TAR BOLL IN THE FLOOR.

BY LIZZIE CLARE HARDY.

In the primitive days of our grandfa hers' time, When the fire-place, geniai and bright, Its cavernous recesses glowing with flame, Filled the old-fashioned kitchen with light; They used often to gather at close of the day, Round the hearth-stone, that altar of yore, But men of this modern and plorified age, Collect round-a bole in the floor.

The grandfather sat in the chimney pook. . In an old fashioned splint-bottomed chair, And solemnly read from the bleased old Book, Then knelt with the household in pfayer; Their altar the time-bonored hearth-stone with gleams

Of the fire-light flickering o'er. We moderns all worship 'neath fresco and gas, Our altar a hole in the floor.

When from the old hearth-stone the children went forth To join in the soul-thrilling strife

And win them arives laurels or valiantly brave The buffeting surges of lite. Then with world-wearled hearts yearning sadiy for rest. They would seek the old hearth-stone once more:

But we, when aweary with toil and oppressed, Beturn to-the hole in the floor

When the tumult of war overshadowed our land And our forefathers rushed to the fray. To repel the inviders that threatened their homes, Leaving mothers and daughters to pray-The thoughts of their hearthstones gave strength

to their arms And thrilled their brave hearts to the core. But our heroes when called on their homes to de-

Must fight for-a hole in the floor.

fend

Then let us rejoice that we live in an age When instead of the hearth-stone's bright glow Or the cavernous fire place cherry with flames, We have "modern improvements," you know, And when we converse of those primitive times, And the jolly old customs of yore, We will laugh as you think of their old-fashioned

WAYS. As we sit round-the hole in the floor. -[Scribner for January (Bri-a-Brac.

SPECTRAL SHADOWS.

Without, the wind howled dismally and the rain beat upon the window frames; within, the fire burned cheerfully, and the flickering flames cast gaunt shadows upon the wall.

Seated beside the glowing embers, young man of twenty-two, with his face buried in his hands, rocked softly to and fro. To him the firelight's warm glew was nothing, for the howling wind without was in accord with the heart beating in his breast.

As Waiter Melmer sat thus to-night, he was thinking over his life. Orphaned at an early age, he had been thrown upon the bounty of a stern uncle. So long as the small amount left by his father lasted, he was wel-

ax little Mary Ellen, as is me sister's footsteps in the hall, outside his door. -rist her sowl -own daughter, as ef there waz ony letther for yes; and the excited brain was "Roberts!" Walter hol or chloral, the effect soon becoming the past year was 687,446. There were

was no coward. Blowing out his light, child-bless her purty eyes-says no says she. Av coorse she didn't know it open noiselessly. ony betther, seein' as she was out whin the postmon kim; and seein' as I was't in whin yez arrived yezel'. Here it is, held a sight that froze his blood with plaze yez, sur; an'ef yez is goin' ter stay horror.

ony longer, yer rint must be paid tomorry !"

She banged the door after her and waddled down the carpetless stairway Hastily tearing open the envelope, Walter scanned the well-remembered mainma. writing.

"Bless the dear old fellow!" he cried 'I knew he wouldn't forget me. What's this? another paper-a money order for twenty-five dollars in advance! God bless his dear old heart!" Casting on the remaining log it soon caught fire, and by its genial light he read the following:

"CLINTON, December 28, 18-. Dear roof. Old Walt: Your letter received. Why did you not write sooner? Of course UD. the governor can find a place for you. He's as jolly as a skylark for-worse luck !-- he has married again-a woman fairer than a lily and more lovely than into space. a siren : but a snake. Walter, a poisonous snake! I have little more to say. save that Andy White, our dear old

chum, was found dead on his couch about a month ago at his home in Clairville-which, apropos, was the home of my step-mamma. Accompanying this

you will find a Post-office order for twenty-five dollars (\$25), which I trust murderess." will be sufficient to defray your ex-"I do not understand." penses to our home. Ever your friend,

FRANK J. LYLE. wife of Andy White. They quarreled "Hurrah! cried Walter, waving the letter above his head ; "Thank heaven, and parted over a simple girl. This is I'm saved from a suicide's fate. I'll well known. Yet until this hour I did start to-morrow for Clinton-bless old not suspect poor Andy died foully." Frank! The dark clonds have drifted asunder, and the saphire sky shows this?" asked Walter. clear beyond." Frank turned quickly.

