THE HAUNTED HOUSE.

I am a poor man, only a clerk with a salary of two thousand per annum. dren as can be found within a hundred miles of New York, and I am premyself-who pretends to deny it.

Now, having a pretty wife and nice children, I naturally desire to place rich in mirrors. them in a good position. I have a pictures, fine china, and so forth. So

Now it must be obvious to the mean- nothing could be more charming. est capacity that a salary of two thou-Martyn and myself talked the matter place was bright, pretty and clegant over, and we agreed that the thing was in the extreme.

After we had made the tour of the impossible; the sum to be expended rest of the house, Mollie and I decould not be made to procure all these scended to the basement. Here plain-

though I do make all the children's clothes and my own French bonnets."

day down at the store, and Mollie's words -"You know, Dick, the rent is more than half your salary"-kept ringing in my ears.

"Of course I knew it! The rent-that was the stick. If I could only get a nice house for a small amount—"Owners off to Europe," or something of that sort—we might make the rest

work by careful management.
"No use!" I sighed. "Nice houses
don't rent for nothing." And I was
about to resume work, and relinquish
the hope when my friend Johnston

came in to see me.
"What's the matter, Martyn?" he asked, "You look like a whole funeral procession, Nothing," I answered, dubiously;

"only wishing I could rent a fine house for about five hundred dollars.' Johnston looked at me seriously for

a moment; then, drawing a chair close to mine, he said-"I'll give you one rent free if you'll agree to live in it! It's furnished in good style, too— "Where is it?" I asked.

Johnston mentioned the street and number. The location was unexcep-

"What the matter with it?" I demanded. My friend put his lips close to my ear and whispered one awful word-

"Ghosts!" I laughed. "Is that all? Well, as I'm not afraid of anything in the ghost line, and Mollie is not one bit timid, I'll agree

to live there as long as you are pleased to accept thanks for rent."
"All right, Martyn," said Mr. Johnston. "I shall be glad to have you try it; but I give you fair warning, that you won't be able to stand it. I have had ten tenants in two years, the blue room. and the boldest one remained two weeks. I tried it myself, but it was

no use: I had to leave. "What happened?" I asked eagerly. "Oh, I saw horrible things," said

Johnston turning pale. "Don't ask Just then I was called away by a customer, and had no further oppor-

tunity to think about the matter. After our little one's were in bed for the night I told my wife all about it, and asked her opinion in regard to it. Neither of us being superstitious, we decided to give the house a trial.

Said Mollie "I'll send the children to Aunt Kate's and go with you. We can sleep in the body, but the object never stirred, covered is far more dangerous to our the venerable church that covers the restaurant till we see whether we can unearth the ghost.'

Next day I saw Johnston, asked for it had come. a history of the house, and told him of our determination to give it a trial. "All right," said myfriend, "I know you are a brave man, and your wife true as steel; nevertheless, I have no faith in your ability to outwit the devil; and the devil certainly holds possession of that house. If

-the second floor back—and Mollie the spectre. I then directed Mollie silver star, the famous inscription in the spectre. you do you shall have a five years' lease and I were about to follow to ours, for nothing. I built the house; before when I saw walking toward me, a man it was completed I was called to Enwith a razor in his hand. I glanced the mirrors which lined the stairway. The three-fold the mirrors which lined the stairway. gland by the death of my father. I at Mollie; her eyes were fixed on the No sooner had she taker left my business in the hands of my same object; neither of us spoke, but when Charlie shouted partner, Davis, telling him that when both watched with bated breath, the house was finished he could occuthe house was finished he could occupy it till my return. Davis did move shave; suddenly he cut himself, and in, but terrible misfortune overtook the blood streamed down; he threw him mutter.

