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Each one some dear acquaintance naming
And who was he-the loved one, claiming
The choicest chamber in her heart? O tiny hub of golden hue
Kist by her fingers' tender pressing,
Still yet, methinks, she's vainly guessing
If what you prophesied were true.

You died between her finger-tips, Sweet gypsy maid of wisdom magic; Pray, is it worth a death so tragic To hear the music of her lips? -Frank Dempster Sherman, in Century Maga-THE TWO MARTHENS.

A Story That Illustrates the Some Tim Convenience of a Double. Anson Marthen, civil engineer and railway builder, whose headquarters were in New York, suffered more or less nearly every day of his life for the rea-

son that there was another man of exactly the same name who also fived in New York but had no business or pre-fession whatever. The men were unlike in almost every particular, except that both were bachelors and fond of ladies. Anson Marthen, the engineer, earned a pleasing number of dollars every year and always paid his bills as soon as they were presented; his nominal double never earned a penny and never paid a bill when he could avoid it, and as this peculiarity had become prominent enough to be talked about, it occasionally subjected the honest Marthen to exasperating indignities from persons who knew the name, but not the men who bore it. The dishonest Marthen, on the contrary, got all necessary credit at tailors' shops, livery stables, and even hotels where the existence of two Marthens was not known; he had merely to devise some excuse to talk of railroads and engineering to be taken for his en-tirely reputable double. His bills, in the course of time, reached the engineer's office, and were the cause of much profane language from the wrong Mar-then, and much fun among the two or three clerks and draughtsmen whom

the busy railroad builder employed. One thing, however, he could and would do; he would manage to see his troubleknow him by sight and defend himself against him whenever he found himself in close social or business proximity Union Pacific, and Midland Pacific to the rascal. Marthen was informed wrote me about should see you, what that the man who lived upon the engiwould happen?" neer's reputation was at Saratoga, so the indignant man hastily packed his trunk and hurried off to that crowded

> On the train he chanced to find pleasant and entirely innocent traveling acquaintance. A well dressed, not uncomely lady who sat in front of him endeavored to raise a window and Marthen hastened to assist her, getting a pleasant smile and a word of thanks in payment. Marthen skillfully involved the lady in conversation, and finding, to his great delight that she was amiable but not smart, quite susceptible, yet not inclined to flirt, he became very devoted. Marthen was so favorably impressed by his new acquaintance that he regretted, on leaving the train, that he had not strained his habitual courtesy enough to learn her

name, and ask the honor of being again allowed to meet her, for she had let drop that she was a widow. As he signed the hotel register the clerk read the signature and winked at a rather rough-looking man with whom he had been talking; then the roughlooking man read the signature and

exclaimed: "You're just the man I'm looking for, Mr. Marthen; I've only just been able to find out where you were stopping; can't you give me a check for this carriage bill? It's been running nearly a month, and the boys said

"I'm not the man you want," said

Marthen, first saying something that would not look well in print. "Your name is-" "Yes, yes," interrupted Marthen; but there's another man of the same name, and he's a swindler. I came here to run him down; I've got detectives after him; come here this even-ing and they will put you on his track." door of the room was locked, and the a very bad temper, but he grew calmer admit of jumping out. He remained in when, strolling out to look at the this state till the next day at noon. crowds of carriages and their occu- when he thought to blow a blast on his who had temporarily abjured billiards sound. Little John was lingering or flirting for the same purpose. As he about, waiting to see his beloved master. chatted with one of these a carriage passed slowly and Marthen saw in it sprang up and hurried to the nunnery. the amiable little widow he had met on He broke locks and dashed open doors

the train in the morning. She did not until he reached the room where Robin seem to recognize him, but his friend lay dying. He fell on his knees, and raised his hat and was smiled upon.

