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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.  Land Office at North Platte, Neb., !  April 15th, 1893.  Notice is hereby given that the following- named settler has filed notice of his injention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver of the U. S. Land Office at North Platte, Neb., on June 5, 1893, viz: Ashley Peters, who made Homestead Entry No. 17,076 for the north half southwest quarter south half north- west quarter section 22, township 15 north, range 29 west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultiva- tion of said land, viz: Welman Stearns, Chas. B, Jordan, Hugh T. Crockett and William Ross, all of North Platte, Nebr.  156  A. S. BALDWIN Register.	Peter B. Wycoff and John F. Dillon, executors of the estate of Sidney Dillon, deceased, Isaac Dillon and Chester W. Collins, doing business under the name and style of Dillon, Collins & Company, plaintiffs, filed their petition in the district court			
LEGAL NOTICES.	be declared null and void as against the title and estate of said Dillon, Collins & Company, and that said defendants, and each of them, be perpetually			
PROBATE NOTICE.  In the matter of the Estate of George Hawley, Deceased.  Notice is hereby given that the creditors of said deceased will meet the executor of said estate before me, county judge of Lincoln county, Nebraska, at the county court room in said county, on the 26th day of August, 1893, on the 26th day of September, 1893, and on the 26th day of October, 1893, at one o'clock p. m. of each day, for the purpose of presenting their claims for examination, adjustment and allowance. Six months are allowed for creditors to present their claims and eight months for the executor to settle said estate from the 26th day of April, 1893. This notice will	enjoined from claiming any right, title, interest or estate in and to said premises, and that they and each of them be perpetually enjoined from interfering in any manner with the possession of said Dillon, Collins & Company in and to said premises; and praying further that the said cloud upon the title to said premises by reason of the failure of the records of Lincoln county, Nebraska, to show the certain deed made and executed by said defendant, William J. Ferrell to Morrell C. Keith, conveying to said Keith said premises herein above described, be removed and for such other and further relief as to the court may appear just and equitable. You are required to answer said petition on or before the 12th day of June, 1853.			
be published in the North Platte Tribune news- paper for four weeks successively on and after the 26th day of April, 1893.  164 JAMES M. RAY, County Judge.	Dated May 2d, 1893.  GRIMES & WILCOX,  Attorneys for Plaintiffs.  SHERIFF'S SALE.			
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CHATTEL MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a chattle mortgage dated on the 30th day of July A. D., 1891, and duly filed in the office of the county clerk of Lincoln county, Nebraska, on the 3d day of August, 1891, and executed by J. H. Allison to J. C. Honaker to secure the payment of the sum of \$180.00 and upon which there is now due the sum of \$10.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from the 30th day of July, 1891.

Default having been made in the payment of said sum and no suit at law ever having been instituted to secure said amount, therefore I will sell the property therein described, viz:

One black mare mule about three years old called "Fannie," known as P. F. Farrell mule, weight about 900 pounds; one sorrel mare mule about three years old called "Fiory", known as the Risher mule, weight about 900 pounds, white spot in face, slit in one ear; one bay mare colt about six weeks old by the side of last named mare, with three white feet and white strip down face; one Courtland baggy, side bar spring, running gear painted wine color, box painted black, has top and is all teet and white strip down face; one Courtaind buggy, side bar spring, running gear painted wine color, box painted black, has top and is all complete; also the increase of the above stock, at public auction at the house of D. McNicol, Sr., in Myrtle precinct, Lincoln county, Nebraska, on the 27th day of May, 1893, at 11 o'clock a. m., of said day

J. C. HONAKER, Mortgagee. gagee. 163 Att'y for Mortgagee.

By virtue of an order of sale issued by W. C. Elder, clerk of the District court of Lincoln county Nebraska, upon a decree and judgment rendered by said court in favor of Charles S. Seaver and against Axel F. Westin, I have levied upon the following described real estate as the property of the said Axel F. Westin, to-wit: Southeast quarter (S. E. ½) Section ten (10). Township sixteen (16) north of Range twenty-seven (27) west of Sixth Principal Meridian, in Lincoln county, Nebraska, and I will on the 17th day of June, 1893, at one o'clock p. m. of said day, at the county, in North Platte, Nebraska, sell said real estate at public auction, to the highest hidder for cash, to satisfy said order of sale, the amount due thereon in the aggregate being the sum of \$223.65, and \$28.83 costs, and probable increase costs, with interest on said decree and judgment.

