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THE MODEL CLOTHING HOUSE

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upon which lay confusedly some miscel-laneous letters and other papers, with one or two musical instruments and a few books. Here, however, after a long Vienna once, did me an evil turn, which and very deliberate scrutiny, I saw noth-ing to excite particular suspicion. "At length my eyes, in going the circuit of the room, fell upon a trumpery filigree cardrack of pasteboard that hung dangling by a dirty blue ribbon from a little brass knob just beneath with my MS., and I just copied into the

ingly intent only upon the conversation

with my MS., and I just copied into the the middle of the mantelpiece. In this rack, which had three or four compartmiddle of the blank sheet the words: ments, which had three or four compart-ments, were five or six visiting cards and a solitary letter. This last was much soiled and crumpled. It was torn nearly in two across the middle, as if a design in the first instance to tear it en-tirely up as worthless had been altered or staid in the second. It had a large black seal, bearing the D— cipher very conspicuonsly and was addressed

lar in it?

very conspicuously and was addressed, in a diminutive female hand, to D---, tion in headgear seen for many years.

The cycle of style that swings from stiff the minister, himself. It was thrust felt to softened Kossuth, or whatever carelessly, and even, as it seemed; conmay be the chance cognomen given to temptuously, into one of the uppermost the latest thing out, runs sometimes by divisions of the rack. decades, at least if the Prince of Wales is "No sooner had I glanced at this letter

obligingly constant, and for a few years than I concluded it to be that of which I we are apt to see the full development of was in search. To be sure, it was, to all creased, knocked in, indented or split appearance, radically different from the hats that will lend variety in tint and one of which the prefect had read us so name in the search of the sear

Men's attire needs some little variathere it was small and red, with the duand feminine: there the superscription to a certain royal personage was mark-

sonage,' he is reduced to opening the let-ter which I left for him in the cardrack." "How? Did you put anything particu-

Why, it did not seem altogether right to leave the interior blank. That would have been insulting. D-, at I told him quite good humoredly that I should remember. So, as I knew he would feel some curiosity in regard to and far less excitable than my own, stand it to be such?

which will perceive in the circumstances | This spirit of perverseness, I say, came I detail with awe nothing more than an to my final overthrow. It was this unordinary succession of very natural fathomable longing of the soul to ver causes and effects. itself-to offer violence to its own na-From my infancy I was noted for the ture-to do wrong for the wrong's sake

docility and humanity of my disposition. only-that urged me to continue and My tenderness of heart was even so con-spicuous as to make me the jest of my companions. I was especially fond of animals and was indulged by my par-ents with a great variety of pets. With these I event met of my disposition. Solution of the sector of

these I spent most of my time and never streaming from my eyes and with the was so happy as when feeding and ca- bitterest remorse at my heart; hang it ressing them. This peculiarity of char- because I knew that it had loved me acter grew with my growth, and in my and because I felt it had given me no manhood I derived from it one of my reason of offense; hung it because I principal sources of pleasure. To those knew that in so doing I was committing who have cherished an affection for a a sin-a deadly sin that would so jeoparfaithful and sagacious dog I need hardly | dize my immortal soul as to place it-if be at the trouble of explaining the nature such a thing were possible-even beyond cal arms of the S-family. Here the tion, although there are always the odd or the intensity of the gratification thus the reach of the infinite mercy of the address to the minister was diminutive dozen who, no matter what the mode is, derivable. There is something in the most merciful and most terrible God.

er perceived the object thereupon. I approached it and touched it with my hand.

where my very senses reject their own cvidence. Yet mad am I hot, and very surely do I not dream. But tomorrow I and irrevocable overthrow, the spirit of surely do I not dream. But tomorrow I and irrevocable overthrow, the spirit of fully as large as Pluto and closely re-fully as large as Pluto and closely refully as large as Pluto and closely redie, and today I would unburden my perverseness. Of this spirit philosophy sembling him in every respect but one. without comment a series of mere house-hold events. In their consequences these events have terrified—have tortured— have destroyed me. Yet I will not at-tempt to expound them. To me they soul. My immediate purpose is to place takes no account. Yet I am not more Pluto had not a white hair upon any por-

have presented little but horror; to times found himself committing a vile or many they will seem less terrible than a silly action for no other reason than bemy hand and appeared delighted with my notice. This, then, was the very baroques. Hereafter perhaps some in- cause he knows he should not? Have we creature of which I was in search. I at tellect may be found which will reduce my phantasm to the commonplace of our best judgment, to violate that some intellect more calm, more logical which is law, merely because we underonce offered to purchase it of the landlord, but this person made no claim to it -knew nothing of it-had never seen it before

I continued my caresses, and when I prepared to go home the animal evinced mitted it to do so, occasionally stooping and patting it as I proceeded. When it reached the house, it domesticated itself at once and became immediately a great favorite with my wife.