"Who is she, Jenks?—tell me, quick."

begged to be allowed to burn Kirklees
Hall and all the nunnery; but Robin Will Whitlayton, who was just starting my life, nor a man in company with a to make a fortune in wool when, a woman, and I will not allow such a

000, though." "Has she any family?" asked Mar-"No; she makes her home with an uncle and aunt whom she doesn't love any to well, I'm told. Excuse me a always made sweet music for me.' moment," continued Marthen's friend, taking the arm of a gentleman who was Little John. The arrow that Robin about to pass them, "here's a good fel- shot fell under a tree, and there the bold low you ought to know; Cranch, do

you know my friend Anson Marthen? ably near the year 1300. Mr. Marthen, Mr. Cranch." "I'm very glad to know you, sir, said Mr. Cranch, "but, if it isn't too im- ever lived, and have classed the stories pudent a question to ask on so short an of his exploits among the myths of the acquaintance, why are you strolling on past. It is hardly probable, however. foot with Fred here, while your charm-

ing fiancee is riding alone?"
"My fiancee?" exclaimed the engineer, in astonishment, while his friend looked inquiringly. "I hope I am not mistaken." said Mr. Cranch. "I've been told that Mrs. | the ballad singers and early writers of

Whitlayton was soon to become Mrs. Anson Marthen.' Marthen's face blackened, as he exclaimed, through tightly closed teeth: "Gentleman, this is horrible. I never utes ago. My villainous double—you nent citizen, a curious incident occur-know all about him, Fred—that rascal red. The clergyman announced that

Mr. Cranch finally said: "I suppose its nobody's business: the lady has been married before; she ought | 90 Herald. to be able to choose for herself." "I'll make it my business," hissed Marthen, and he turned abruptly and in 1845, by Commodore Vanderbilt, and hurried to his hotel, where he had the good fortune to find a detective await-ing him and full of news. The scape-has been sold at auction to the Dela-

dollar bill to tell all he knew, suspected a wedding for his master had ordered a the village carts is to be crushed strawdross suit. Marthen almost lost his head in his

rage, but the detective rapidly laid a banged, a la belle. - Exchange.

plan to entrap the rascal. He would hire the negro to steal his master's overcoat and hat, which he, the detective, would put on and then call upon the minister, just after dark, with the hope of successfully assuming

the manner and appearance of the rogue and worming himself into the secret. Marthen approved the plan in general, but insisted upon one change; he would wear the coat and hat himself The detective consented, for, after all, money was what he was working for, and he was being well paid for his ser-

The negro was again bribed, and he not only stole the overcoat and hat, but named the hour at which his master had told him he would go out. Then the faithful servant led Marthen to the sickly minister's boarding-house, while the detective prevented the other Marthen escaping. Marthen, the engineer, scarcely knew what to do; he paced the sidewalk opposite the designated garden; he saw figures occassionally enter and emerge, but none that he could recognize.

Suddenly, however, just after two plainly dressed women had passed in, a thin figure crossed the street and whispered: "She is there."

"Marthen followed the preacher, wondering in what words to break gently Mrs. Whitlayton the intelligence that the man she had agreed to marry was a worthless scamp, but before he could say anything the lady was lean-ing on his arm, and the minister was

gerous to my lungs-ahem-I know you will excuse me for losing no time. Anson Marthen, do you take this woman to be your wedded wife?" Marthen was so astonished that he could scarcely maintain his position or find his tongue. He recovered, how-ever, as Mrs. Whitlayton pressed

"As night air-ahem-is very dan-

closer to his side and whispered: "Speak—quick—if you love me!" "I do," said Marthen, softly, yet earnestly. "Yes," whispered the lady.

"Then," said the minister, "I pronounce you man and wife, and what God has joined together let no man put certificate ready in the morning, if you will send for it." "Come away at once," whispered the bride, "If the dreadful enemies you

Marthen talked little but thought rapidly as he drew his wife away and rapidly along. At the first secluded spot he reached, however, he placed his arms around her, with one hand ready to place over her mouth should she attempt to shriek, he rapidly explained himself. As he had already discovered, Mrs. Whitlayton was not smart. She was so dazed by all she heard that she knew nothing but that she had been legally married to a man whom she had never seen but twelve hours before, but whom she had then determined was very much of a gentleman. What could she do in her delicate position but act according to his advice, which was that they should take the night train for New York and go to her new husband's home and his mother? So they did, and when they reached there, and the son had explained to his mother, the

bride confided to her mother-in-law that it seemed she had known her husband And the Anson Marthen who re mained a bachelor recovered his hat and

overcoat without recourse to law .- The The Death of Robin Hood.

