By PIERRE VIVANT.

CHAPTER I. Augustus Fitz Clarence Boobie was yourg gentleman of exceedingly good parts, at least as far as the outward man was concerned, who had recently arrived in the little village of M .--with the avowed design of establishing himself in the practice of the law. He had taken an office upon the main aveane of the town and over the door had caused to be placed a very showy sign

mey and Counselor at Law. No sooner was he fairly installed in his new headquarters than he commenced the study of the law, the ladies and love, of which, however, the last two were destined to receive by far his greatest attention.

bearing on a field azure his cognomen

in golden letters, appended to which

was the usual legal addition of "Attor-

A more absolute devotee at the shrine of fashion never tripped Broadway. Not a mere fop was he, but the concentrated quintessence of dandyism, bejeweled, bescented and bedecked in the very latest style that foreign importations had developed.

Daily he promenaded the pave of the little street, to the envy of the village beaux, who stared with jealous glance



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as he sauntered gracefully along, twirl ing his mustache and rattan with an air of self evident superiority and the most supreme contempt and indifference to all their operations.

It is proper here to be stated that his tailor had never as yet received an equivbut of what consequence was that fact to him, so long as the suit retained its pristine elegance and his tailor remained iguorant of his whereabouts?

'Was Solomon in all his glory arrayed like" Augustus Fitz Clarence Boobie? Could that sapient monarch have risen to behold this unique specimen of humanity he would doubtless have hurried back to his long repose heartily ashamed of the shabby appearance of his own obsolete wardrobe

Time passed on, and our hero had ingratiated himself in the good opinions of many of the wealthiest families of -, with whom he was a general favorite-in fact, quite the rage-and there was much strife as to who should make a conquest of this "love of a

He was such a nice, genteel, moral young man-at least "so everybody said," and surely "everybody" ought

As regularly as the Sabbath morning dawned and the little bell had ceased tolling Augustus, prayer book in hand. sauntered gracefully up the aisle to his pew, and devoutly bending his head upon his perfumed cambric handkerchief offered-at least so people imagined-a silent prayer, and then, after finding the service for the day, in a clearly audible tone he made the responses very reverently and paid the most profound attention to the worthy paster's discourse, "even unto the end thereof.'

Many stolen glances were directed toward him from all parts of the little church. The chorister sang his loudest, and the lady members of the choir evinced a perceptible consciousness of his presence within the sacred walls.

And when the "forty fifthly" of the good dominie was ended, the last strain of the hymn had died away and the benediction had been pronounced, what a jostling and harrying down the gallery stairs to obtain a glimpse of our here or perhaps the honor of a bow from his lordship! Thrice happy the young lady whom he condescended to accompany homeward, and how many thoughts wandered to him instead of holier objects upon that sacred day!

His presence in the village had a tendency to render society unusually gay. and many balls and parties were given expressly in honor of him. He was lionfred by the young ladies, petted by their judicions mammas, clapped upon the back familiarly by their papar-inshort, his invitations to breakfast, dinner and tea were so namerous that it was exceedingly difficult for him to accopt them all. It would have been no very surprising result had a person with a far more ample allowance of brains under such circumstances been completely bewildered and guilty of equal indiscretion.

It was the young men alone who chunned him. They were his sworn

The "head and front of his offending had this extent, no more," He was, as they imagined, nearping the places they had formerly occupied in the good graces of the opposite ex, while they Call on Phil Dan els, C. were now almost forgotten, or at least O street Lincoln, Neb.

treated with the utmost indifference by his devoted followers.

Among their ranks, however, no "bright particular star" had as yet arisen upon his mental vision. No fair one had made any indelible impression upon his apparently susceptible heart. No graces of form, feature, mind, or, last, though far from least, fortune had served to touch its tender chords. "He wandered in maiden meditation, fancy free." His stock of knowldge was "imited to a familiarity with the current gossip of the day, a superficial acquaintance with all the latest and most trashy novels in yellow cover, and a tolerably good memory enabled him to quote from Byron and Moore to just that excent which gave the lackadaisical young ladies of M-a most exalted idea of his conversational powers. Charming Augustus, thon wert all that sentimental schoolgirl could picture or scheming mamma could conceive of as the beau ideal, not to say beau real, of romantic perfection. Those were thy halcyon days when

Eyes looked love to eyes, which spoke again, And all went merry as a marriage bell. But hush! Hark!

