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'Yes, an odd and a dangerous one, he replied.

'No doubt, especially when a balloon takes fire in the air, or collapses. But,' I asked, 'with judicious management and in favorable weather. is the peril really as great as most 'Every whit!' exclaimed the aero-

naut. 'I am never in the air an hour that I am not made fully aware, in some way, that my life is staked, But the part of the venture that I always dread is the coming down, not the going up; especially coming to earth in a gale of wind, or even in a stiff breeze.

'You see, too, that I am not like scientist.' I must leave the ground on advertised time. When I make an engagement on a Fourth of July or with some menagerie, I must leave at the hour announced, whether the aspect of the sky is favorable or not. It won't do to disappoint spectators after they've paid money to satisfy their curiosity. A crowd of people of that sort has neither soul nor reason. They expect you to make the flight, and will hoot and sometimes use violence if it is not

'I shall never forget an ascension I made from Detroit. I was hired for 'Vance's Great Circus and Caravan.' It was the 23d of August. 1 was to be paid five hundred dollars

'I had with me a young fellow named Ned Estes. Poor Ned! W came to Detroit the evening before with the balloon, the Gypsy Queen a gay little air bubble of about nine-

difficult to manufacture, and the coa gas answers almost as well, though

then the people streamed out and surrounded the Gypsy. 'Meantime the weather had changed. I never saw a more ominous sky. The scuds had begun to fly in the south, and every five or ten minutes there would come one of those dreary sighs of wind which, to an aeronaut's ear, are as significant as

we could get into the car, 'what do

postpone this thing?' 'I replied that I shouldn't care so much for what might be said as for and feathers, and a general distribusal to 'go up.' Go we must, if we to us. died for it. That was of no conse-

better come down at once, unless we want to sail in a southwester.' 'I urged Ned not to go with me, the prospect looked so threatening; but he replied-

'Oh, I'm going! But, Fred, I think we had better insert the words 'if the weather is clear,' in our next

mind of a person present. At a quarter after five the gun was

'I had kept the hose on till the last moment, so as to have every inch of One flew blindly into the car. the canvas inflated, for, under the most favorable circumstances, I never like to hear a balloon flap, and for the last hour or two I had been convinced that we should be forced across Lake St. Clair before we reached the earth again. So, as I have said, I filled her with gas, and one hope.

took in three sand-bags of ballast. 'For two thousand feet we went right up-up-up, almost in straight line. There seemed to be scarcely a breath of wind. But higher up we could see the scuds flying spitefully, and we were rapidly approaching them. A few hundred feet more were passed, and we struck the storm current. The Gyp-

sy ducked and lurched off. 'Hold on!' Ned shouted, and if we hadn't held on, we should have gone out of the basket, for we got a tremendous jerk. The balloon bobbed her head and bolted northeast, right out over the straits and the lake. She drew us after her at the rate of sixty miles an hour, perhaps even faster

bit of water. We were over it till nearly seven o'clock, when the woods and houses on the Canada shore began to come in sight, and we were soon over them. 'Let's get down,' said Ned, who had been taking a long look at the

as near it as we can.' 'I looked, and then pulled the rope of the valve-which, when open, allows the gas to escape-so as to drop the balloon down out of the upper air current in which we were flying. The escape of gas caused the Gypsy to descend. She went sagging down on a long incline for

'We had come within eight or nine hundred feet of the earth, and saw, not a little to our consternation, that the wind blew the trees fiercely, and that a strong southeasterly gale was sweeping the ground. The wind was more violent than it had been I knew then that we must encoun-

of us anticipated such a gale as

that we fell into; for, as we got lower, we were swept on faster and

It's death to touch the ground!' like a shell. I threw out another.