All accounts affirm that Robin Hood lived to a very old age, and at last died by treachery. He had a cousin, who was the prioress of a nunnery called Kirklees, and when he was aged and infirm, and suffering from an attack of disease, he went to her to be bled. Robin was very sick when he reached the gate of the nunnery, where he was met by his cousin. Little thinking of treachery, he suffered her to conduct him to a room and open a vein in his For an hour or more Marthen was in window was too high above ground to pants, he met several acquaintances horn. It was a quavering and feeble When he heard the mournful blast, he

"She's Mrs. Whitlayton, widow of said: "No, I never hurt a woman in couple of years ago, he took pneumonia and died. He left her \$20,000 or \$30,- bow for me, and give me it and a broad arrow, which I will shoot from the window, and where that arrow falls there let my grave be dug. Lay a green sod under my head and another at my feet; and lay my bent bow by my side, for it has

This request was complied with by chief was buried. His death was prob-Some worthy historians have doubted whether such a man as Robin Hood that this is the correct theory. The | 000. We used to give away the kindling safer and more reasonable conclusion ten years ago. Now it keeps a good

about him have been exaggerated by

England .- Maurice Thompson, in St.

-At a large gathering of people near Lenoir, in North Carolina, at the fuknew the lady's name until five min- neral of William Shell, an old and promihas probably made love to her for her as soon as the funeral was over there money and persuaded her to marry would be a marriage in the valley near the cemetery. There was a regular One gentleman shrugged his shoul-ders, and the other raised his eye-brows; ments John Hoover and Emma Wike stepped forward and were married on the stump of an immense tree. - Chica-

grace Marthen, he said, had been living mater Iron Company, and will probably be broken up.—N. Y. Sun. -Newport this year proposes to be very sesthetic. The regulation color of

-The old steamboat Traveler, built

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to dwellings, do you?" "Your question reminds me of a man from a neighboring village who came here. He said he guessed he'd got an order that would puzzle us to fill. He wanted a second-hand pulpit. He was astonished when I showed han a complete outfit. We had stained glass windows, crosses, altars, candlesticks, rails, mourning benches, a sprinkling bowl, and a baptistery. I showed him a full assortment of pews for the body of the church. Then I offered him a secondhand steeple with bell, complete and all set up. He bought a pulpit and paid for it in silence. He was so astonished he couldn't talk."

"You do not confine your attention

"Anything. Here's a good bar for a lager beer room, and back of it is an elegant arrangement of shelves to hold the cut-glass bottles. There are mirrors between to reflect the back hair of the bartender. If you want one we can supply you with a first-class stall fit for Maud S. There would be an iron manger in one corner, a solid mahogany door at the other, and a rosewood hav rack between, if you wanted it." "You don't mean to say you've

bought in second-hand stalls of that kind, do you?" "Well, not quite that. We have everything but the hay rack, though, and have got the stuff for that. To return to the interior work of dwellings, we have everything necessary to fit out either a mansion in Fifth avenue or a shanty for a squatter sovereign. We just sold a pair of Italian marble mantels that probably cost \$500 each when new. They are as good now as then. You can almost see through them they are so clear, and the carving is exquisite. We have mantels in various kinds of was urged to follow one into the thicket colored marble, and two in Mexican ovnx that are beautiful. We get hold nuffin' wot don't bodder me; I makes of hand-carved mantels and newel posts. stair rails, doors and frames that would delight the heart of one able to appreciate the beauty of such work. There s a gas chandelier. The figures are extremely delicate. It is carved from solid walnut. In common articles it would tire you merely to hear them enumerated. You can not think of any article, door knobs, girders, gas pipes, ranges, book cases, mirrors, anything that is known under the head of modern improvements or as a part of the house itself that we cannot supply. We'll buy any kind of a building. Booth's Theatre is now making its way here piecemeal. The old bank building that stood at 40 and 42 Wall street is here. A part of the partition that once ornamented a Morrisania bank will go into Harry Miner's new theatre. It will make the handsomest box office you ever saw. He gets Booth's fancy iron orchestra railing also. We have a windlass here that was used in a down-

mous eagle looks down on the bookkeeper from between masks out of an old theatre. He sits at a desk that was made in the time of Queen Elizabeth." "How do you get it all?" "We have three buyers out all the time. Usually, the contractor who puts up a new house gets the old one in the bargain. We buy and remove it for him if he wishes, or we buy any part of it. We sell mostly to builders and