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was attacked by a cough, and at once began to take a medicine much adver-tised as an expectorant, and continued using it until I had taken about six bottles. Instead of giving me relief, it only made me worse. I tried several other remedies, but all in vain, and I don't think I had three whole nights' rest during my illness. I began to think that

#### Consumption

had laid hold of me, and my hopes of recovery were all gone. I was a mere skeleton, but a friend of mine, who had been some time away, called to see me. He recommended me to try Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, and kindly sending me a bottle, I took it, but with little hopes of recovery. I am thankful, however, to say that it cured me, and I am to-day enjoying the best of health."—

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before, and continuing the extension in a
straight line to the distance of 50 feet, a
spot was indicated, removed by several
yards from the point at which we had
been digging.

Around the new position a circle
somewhat larger than in the former instance was now described, and we again
set to work with the spades. I was
dreadfully weary, but scarcely understanding what had occasioned the change
in my thoughts I felt no longer any
to reat aversion from the labor imposed. Compare them for your own satis- in my thoughts I felt no longer any faction. The insurance alone is great aversion from the labor imposed. worth your money, as it enables I had become most unaccountably in-

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he exclaimed, as if in a soliloquy:

style! Ain't you shamed ob yourself, nigger? Answer me dat!"

should arouse both master and valet to It was growing late, and it behoved us when I made my sketch of the scarabæns. Chance. was difficult to say what should be deliberation, and much time was spent in deliberation, were the ideas of all. We enabled, with some trouble, to raise it from the hole. The articles taken out were deposited among the brambles and the dog left to guard them, with strict orders from Jupiter neither upon any which last night's adventure brought pretense to stir from the spot nor to to so magnificent a demonstration. I Also two-seated Surrey, Farm open his mouth until our return. Wagon, Harness and Buggy. To

We then hurriedly made for home with the chest, reaching the hut in safety, but

time, we deposited our golden burdens just as the first faint streaks of dawn gleamed from over the tree tops in the east. We were now thoroughly broken down, but the intense excitement of the time NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA, denied us repose. After an unquiet slum-

### THE GOLDBUG

By EDGAR ALLAN POE

[CONTINUED.]

"Oh, my golly, Massa Will, ain't dis ere my lef' eye for sartain?" roared the terrified Jupiter, placing his hand upon his right organ of vision and holding it there with a desperate pertinacity, as if in immediate dread of his master's at-

tempt at a gouge.

"I thought so—I knew it! Hurrah!"

vociferated Legrand, letting the negro
go and executing a series of curvets and
caracoles, much to the astonishment of his valet, who, arising from his knees, looked mutely from his master to myself and then from myself to his master.

"Come, we must go back!" said the latter; "the game's not up yet." And he again led the way to the tulip tree.

"Jupiter," said he when we reached the foot, "come here! Was the skull nailed to the limb with the face outward or with the face to the limb?" "De face was out, massa, so dat de crows could get at de eyes good widout

"Well, then, was it this eye or that That old reliable, the Daily State Here Legrand touched each of Jupi-

every man to protect his family.

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rupted by the violent howlings of the from corrosion, but all were richly jewdog. His uneasiness in the first instance had been evidently but the result of We estimated the entire contents. playfulness or caprice, but he now as- the chest that night at \$1,500,000, and sumed a bitter and serious tone. Upon upon the subsequent disposal of the Jupiter's again attempting to muzzle trinkets and jewels (a few being retained him, he made furious resistance, and leaping into the hole tore up the mold

frantically with his claws. In a few seconds he had uncovered a mass of human bones, forming two complete skeletons, intermingled with several buttons of metal, and what appeared to be the dust of decayed woolen. One or two strokes of a spade upturned the blade of a large Spanish knife, and as full detail of all the circumstances conwedug farther three or four loose pieces of gold and silver coin came to light.

extreme disappointment. He urged us, you for insisting that my drawing re-We now worked in earnest, and never did I pass 10 minutes of more intense ex-

citement. During this interval we had wonderful hardness, had plainly been subjected to some mineralizing process perhaps that of the bichloride of mercury. This box was 3½ feet long, 3 feet broad and 2½ feet deep. It was firmly secure'l by bands of wrought iron, riveted,

and forming a kind of open trellis work over the whole. On each side of the chest near the top were three rings of ironthought of the "complexion," have been surprised and delighted beyond measure at this unlooked for result.

near the top were three rings of six in all—by means of which a first could be obtained by six persons.

