A DECOY LETTER. Mr. . . B. Barrett, formerly Chie
Inspector of the United States Secret service, had a queer experience som
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masters of the larger cities.
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"addressed to James Lanceaster a fectitious name. The letter con-
tains a $\$ 10$ bill. I want you to examine it, take the nddress, put it in
that pouch and lock it with your All this was done, and Mr. Barrett day coaches, contidident that the next
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tor of the Postal Service was follow ing him won the other wide of th
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the birds were singing, nnd athough it was high noon the leafy, lotty troe
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 and The goblin damned, like the
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or proposed to drive the ghost into the horse herd and then rope it. He
was unsuccessfol, however, but, ex
hausted his mount and emptied his what more could be required of an
honest cowboy?
As is usually the case the ghost finully melted away, leaving the pur-
suers completely mystifled. Another cowboy met with a similar ad
venture in the same locality last
year, and every range-rider in that
region swears by the Chicago market
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| om Besant's "Fifty Years Ago." <br> There is still swagger, even in ys; cavalry officers in g on boys swagger in their village: undergraduates sw putting on of "side" by the a peculiarly modern form of ; it is the assumption of alities and powers which agger, fifty years ago, liser kind of thing. Officers ed; men of rank swaggered men in military frogs-th onger any mitary frogxrets. The adoption of quiet s; the wearing of rank with alth without ostentation; hout thedesire to bealways it-these are points in wh decidedly in advance of our ore was a great deel of ciat lar, stock and breast pin young fellows of the day publie places they asserted ves; they wereloud in their <br> A Pike County Atery, <br> The Prupaek Croek, in Pike Peanuylvania, is the dw of a monastor mose wo ve the stories told by people |
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