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"And price?"

would seem to be that Robin Hood | many teams going, especially in the

really reigned in the forests as rep- winter. We have 317 men on our pay

resented, but that many of the stories | roll. Their pay is high. It takes as

town bank to hoist the gold up out of

the vaults in the basement. In our

office is a stool that was used in a suc-

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a hundred years. The clock, a round

faced affair, two feet in diameter, is as

old. It is more serviceable. An enor-

"About one-third that of new on the average. Some of the fine pieces which we sell to builders are turned in to the owners at ten times our prices. You can not say that it is a cheat either, because as such bric-a-brac goes the price reasonable." "How much of a business is it?" "Ours is not the only yard. We sold \$35,000 worth of firewood from the waste last year, and the total sales

house as to put it in."-N. Y. Sun. The Rattlesnake.

In favorable localities rattlesnakes

occur in amazing plenty, and the stories

great skill to take fine work out of a

to be heard in every State, of "dens," where they writhe in countless numbers and dreadful intimacy, have some foundation. De Kay cites an instance where two men, in Warren County, N. Y., about 1840, slaughtered 1,100 rattlesnakes in three days on the eastern side of Tongue Mountain. In 1877 a farmer killed seventy-six massasaugas in a cranberry marsh of Crawford County, Ohio, where are still harbored many serpents disappearing elsewhere. Some swamps and canebrakes in the far south swamps and canebrakes in the far south state of Maine.—Boston Post. long one of the most popular boats on parts of the plains and Rocky Moun-tains, particularly in the tufa craters of warm springs, in Utah. But perhaps the nearest approach to the "den" of the sensational picture is an island in Pyramid lake, Nevada, where during the warm months "it is absolutely dangerous to walk about those parts of the

placable enemy not only directly but in many indirect ways; yet there are few localities favorable to him where he has been exterminated. You can find rattlesnakes in plenty, for example, within five miles of the center of New Haven. It is doubtful if any of the several species will ever suffer extinction.

Scales being undistensible and never

ally by sloughing off the entire skin, underneath which a new external skin has formed and separated itself from the now faded and husky cuticule. This process occurs during August in the adult, two or three changes happening in a single summer with youngsters, who outgrow their vestments very speedily. It is a popular idea that this midsummer sloughing occupies a considerable period, during which the serpents are harmless, because blind. It s quite supposable that this might be so, since the outer layer of the cornea of the eye peels off with the slough, and during a few preceding days the eye has a dull and filmy appearance. But captive snakes, given active mice at this time, attack them without hesitation or missing. After the molt the eye gleams bright and cold like a jewel, but with a sullen, ferocious and relentless expression, for it is overhung by the bony penthouse of the broad, strong superortable bones that give a fulcrum for the powerful muscles of the jaws. This cruel eye and its fixed stare introduces the once vexing question of fascination;

but before discussing it, some account of the food and feeding habits of our subject will be well. The disposition of the whole family is sluggish and opposed to any active movement and even in taking its prey, beyond the one lighting swift blow that smites it down-so startling a contrast to the ordinary lethargy! The mocassin, to be sure, is somewhat an exception. since he is a good swimmer and chases in their element frogs, water snakes, tadpoles, and the less agile fishes, like The most rapid exertions of rattle-

ger; yet, when doing their best on open ground, their pace can easily be equaled seen on the plains, so that a blacksnake or a Eutania, could not only overtake, but circle round and round them. Their plan in food-getting, then, is not to pursue their prey, but to lie in wait for it and strike before their presence is suspected. Protected by his colors, that assimilate him to the haunts he most frequents, whether woods or rocks, as in the eastern crotall, or the barren uplands chosen by the far western species; the shaded morasses threaded by the dark-skinned massasaugas; the lush meadows where the copperhead lurks; the stream-bank or rice-ridge where the cottonmouth plunges into the water; or the yellow weeds under whose mottled shadows the little ground rattlers become visible-hidden, and motionless for hours together in one or another of these resorts, the crotalus coils in patient vigilance. "Though aware of the passenger's presence, he either lies quiet or glides away to a more retired spot.' His course is that of the darkey who and kill it: "Massa, I nebber bodders dat a rule!" Here, again, nevertheless, an exception must be noted for the copperhead, and more especially for the moccasin-vicious reptiles, asking little provocation before inflicting their deady wound. Holbrook says the moceasin attacks everything that comes within its reach, erecting its head and opening its mouth for some seconds before it bites." All other snakes put in a cage with it show the keenest terror. No