'Just then we were crossing a road. A horse and wagon, contain-The sand-bag struck the fence, smashing it to splinters. With a horrified glance, the passengers plied their whip. We left them bounding

'The Gypsy vaulted into the air and got the bones into position as yourself become an old story; be again. The country flew from under | best I could; then I kept the fire | just a little uncertain. us. A heavy mist began to envelope | burning brightly, and stayed by him | 'Fred,' said Ned to me as we were us. Soon drops of rain drove into till morning. hauling the balloon down, so that the car. A stormy night was setting in. The rain and mist saturated the climbed a tree and tried to get some pleasant voice, so that this very you think the public hog would say | cordage and increased the weight of | idea of the country. The Gypsy | mortal man may have his conscience if we were to let out the gas and the balloon, and we again settled to- hung in the tree-tops, a wreck. The prick him when he is in jeopardy: ward the earth.

'Our situation can be imaginedflying at such speed over a country what might be done. A coat of tar the surface of which could now and, leaving Ned as comfortably ing care of the babies and looking scarcely be distinguished! One placed as possible, set off, 'blazing after vexatious household cares, and tion of the Gypsv in little pieces for bump against the earth, a house, or trees' as I went. I had seen some- smiling when he comes home, but it mementoes, would follow our refu- a rock, would probably be fatal thing that looked like a clearing, to seems necessary. "To be born a

claimed.

feet in length. I cast out one of dians. them, and we lay hold of the rope, in expectation of a sudden arrest of five men and went back for Ned. study of these things, the harpy will, our flight. We were slowly settling, We got him to the shanty a little to steal away the honor from his

jerks as the grapnel dragged after us. 'Fence poles were hooked up. One fired. Ned leaned out of the basket. post flew up almost to a level with 'Ladies and gentlemen,' he shout- our faces. A moment later we went WHOLE NO. 603.

Handkerchiefs were waved. But anchor was dragging in the water we were soon high aloft and out of The pond was covered with ducks a tremenduous rumble of wings.

> 'The next instant we experienced terrific jerk. The anchor line snapped. The balloon bounced up from the earth. The anchor had caught in a large tree, and the cord out the other anchor. It was our be. In the first place, he is very

'It had now grown very dark and was raining hard. The anchor caught repeatedly, but did not hold. We were carried in this manner several miles. Soon the bucket began to graze the treetops. 'At length we hauled up the line

catch; both flukes were broken off! I cut it loose. The balloon rose a little. 'Ned then tied the anchor-line to our last sand-bag, and we threw that out, hoping it might hitch round something. Evidently we were over

a forest. I could hear the heavy bag

and found why the anchor did not

crashing through the boughs. 'Suddenly we felt an awful jerk. The car lurched downward and struck heavily against something. Though we were holding fast, the shock wrenched our hands from the roses. I was hurled forward, and which I clutched desperately. It bent downward, but I held on and it supported me.

silk ripping, and smell the escaping down.

'Very cautiously I felt about. Getshort time I was able to climb downward, and soon slid to the ground. It was some kind of an evergreena large spruce, I think.

upon his side senseless, about forty be big and great to their wives. feet distant, where he had fallen. 'As quickly as possible, I collected brush and branches of trees, and ter some severe bumping, but neith-

after much difficulty kindled a fire. Ned was breathing faintly. 'By chafing him and by the aid of cordial from my flask, I brought him 'At a height of 200 feet above the to consciousness in about ten mintrees and fences, we were carried utes. But he groaned pitiably, and along at certainly twice the speed of I now discovered that his left leg is not for you; cease reading; cease a race-horse! Fields and farm- was broken above the knee. He was torturing that fretted heart which houses sped under us. We had dreadfully shaken up otherwise, wants you for his own, and teach

as to find a settlement.

'Of course I hurt him fearfully.

gas had all escaped and the canvas its pleasant ring will haunt him was badly torn.

the southeast, and started for that, woman is to be born a martyr," says 'We must try the hooks!' Ned ex- using my pocket compass. I tho't a husband who for ten years has 'We had two anchors attached to before I came out of the woods to a treading the winepress of her existinch and a half lines that were 200 house-a shanty of French Cana- euce. It is a pitiful sight to some

> 'There I gathered a company of before sunset. But it was not till silver hairs when he is full of years the next afternoon that I could get a and the father of sons and daugh-

> 'The leg was by that time so swol- own. These rules are only evolved len and sore that the physician did to order to "keep a husband." The not think it advisable to reset it, and poor, weak creature would rather be it never was reset. It got well in time, and is now a pretty good leg.