Presently the spectre began to fate! Rub your forehead, Mollie! By and from the other fact that the Jove! it is she, sure enough?" I heard him mutter. girl - was attacked with scarlet fever ward us, passed over us, and disapand died. The mother, insane with grief, committed suicide. Poor Davis! he couldn't endure the great, silent house after that, and moved out, giving permission to his nephew, George Madden, to occupy it. George was a pretty wild boy, but he had about that time married a French woman with some money, and was very glad of the chance to live in so good a house rent free. Mrs. Madden was an ambitious woman, and it seems was not satisfied with the plainness of the house. She spent considerable money decorating the ceilings and placing mirrors in almost every place a mirror we can prevent anything of that kind could be placed. You know a French house rent free. Mrs. Madden was an woman will have mirrors and curtains if she goes without shoes and stock-After I came home from Europe, I concluded to live in the house rope, I concluded to live in the house mystery here which we may be able myself, and gave the Maddens notice to leave. You neversaw anything like the rage madam flew into, and some pretty warm words passed between her husban I and myself. The upshot of the matter was that I benefit this furniture and raid. She indignantly refused to give the household for the matter was that I benefit the first thing which appears."

Charlie, you and Ed. slip quietly into the front basement to sleep, but see that you sleep lightly. If you hear the cellar door open keep quiet; but after the ghost has passed up stairs secure the door and steal after her. Mollie and I will be ready to receive the throat and lungs, Dr. King New Disposed the first thing which appears."

I reported my interview with John-ston to Mollie but she remained firm in her determination to accompany

I have a wife and two children-as In a week the children were dispretty a wife and as nice little chil- patched to Aunt Kate's, and Mollie and I paid a visit to the haunted house. In appearance, we found it all we could pared to fight any man - smaller than pre-pared to fight any man - smaller than parlors high, large and elegant, furnished with all a French woman's taste. The dining-room-which was the third

The second floor was if possible weakness for a nice house, plenty of more elegant than the parlors, since here had crept in together with the show and glitter, an air of cosey com-I like to see Mrs. Martyn dressed little hall room, which was upholstered fort. Especially was this true of the handsomely, and my little ones lock in blue ratin. At each point of intering as we'll as the next man's children.

Mrs. Martyn does not object to being handsomely dressed, and dotes upon adorning our little enes till they look like little fairies.

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My first movement was to go down the cellar door, and seized her just as she came down the servant's statrease. Charley and I were almost instantly on the spot, and brave Mollie was not boys preferred to take theirs later in the season. My next, to call upon I to proved to be a young and handsun streaming in at the windows,

The third floor was a counterpart of sand a year won't do much toward a the second and the fourth was exactly fine house filled with fine art. Mrs. like the third. In short, the whole

pertained to external comforts, Mollie Now please try and remember; did At first, Mr. Johnston was deter-and I separated for the day; she to do these ghosts bear any resemblance to mined to let the law have its way; but I was thinking over the matter next a little necessary shopping, I to attend to business.

session of me. At last I resolved to mitted suicide-Mrs. Davis." get her two brothers, Charlie and Ed -two gay, devil may care young men asked. -to come and bear us company.

When I arrived at the place where we were to dine and saw Mollie's face it was awful!" was glad I had done so, for she looked pale and anxious, though she insisted that she felt no fear.

After dinner—about half-past six— we all started for the haunted house. The weather was warm, and as Mollie had sent bed linen and all necessary articles for our use, we had nothing to do but await as patiently as we could the arrival of the ghosts.

The rooms were close and musty, from their long disuse, and we were the old woman went home, but I am glad to open the parlor windows. But positive we never sawanything strange but his wife to health and his boy to when the shadows began to fall I left When the shadows began to fair I lete while the shadows b me in the dark.

to light another, when I was startled by a sharp cry from Charlie. Turning around I saw him standing with a face like marble, eyes starting from their basement and two in the kitchen.

man?"

hoarsely, "look there."

The eyes were closed, but one hand moved restlessly to and fro across the forehead.

For an instant I was riveted to the of terror at the unearthly figure reflected so horribly in the garish light.

the next I had recovered myself. I sprang forward, brandishing the gaslighter, and aimed a savage blow at it. dle, and boys, you and I must discover jolly locking monk furnished us an ex-To my horror the blow passed through the rest, for the part we have not discover cellent lunch. He then took us into except to continue the wearied mo-

roads of the house with me, and pre- periment."

ceded him up stairs. Nothing more occurred worthy of mention till the time for retiring. Standing in about the same position came over me as I descended into the Charlie and Ed had gone to their room Charlie and I had been when we saw rocky chamber and read, around the the mount of the property of the prop

His only child-a lovely little the razor away angrily and walked topeared into the opposite wall.