species of crotalus, however, will follow the object of its rage as do some of the non-venomous serpents Such are facts respecting the foodgetting of the rattlesnakes, while those of other serpents would furnish an equally prosaic explanation; vet the notion that the small, bead-like eye, and tongue darting forked flame from black lips, exerted a charm or fascination upon smaller animals, luring them within reach of the fatal stroke, is as old as the fabled basilisk-older, indeed, for to it, no doubt, the very image of the basilisk owes its origin. Traveling westward, it came to America with the earliest bookmakers, and was at once attached to our subject and to the blacksnake. "Birds have been seen to drop into its mouth," wrote Penant; "squirrels descend from their trees, and leverets run into its jaws. Terror and amazement seem to lay hold on these called, he gets a fearful scolding and little animals," etc., etc. "All agree," says old Catesby, of South Carolina, who confesses he never witnessed the

phenomenon of fascination for himself "all agree in the manner of the process, which is that the animals, particularly birds and squirrels, no sooner spy the snake than they skip from spray to spray hovering and approaching gradually nearer the enemy, regardless of any other danger, but with distracted gestures and outeries, descend though from the tops of the loftiest trees, to the mouth of the snake who opens his jaws, takes them in, and instantly swallows them."-Ernest Ingersoll, in The Man-

-Several years ago a vessel was wrecked on Cape Cod, and among other portions of her cargo that floated ashore were a number of hardwood logs, which. after knocking about in the surf for ax is called upon to exercise his funcamounted to a little more than \$250,some time until all the valuables were secured, were gathered up by the peo-ple in the vicinity and used for fuel. Some person with a better knowledge of wood than his neighbors bought it all up. They were actually burning fuel that was worth \$800 a cord. It was, indeed, the finest and best quality of Turkey boxwood, which to-day would readily bring twelve cents a pound. | culprit was suffering the extreme pen-N. Y. Times.

> - Half a century ago a Mr. Walden, of Portland, Me., had four strangely assorted pets-a parrot, a monkey, a tame | cut down to the level of his shoulders, fox and a Newfoundland puppy. The parrot has seen his companions, one after another, go the way of all flesh, and now, at the age of sixty years, is still one of the most important members of Lieutenant George Walden's family. Contemplation of the vicissitudes of life has subdued the loquacity which was

-An electric light introduced in a Pennsylvania coal-mine the other day scared a lot of mules there out of their wits; and miners said it was the first time one of the animals was ever known to show fear underground .-Philadelphia Press.

berry, and the donkey's ears are to be island where they are colonized."

—A Washington man spoke of "the bound up in ribbons and his foretop This animal is easily killed or dis
New York Hades gate electric light" abled, however, and has in man an we the other day.

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falling out to be replaced, like hair and feathers (with which they have no acres, has been sold to parties in Calihomology), serpents get room for growth and renew their coats periodicfornia, who have been shipping seed oysters quite extensively to that coast to plant in San Francisco bay. - Boston -Those who object to the odors of the disinfectants used at the present day will find charcoal unobjectionable on

this account, while it absorbs gases in a surprising way; pieces can be laid on plates and put out of sight in a sickroom.—N. Y. Times. -A New Orleans man has discovered new mode of tanning and preserving the skin of Louisiana's bird, the pelican, by which the feathers are not damaged and the bird's skin with the

feathers on it can be utilized for making turbans and hats for ladies .- N. O. Picamune. -The nettle, a growth common to nearly all of the States, and which has hitherto been a source of great trouble to farmers, has now been found to yield a fiber, which it is claimed, will supplement cotton in the manufacture of cloth. Cloth made from it, on trial, has