Our utmost united endeavors six in all-by means of which a firm hold Our utmost united endeavors served

bility of removing so great a weight. Luckily the sole fastenings of the lid consisted of two sliding bolts. These we drew back, trembling and panting with anxiety. In an instant a treasure of incalculable value lay gleaming before us. As the rays of the lanterns fell within the pit there flashed upward a glow and a glare from a confused heap of gold and of jewels that absolutely dazzled our

I shall not pretend to describe the feel-ings with which I gazed. Amazement was of course predominant. Legrand appeared exhausted with excitement and spoke very few words. Jupiter's counof things for any negro's visage to assume. He seemed stupefied-thunderstricken. Presently he fell upon his knees in the pit, and burying his naked arms up to the elbows in gold let them there remain, as if enjoying the luxury

It became necessary at last that I

after excessive toil at 1 o'clock in the morning. Worn out as we were, it was not in human nature to do more immediately. We rested until 2 and had supper, starting for the hills immediately afterward, armed with three stout sacks, which, by good luck, were upon the premises. A little before 4 we arrived at the pit, divided the remainder of the booty as equally as might be among us, and leaving the holes unfilled again set out for the hut, at which, for the second

ber of some three or four hours' duration amination of our treasure.

we arose, as if by preconcert, to make ex-The chest had been full to the brim, and we spent the whole day and the greater rart of the next night in a scrutiny of its contents. There had been nothing like order or arrangment. Everything had been heaped in promiscuously. Having assorted all with care, we found ourselves possessed of even vaster wealth than we had at first supposed. In coin there was rather more than \$450,000—estimating the value of the pieces as accurately as we could by the tables of the period.

There was not a particle of silver. All was gold of antique date and of great variety—French, Spanish and German money, with a few English guineas, and some counters of which we had never seen specimens before. There were several very large and heavy coins so worn that we could make nothing of their inscriptions. There was no America: money. The value of the jewels we found more difficulty in estimating. There were diamonds, some of them exceedingly large and fine, 110 in all and not one of them small; 18 rubies of remarkable brilliancy; 310 emeralds, all very beautiful, and 21 sapphires, with an opal. These stones had all been broken from their settings and thrown loose in the chest. The settings themselves, which we picked out from among the other gold, appeared to have been beaten up with hammers, as if to



Besides all this, there was a vast quantity of solid gold ornaments-nearly 200 massive finger and earrings; rich chains -30 of these, if I remember-83 very large and heavy crucifixes; five gold centhere was something amid all the extravagant demeanor of Legrand—some air of forethought or of deliberation—which impressed me. I dug eagerly and now and then caught myself actually looking, with something that very much looking looking. It was just such a slip indeed as might have been chosen for a memoral looking looking. It was just such a slip indeed looking sers of great value; a prodigious golden punch bowl, ornamented with richly Prof. H. Hirschberg will be in North Platte Nebraska from May 15th to 20th and while there will adjust glasses to all in need of such, and will make no charges for con
looking, with something that very much resembled expectation, for the fancied treasure, the vision of which had demented my unfortunate companion.

