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Isabella stepped out into the night, Major spoke to him at once. and in a moment or two she was swallowed up in the darkness with her closed the window, bolted and barred anyone?" the shutters, and then hastened back to the death-chamber, where he rang "I am quite puzzled." the bell. In a few minutes the footman, half-dressed and half-asleep, made his appearance; then came the policeman, hastily, from the kitchen; finally, as the bell still continued ringduces inflammation, allays pain, cures ing, all the other servants, male and write a story on these things." female, poured into the room. A single glance showed them what had occurred-the insensible Jaggard, the "What a quaint old teapot! And you empty bed, the open window. A Babel ing." gay it has been in the family since the of voices ensued. "Silence, all of you," cried Jen, authoritatively. "We must

act, not talk. Two of you take Jaggard to his room. Tell the groom to ride at once for Dr. Etwald and Inspector Sampson!" he added, turning to the policeman, who was stolidly staring at the empty bed, "rouse yourself. Take

lanterns, and search for footmarks. the main channel of the Chicago drain- There must have been more than one These directions were obeyed at

once. The house, the grounds, the whole wild night with its driving tempest became radiant with light and Major Jen sent David to bed, in spite alive with terrified men. That a human being should be murdered was remained up himself to talk to Arkel. sufficiently ghastly without this crown-Two young lawyers, members of the ing horror of a missing body coming ter with the Inspector, but the conver- ned." bar but a few weks, had grown rathe after. Every man looked on his fel- sation proved extremely unsatisfactory. low with suspicion; in the yellow light Arkel was not a keen-witted man, and it over. But when the body was taken riages, which it considers to be atof the lanterns, dimly through the in a case like the present-difficult and out of the window, Arkel?"

the room. To give him his cue, the

"You are just in time, David, as I was telling these gentlemen about your least, why should Jaggard's accomcompanion. Left alone, the Major hunt after these wretches. Did you see plices betray him?"

"I saw nothing," said David, wearily.

"And no wonder," said Etwald, counting off events on his fingers. "The devil-stick, the murder, the theft of the body. This is a catalogue of horrors. A man might do worse than

"I agree with you!" remarked the Major, sharply. "A man might make a jest of these horrors-as you are do-

"I assure you I never felt less like jesting in my life," replied Etwald, coldly. "But it is no use discussing such a thing at 5 in the morning. If you can do without me, Major, I shall return home. I am tired."

"But Jaggard?" asked David, rising stiffly from his chair.

"He is all right for the time being. I have detailed a housemaid as nurse, and she knows what to do. I'll come back in the morning and see if he has recovered his senses."

When Etwald took his departure, of the young man's remonstrances, but For a long time Jen discussed the matsteady downpour of the rain, could be involved-he was quite at a loss how "The thieves carried it across the

"No, do you not remember, when we examined the window, that it was opened from the inside?" "Egad, you are right. Then you

think that some one must have been concealed in the room, and strung out from hiding to drug Jaggard." "No," said Arkel again, "no one was

concealed in the room." "Confound it, man, you don't mean

to say that Jaggard opened the window," cried Jen, starting from his seat with some show of temper.

"Ay, but I do, Major. Jaggard helped to steal the body of Mr. Aylmer. He opened the window to admit his accomplices. When they fulfilled their task and got the body out of the room they turned on Jaggard and betrayed him. That is, they drugged him and knocked him down."

"I don't agree with you at all, Arkel Jaggard is perfectly honest, and was as devoted to Maurice as he is to me. Besides, even granting the possibility of such a thing, which I do not in the

"I can't say," returned Arkel, shrugging his shoulders. "They may have been bribed to steal the body, and on accomplishing their task did not want to share the bribe with Jaggard!"

"Rubbish!" said Jen, tartly. "They must have known that he would betray them when he recovered his senses!" "No doubt. But in the meantime they would make themselves scarce. Jaggard has been insensible or raving for over a week, Major. The scoundrels counted on that!"

"I say again that I believe in Jag gard's honesty, and do not agree with you," said Jen, putting on his hat, "and after all, I do not see how you deduce this drugging theory?"

"Oh, as to that, I was once a bit of a chemist," explained Arkel; "and when you took me to see Jaggard I smelt a curious perfume which seemed to be hanging about him. As a servant is not likely to use perfumes, I thought it curious."

"Did Etwald notice it?" asked Jen. thoughtfully.

"Yes; but he professes his inability to explain it. He thinks the man was stunned, and not drugged. I think that he was first drugged and then stun-"H'm; it's queer! I'll have to think

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lowa has 1,629 banks, or one for everv 1.380 inhabitants. Kansas is next with one bank for every 1,500 people. In one hot day last summer no fewer than nine thousand persons made use of one of New York's public baths.

In New York during the close times in 1907, 72 per cent of the collateral used as the basis of clearing house certificates was commercial paper.

