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THE QUAKER DETECTIVE.

We were five passengers in alltwo ladies on the back seat, and a middle-aged gentleman and a Quaker on the middle, and myself in

the front. The two ladies might have been mother and daughter, aunt and niece, g. verness and charge, or might have sustained any other relationship which makes it proper quest. for two ladies to travel together unattended.

The middle-aged gentleman was sprightly and talkative. He soon was the reply, emphasized with a struck up an acquaintance with the couple of derringers, cocked and ladies, toward whom in his zeal to presented." do, he rather overdid the agreeable -bowing, and smiling, and chattering over his shoulder in a way pain- 'and if any of thy sinful companions fully suggestive, at his time of life, advance a step to thy relief, the of a 'crick' in the tick. He was evi- spirit will surely move me to blow dently a gay Lothario.

The Quaker wore the uniform of his sect, and confined his speech as dow and the one at the leader's head many parliamentarian would save thought it a good time to leave. his credit by doing, to simply 'yeas' and 'navs.' / As for myself I make it an invariable rule of the road to be

merely a looker-on and listen. Toward evening I was aroused from one of those reveries into which a young man, without being a poet or a lover, will sometimes fall, by an abrupt query from the talkative

gentleman: 'Are you armed, sir?'

'I am not,' I answered, astonished, no doubt visibly, at the question. 'I am sorry to hear it,' he replied, for before reaching the next stopping place, it will be several hours in the night, and we must pass over a portion of the road on which more than one robbery is reported to have

been committed.' The ladies turned pale, but the stranger did his best to reassure

'Not that I think there is the slightest danger at present,' he continued, only when one is responsible for the safety of the ladies, you know, such a thing as a pistol in reach would materially add to one's

confidence.' have supper and a change of horses. 'Your principles, my friend,' addressing the Quaker, 'are as much opposed to carrying as to using car-

nal weapons?' 'Yea,' was the response. 'Have the villains murdered any

nervously inquired. 'Or have they contented themselves with - with - plundering them?' asked the younger, in a timorous voice.

'Decidedly the latter,' the amiable gentleman hastened to give assurance; 'and we are none of us prepared to offer resistance in case of attack, so nothing worse than robbery can possibly betall us. Then after blaming his thought-

lessness in having unnecessarily introduced a disagreeable subject, the gentleman quite excelled himself in his efforts to raise the spirits of the company, and had succeeded so well by the time night set in that all had quite forgotten or remembered their fears to laugh at them.

Our genial companion fairly talked himself hoarse; perceiving which gested, and immediately offered to he took from his pocket a box of go and search. newly-invented 'cough drops' and, after passing it to the ladies, he tightening his grasp. helped himself to the balance and

ossed the paper out of the window. He was in the midst of a high enconium on the new nostrom, more than half the efficacy of which, he insisted, depended on its being taken by suction, when a shrill whistle was heard, and almost immediately the coach stopped, while two faces hideously blackened, presented

GOOD GOODS themselves at each window. 'Sorry to trouble you,' said the man on the right, acknowledging with a bow two lady-like screams

> if things go smoothly.' 'Of course, gentleman, you will the missing property, to the utter spare, as far as may be consistent with your disagreeable duty, the had begun in no measured terms to feelings of these ladies, appealed the remonstrate against the shameful

conduct renders it necessary.'

BOOTS IN SHOES, rouble.'

Chesterfield. are scarcely worth mentioning. any other valuables said, 'Nay.'

A Quaker's word is good, even among thieves; so, after a hasty 'good-night,' the robber thrust his pistol into his pocket and with his two companions, one of whom had held the reins of the leaders, was

about departing. 'Stop!' exclaimed the Quaker, in a tone more of command than of re-

'Stop! What for?' returned the other in evident surprise. 'For at least two good reasons,'

'Help!' shouted the robber.

'Stop!' the Quaker exclaimed; thy brains out."

The robber at the opposite win-

'Now, get in,' said the Quaker, still

covering his man, 'and take the middle seat; but first deliver up thy pistol.' The other hesitated. 'Thee had better not delay. I feel

the spirit begin to move my fore-The robber did as he was directed. and the Quaker took his place at his

side, giving the new comer the mid-

The driver, who was frightened half out of his wits, now set forward at a rapid rate. The lively gentleman soon recovered his vivacity. He was especially facetious on the Quaker's prowess. 'You're a rum Quaker, you are. You don't quake

'I am not a 'Shaking Quaker,' that's what thee mean."