For my own part I soon found a dis-

the to it arising within me. This was just the reverse of what I had anticipated: but-I know not how or why it was-its evident fondness for myself rather disgusted and annoved me. By slow degreca these feelings of disgust and annovance rose into the bitterness of hatred. I avoided the creature, a certain sense of shame and the remembrance of my former deed of cruelty preventing me from physically abusing it. I did not for some weeks strike or otherwise violently ill use it, but gradually, very gradually, I came to look upon it with

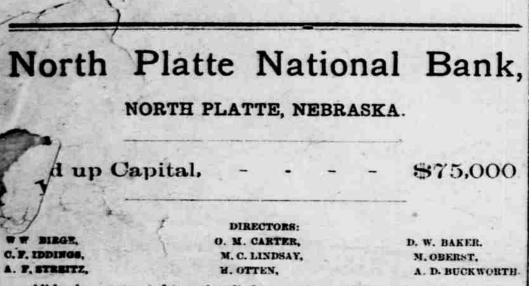
and terrible engine of horror and of crime, of agony and of death!

And now was I indeed wretched beyond the wretchedness of mere humanity. And a brute beast, whose fellow I had contemptuously destroyed—a brute beast to work out for me-for me, a man.

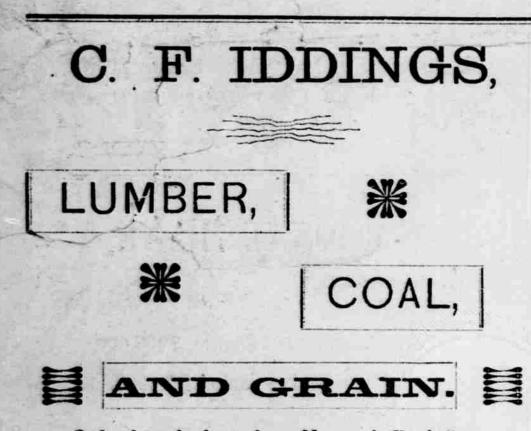
from dreams of unutterable fear to find the hot breath of the thing upon my face, and its vast weight-an incarnate nightmare that I had no power to shake off-incumbent eternally upon my heart! Beneath the pressure of torments such as these the feeble remnant of the good within me succumbed. Evil thoughts became my sole intimates-the darkest a disposition to accompany me. I per- and most evil of thoughts. The moodiness of my usual temper increased to hatred of all things and of all mankind, while from the sudden, frequent and ungovernable outbursts of a fury to

which I now blindly abandoned myself my uncomplaining wife, alas, was the most patient of sufferers.

One day she accompanied me upon some household errand into the cellar of the old building which our poverty compelled us to inhabit. The cat followed me down the steep stairs, and nearly throwing me headlong exasperated me to madness. Uplifting an ax, and forgetting in my wrath the childish dread which had hitherto stayed my hand, I aimed a blow at the animal which of course would have proved instantly fatal had it descended as I wished. But this blow was arrested by the hand of my wife. Goaded by the interference into a



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edly bold and decided. The size alone and to the village tailor for their frock formed a point of correspondence. But, coats. The reign of soft hats, however, the paltry friendship and gossamer fidel- of my bed were in flames. The whole then, the radicalness of these differences, gives a chance for each man to show his | ity of mere man. which was excessive; the dirt; the soiled individuality, which is almost impossiand torn condition of the paper, so in-consistent with the true methodical habconsistent with the true methodical hab-its of D----, and so suggestive of a de-sign to delude the beholder into an idea of the worthlessness of the document- the languor and æstheticism of his sarthese things, together with the hyper-obtrusive situation of this document, full triumph. - Philadelphia Press.

in the view of every visitor and thus exactly in accordance with the conclusions Rich Presidents.

to which I had previously arrived-these An exchange says: "It appears that no things, I say, were strongly corroborative president was born rich, and that with one exception our great presidents were of suspicion in one who came with the not only self made but self educated.