At a period when such vagaries of thought most fully possessed me, and when we had been at work perhaps an very old, and as timekeepers valueless, thought most fully possessed me, and when we had been at work perhaps an hour and a half, we were again inter-

> for ou: own use) it was found that we had greatly undervalued the treasure. When at length we had concluded our examination and the intense excitement of the time had in some measure subsided, Legrand, who saw that I was dving with impatience for a solution of this

nected with it. "You remember," said he, "the night At sight of these the joy of Jupiter could scarcely be restrained, but the countenance of his master wore an air of lect also that I became quite vexed at when I handed you the rough sketch I however, to continue our exertions, and sembled a death's head. When you first excess or imperfect eliminations of pigment, to say nothing of more decided forms of disease. All these varied forms fall directly within the remark had some little foundation in fact. Still the sneer at my graphic powers irritated me-for I am considered a good artist-and therefore, when you handed me the scrap of parchment I was about to crumple it up and throw

it angrily into the fire." "The scrap of paper, you mean, "No; it had much of the appearance of paper, and at first I supposed it to be such, but when I came to draw upon it I discovered it at once to be a piece of very thin parchment. It was quite dirty, you remember. Well, as I was in the very act of crumpling it up my glance fell upon the sketch at which you had been looking, and you may imagine my astonishment when I per-ceived in fact the figure of a death's head just where, it seemed to me, I had made the drawing of the beetle. For a moment I was too much amazed to think with

accuracy. I knew that my design was

very different in detail from this-although there was a certain similarity in general outline. Presently I took a candle, and seating myself at the other end of the room proceeded to scrutinize the parchment more closely. Upon turning it over I saw my own sketch upon the reverse just as I had made it. My first idea now was mere surprise at the really remarkable similarity of outline-at the singular coincidence involved in the fact that, untenance wore for some minutes as dead-ly a pallor as it is possible in the nature known to me, there should have been a the scarabæus, and that this skull, not only in outline, but in size, should so closely resemble my drawing. I say the singularity of this coincidence absolutely stupefied me for a time. This is the usual effect of such coincidences. The of a bath. At length with a deep sigh | mind struggles to establish a convection

e exclaimed, as if in a soliloquy:

—a sequence of cause and effect—and
being unable to do so suffers a species Careful attention given to lettering of every description. Jobbing done on short notice. Orders solicited and estithere dawned upon me gradually a conviction which startled me even far more than the coincidence. I began distinctly, positively, to remember that there had the expediency of removing the treasure. been no drawing upon the parchment to make exertion, that we might get everything housed before daylight. It was difficult to say what should be done, when I made my sketch of the scarable is.

I became perfectly certain of this, for I recollected turning up first one side and then the other in search of the cleanest spot. Had the skull been then there, of course I could not have failed to notice finally lightened the box by removing it. Here was indeed a mystery which I two-thirds of its contents, when we were | felt it impossible to explain, but even at that early moment there seemed to glimmer faintly within the most remote and secret chambers of my intellect a glow-

> ment securely away dismissed all further reflection until I should be alone. "When you had gone and when Jupiter was fast asleep, I betook myself to a more methodical investigation of the affair. In the first place, I considered the manner in which the parchment had come into my possession. The spet where we discovered the scarabæus was on the coast of the mainland, about a mile eastward of the island and but a short distance above high water mark. Upon my taking hold of it, it gave me a sharp bite, which caused me to let it drop.

wormlike conception of that truth

to so magnificent a demonstration. I

arose at once, and putting the parch-

"Jupiter, with his accustomed caution. before seizing the insect, which had flown toward him, looked about him for a leaf or something of that nature by which to take hold of it. It was at this moment that his eyes, and mine also,

fell upon the scrap of parchment which I then supposed to be paper. It was lying half buried in the sand, a corner sticking up. Near the spot where we found it I observed the remnants of the hull of what appeared to have been a ship's longboat. The wreck seemed to have been there for a very great while, for the resemblance to boat timbers could

scarcely be traced. "Well, Jupiter picked up the parchment, wrapped the beetle in it and gave it to me. Soon afterward we turned to go home and on the way met Lieutenant G. I showed him the insect, and he begged me to let him take it to the fort.
Upon my consenting he thrust it forthwith into his waistcoat pocket without the parchment in which it had been wrapped, and which I had continued to hold in my hand during his inspection. Perhaps he dreaded my changing my mind and thought it best to make sure of the prize at once—you know how en-thusiastic he is on all subjects con-nected with natural history. At the same time, without being conscious of it, I must have deposited the parchment in my own pocket.