CHAPTER II.

Among the village belles was one who was pro-eminent for beauty, wit and the thousand little accomplishments at a giance and has twitted his sisters for which serve to make woman more lovely and to win them the attentions of the himself by giving the names of the nine and genus homo.

Kate Lincoln was a born beautynone of your die away fairies-pale, hectic, consumptive looking creatures, whose chief ambition is to be thought in an interesting decline-nor, on the other hand, was she one of those bouncing country girls of the milkmaid order.

Walk in the morning And are shod like mountaineers, but a refined and perfect lady in every respect. Bright and beautiful was she and justly admired by the whole circle of society in which she moved. She was a genuine lover of fun, provided it did not border on rudeness, and her repartees were proverbial for the delicacy of their satire, which the most fastidious could not construe into anything overstepping the bounds of strictest courtesy. She was envied by not a few for her many personal attractions and yet beloved by all. Her natural warm heartedness won her sincere friends among all classes, and while her dignity of character always commanded respect there was nothing forbidding in her manner, but a certain indescribable something which always made you feel at your ease in her presence.

Of course Augustus in his triumphal progress was brought in contact with the fair Kate, and after having obtained an introduction was completely under the spell of her influence.

Rumor had previously whispered to him that she was the heiress of all her father's wealth, and it required little forethought on his part to decide that animal. 7. One of a race that has no fixed elent for the magnificent suit of French she was at least worth an effort of atbroadcloth, Genoa velvet and Turk's tainment. Not capable of keeping his tin that enveloped his elegant person, intentions a secret to himself, he confided them to a friend of Kate's, who perceiving at once the object of his designs communicated the fact to her. Kate was no mean reader of human nature. and no very deep scrutiny was necessary on her part to ascertain the depths of our hero's intellect. She discovered that he was a hypocrite as far as he knew how to be, unprincipled and by no means as sapient as many people of acknowledged discernment imagined him. His foppery, his senseless chitchat and above all his unbounded pride disgusted her, and she resolved to bring down the

> But how could she effect the desired bumiliation without compromising the dignity of her character as a lady? A plan soon suggested itself. For the successful furtherance of it she accepted his attentions with the utmost grace at every party where both were present, danced, waltzed and conversed with him upon every festive occasion, to the great surprise and some little envy on the part of the feminine portion of the community, to say nothing of the indignant looks and speeches of the beaux.

The gossips decided that it was a most reprehensive case of flirtation and a downright infringement of the laws of propriety, of which the fair Kate ought to be heartily ashamed, and they even deputed a committee to wait upon the good natured judge, her father, to report the "disgraceful conduct of his daughter." But then they only received their trouble for their pains, inasmuch as the judge gave them to understand that Kate was but exercising the prorogative of her sex and intimated that the institution of a home mission would appear far less quixotic than this voluntary and unsolicited interference with the affairs of others.

Poor, inconsistent women! They never called to mind the ancient fable of the for and the unattainable fruit of the vine, never reflected how much it would have ministered to their vanity could their Sallies and Nancy Janes have been the happy recipients of Augustus' flattering attentions. But no such good fortune awaited them. Kate, and Kate only, was the chosen object of Augus-

tus' imperial predilections. Induced by these flattering indications of success to believe that he should encounter no obstacles to his suit, he soon became a frequent visitor at her father's house and was received with distinguished consideration by the judge, who was in the secret and used his inventive faculties to aid Kate in the ac-

co. plishment of her plans. He proposed little social rides and plenics and was so extremely condeseeding and polite that Augustus, who considered these opportunities mort favorable to the furtherance of his suit accepted their invitations with delight and entered into the spirit of them with infinite seat.

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There is a stretch of silver—.
That nightly in the west doth—
Like some untroubled, radiant—.
Upon whose bosom— The tinted cloud waves rise and —.
Obedient to the west wind's —.