intention to suspect. "I protracted my visit as long as possi-The exception is Thomas Jefferson." ble, and while I maintained a most ani-George Washington was born rich; it is recorded that his father at his death in mated discussion with the minister upon a topic which I knew well had never 1753 left "a large landed property to his failed to interest and excite him I kept widow and five children." John Adams my attention really riveted upon the let- was graduated at Harvard college in ter. In this examination I committed to 1755. James Madison was born rich and memory its external appearance and ar- was graduated at Princeton in 1771. rangement in the rack, and also fell at lames Monroe was born in good circumlength upon a discovery which set at rest tances, though we believe his family whatever trivial doubt I might have en- was not rich. He was a student in Wilun and Mary college, but left in 1776 tertained. In scrutinizing the edges of the paper I observed them to be more become an officer in the army. John chafed than seemed necessary. They pre-sented the broken appearance which is manifested when a stiff paper, having aincy Adams was born rich, studied in tris and at the famous university of yden and finally was graduated at been once folded and pressed with a foldrvard in 1783. Then, after a varied or in the diplomatic service of the er, is refolded in a reversed direction in ed States government, he became essor of rhetoric and belles-lettres at vard, all before he was elected presithe same creases or edges which had formed the original fold. This discovery was sufficient. It was clear to me that -New York Sun. the letter had been turned, as a glove-

Some Old Cheeses.

bade the minister good morning and took In the cheese regions of Switzerland a my departure at once, leaving a gold "The next morning I called for the the presentation on their wedding day grew upon me-for what disease is like snuffbox, when we resumed quite eagerof an elaborate cheese. This cheese ly the conversation of the preceding day. While thus engaged, however, a loud report, as if of a pistol, was heard immediately beneath the windows of the hodate back to 1660.-Exchange. tel and was succeeded by a series of

The Ressian Spoon.

fearful screams and the shoutings of a terrified mob. D---rushed to a case-The Russian spoon, with its oddly ment, threw it open and looked out. In twisted handle, is greatly affected by our the meantime I steppe i to the cardrack, New York swells. It is made of gold and took the letter, put it hi my pocket and costs a lot of money. The bottom of the

replaced it by a facsimile (so far as re- bowl is made of Russian enamel in green gards externals), which I had carefully and red and has the appearance of being prepared at my lodgings, initiating the set with emeralds and rubies.—Once a D— cipher very readily by means of a Week.

inside out-redirected and resealed. I

snuffbox upon the table.

in my own pay."

departed?"

I stepped to

letter. "His downfall, too, will not be more

precipitate than awkward. It is all very

well to talk about the facilis descensus

eal form 1 of brea 1. The threads of fungus which flourish "The . turbance in the street had upon the roots of oaks and beeches surbeen occasioned by the frantic behavior rounded by decaying leaf mold turn the of a man with a musket. He had fired latter into nourishment for the trees, it among a crowd of women and children. It proved, however, to have been to grow amid such surroundings without without ball, and the fellow was suffered the aid of the fungi. to go his way as a lunatic or a drunkard.

When he had gone, D-came from the window, whither I had followed him im-The application of animals and animal substances to the cure of disease has premediately upon securing the object in vailed from the earliest times, though view. Soon afterward I bade him fare- the greater part of such remedies, until vell. The pretended lunatic was a man recent times, have been founded on either fantastic or superstiticus notions. "But what purpose had you," I asked,

in replacing the letter by a facsimile There is no other work in the world of Would it not have been better at the which so many copies are printed annu-ally as of the Chinese almanac. The first visit to have seized it openly and number is estimated at several millions. "D-"," replied Dupin, "is a desper-It is printed at Peking and is a monopoly ate man, and a man of nerve. His hotel, of the emperor. too, is not without attendants devoted

to his interests. Had I made the wild There are differences in teeth. Some In his fright at my violence he inflicted a slight wound upon my hand. attempt you suggest I might never have are of a nature capable of withstanding

him who has had frequent occasion to test | sleep by the cry of "Fire!" The curtains house was blazing. It was with great

I married early and was happy to find | difficulty that my wife, a servant and in my wife a disposition not uncongenial myself made our escape from the conwith my own. Observing my partiality flagration. The destruction was comfor domestic pets, she lost no opportunity plete. My entire worldly wealth was of procuring those of the most agreeable swallowed up, and I resigned myself kind. We had birds, goldfish, a fine dog, thenceforth to despair.

