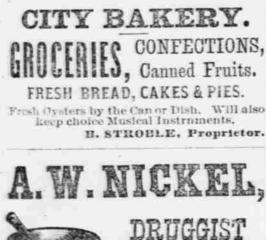
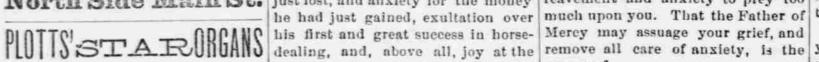


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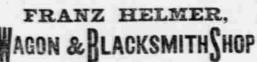
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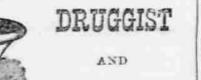
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ed himself on the floor, with his back was only a few days before his own Parlor Organ easily earned by a lady in braced against the latchless door, and bush-whacking exploit, and at the

placing the light between his out- same moment there flashed in the Two Weeks spread heels, took out his treasure and recollection of what Hector had told began to count. As it was all in ten- him in the ferry-boat concerning the dollar bills, ho knew that there should circumstances in which Mr. Johnston



inside waistcoat pocket he had a year tunity for obtaining a safe conduct very handsome youth, and decently canceled, judgments released, and the estimate made by Mr. Richard- "But I shall go further to see it fronted by rebels like unto Ben Hill,

A hundred times during that day's to send it by some sure means only in deterred him from frankly unfolding tionlong you about your affairs, lest pretty property?" he said to himself. worse," said I. journey he furtively hugged his case my plan should fail, and I should his whole case to the mayor, but he I might be troublesome; but now all "Would to God my poor friend had "You are pleased to be witty," said ing amnesty from the government, he breast with his elbow, to make sure be forced to return home by the cir- was able to interest that popular offi- is settled, I would like to know what been spared to enjoy it, and find here he; "but I intend to make some ex- would see it in the penitentiary roll

see me, remember that secrecy is very and there apply to the secretary of the lift his head high enough to observe cupant!" Arrived at the junction he found it important; for sweeping confisca- state board of Agriculture, who would well her beaming features, "you The wife of the overseer opened the cure as the office of our 'stars' terres- and granted amnesty to the repentant would be necessary to pass the night tions are threatened against all prop- be pretty sure to know every great know that we don't own the unin- door, and there entered Mr. Robert trial. Would you like to ascend with thief on the cross, but denied it to there, and insisting on having a room erty of Southerners found at the farmer in Iowa, and possibly could closed township; that's sold and Hagan, who, having called at Square us?"

chamber, whose door he found, to his tives of prudence I mention no names, resided in Chicago. great disgust, was without any means and subscribe none to this epistle; "You might possibly trace up your the stock and implements, besides a for. The appearance of Mr. Richard- lose one's self-the way is likely to congress and on the stump are definor shall I address the envelope until man through our commercial agency good part of last year's crops. Next, son and the reception he gave his vis- be mist! Every one to his taste; the antly There was no sleep for him that the moment comes for sending it off. or detective police," added the maynight. Grief for the friend he had "I beg you will not allow your be- or, "but that would cost you money, just sold for a hundred thousand dol- latter had any idea of-had the effect would not change a spadeful of it for

"Your affectionate husband."

North Side Main St. just lost, and anxiety for the money reavement and anxiety to prey too and your best way is to go straight to lars of the purchase money, Next, of rendering useless and committing cubic miles of blue empyrean." he had just gained, exultation over much upon you. That the Father of the capital. Good morning, sir." "Good morning, sir," responded the dealing, and, above all, joy at the remove all care of anxiety, is the youth. "I am very much obliged to

you, and if you ever come our way I hope you will stop and spend a few

Robert read the mysterious letter at his dress, as he went out, he added, me that was in the deed." "Nothing like store clothes to do enough to keep him stark awake, and twice without having the faintest nomake him long for the hour when the tion that it related to any circumstan- business in."

cars for Nashville and the South ces or concerned any person he ever Arrived at Iowa City, the store sold; it still stands in my name; but, with skirmishing and masked artill- out its hollow cheeks, like the face would come in. But Robert Hagan had knowledge of. On a third read- clothes again had their effect. "Why, yes," said the secretary .- ever was it ours." was not destined to take the Nash- ing there came a slender clew in shape ville train, nor to travel southward; of a vague recollection that Polly, in "The gentleman you want must be strict confidence, had once told him Mr. Richardson. I know him very never tell me so before? Why did relating to Bella, and replied to nu- "You will not accompany me?" As the night wore on, the blood, she believed Bella had been wronged well, and know him to be a very fine you let me set my heart on the beau- merous questions put by Richardson, said my friend; to which I replied in mounting to his head, agitated it with out of some property left by her fath- man."

sions. Among the rest at length came was able to recall that Chicago was of paper, the address, "Samuel Rich- Miles, and have even thought of per- knows concerning the disposition of sist in cutting the ropes," said the doubts that his money had been hon- named in some connection with the ardson, - post office, - county." suading you to build the new house the fund confided to him. "Here is aeronaut in French, which, singular- would attract demons and cause them

tolerable, and he must get up and and then a fifth, and at each reading ed his stars, his breeches, and his light again his candle and learn the the clew grew stronger, though slen- boots.