A London company has spent \$500; 000 in advertising in the last twentyfive years. This great campaign was launched by the expenditure of \$50. Difficulty is being experienced by Japanese banks in finding employment for their deposits. The First Bank is said to have \$,600,000 yen (\$4.300,000) lying idle and the Mitsui Bank 7,200,-000 yen (\$3,600,000).

The first trust in the United States to pass the \$100,000,000 mark in capitalization was the United States Leather Company, organized in 1893. Its capital stock combined with an issue of bonds amounted to \$138,000,000.

According to the Pekin Daily News, the Chinese ministry of the interior intends to make investigations concerning the prohibition of early martended with evil results. The age may be fixed at 20. In point of commercial value, the silver product of the United States last year was the smallest since 1871. Mint bureau figures give the gold value of the 53,849,000 ounces fine produced in 1909 as \$28,010,100, making the price 52.016 cents an ounce. A new method of preserving flour has recently been adopted with success in England. It is done by means of compression. With hydraulic apparatus the flour is squeezed into the forms of bricks, and the pressure destroys all forms of larval life, thus preserving the flour from the ravages of insects, while it is equally secure from mold. Three hundred pounds of compressed flour occupy the same space as one hundred pounds in the ordinary state. A modern highway 275 miles long through the "short grass country," in western Kansas, would not only prove an illuminating object lesson for the entire State, but for all the country as well. The people of Western Kansas have started a movement to afford the world just that object lesson in road building. From Newton to the Colorado line it is proposed to construct a continuous boulevard along the Arkansas river and call it "The New Santa Fe Trail."-Kansas City

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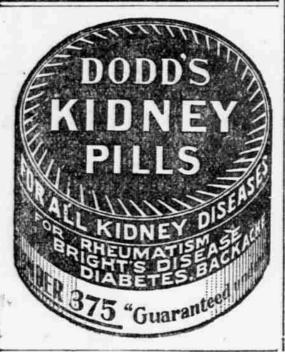
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"Here, you get out of here," said the clerk.

"We don't have to," the more talk ative one promptly answered. "We've lanes environing "Ashantee," the fegot a right in here: we're lawyers." "Ah, go on," the clerk replied, "you're cal, crowded together in the kitchen,

nothing of the kind." "Sure we are," the spokesman re joined. Then, turning to his comrade he commanded, "Buck, go over an get your sign."-Success Magazine.



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seen pallid faces and scared expres- to proceed. Finally, Major Jen dissions. And while the men-folk scoured missed him in despair, and while Arkel the house, the park, and the adjacent went to see his men, who were posted male servants, unnerved and hysteri-

whispering over hastily prepared tea. It was a wild night, and full of the vague horrors of death and mystery. Etwald came immediately in company with Arkel, whom this last extraordinary event took entirely by surprise. He questioned Sampson-he searched the chamber of death, stepped out of the window and across the lawn towards the belt of laurels which divided the lawn from a winding and tortuous lane. This, a tenebrous pathway even in the noonday, slipped eellike through darkling trees to emerge into the high-road a quarter of a mile | teries." away. Arkel was so long absent that Jen could only surmise that he had shutters of the window. The rain had gone into this outward darkness; and ceased, the dawn was breaking, and on the Inspector's return it appeared | the terrib's night was at an end.

that the Major was right in his conjecture. Furthermore, Arkel brought omen of good!" back certain news.

"Without doubt the body was taken out through the window," he said to Jen. "The flower-bed beneath the lattice is trampled down. It was carried across the lawn-for I could see by the light of the lantern the footmarks of four feet-and through the bushes into the lane. The way can be traced easily enough to that point; but it is too dark to note any further sign."

"Nothing more can be done tonight," said Jen, gloomily. "The men have returned dead tired but they have seen nothing and no one."

"We must question your servant," said Arkel. "He was stunned, I be-

"I can't say. I haven't examined him. Stunned or drugged, I suppose."

'And where is Mr. Sarby?" asked the Inspector, as they turned to leave the room

"Mr. Sarby went out as soon as we discovered the loss, and he has not yet returned.'

"Was he with you when you made the discovery?"

"No. He had retired to bed," rejoined Jen. "But as soon as I saw what had taken place I called him up, and he Your choice must lie be. jumped through the window to see if he could espy any traces of the robbers. Then the servants came, and I

Inspector Arkel left the room with the Major to seek out Jaggard, and, if possible, to learn from him what had occurred. But this they were unable Vest-pocket box, 10 cents-at drug-stores. 851 to do. The man had been stunned by a blow on the head, and was quite insensible.

"And yet he was a strong man," said Etwald, when he conveyed this intelligence. "He must have been taken by surprise."