He was as good as his word. The early train found him nestled amid the cushions and speeding along like the wind.

All day long the train dashed along; now through a dark tunnel, under the ness to these shadows." leafless trees through whose sear boughs

the winter wind howled dismally: un-

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reached the amount of from weive to sixteen grains per diem. The symp-Gliding like a ghost along the detoms seemed to be very mu h like serted hallway-her snowy night-robe those of opium eating. One lady took fluttering softly, while her glorious to morphia injections, after she had wealth of golden hair fell around her become acquainted with their effect, in like a shimmering veil-he saw the form of Maud Lyle, his friend's stepber male relations in the field weighed

Close held in her jeweled fingers, she too heavily on her mind to stand the clutched a weight of tuberoses, whose mental stress. After she had practiced deathly perfume filled the midnight air. the soothing operation four years her Hovering above her head, with face showed a grayish leaden hue; the clasped hands and gleaming eyes, he bepupils became the size of a pin's head. held the wraith of Andy White. Violent shiverings after the type of Nearer and nearer drew the specter tertian fever, hypersethesia and neuto the woman, until clasping her wrist ralgia, dislike for meat diet, great weakin its airy grasp, it led her toward the ness, inability to pursue any continued

occupation, existed, with unimpaired In a moment Walter's mind was made intellect and memory in the well-edu-Quickly awakeniag Frank, the cated and clever patient. She was cured twain ascended the stairs leading to the in the space of four weeks by gradual house-top, and emerged into the air in deprivation of the drug. If patients time to see the specter ere it had faded subject to this kind of disease become aware of their state they are apt to

With a sigh the somnambulist rechange it into alcoholism. The wife of traced her steps, followed by the two a medical man who saw in a book on men, until her chamber door hid her materia medica that alcohol was considered an antidote for morphia, be-Pale as ashes, Frank looked at Walcame a confirmed drunkard. The ter, who met his glance with the inauthor observed four similar cases. In quiry: "How do you make it out?" two other cases the patients committed "I have thought her bad, but never a suicide, and two died from marasmus. These last four had refused medical treatment. The task of the physician seems to be always a very difficult one, the ripping of the stitches. Try it. "Maud Lyle was once the betrothed as it is impossible to wean these patients from their habit unless they are treated like prisoners, searched before admission to the hospital or sick room, put "What reason have you for believing under the guard of attendants inaccessible to bribery, and cut off from all Powder. communication with the outer world

Remarkable Coincidence.

before the critical time has passed. The "His shadow following close upon her most highly educated and otherwise footsteps, and her abhorrence of the respectable will tell any amount of hes flowers by whose fatal perfume he died. and perjure themselves to procure the Let us retire now. By this hour toaccustomed poison. Like dipsomania morrow night my father must be a witand opium eating, the morphia disease degrades the moral character.

At the breafast table they met again, and after the bride-wife had left th room Frank began his tale.

from their view.

The total number of pupils enrolled The first thought flashing across his | controlled internal use of opium, alco in the public schools of Illinois during weaker, the dose has been increased, over 22,000 teachers. The total expendihe stepped softly to his door and swung and, in some cases related by the phy- tures for the year were \$8,468 129 18. sician of the private maiso ' de sante at The balance on hand at the end of the Peering into the deep gloom, he be- Berlin in the Klin. Wo 'enschrift, year is \$1.680,200.24. The average monthly wages paid to male teachers was \$47.96; to female teachers, \$33.30

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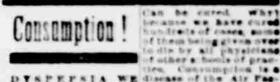
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come beneath Hugh Catheric's roof; but when the last penny had passed into the schoolmaster's hands, his uncle gave him to understand his welcome went with it.

Thus he went out upon the world a youth of nineteen, and strove to woo the fickle goddess-Fortune. Enterprising and bright, he had secured a position and occupied it for the space of three years. But now he had lost it. The firm was about to give up business, and so Walter found himself penniless and alone in the great city, amid winter's chill, and with hundreds of ablebodied men thrown out of work and idling away their time while their grip. families starved. He had written to his firm friend and former schoolmate, Frank Lyle, and implored him to secure him a position among his father's many factories.