I am above the weakness of seeking to rabbits, a small monkey and a cat. This latter was a remarkably large establish a sequence of cause and effect and beautiful animal, entirely black, and between the disaster and the atrocity. sagacious to an astonishing degree. In But I am detailing a chain of facts and speaking of his intelligence my wife, who wish not to leave even a possible link at heart was not a little tinctured with su- imperfect. On the day succeeding the perstition, made frequent allusion to the fire I visited the ruins. The walls, with ancient popular notion which regarded one exception, had failen in. This exception was found in a compartment all black cats as witches in disguise. Pluto-this was the cat's name-was wall, not very thick, which stood about my favorite pet and playmate. I alone the middle of the house, and against fed him, and he attended no wherever I which had rested the head of my bed. went about the house. It was even with difficulty that I could prevent him from ure, resisted the action of the fire-a fact ure, resisted the action of the fire-a fact following me through the streets.

which I attributed to its having been re-Our friendship lasted in this manner cently spread. About this wall a dense What added no doubt to my hatred of for several years, dering which my gen- crowd were collected, and many persons the beast was the discovery on the morneral temperament and character, through seemed to be examining a particular ing after I brought him home that, like the instrumentality of the fiend intem-perance, had (1 blue) confess it) expe-rienced a radical at non for the worse. I grew day by de moody, more ir-ritable, more regardie of the feelings of portion of it with very minute and eager attention. The words "Strange!" "Sin-gular!" and other similar expressions ex-gular!" and other similar expressions excited my curiosity. I approached and saw, as if graven in bas-relief upon the gree that humanity of feeling which had vented from hardening. Moreover, inothers. I suffered myself to use intemwhite surface, the figure of a gigantic once been my distinguishing trait and perate language to my wife. At length 1 cat. The impression was given with an the source of many of my pleasures.

even offered her personal violence. rope about the animal's neck. My pets of course were made to feel the change in my disposition. I not only

neglected but ill used them. For Pluto, however, I still retained sufficient regard to restrain me from maltreating him, as alcohol?-and at length even Pluto, who

unutterable loathing and to flee silently from its odious presence.



It was a black cat-a very large one.

for I could scarcely regard it as less, my pertinacity which it would be difficult to wonder and usy terror were extreme. make the reader comprehend. When- whole up as before, so that no eye could But at length reflection came to my aid. ever I sat it would crouch beneath my detect anything suspicious. I made no scruple of maltreating the The cat, I remembered, had been hung chair or spring upon my knees, covering rabbits, the monkey or even the dog inagarden adjacent to the house. Upon me with its loathsome caresses. If I custom formerly prevailed for the friends when by accident or through affection the alarm of fire this garden had been arose to walk, it would get between my dislodged the bricks, and having careof a bride and bridegroom to join in they came in my way. But my disease immediately filled by the crowd, by feet, and thus nearly throw me down, or, fully deposited the body against the insome one of whom the animal must fastening its long and sharp claws in my ner wall I propped it in that position, have been cut from the tree and thrown, dress, clamber in this manner to my while with little trouble I relaid the was used as a family register, on which was now becoming old and consequently through an open window, into my cham- breast. At such times, although I longed the births, marriages and deaths were somewhat peevish, even Pluto began to ber. This had probably been done with to destroy it with a blow, I was yet withrecorded. Some of these old cheeses experience the effects of my ill temper. a view of aronsing me from sleep. The held from so doing, partly by a memory One night, returning home much in- falling of other walls had compressed of my former crime, but chiefly-let me toxicated from one of my haunts about | the victim of my cruelty into the sub- confessit-by absolute dread of the beast. town, I fancied that the cat avoided my stance of the freshly spread plaster, the This dread was not exactly a dread of presence. I seized him, when in his lime of which, with the flames and the physical evil-and yet I should be at a fright at my violence be inflicted a slight ammonia from the carcass, had ther loss how otherwise to define it. I am alwound upon my hand with his teeth. accomplished the portraiture as I saw it. most ashamed to own-yes, even in this Although I thus readily accounted to felon's cell, I am almost ashamed to own my reason, if not altogether to my con- - that the terror and horror with which science, for the startling fact just de- the animal inspired me had been heighttailed, it did not the less fail to make a ened by one of the merest chimeras it deep impression upon my fancy. For would be possible to conceive. My wife months I could not rid myself of the bad called my attention more than once phantasm of the cat, and during this to the character of the mark of white period there came back into my spirit a hair, of which I have spoken, and which alf sentiment that seemed, but was not, | constituted the sole visible difference beremorse. I went so far as to regret the tween the strange beast and the one I had loss of the animal and to look about me, destroyed.

among the vile haunts which I now ha- The reader will remember that this bitually frequented, for another pet of mark, although large, had been origithe same species and of somewhat simi- nally very indefinite. But by slow delar appearance with which to supply its grees-degrees nearly imperceptible, and which for a long time my reason strug-

rage more than demoniacal, I withdrew my arm from her grasp and buried the ax in her brain. She fell dead upon the spot without a groan.