'Of the 'Hickory,' or rather the 'Old Hickory, stripe, I should say, retorted the lively man. But, the Quaker, relapsing into his usual monosyllables, the conversation flag-Sooner than we expected, the coach stopped where we were to

of our effects until we should reach this place, and the dim light of the coach lamp would have rendered the process somewhat difficult. It was now necessary, however, of their victims?' the elderly lady that it should be attended to at once, as our jovial companion had previously announced his intention of

We had deterred a redistrobution of

posed a postponement until after supper, which he offered to go and 'Nay,' urged the Quaker, with an approach to abruptness, and laying his hand on the other's arm. 'Business before pleasure; and, for busi-

leaving us at this point. He pro-

ness, there is no time like the Will thee be good enough to search the prisoner?' he said to me. still keeping his hand in a friendly

way, on the passenger's arm.

articles could be found! 'He must have got rid of them in the coach,' the gay gentleman sug-

I did so, but not one of the stolen

The man turned pale and struggled to release his arm. In an in-

stant one of the derringers was

leveled at his heart.

'Stir hand or foot, and you are a unless they are in such majority that dead man!" The Quaker must have been level. awfully excited, so completely to forget both the language and the

principles of his persuasion. Placing the other pistol in my hand, with directions to fire on the first of the two men that made a sults of culture they all desire .suspicious movement, he went to from the back seat, but business is work on the Lotharia, from whose Home Interests in N. Y. Tribune. business, and ours will soon be over pockets, in less time than it takes to tell it, he produced every item of amazement of the two ladies, who polite passenger, in his blandest treatment the gentleman was re-

ed to leave their places, unless their detective, who had been set on the ing on, and that not one man in ten my mouth and-'And now ladies,' continued the whom our middle-aged friend-who heard of their death. Be smart as the terrible object, he clutched his robber, the barrel of his pistol glit- didn't look near so middle-aged you can of course. Know as much wife and begged in piteous tones: tering in the light of the coach lamp, when his wig was off-was the chief. as you can, shed the light of wisdom watches, and such other trinkets as planned. The leader of the gang dazzle or astonish the people by it. folds of her dress he sobbed himself may be accessible without too much | had taken passage in the coach, and | And don't imagine a thing is so simafter learning, as he supposed, our ple because you may happen to think The ladies came down handsome- defenceless condition, had given the it is. Don't be too sorry for your ly, and were not further molested. signal to his companions by throw- father because he knows so much and threw it into the stove. One by one the rest got out. The ing out the scrap of paper already less than you do, he used to think he middle aged gentleman's turn came mentioned. After the unexpected was as much smarter than his father first. He submitted with a winning capture of the first robber -- it was as you think you are smarter than deceive me," said a young Cleveland

# Aids to Correct Table Manners.

1. As to table appointments. The

cloth should be scrupulously clean, though it be only coarse material: nicely starched and ironed, and put on straight, its folds parallel with the sides of the tables and they with the sides of the room. The napkins, of however coarse material, must also be clean, carefully ironed and put on in place. The arrangement of the dishes on the table must be uniform, regular and tasteful, each dish, plate, spoon, glass, being in its appointed place and kept there. Any one accustomed to orderly appointments by habit soon learns to feel the necessity of taste and exactitude These are fearfully neglected in many families. Table furniture of all sorts is hustled on without regard to appearance of order, the

sible to feel polite and well mannered over unpalatable, coarse, ill prepared, indigestible food. Every mouthful of it provokess ill-humor, resentment, dissatisfaction. The house mother who insists on good table manners must give her family good food. There is no need of sour bread, muddy coffee, soggy potatoes, heavy pie-crust, leathery batter cakes. Chesterfield himself would forget his manners if compelled for any length of time to subsist on such a diet.

napery is disgusting, the careless-

ness in disposing it equally so, and

the results are only such as might be

2. As to the food. It is impos

expected.

3. As to methods of eating. With the assistance of the knife and fork the food may be so divided as to relieve the incisors of the heaviest part of their work, and make small mouthfuls a pleasure. The grinders indicate that grinding in the mouth is a part of the process of nutrition Animals destitute of grinders bolt their food. It is not fitting that hu man beings should eat as dogs do. since they have each a "mill" ready for use -which dogs have not. The lips are so instructed that the noise of the grinding, which is intolerable to ears polite, may be effectually disguised. This is a point that cannot be too urgently insisted on Food, whether liquid or solid, must be conveyed into the mouth and

from the mouth downward silent

The position at the table should be unconstrained and easy, the peron sitting erect or slightly bent forward when eating, so that the mouth may be directly above the plate; the arms should be held at the side, not extended at right an gles with the body. The elbows should be kept off the table. Leaning back in one's chair, or dancing on one leg of the chair, is a grevious violation of table etiquette, permit ted only and wrongly to spoiled children. The mouth and fingers must be kept, during all the process of eating, absolutely clean. The dainty eater will keep his plate in order and leave it so, with knife and fork laid together across the plate -The use of the fork to the exclusion of the knife in carrying food to the mouth is insisted on. Leavetaking is admissible only by per- of Hope. 'Step!' thundered the Quaker, mission of the hostess. Table talk should be light, agreeable, general,