"You remember that when I went to the table for the purpose of making a sketch of the beetle I found no paper where it was usually kept. I looked in the drawer and found none there. I searched my pockets, hoping to find an old letter, when my hand fell upon the parchment. I thus detail the precise mode in which it came into my possession, for the circumstances impressed me with peculiar force.

"Nodoubt you will think me fanciful, but I had already established a kind of connection. I had put together two links of a great chain. There was a boat lying upon a seacoast, and not far from the boat was a parchment—not a paper—with a skull depicted upon it. You will of course ask, 'Where is the connection?' I reply that the skull or death's head is the well known emblem of the

pirate. The flag of the death's head i oisted in all engagements.
"I have said that the scrap was parchment and not paper. Parchment is durable—almost imperishable. Matters of little moment are rarely consigned to parchment, since for the mere ordinary purposes of drawing or writing it is not nearly so well adapted as paper. This reflection suggested some meaning-some relevancy—in the death's head. I did not fail to observe also the form of the parch-

"But," I interposed, "you say that the skull was not upon the parchment when you made the drawing of the beetle. How, then, do you trace any connection be-tween the boat and the skull, since this latter, according to your own admission, must have been designed (God only knows We estimated the entire contents of how or by whom) at some period subsequent to your sketching the scarabæus?



"Ah, hereupon turns the whole mysery, although the secret at this point I and comparatively little difficulty in solving. My steps were sure and could

afford but a single result. I reasoned, for example, thus: When I drew the scarabæus, there was no skull apparent upon the parchment. When I had completed the drawing, I gave it to you and observed you narrowly until you returned it. You therefore did not design the skull, and no one else was present to do it. Then it was not done by human agency. And nevertheless it was done. "At this stage of my reflections I endeavored to remember, and did remember with entire distinctness, every incident which occurred about the period in question. The weather was chilly (oh,

rare and happy accident!) and a fire was blazing upon the hearth. I was heated with exercise and sat near the table. You, however, had drawn a chair close to the chimney. Just as I placed the parchment in your hand, and as you were in the act of inspecting it, Wolf, the Newfoundland, entered and leaped upon your shoulders. With your left hand you caressed him and kept him off, while your right, holding the parchment, was permitted to fall listlessly between your knees and in close proximity to the fire. At one moment I thought the blaze had caught it and was about to caution you, but before I could speak you had withdrawn it and were

engaged in its examination. "When I considered all these particulars, I doubted not for a moment that heat had been the agent in bringing to light upon the parchment the skull which | Perfect Fit, Best Work and Goods as I saw designed upon it. You are well aware that chemical preparations exist, and have existed time out of mind, by means of which it is possible to write upon either paper or vellum so that the characters shall become visible only when subjected to the action of fire. Zaffre digested in aqua regia and di-luted with four times its weight of water is sometimes employed; a green tint results. The regulars of cobalt dissolved in spirit of niter give a red. These colors disappear at longer or shorter intervals after the material written upon cools, but again become apparent upon the reapplication of heat.
"I now scrutinized the death's head

with care. Its outer edges—the edges of the drawing nearest the edge of the vellum-were far more distinct than the others. It was clear that the action of the caloric had been imperfect or unequal. I immediately kindled a fire and subjected every portion of the parch-ment to a glowing heat. At first the only effect was the strengthening of the faint lines in the skull, but upon persevering in the experiment there became visible at the corner of the slip, diagonally opposite to the spot in which the death's head was delineated, the figure of what I at first supposed to be a goat. A closer scrutiny, however, satisfied me that it was intended for a kid."

"Ha! ha!" said I, "to be sure I have no right to laugh at you-\$1,500,000 of money is too serious a matter for mirth -but you are not about to establish a third link in your chain—you will not find any special connection between your pirates and a goat—pirates, you know, have nothing to do with goats; they appertain to the farming interest."

was not that of a goat." "Well, a kid, then-pretty much

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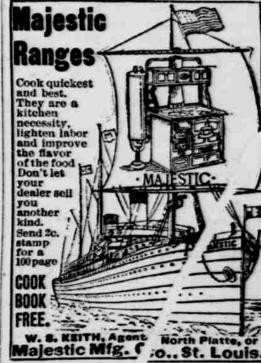
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