been adjudged equal in texture and appearance to linen. - Chicago Journal. -A Swiss watchmaker in Pennsylvania has completed an automatic clock, which for intricate mechanism is said to surpass the celebrated one at Strasburg. During twelve hours it plays three musical selections, and 2,022 automatic movements are made. Of course, the machinery is so arranged as to permit the entire performance of the automatons taking place every fifteen or

twenty minutes.—Philadelphia Press. -Mr. F. L. Slocum has examined the ink for writing on glass and, secording to the American Journal Pharmacy, reports that it is made by mixing barium sulphate, three parts; ammonium fluosnakes are aroused in fleeing from danride, one part; and sulphuric acid q. s. to decompose the ammonium fluoby a child, without running, as I have | fluid consistency. It should be prepared in a leaden dish, and kept in a gutta-percha or leaden bottle.

> that it saves both time and labor. The material is prepared beforehand in slabs which are fixed to the joists direct, with great speed, forming the ceiling at once. Thus, plastering which would occupy weeks to execute can be accomplished by this slab system in as many days. It is also claimed for this patent that the ceilings are fire resisting. ---PITH AND POINT.

—The sale of boot-jacks last year was

91,000 less than the year before. Is

this country going to bed with her boots

-Patent plastering was a novelty ex-

hibited at a recent building exhibition

held in London. It is claimed for it

on? Detroit Free Press. -Three-fifths of the fashionable alligator satchels and pocket-books are made from pig-skin. This, at least, is the allegation, but perhaps the allegator lies. - Philadelphia News. -The Crow Indians have been caught

putting rocks in the bales of hav they

sell to the Government. The day is

not far distant when all Indians will be

civilized enough to vote. - Philadelphia -In modern Egypt a young man is not permitted to see his wife's face before marriage. Whoever has invested in prize packages can imagine the feelings of the average young Egyptian as he gazes on his trinket for the first

time. Modern Argo.

to Europe in the steerage of the Cunard liner, just to see how it was," says an exchange. For the same reason her mother has been keeping boarders to pay the daughter's expenses. -N. O. Picayune. -They were approaching an ice-eream saloon, and she said: "Oh, Charley, I'm going to have a new dress cut bias-Oh-oo. S-p-p-p!-there's an ice-eream saloon. Goody!" "Yes,

and it is like your new dress, for it will

-"A beautiful Boston girl has crossed

be cut by us;" and the horrid old wretch led the panting damsel across the street.—New Haven Register. -Little Johnny says that when he was a baby, his mother tells him that he was as good as pie, and used to sleep all night and half the day. Now, when he does not get up the first time he is occasionally something else beside. He can't see why what was praiseworthy

in the infant should be reprehensible in the boy .- N. Y. Post. -Miss Jenny Marks, of Baltimore, won a sewing-machine by making a guess at the number of pills in a bottle in a window. There were 25,100 pills in the bottle, and she guessed 25,190. There were over 5,000 guesses, and the worst one was a guess of 9,000,000. The man who guessed 9,000,000 was one of those fellows who get their edu-

cation by reading gas-meters. -Oil City Off at a Blow.

Derrick.

You probably know that, in Berlin. when they wish to deprive a criminal of his life, they cut him in two at the neck. The executioner that wields the sharp tions on an average about once a month. His name is Krauts, a mildfaced old fellow, with a soft, gentle voice, a dandy manner and white hands, and on these occasions he usually smokes a cigarette. He has four assistants, a quartet of cruel, hard-looking men, whose duty it is to strip the victim. In the case under notice the alty of the law for no less a crime than the murder of his wife and two children. When he had been stripped to the undershirt, the collar of which was his feet pinioned and his hands tied behind him, he was led out and his head placed upon the block.

In the meantime Krauts, the executioner, had stood among the few spectators of the scene quietly pufling his cigarette, and without anything in his demeanor indicative of his office. When the platform was reached he threw aside his cigarette, grasped the ax in his white, sinewy hands, gave it a swing upward, and struck with a force sufficient to detach the head from the body instantly. The remains were covered with a black cloth, and the witnesses having signed their names, were escorted out of the jail. I have seen many executions by hanging, and have witnessed one or two poor victims being keelhauled, but it seems to me that decapitation must be the most brutal-certainly it is the most hideous to contemplate. - Berlin Cor. Chicago