A tiny craft doth lightly -Unstaid by rock or reef or -And piloted by one pale -It slips the rosy ripples —... Light freighted with a fairy

No. 103.—The Etruscan Nine

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not having found it out yet, he may amuse the title of the work quoted.

> No. 109.—Crossword Enigma. In mansion, not in hut: open, not in shut; In river, not in lake:

In giving, not in take; In looking, not in stare; In frighten, not in scare; In pulpit, not in pew; In boiling, not in stew; In lumber, not in board: In nobles, not in lord, And my whole will appear In the fourth month of the year.

No. 110 .- Rhombolds,

Across: 1. A moving power. 2. One who preserves. 3. Sudden fright without good cause. 4. According to law. 5. A vehicle. Down: 1. A letter. 2. A bone. 3. To pierce. 4. Elliptical. 5. To make new. 6. A seaport city of Russia. 7. A keg. 8. An exclamation. 9. A letter.
Across: 1. A kind of duck. 2. Preserves.

To decline. 4. Regulations. 5. A gum. Down: 1. A letter. 2. A verb. 3. A parent. 4. Always. 5. To resort. 6. Demand. 7. Affirmation. 8. A musical note. 9. A

No. 111. Proverb Making. From the letters contained in the following words form a proverb which counsels prompt and ready action: Hotel. Shire. Worth. Kite. Is.

No. 112. Double Acrostic. My primals name a distinguished author

and my finals a historic town. Crosswords: 1, Moral. 2, A maxim. 3 Consumed. 4. Anything preserved in remembrance. 5. A nickname often given to a young colored man. 6. A carnivorous

No. 1.10, Trans A warrior bold of worldwide fame. Was "T. Altai"-A heathen king who won a name In days gone by.

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Were grief and woe, He died upon his wedding day, This warrior bold In regal state his body lay Coffined in gold

No. 114. Anagrams.

Names of animals: 1. Shore. 2. Sale. 3. Reed. 4. Braze. 5. Do rouse M. 6. I roll, 7. Hear, 8. In tram. 9. I, too, Pale cot. 11. Then rap. 12. Pale 13. See law. 14. Toast. 15. Bales, 16. Fowl. 17. Much in one. 18. Then leap. 19. Clap me, Dora. 20. A lone pet,

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"He then dispatched a letter of the most xceptional caligraphy extant inviting the young lady to a matinee. She revolted at the idea, refused to consider herself sac-rificable to his desires and sent a polite note of refusal, on receiving which he procured a carbine and bowie knife, said that he would not now forge fetters hymencal with the queen, went to an isolated spot, severed his jugular veln and discharged the contents of the carbine into his abdomen. The debris was removed by the coroner - Exchange.

Key to the Puzzler.

No. 100.-Transpositions: Warsaw, Arno. Rhine. Wickiow. Inverness. Carlisle.

Kidderminster. No. 101. - Hebeaded Words: Brink, rink,

ink. Chair, hair, air. No. 102,-Hidden Proverbs: 1. "Half s loaf is better than no broad." 2. "Empty vessels make the greatest sound." "Strike the iron while it is hot." 4. "You cannot make a silk purse of a sow's ear. No. 100.-Historic Homes:

Home, sacred tune, at thy endearing sound What forms of ravished pleasures hove POURS!

No. 104.—Hinstrated Central Acrostics Centrals, Anlace. Crosswords: I. chAiu. E. hiNge. E. taLon. 4 flAme. 5. maCaw. 6. hoEls

No. 105,-A Tangles

Ch, what a tangled web we weave When first we practice to decrive No. 100 — Geographical Anagrams: Gulf of Siam, Atlantic ocean, North sea, Davis strait, Baltic sea, Antarctic ocean, Mediter-ranean sea, Pacific ocean, gulf of Bothnia, Gardiner's bay, Almeria bay, Caspina ses Sponcer guif, Harrison bay, Prince Albert sound, Indian ocean, bay of Fundy, Arctic seean, Black sea, Cook strait, Torres strait, Yellow son, Rehring strait, Bristol bay, Mon-terey bay, strait of Dover, Onslow bay, Pamiles sound, Penobscot bay,

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