"Undoubtedly," asserted Jen, read-**Deafness Cured** ily, "But he must also have been

lawn!" round the house, Jen remained alone

to think of what he should do. "I must be my own detective," he thought, pacing the library. "I must do the work myself, with the assistance of David. To find out who stole the devil-stick; that is the first step. To discover who killed Maurice; that is the second step. To learn who carried away his body; that is the third step. Three very difficult things to find out, and I don't see where to begin. I must learn all I can about Maurice's past life, for he may have enemies of whom I know nothing. I shall go and sleep, and when I awaken I shall set to work to solve these mys-

As he spoke, the Major unbarred the

"It is an omen!" said the Major, "an

CHAPTER XII.

The sensation caused by the news that the dead body of Maurice Aylmer had been stolen was even greater than that occasioned by the discovery of the murder. Even the big papers took up the matter, and sent down reporters to make investigations and build ap theories as to the reason of this strange disappearance. Everywhere people were talking of the matter. Would-be detectives haunted the roads and lanes round "Ashantee;" they would have penetrated into the park itself but for the vigilance of Major Jen.

It must be conceded that for an amateur the Major set about his unaccustomed task in a very methodical manner. He offered a reward of five thousand dollars for the detection of the murderer, and a further sum of the like amount to any one who should discover the thief who had desecrated the chamber of death. These munificent rewards set everybody on the alert, and Jen, without putting down actual money, thus became possessed of some hundreds of spies who would bring him any information likely to assist him in his investigation. Also, the Major examined all the servants in the house. He questioned Sampson, the young policeman who had been in the kitchen on the night when the body had been stolen; and finally he paid a visit to the police office, where he saw Mr. Inspector Arkel.

"Well, Arkel," said Jen, after the first greetings were over, "have you any clue?"

"No, Major," replied Arkel, rather gruffly, for disappointment was beginning to tell on his temper. "Nor are we likely to find any until that servant of yours regains his senses. How is he now?"

"In a state of high fever, poor soul."

"Then down through the bushes to that winding lane, I suppose?" said Jen. "I know all that; but afterwards!"

"They put it into a cart and took i away." "How do you know that?" asked the

Major, all on the alert. "Why," said Arkel, fingering his fat chin, "it was raining, as you may remember, on that night. We found the mark of wheels in the lane, which would not have been left had not a considerable amount of rain fallen." "Did you follow the trail?" asked the Major.

"To the high-road only, and there the wheel marks became mixed up with those of other vehicles. I never met the like of it before, and I am fairly puzzled. Why should these wretches steal the mortal remains of a murdered man?"

"True," said Jen; "and why should these wretches have murdered that man?" "As to that, we are by no means

certain that they are the same." "I don't follow you."

"No? And yet it is easy enough. those who slew Mr. Aylmer wanted his bodyl, they could have stolen it or the high-road, where they struck him down. It was mere foolishness to venture liberty and life in a raid upon the house."

"It may have been an after-thought. "People don't have afterthoughts in grim matters of this kind," said Arkel, rising. "Well, Major, good-by; goodby. Should I learn anything else, I shall let you know; but depend upon it; the truth of the matter is to come from Jaggard."

"He is honest. Honest!" cried Jen 'I'll stake my existence upon that." (To be continued.)

An Appropriate Move.

"Well, well!" surprisedly ejaculated the patent churn man, who had not visited the hamlet before in several months. "When did you change the name of this hotel to the 'Taft House?" "

"Right after we built on that big bay window." replied the landlord of the hostelry at Whittlesville .-- Puck.

The Letter of Promise.

Bad Boy (getting in a hard blow)-There, take that! Good Boy (folding his arms with ;

meek expression)-No, Tommy, I will not hit you back, because I promised never to strike a playmate: but (kicking him in the shins) how do you like that?-Red Hen.

Still Longer.

Young Man-My cousin has very long hair. When she undoes it it anese savant's remarkable discovery falls down to her waist.

Times.

Plongastel-Daolas is a little Breton community in which marriages are celebrated but twice a year on "the day of the kings" and "the day of the great indulgences." On Jan. 11, twenty-eight couples wearing the costumes of their ancestors were married at a single ceremony by a venerable priest. On going from the ceremony the husbands were given much drink. The brides, turning up their skirts to escape the mud, ran to give a last look at the pullets destined for the wedding feast.-Le Cri, de Paris.

The latest step in conservation is the introduction of a bill by Delegate Wickersham, of Alaska, providing for a national coal reserve. The principle is that of the national forests. He suggests that Congress set aside in perpetuity a national coal reserve of fifteen thousand acres of the best coal bearing lands in Alaska, a board of three experts being appointed for that purpose. This national coal reserve may be augmented by the recovery of private coal lands, obtained improperly or fraudulently from the United States.

Writing in Science on Dr. Nishikawa, whose recent death is announced, Professor Bashford refers to this Japof a process of making perfectly

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"I was taught to drink coffee at an early age, and also at an early age became a victim to headaches, and as I grew to womanhood these headaches became a part of me, as I was scarce ly ever free from them.