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older than you are, by several years; ens! bring me the bible. Mirandy, that for thousands of years it has bring it quick! Here, on this sacred been full of smarter and better book I swear never to touch a drop 'Oh! certainly; they shall be first The Quaker, I need scarcely add, young men than yourself-that when of whisky. If I break my vow may and watch, and when asked if he had a season, did the state some service. He used to be straight and nimble, hand you want."

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and perhaps, thought his father oldfashioned. Your moustache is nester, the cut of your hair is better, and you are prettier, oh, so far prettier, than "pa." But, young man, the old gentleman gets the biggest salary, and his homely, scrambling signature on the business end of a check will drsin more money out of a bank in five minutes than you could get out with a ream of paper and a copperplate signature in slx months. 'Young men are useful and they are ornamental, and we all love them, and couldn't engineer a picnic successfully without them. But they are no novelties. They have been before. Every generation has a full supply of them, and will have till the end of time, and each crop will think themselves quite ahead of the last, and will live to be called old fogies by their sous. Go shead. Have your day. Your sons will, by and by, pity you for your old, odd ways. Don't be afraid that your merit will not be discovered. People all over the world are hunting for you, and if you are worth finding they will find you. A diamond isn't so easily found as a

### How He Came There.

quartz pebble, but people search for

it all the more intently."

I went a tew weeks since into a prison to see a young man who had once been a Sabbath-school scholar. The keeper took a large bunch of keys and led us through the long, gloomy halls, unlocked one door after another, until at length he pened the door of the room where sat the young man we had come to see. The walls of the room were of stone, the door of thick plank, and before the windows were strong iron bars. Without, all was beautiful. The green fields, the sweet flowers and the singing birds were as lovely as ever, but this young man could enjoy none of these; no, never again could be go out, for he was ondemned to death. Yes, he had kitted a man, and now he himself must die. Think of it! only twenty years old, and yet a murderer!

sat down beside him and talked "Oh," said he, as the tears rolled down his cheeks, "I did not mean to do it, but I was drunk ; then I got angry, and before I knew what I was about I killed him. Oh, if I had minded what my Sabbath-school teachers said, if I had minded my parents, I should never have come

It would have made your heart sore, as it did mine, to see and talk with him. Once he was a happy, playful child, like you; now he is a condemned criminal. He did not mind his parents, did not govern his temper, and as he grew older went with bad boys, who taught him bad habits, and he became worse and worse, until, while drunk, he killed a man; and now, after a few weeks, he must die. As I left him he said : "Will you not pray for me?" and he added, "Oh, tell boys everywhere to mind their parents and keep away

# from vicious companions."-Band

He Thought he had 'Em. Sniffles brought his two weeks' spree to a close on Thursday night. He lay on the lounge in the parlor, feeling as mean as sour lager, when something in the corner of the room attracted his attention. He asked

Snuffles' name is Lycurgus, and his wife calls him Likey for short 'Why that-that-thing in the cor-

ner,' said the frightened man point-

'Miranda, what is that?'

'What is what, Likey?'

ing at it with a shaking hand. 'Likey dear, I see nothing,' replied An exchange says: "Remember, 'What, don't you see it?' he shriekmy young friend, that the world is ed. 'Then I've got 'em. Oh, heav-

ttended to, and shall not be requir- was no Quaker at all, but a shrewd they died the old world went whirl- my right hand cleave to the roof of track of a band of desperadoes, of million went to the funeral, or even Here, catching another glimpse of

'Don't leave me; don't leave your 'be so good as to pass your purses, The robbery had been most adroitly abroad in the world, but don't try to Likey,' and burying his face in the

into a troubled sleep.

corner and picked up the toy snake "Give me the hand that will never

Then his wife stole gently to the

grace, and was robbed like a very attempted to save the booty by yours. The world has a great need sprig in the presence of some young secretly passing it to the accomplice of young men, but no greater need ladies the other evening. A young My own affairs, like the sum I lost, -still believed to be unexpected- than the young men have of the lady who had heard of the young who counted on being able to make world. Your clothes fit you better man's propensity for the gaming-The Quaker's turn came next. He off with it at the next stopping than your father's fit him, they cost table, dryly remarked, "I guess a quietly handed over his pocket-book place. The result was that both, for more money, they are more stylish. straight flush is the only kind of a