## CHAPTER XXIII.

"Has ere the sun, since time began, Such scene of plenty met? In standing corn he rose at morn.

The farm of Square Miles, in county, Iowa, is a snug little tract comprising twenty-three thousand

and most comfortable gentlemen's resort in there comes the train; you must be tract of land adjoining his own. I es, he arrayed himself in them and made from the county seat, whither vance in values from the settlement to the aeronautic display. He was an

looked in the glass, he could not, for he went two days ago to consummate of the settlement of the neighbor- entire stranger to me; but not being A few minutes later Robert stepped "And now, my own dear one, I am the life of him, see why he was not some important business. His beau- hood, and the flictitlous advance in superstitious in matters of etiquette, and miles of cemeteries to be populaton board the train bound for \_\_\_\_\_ on my way to you. I shall leave Chi- as genteelly dressed as the most genu- tiful young wife, who sits beside him prices from the superabundance of as we might suppose "a gentleman ed, now stand up in the national Main Street, Brownville, Neb. Junction, with the saddle-bags swung cago to-morrow morning in hope to ine gentleman he had met on the and holds his hand, seems as happy paper money, the property might of distinction" to be, I did not object council and attempt to teach loyal over his shoulder, and two hundred and to this brusque mode of introduction, representatives their, duty. Brave deand fifty ten dollar bills stuffed in an route than I looked for, as an oppor- means, though the glass did show a executed and recorded, mortgages fifty thousand dollars. And such was and so civilly answered "Yes,"

son on a page of foolscap, as he and than you will," continued the gentle- who, as quoted on Tuesday by Blaine, very purpose, and armed with only a offers, which I am disposed to avail The injunction to secrecy the letter "Let me see, then; how do we the overseer of the place sat in con- man; "I intend to ascend with Mons. In a speech made at Atlanta just prior contained-which he did not know it stand ?" said the wife. "You know ference within the parlor of the cot- G."

"This letter is written with intent was no longer necessary to observe- I have always refrained from ques- tage, "A pretty property-a very "You may go farther and fare cal disabilities, said that sooner than

we owe no man any thing-" to oblivion the long and rather Vain declaration! How little did I "Glorious !" exclaimed his wife. one sided conversation he had imagine the horrors that awaited me !

"And next?" "That's all," he said.

days with us." Then looking down don't we own that? You didn't tell he was frankly unfolding his business men, giggling women and insensate,

money paid and deposited.

and laying bare all its weak points to hooting boys. "Turtle's-back, my pretty one, is the man he had prepared and drilled We entered the inclosure. There not in the deeds. It has not been himself to approach as an adversary, was the vast silken bubble, puffing for all that, it is not our property, nor ery. It was only after Robert had of a fat clown when laughing, and

"Oh, Mr. Richardson, why did you of the Johnstons, and particularly all as if impatient to leave our society.

tiful place? Do you know I am more that the latter, in his turn, made the negative. all manner of fancies and apprehen- er; and after further reflection he And he gave the inquirer, on a strip attached to it than I am to Square known what the reader already "Perhaps the gentleman would as-

> "Then twenty-three thousand and ing an exhibit to the heirs whom I ventured to exhibit my knowledge. stocked, with unsold crops sufficient I had made arrangements to go to ure."

and build a handsome house besides, ning of next week. But, after hear- "please take your station."

sum she may be pleased to name as child. Will you go with me ?" pin money, are not enough to content While he said this Robert was try- "No, hold on," said another. possessions of other people, and make "It foots up something over a hun- me, and "held on." In a moment more

ion-caused

## HOMES TO BE DEVASTATED,

fenders of the national honor are conto congress relieving him from politi-

see his name in the roll of those seekrefuge from evil times! What happy amination of those upper regions for of his state. The very right indicatbest advice that could be given : it "In the first place," was his reply, neighbors we would have been! I myself-to ascertain whether the stars ed, seemed to me as a challenge to the car to judge if they were of thiev. "Should you receive it before you was that he should go to Iowa City, as he doubled up his pillow so as to wonder who will now become its oc- celestial are on duty during the day, the administration of Heaven to exor whether theirs is as much a sine- cel it, or to equal it. Christ forgave

the unrepentant. The Republican to himself, was put in a small attic North. You will observe that for mo- tell which one of them had formerly gone. In the next place, we do own Miles, had been sent over to the cot- "No, thank you kindly," said I; administration granted amnesty to the whole of Square Miles, with all tage to find the person he inquired "in getting into the clouds one might the unrepentant, and they strut in