When he left school Frank had said: "When you are in trouble, Walter, come to me;" and so he had written. Four days had gone past and still no answer came.

Night after night Walter had wrapped upon the landlady's door and inquired for letters; but none-always that one

True, this night he had seen only the niece of the housekeeper, but she would know surely if there were any, and she shook her head when he asked. Somewhat sadly, he thought, as if she, child as she was, were sorry for him.

During the idle time he had passed all his ready money flew, and now he could see before him only a grave in the snow-bank with the bleak December wind howling above him.

Was it to be wondered, then, that his heart lay like lead in his bosom; that despair filled his soul, and a thousand horrible thoughts filled his mind?

Every gust of wind, every drop of rain seemed to murmur in his ears: "Kill! kill!"

No, no! He could not do that; he fellow creature, to keep life within himself.

Then the ghostly shadows limned by the firelight upon the plaster seemed to take voice and murmur in turn, "Die! die !"

Ah, but how? True, there was the river, beneath whose icy surface forgetfulness and oblivion held sway. A dozen times had he turned toward the swollen stream, and a dozen times, as he beheld the great blocks of ice hurled hither and thither by the raging tide. he had turned away again.

til, just as night was stealing over the earth, they shot into the depot and halt-

The guard flung open the door of the ar and bawled aloud:

"Clinton!" and then sped away. Uttering a sigh of relief, Walter rose from his seat and emerged into the open air.

Hardly had his feet touched the platform than his hand was siezed in a nearty grasp, and a jolly voice cried out: 'Hello, Walter, eld boy!" "Why, Frank!"

"All his bundles were dropped, and his friend's hand clenched in a hearty the ghostly form led the sleeping woman

waiting to conduct you to the houseyour home henceforth; you are father's secretary now."

A great lump rose in Walter's throat, and the briny tears gathered in his eyes. "O. Frank!" was all he could murmur as he was hurried into the carriage, and driven rapidly away.

"And so poor Andy White is dead." said Walter, when they were comfortably seated.

"Yes," returned Frank, "and died in such a mysterious manner. His body was found, as I wrote you, lying upon the couch close by the open window and on his breast a hundred stems of tuberoses.'

"I don't understand," said Walter, bewildered. "Surely the tuberoses did not kill him."

Ah! but they did, though. Dr. Ray mond was called in, and testified to the fact. He stated that half the number lying upon his breast was sufficient to produce suffocation when placed in such close proximity to the nostrils. It was never known where he got the flowers space. from, and for what; but it is quite evident he had fallen asleep with them on his breast and they had stolen his life But here we are-home. Jump out!"

would starve, die, rot in the streets ere introduced to all the members of the into the house, where Walter was duly of Andy White faded away forever. his hand should shed the blood of a family, with the exception of the bride, who was complaining of a headache, and so, did not leave her room.

Walter was up with the lark, and in wandering through the conservatory he saw hidden away in a warm, secluded corner a tuberose in full bloom. Pluck- hidden away he keeps a withered bunch ing one of the blossoms he pinned it to of those fatal flowers, the sole remem the lapel of his coat and proceeded brance of those terrible shadows .- N toward the breakfast room.

As he entered the room, he beheld a woman-beautiful as an angel-bend-

Of course, Mr. Lyle pooh-poohed the owing: idea as preposterous-too outlandish for belief; but nevertheless, half an hour before midnight he passed into Walter's room, and waited the hour's approach which was to reward this strange sight. As the great clock struck the first chime of midnight's witching hour his frame shook like one in a fit of ague. Eleven, twelve, the iron tongue proclaimed, and, as the sound died slowly money on his wife's property, the wife away, again the footsteps pressed the giving a mortgage. The money was carpeted hall. Swinging open the door, spent in dissipation, the wife became a Frank pointed into the darkness where

towards the roof. A great sob broke "Home," said Frank; "the carriage is from the old man's lips as he followed the younger men into the wake of the vision.