I was dumb with surprise, Mollie white and cold, but firm as a rock. "Dick," said she, "did you see that man?"

"Yes, dear, 1 am sure I saw some-

thing."
"Well, whom did it look like?"
"Treplie "Very much like Ed," I replied, as

calmly as I could.
"So I thought," faltered Mollie,

taking place, though we may not be I am convinced that the unfortunate able to resist being frightened. Bear lady will be make to appear to us very up, little woman! To-morrow we will soon-perhaps to-night. If she does For the speedy cure of Consumpgive it up, if you say so. There is a we must be ready to receive her. tion and all diseases that lead to it, mystery here which we may be able Charlie, you and Ed. slip quietly into such as stubborn coughs, neglected

While we were at breakfast, Mol- eyes. lie suddenly turned to Ed with the

"When did you shave last?"
"Last night," was the response

you cut yourself?

"Oh, nothing," said Mollie, with a

"I knew you would come," he cried before I had time to speak. 'You posed, disgraced, she never for one can't stand it either! Well' well! I'll incoment lost courage. let the place go as Davis advises, only five thousand offered-it's too bad-

good house in a good neighborhood is more than half your salary, and it is impossible for us to live fairly and dress descently on what received a converge our salary and it is impossible for us to live fairly and dress descently on what received a converge our salary and it is impossible for us to live fairly and dress descently on what received a converge our salary and it is impossible for us to live fairly and dress descently on what received a supreme; no freescoed yet; on the contrary, I think we have a clew. Will you answer me a few questions—and be so good as to ask none in return? When you lived in the house you saw figures which fortunate husband cronebed and ness reigned supreme; no frescood yet; on the contrary, I think we have in your country who is not a covardly THE OLD RELIABLE SIOUX CITY ROLTE more than half your salary, and it is impossible for us to live fairly and dress decently on what remains—even though I do make all the children's desirability of the premises, as far as came and went mysteriously, etc., etc.

> The day passed slowly. Some misgivings on Mollie's account took pos-"Did you know Mrs. Davis well?" I ror had been taken from the house.

"and I have done. Did you use the basement floor at all, and if so, did you see any spectre while there?" the illusions which had driven twelve tenants from the house, and reduced it to one-half its value.

basement. We could not keep a ser-vant in the house-except an old wo-house with Mollie and the little ones, man who went home at night. Neither Ed. and Charlie—five quiet, peaceful Mrs. Johnston nor myself careed much years—and Mr. Johnston tells me for going through the halls after that he still considers himself my nightfall; so we stayed down stairs till debtor, since our discovery not only while there.

ust lighted one burner, and was about Mollie, and once more went to the ies, and all were wailing, as they wail sockets with horror and his lips drawn back and disclosing his set white teeth.

Startled more by his look than by the fear or dread of the something lodged. The door which led into the him — kitchen from the cellar next secured 580 feet in length) were about half pointed with the other toward a knob or handle on the cellar side, and barren hills we saw the

"For God's sake Dick," he said by a piece of paper cunningly applied.

I turned slowly around and looked "I think we have scotched the snake," I amounced to the boys that by Mr. Meshullam. For a half hour where he pointed. In the center of evening. "But we will thoroughy test we feasted our eyes with the beauti-

spot, staring with all the fascination gether and held a consultation. Said I: through its narrow streets we saw no in this house, if possible. It is nice, answered to my idea of Boaz, Shaking off Charlie's detaining hand convenient and desirable. Mollie, rode to the convent adjoining the sprang torward, brandishing the gastion of the hand. A moment more, My theory is that this house is haunt- tion has always held that our blessed then it disappeared as mysteriously as ed by a person or persons whose ob- Lord was born. The chamber is

for yours. Go into the back room, life in the cavern close by the birth leave open the door, and stand where spot of our Lord. I entered with you did when shaving," deep interest the cave in which this In a moment Mollie and I were devout scholar meditated and prayed

highly edified by seeing our spirit of and wrought the Vulgate translation the razor, with his thumb at his nose of God's word. My visit to the in a most unghost-like style.