> REBELLIOUS AND HATEFUL AS EVER. I hope you will supply your readers

with Blaine's speech in reply to Hill, in which he quoted from that rebel general's speech to his constituents, c mposed during his journey How little did I foresee my dreadful and committed to memory; and in fate in hanging between the heavens that if the next election resulted in a "All! And Turtle's-back Farm- two minutes after the interview began and the earth, a spectacle to laughing republican victory, he was favorable to another war. And Blaine forced Hill to acknowledge the authority of

the speech. Yet, we are told that the Republican party is a party of hate. Had these men who thus talk lived in the days of 1776 they would doubtless have proposed sending across the told all he knew concerning the fate rising and togging away at the ropes briny chasm a commission to Benedict Arnold as minister to the court of St. James, Just read over the list of democratic M. C's, and in it you

will see names which, if written on THE BATTLEMENTS OF HELL.

Robert invited the secretary also to there instead of here?" And she al- a little statement," he said, "that I ly enough, I understood at that mo- to dance with delerious, demoniacal had prepared for the purpose of mak- ment, though I never before or since joy. And they are not only democrats, but the leaders of that side of forty acres in complete order, well was about going in search of. In fact "Certainly," said I, "with pleas the house. Randall, Cox and Kerr

pale in the presence of Hill, Lamar to pay the next season's expenses, Carolina for that purpose the begin- "Thank you," said the aeronaut; and Creagin. But enough; my mind will not permit courteous language and a hundred thousand dollars fully ing what you have just told me, I He and my friend entered the car. when considering this subject, and secured at eight per cent. interest, out can not delay for a moment. I must I grasped one of the ropes and await- the heart sickens when contemplatof which she shall receive whatever set out to-morrow to look up the poor ed the order. In a moment it came. Ing it. I could only wish that every loyal citizen of Nebraska could rub

against the class spoken of, as I have. grasped the end of the rope still near

\* \* \* - 46 SPIRK.

"Children," said a country minis-

be just two hundred and fifty of them. met his death, it became clear as light and forty acres of land, which is most and times she had no desire to be ed him, but what his ear heard made When the other cut I did the same, would show a fearful deficit in the But his fingers were clumsy, and his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that Morgan's raid through the of it rolling prairie, the rest being rich, but only wanted to be comfort- his eyes blind, and the figures danced and with the direction to hold on I democratic account. mind confused, and he could only Ohio in July, 1863, was the opportu-wooded slopes bordering watercours-able; but she must go and covet the illegibly before them. find at first two hundred and twenty- nity of safe conduct referred to; that es. The surface, while it is sufficientone bills; the next time he counted the riderless mare he, Robert, had is waterinto brisk- berself unhappy becouse she can't dred and fifty thousand, you will see," I was fifty feet from the ground. there were two hundred and thirty- captured was the one the unfortunate ly flowing, clear streams, and thereby own the whole State! Margery, I'm said the other, pointing to the bottom Imagine my suspense ! There was I, six, then two hundred and thirty- gentleman had rode when he was insure as healthy a climate as any ashamed of you."

He read the letter a fourth time, visit him at Stone House, and thank- most whimpered.

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and forty-seven; and only after four of the saddle bags. hours of distressing labor and profuse

worst. After seeing that his window der still. But when he thought to re-

shade was drawn down close, he seat. fer again to the date, which he found

Bella was rich, then, and independ- proved agriculture. Each one of its ent! The free-will offering Robert thirty-six fields is bounded by astroperspiration could he make them

was on his way to lay at her feet was nomically ascertained lines, of which amount to the proper sum. When at length he succeeded, he not needed, nor would it ever be ac- two run straight toward the north

hastily wrapped up the bills, as if cepted, or the intent of the unselfish pole, and two parallel to the equator. fearing, as slang phrase has it, they votary ever be known to her. A pang Each contains six hundred and forty would again "go back on him," and that was selfish came with these acres, or one square mile, and is encrowded the package into his almost thoughts that he was ashamed to feel, closed with a fencing of boards, the

followed, and in some slight degree posts of which are driven into the bursting pocket. "Suppose the stitches should break, assuaged, by the reflection, nearly as ground as piles are driven. The disand it should fall out," he thought, selfish, that to him alone would she tance between the posts is regulated and with the thought came a recollec- owe the discovery of her treasure that by an iron hook just one rod long,

tion of the remark about the secret had been hidden so long, and to him, which trails behind the one-horse pocket. He took the bags, and after and no one else, would she owe the sled that carries the simple driving