'The Gypsy was an entire loss to me; I never got even the silk and ed, 'we are now about to bid you over a farm-house. The anchor rip- ropes out of the woods. She was worth about a thousand dollars. So, as to escape blame, the Christian is you see, I did not make much out of required to live so as to prove a that trip from Detroit. - Youth's means of blesssing.

ening sky. A shout followed us. We were passing over a pond. The reach of the lowest and the poorest, tecture.

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Though it is a common sneer that a woman has admitted that her sex ting hold of the larger boughs, I consider more, in marrying, the found that I was in a treetop. In a tastes of her friends than her own, yet it must not be considered ludicrons that a man looks at his wife with the same eyes that other people do. Is he fond of literary matters? 'As soon as I reached the ground, Listen to him with wide open eyes I shouted to Ned. No answer fol- when he talks of them. A man lowed. I groped about, but could doesn't so much care for a literary not find him. Lighting matches-1 wife if only she will be literary aiways carry them in my pocket-I enough to appreciate him. If she searched beneath the trees near by, have literary inclinations let her and came upon the poor fellow lying keep them to herself. Men love to That's the reason why a helpless little woman can marry three times to a sensible, self-reliant woman's none. Cultivate helplessness. Is he curious? On, then you have a treasure; you can always keep him if you have a secret and only keep it

Is he jealous? Then, woman, this passing glimpses of here and there having been thrown thirty or forty him confidence. Is he ugly in his temper and faultfinding? Give him 'I never was in such a quandary as a dose of his own medicine, skill-This never will do!' Ned shouted. to what I ought to do. His leg fully done. Is he deceitful? Pity should be set at once; but if I start- him for his weakness, treat him as 'He pitched out a bag of sand. ed for help in the darkness, I was as one who is born with a physical de-When it struck the earth it burst likely to go further into the woods feet, but put your wits to work-it is a bad case. It is well not to be 'Well, sir, what I did do was first too tame. Men do not waste their to build a better fire, then cut some powder and shot on hens and barning a man and woman, were passing. splints, and tear the linings of my yard fowls; they like the pleasure of coats into bandages, and set that leg pursuing wild game - quail and grouse and deer. A quail is a good model for a wife-nest and trim, He cried and groaned in a way that | with a pretty swift way about it, and cut me to the heart. I straightened just a little capricious. Never let

> Another important fact is, don't be too good; it hurts his feelings and 'When it had at last grown light, I becomes monotonous. Cultivate a much more than would a shrill one. 'I got the hatchet from the car, It is hard to do all this, besides tak-I went at least nine or ten miles watched in amszement his wife

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quence to the crowd. 'All right,' said Ned. But we had

advertisement.' 'I thought so, too. liquor had been drank, and there was not a spark of pity for us in the

with a forced laugh to me. ing from the ground, salled up like not taken the house with us. a great white bird towards the dark-

'But Lake St. Clair is a goodish

country. 'There's a large village shead. Let's try for that, and drop

perhaps a thousand feet, but still continued to fly rapidly forward.

an astonished face turned up to- feet to the ground.

away at a gallop.

'There was a prodigious jerk, but doctor from the village of Sanger- terrs. At the same time, gudewife, the obstacle we had hooked gave town, seventeen miles below, to keep from trying any of these things way. The anchor bounded upward, visit him. 'It was a noisy crowd. Lots of almost into the car, and we rose again, but only for a moment or two. Then came a series of hitches and

adieu! Good-night! I guess you've | ped up the eaves and sent the bricks sent us to our death,' he added, in a rattling off the chimney. What the lower tone of voice, as he turned people inside thought of the hubbub is more than I know. Ned said they | Companion. 'The line was cut. Gypsy, vault- might bless their stars that we had 'All at once we heard a splashing.

of power and dignity lie within and certain proportions like archi-