"You see Mollie was right about city. the mirrors producing the figures

with you until you have given the house a trial yourself," were the closing words of my friend.

I awake, Mollie looked a little pale, throat which gapped fearfully in the gaslight of the scintillating little room, I never wish to see a look more horrible than glowed in her wild black

> had cut off retreat, I whispered to "Don't be frightened: it's only a

woman masquerading." "Turn around," persisted his sister. I sprang from my bed - the figure "What is that court plaster for? Did did not stir. Of course the real cul-I sprang from my bed - the figure prit was not in the blue room, but in

"Yes-should say I did - you should the parlor, any attempt to seize her have seen it bleed! But why are you on my part would be useless. I rushed into the hall and shouted: quick glance at me.

After breakfast, she drew me aside.
"Dick," said she, "did you hear more tangible than air sounded from

"Yes," I answered, "and I think you have discovered a clew. But say caped us after all if Ed had not spring nothing at present."

My first movement was to go down the cellar door, and seized her just as

the season. My next, to call upon It proved to be a young and hand-Mr. Johnston. I found him awaiting some women—in short, just whom I had suppose - Mrs. Madden. Beaten at her hideous game, ex-

"So," she said in broken English, "so the game is up. You are rave men—I wish Madden was as brave— "Mr. Johnston," I interrupted, I'd not have failed You, madate," to wait a minute. I havn't given up Mollie, "are the only woman I've seen

members of your own house—hold?' at last consented to let matters drop "I think they sometimes did—but upon Mr. Madden's taking a solemn not always. The most horrible, to me, yow to leave the country and molest In another week nearly every mir-

Some were concave, hence the size of "No, not very well, but well enough the figures. But the greatest discovto recognize her. I tell you, Martyn, ery was the reflecting glasses in the was awful!" ceiling, that were scarcely to be seen.
"One more question," I persisted, but which aided much in producing

"Two evenings we sat in the front Mr. Johnston was as good as his

Nothing occurred to alarm us till devil holds possession."

Solomon, halting a few moments at the tombstone of Rachael by the roadside. The small structure was according to the small structure was according to the small structure was according to the small structure. The small structure was crowded with we reached the second floor. I had About noon I went up home, got Jews, some of whom were phylacterhad a place for a latch key, slyly hid deep, fertile vale of Urtas, filled with to be harnless as milk, and contain only medi the little upholstered room, I saw a the question before we announce our-ful Bethlehem perched on its lofty A Thorough Blood Purifier. A Tonic Appe We all slept in the basement that So many new edifices have been night-the boys in the kitchen, Mol- erected for convents and other religlie and I in the front room. All quiet. jous purposes that Bethlehem has al-Next morning I called my force to- ways a modern look. As we rode "Boys and Mollie, here is the case- Ruths, but an ancient Jew in turlan, plain as a pike-staff. We want to live long robe and flowing beard, quite comfort here than is the first half subterranean chamber in which tradi-

it had come.

Calling up my native resolution I worthless in the market. Let us darpersuaded Charlie to continue the persuaded Charlie to continue the property probably a remnant of an ancient kan once belonging to the family of Jesse and of King David. I expected to be absolved by a glasse mockery. No sooner said than done. Charlie when I entered the church, but a feel to place herself where she would re- Latin, "Here Jesus Christ was born No sooner had she taken this position | this site is drawn from unbroken tradition, from the fact that Bethlehem "Here's our ghost, Dick, sure as has never been overthrown in sieges, century) was so sure of the site that "All right!" I laughed. "Now, Ed, he came and spent his long, laborious

> church of the Nativity was tenfold When we were all gathered in the more satisfactory than that to the parlor once more I said: church of the Holy Sepulchre in this

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