first opening and looking at the treas- recovery and realization of it; for he machinery, and by catching the post though I never withheld my own. ure that was not money he had so resolved to start forthwith to Iowa. last driven arrests the further progress For the same reason I was compelled, long secretly carried there, began to But stop! Are you sure you can re- of the sled at a point which insures when I invested the monsy in Tur-

cover it? No name is given. Iowa that the post next to be driven shall tle's-back and its stock and improve-"It can't be very hard to find if is a vast State. There are a good stand just one rod distant from the ments, to do it all in my own name. to have come into her property any- look like so many chicken-coops. there really is one," he reflected. "I many great farmers in it. Then there other. Thus lines of stakes, easily Thus, when my embarrassments

wish, though, I had thought to ask is no proof; no receipt for the money counted, surrounded the field, by came, the whole was subjected to my how to look for it. Don't the bottom was ever given, and as to honor, two means of which its area can be readi- debts, beyond any power I possessed of this one feel stiffer than that of the years and a half have elapsed since ly surveyed and divided, and its cul- to relieve any part of it. What could other? It does, that's a fact. Why, the war closed, and yet the honorable tivation managed with system and I do more than write to my friend,

depositary comes not to look for the ease. At Square Miles all qualities, informing him of my condition, and heirs or representatives of his dead numbers, and measurements are large asking his indulgence until I could and sxact, and easily reckoned. Sheep restore to him his own? This I did as

wife."

in doing which he uncovered an en-"Well," said Robert to himself, af- and hogs are counted by the thous- soon as the war closed ; but the letter, velope that had lain hidden there ter long pondering, "I will go and and, and horned cattle by the hun- on the outside of which I wrote the forty-seven thousand dollars deposit- my doom. First the left hand lost its since the day when he for the first do what I can, and will not let her dred. Every hay stack contains one usual request that it should be return-Are celebrated for their purity of tone, ele- The envelope was not sealed nor ad- know anything about it until I know bundred tons, and every corn crib one ed if it could not be delivered, came the month of July, 1863."

dressed. Within it was a letter which certainly if her property is safe or not. thousand bushels.

If I learn she has been wronged out The ambition of the proprietor, who postmaster: 'All the family dead.'

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"The right heirs of my old friend search for the heirs, whoever they and then alight upon his feet before to hide his emotion. Johnston, who you will remember to might be; but, of course, had I them, cheered sufficiently to drown

have seen here in the summer of 1863. known Bella was living, I would not my voice. The partles in the car Dancing is said to be on the decline He then placed in my hands forty- have waited till this time." After a could not see me. But, by the hat seven thousand dollars, to keep or in- pause Mr. Richardson added: "I now swung occasionally over the side, I to be acting on the hint given by the vest for him as I should think best. see I have done very wrong. I knew they were bowing to the crowd Shah of Persia when he inquired of You knew nothing of the matter, be- should have made more strictinquiry. below. Meanwhile I was swinging the Prince of Wales, at a ball, "Why cause there was danger the money But I am all the more grateful to the like a penduinm below them with don't you employ servants to do this would be confiscated if it were known good friends whose kindness to the only ten fingers to sustain the weight for you?" to be in my hands."

poor child has in so large a measure of 180 pounds (I am rather stout), and "I see; you feared to trust your repaired the ill consequences of my to preserve me from being thinly

This is the kind of weather when a neglect, and to you who have been so spread over the ground beneath, from man seeing his wife coming into the "larding the lean earth" with my room with a scuttle of coal, and after good to her in her late trouble." "But I haven't been good to her. human form divine. What an age of she has poured every bit of it into the I haven't done her any service, after terror! The dome of St. Paul's be- top of the tall stove, says: "Dart it, all," exclaimed Robert, in a distress- came a parsol; wen became ninepins; Hanner, you ought to 'ave asked me ed tone, "since you say she was sure and fine Gothic churches began to to do that. But it's too late now.

"Cut!" said one voice.

how, and no thanks to me." In the meantime my fingers stiffen-"Please to read the heading of the ed, but I clutched the rope with the memorandum you hold," said Mr. energy of despair. I had long ceased Richardson. calling; I had exhausted myself. Robert read as follows: Suddenly a cold perspiration broke

"Memorandum of property held by out upon me I knew my hour had Samuel Richardson in trust for the come. My fingers we slipping down

right heirs of James Johnston; the the rope! Oh, those agonizing mo-

ed by him with said Richordson in hold; and then as I felt the end slipping by the little finger of the right. back, with this indorsement by the No shadow of doubt remained that I gave one brief prayer and fell-out you took Miss Smith to the theatre all Robert had done for Bella-the of bed!

"Oh, we don't mind the fourth story," said an Ohio Congressman's wife in choosing Washington lodgings the other day ; "we can go up and down in the ventillator."

The cry "go west," has changed .-An editorial article in a western paper

To remove dandruff-tell your wife last night.

is headed, "Hop Yeast."