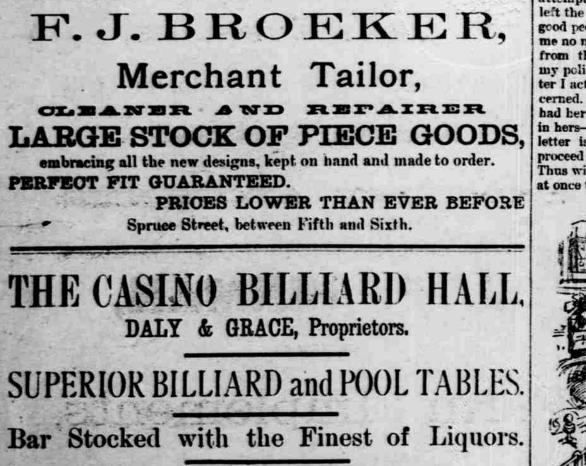
This hideous murder accomplished, I set myself forthwith and with entire deliberation to the task of concealing the body. I knew that I could not remove it from the house, either by day or by night, without the risk of being observed by the neighbors. Many projects entered my mind. At one period I thought of cutting the corpse into minute fragments and destroying them by fire. At another I resolved to dig a grave for it in the floor of the cellar. Again I deliberated about casting it into the well in the yard; about packing it in a box, as if merchandise, with the usual arrangements, and so getting a porter to take it from the house. Finally I hit upon what I considered a far better expedient than either of these. I determined to wall it ap in the cellar, as the monks of the hiddle ages are recorded to have walled

ap their victims. For a parpose such as this the cellar one of the walls was a projection, caused by a false chimzey or fireplace that had accuracy truly marvelous. There was a With my aversion to this cat, however, been filled up and made to resemble the its partiality for myself seemed to in- rest of the cellar. I made no doubt that When I first beheld this apparition, crease. It followed my footsteps with a I could readily displace the bricks at this point, insert the corpse and wall the

> And in this calculation I was not deceived. By means of a crowbar I easily whole structure as it originally stood. Having procured mortar, sand and hair, with every possible precaution I prepared a plaster which could not be distinguished from the old, and with this I very carefully went over the new brickwork. When I had finished, I felt satisfied that all was right. The wall did not present the slightest appearance of having been disturbed. The rubbish on the floor was picked up with the minutest care. I looked around triumphantly and said to myself, "Here at least, then, my labor has not been in vain."

My next step was to look for the beast which had been the cause of so much wretchedness, for I had at length firmly resolved to put it to death. Had I been able to meet with it at the moment there could have been no doubt of its fate, but it appeared that the crafty animal had been alarmed at the violence of my previous anger and forbore to present itself in my present mood. It is impossible to CONCLUDED ON FOURTH PAGE.





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good people of Paris might have heard of and need constant attention. me no more. But I had an object apart from these considerations. You know The use of drapery in ideal art is as my political prepossessions. In this mat- purely for artistic reasons as is its abter I act as a partisan of the lady con- sence and has nothing to do with the cerned. For 18 months the minister has propriety of clothing. had her in his power. She has now him

in hers—since, being unaware that the letter is not in his possession, he will The mooted question of the cancer proproceed with his exactions as if it was, ducing qualities of tomatoes has been set-Thus will he inevitably commit himself tled. It is affirmed on the testimony of at once to his political destruction. two or three experts that this toothsome

and indispensable vegetable has no such malign tendency and may be eaten with confidence.

One man may eat half as much again as another simply because he has got into the habit of eating largely. There is no doubt that almost all of us eat more than is really needful to keep us in a proper state of health.

original soul seemed at once to take its flight from my body, and a more than fiendish malevolence, gin nurtured, thrilled every fiber of my frame. I took from my waistcoat pocket a penknife, opened it, grasped the poor beast by the throat and deliberately cut one of its eyes from the socket! I blush, I burn, I shudder while I pen the damnable atroc-

The fury of a demon instantly possessed

me. 1 knew myself no longer. My

When reason returned with the morning-when I had slept off the fumes of the night's debauch-1 experienced a sentiment half of horror, half of re-

morse, for the crime of which I had been guilty. But it was at best a feeble and equivocal feeling, and the soul remained untouched. I again plunged into excess and soon drowned in wine all memory of the deed.

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