESS township 88 of range 47, immediately east The 'spotter' I employed managed to 'get round' and walk out with one of the servants And thus it happens that there may be and from her he learned that the master was very suspicious of the domestics, laying em go to bed before he did.

"Well, I felt as this was rather a ticklish ob, but, as I'd got a key made to fit the back door. I decided to risk it. I did, and I got into the drawing room, where I knew the plate was kept. I hauled it from the upboard and, as everything had gone off o well, sat down to have a rost before packing it up-walking on tiptoe is tiring work. you know. I hadn't sat there five minutes when, bang! I felt a crack on the head and ed hands and feet and two policemen standing over me.

"When my trial came on, and not until then, I discovered that my capture was due to the fact that the master of the house, in rder to find out if any of the servants came lownstairs after he had retired, had placed otton across the passages and staircases, about six inches from the ground, and attached to it a coil-spring bell fixed in his bedroom. In my journey upstairs I had, without knowing it, broken the cotton and sounded the alarm. Yes, it was a neat,

"Are there more attempts at burglary and housebreaking during the dark days? Yes, give you is to lay in a little yelping, snaplar, rough laboring class get hard up, and they are open to take to anything from purse him have the run of the house, inside, every snatching upward, if there is even a remote night. That's the best safeguard there is."

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