Dealliess curea	asleep, else he would have called out	said Jen, with a depressed look. "He	His Fiancee-Indeed!	spherical pearls. The usual pearl, ow-	"About five years ago a friend urged
By New Discovery	as the men burst through the window."	does nothing but rave. Yet in all his	Her Kid Brother-That's nothin'.	ing to the method of growth, is only	me to try Postum. I made the triai-
by New Discovery	"How do you know there were more	wild talk he never lets slip a single	When you undo your hair it falls to	nemispherical. Dr. Nishikawa was a	and the result was so satisfactory that
	than one?" asked Etwald, in a jesting		the floor-don't it, Mary.	member of the imperial fisherles bu-	we have used it ever since.
"I have	tone.	"That's a pity, Major. By the way, I		reau in Tokio, and during the last ten	"My husband and little daughter
demonstrated	"Because Maurice was an unusually	questioned Dr. Etwald about the mat-	He Owns Up.	years of his life made a special study	were subject to bilious attacks, but
WE R. N	heavy man, replied the Major, and he	ter, and he is of the opinion that the		of pearl production. As a result pearl	
that deafness	could not have been carried off unless	man was stunned by a blow on the		oysters, which had secreted spherical	them since we began using Postum
can be cured."	by two men. There may have been	head."	"My wife used to be," admitted Mr.	pearls were recently exhibited at the	instead of coffee. I no longer hav€
-Dr. Guy Clif-	three for all I know. But what is the	"I know that. I can only suppose	Enpeck, "but since my daughters are		headaches and my health is perfect."
	meaning of it and crited bein, in bewin-	that Jaggard fell asleep at his post and	grown we have a commission form of	One of the great banks of the old	If some of these nervous, tired, irri
ford Powell.	dered dismay. "Why was the poor	woke up in time to see the men getting in by the window. A struggle would	government."-Exchange.	world is the State Bank of Russia,	table women would only leave off cof-
		then ensue, and he would be struck on		but this institution differs very great-	fee absolutely and try Postum they
The secret of how to use the mysterious and		the head, as Etwald supposes."	Perfectly Natural.	ly from the banks of England, Ire-	would find a wonderful change in their
invisible nature forces for the cure of Deafness and Head Noises has at last been discovered by		"I don't agree with that theory.	Indignant Diner-Look here, wait-	land, Germany and France and many	life. It would then be filled with sur
the famous Physician-Scientist, Dr. Guy Clifford Powell. Deafness and Head Noises disappear	Don't even mile ac such a timig, ne		er; I just found a button in this dish	other of the great banks of the world	shine and happiness rather than weari-
as if by magic under the use of this new and	and a second sec	"Yes?" queried Jen, eagerly. "I am	of roast turkey.	from the fact that it is owned entirely	ness and discontent. And think what
wonderful discovery. He will send all who suf- fer from Deafness and Head Noises full informa-	believable. It is incredible that such		Calm Waiter-Yes, sir; it is part of	by the Russian government. This	an effect it would have on the family,
		"Jaggard was drugged, sir."	the dressing.	bank receives and distributes the en-	for the mood of the mother is largely
matter how long they have been deaf or what caused their deafness. This marvelous Treat-		"But the wound at the back of the	Tin Swords.	tire revenue of the Russian empire.	responsible for the temper of the chil
ment is so simple, natural and certain that you	as the theft of a body should occur,"		The children of different countries	It was founded in 1860. The capital	dren.
will wonder why it was not discovered before. Investigators are astonished and cured patients	said Etwald, dryly. "Yet it has taken	"There you have it," cried Arkel.	have different tastes, but tin swords		Read "The Road to Wellville," in
themselves marvel at the quick results. Any	place. But where is Mr. Sarby? I	"The wound at the back of the head	are wanted all over the world.	equals 51.5 cents). The bank's head	
deaf person can have full information how to be cured quickly and cured to stay cured at home		The shares of the state of the state	and the second sec	is at St. Petersburg, though it has	Ever read the above letter? A
without investing a cent. Write to-day to Dr.	to alu you.	when he was drugged." "H'm! This is all building on sand,"	Tartar Alphabet.	about one hundred branches. The	new one appears from time to time.
Guy Clifford Powell, 6218 Bank Building, Peoria, Ill., and get full information of this new	Jen was just about to repeat his		The Tartars owe their alphabet to	limit of its currency issue is 300,000,-	They are genuine, true, and full of
and wonderful discovery, absolutely free.	feigned explanation regarding David's absence, when the door opened and the	him these men must have entered by	the Christian missionaries known as	000 rubles in excess of the gold on	human interest.
	young man, wet and exhausted, entered	the window."	the Nestorians.	hand.	
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