"Hist!' cried Frank, as they emerged upon the roof, "she is speaking." "Soft, soft," cried the somnambulist the instrument was executed. The gen-"Hesleeps; she shall not tear him from tleman knew that a niece of his, who me! thy perfume, rose, shall steal the left this vicinity when a child, had life I love. So, so, they rest upon his married a man of the same name as the breast. Ha, ha, ha! no flower as sweet one mentioned as having squandered as tuberoses below!"

his wife's patrimony, and concluded to Chuckling to herself, she stepped investigate. He made his way to the upon the stone coping circling the roof, court house the following morning, and and called softly: "Andy! Andy!" to his intense surprise and gratification As he heard the cry, Mr. Lyle shook was the very person needed to establish like a leaf, and grasped his son's arm to a certainty the age of the unfortufor support. Again the sleeper called nate woman, and to save to her worse upon the specter, and out of the darkthan orphaned children property valued ness it stepped toward her, bearing in at \$2,500.-Lutheran Observer. its bony fingers a hundred withered

stems of the tuberose. As he beheld the decayed blossoms, Mr. Lyle uttered a shrlek of horror and staggered back. The cry awoke the sleeping woman, and, with a piercing scream, she tottered and fell over into displaying their candy dogs, tin whis-

They heard the body crashing down a shade of envy cross his face. "I'd through the leafless trees, and then with a dull thud, it struck the frozen earth, and even as Maud Lyle's dying Leaving the vehicle, they proceeded shrick rent the midnight air, the wraith Down in the old churchyard in a quiet, shady spot, the body of the beautiful murderess lies in repose; no flower blossoms upon her grave, for, e'en as the plants bud, they wither and decay. Long years have almost erased her face from the old man's memory, but

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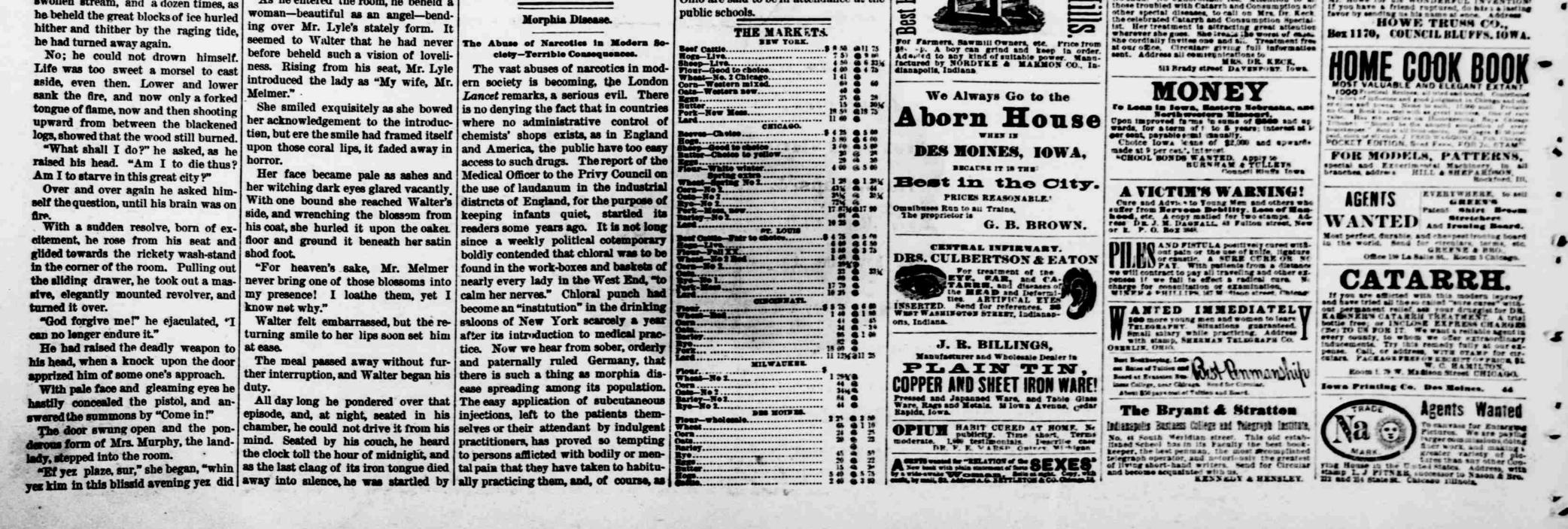
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