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DEAR SIE-Let me ask the indulgent me in imagination past the iron locks and bolts and bars into the interior of the

vict as they toil and suffer, as they live and die, in this boysted model prison, where the dearest rights of helpless huwhere the dearest rights of helpless hu-the eve of marriage. manity are crushed beneath the iron heel

prompt him plans new schemes of devilment. As the visitor casts but a glance
on this bastile his attention is called by the guard and the line of march takes bim to the bell house. Here he is bland
DEAR GEORGE—I have received your from the house occupied by Reid's fambur to the bell house. No one else was buried there, and and shows the astonished visitor that this is not only a self-supporting institution, but during the three years past has reand within less than that time from her at all times of the night. The "light"

or the occasion. We again take up the abandoned, and was given a brilliant re line of march and enter the lowa Tool ception. Company's shops, where one hundred and polish, and on his release what does your life. He drowned himself in the East returning toward that point with railway criminal know of a useful trade or branch River. His wife and child were thrown speed, reach it before the would be inof industry? Absolutely nothing. He is behind the age, so to speak. He cannot enter a shop and compete with the in grief, and the child sold papers for a then drop straight down and disappeared. A visit there immediately afterward re-7:10 p m 9:40 a m 8:55 p m e criminal inmate of some institution and yet your blatant philanthrop istic to-do farmer adopted her and gave her a legislators point to the politician's figures good education. She went West to earn calls it a paying institution. Still there her livlihood, and until circumstances are mutterings on the night air, murders aided her recollection she was not aware

mpty name to mark its progress. efit derived from his work shop experithis free country the deep dark memory

east stairway there a rope and pulley simple in design, but terrible in significance. This, good people of Iows, is the modern thumb screw. Here the poor modern thumb screw. Here the poor The Swift Specific Co., Drawer, 3, Atlanconvict who has broken perhaps only a ta, Ga.

simple rule is dragged, his ta, Ga.

thumbs are placed in two leather coverings. A steel clamp is then screwed around the middle joint of each thumb, and the helpless victim of "man's Two or three weeks ago,

leave it to those who have read of the dark ages to imagine, if they can, such deeds in this age, among such people, with such laws as we are led to suppose man. exist in the state of Iows. An illustration, and I am through for

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of crime. While you boast of the progress profited you. you have made in reform, I denounce your practices as vain, as a fraud-aye,

'tis worse! By the living gods, 'tis rank hypocrisy! Yours, etc.,
WM. GRIFFITH. ROMANCE IN AN IOWA TOWN,

readers of your valuable papers to follow A Girl Marries the Son of the Man Whom Her Mother Forsook on the Eve of Marriage.

Twenty five years ago a young English of a cruel and corrupt administration.

In this age of free thought and progression, I believe I have a right to be heard, ex-convict though I be, and here heard, ex-convict though I be, and here to-day-treading the free soil, and, thank with his employers and rural society gen-God, breathing the free air of my adopted state, Nebraska, I shall speak the truth farmer who had made a half million dolwithout fear or favor, as regards the lars in the silver mines of Colorado. The workings of that sheel on earth, that hot- clerk's attentions were opposed by the labed of crime, where, despite the boasted philanthropy of this the nineteenth century, brutality reigns rampant amid the groans of despairing humanity.

But enough! To come to the point. I amount of the principal should inspect all her letters except those bearing a certain mysterious

The ordinary visitor unless he be a close observer sees little to remark as he enters the arched gateway and goes the rounds of the prison. Being hustled from one department to another in short or the overcame his malady, and, getting bought by Mr. Lyon's brother-in-law, rounds of the prison. Being hustled from one department to another in short order, he notes the strict discipline and flatters himself with the vain thought that here at least crime is being checked and that the criminal is becoming reformed.

In the confidence of his employers and that the criminal is becoming reformed.

In the confidence of his employers and was promoted to positions of importance. Five years had gone since he had seen or heard from the little girl he loved, when the confidence of his employers and was promoted to positions of importance. Five years had gone since he had seen or heard from the little girl he loved, when the confidence of his employers and was promoted to positions of importance. About forty years ago a man named Reid owned the farm, and he also owned a negro woman by the name of Jude. After entering the walls the first place he was sent to the town in which he met a negro woman by the name of Jude abmitted to the inspection of the stranger her. He called on his old employers, Reid had Jude punished for some offence submitted to the inspection of the stranger her He called on his old employers, and in a conversation learned that within by placingher in close confinement and on two weeks a grand marriage was to be very short rations. Mr. Lyon's mother, close the cells which rise tier upon tier three stories high; there are three hundred cells. In the solitude of these dungeons the inmate ponders on the evil ermines of Colorado. The lady was his old forget the eagerness with which the famines of Colorado.

ly introduced to the deputy, an alleged Capt. "Jack Townsend," if you please, who graciously opens the books of record Ceorge went. He promised to return Soon after the burial "Jude's light" ap-

She remembers the story of her mothfifty convicts are employed in the manu- er's, elopement. The young commercial which flow together and form Poll Bridge facture of hoes, rakes, pitchforks and man returned his samples to the store at creek, a short distance below the house such like hand instruments for use in the garden or on the farm. Amid the dust bought a wagon, in which he traveled to very broad and extensive, and cover with and smoke begrimed with soot let us the home of his sweetheart. She met a dense growth of cane and bushes. A look at the convicts who forge the steel, which eventually bright and clear comes to the citizen's hand as a sample of the Wisconsin and were married. His moncould be seen from the house. useful trades to which the criminal is ey was soon exhausted, and he sold the supposed to be educated. But alas, the rig to pay his way to Chicago. He and greed for gold is great and the stern shylockism of the ages, represented by a that stood somewhere on Clark street. grasping contractor, knows no mercy and mocks at reform. For instance machinery takes the place of ingenuity and the merce helped him into situation as bropoor convict young or old becomes an ker's clerk. Private speculation increas- for an hour or so in sight, then suddenly instrument a necessary brute force with- ed his income until he had sufficient go straight down out of view. At such out which it would be impossible to fat- money to go into business on his own ac- times, said Mr. Lyon, he and others had ten the wallet of ye Gods the contractors. | count. His deals were not successful, Hence it is that the convict under the and within two years bankruptcy and of beating this "light" there in order to contract system learns no trade, but sim-ply a branch; for instance, some draw off father was an English nobleman and the ever succeeded in doing so. By the time the molten metal, others place it under young man's early training hadimpressed they had taken ten steps in the direction the trip hammers, others temper and a character which rebelled against such of the grave they would see the "light,

and arson. Crime increases and the bursting bubble of reform leaves but an her mother. Her identity has been established to the satisfaction of her grand-The same description as regards the ben- father, and he will mention her in his

ence may be said of the toiler in the the shoe shop, the chair shop &c. They learn but a branch of a trade and to be plain they do not learn that thoroughly. They are slaves sold for a dollar, the bond of the contractor like Shylock of Venice, is good, ah! so good, that their hearts bleed with grief that is born of despair, when they realize as the writer has often done, that his strength was not equal to the task imposed upon him, and the punishment that followed revives in this free country the deep dark memory.

Will.

Poison

In the blood will nearly always show itself in the Spring. If it does not come in the shape of blotches, rimples, cruptions, etc., it causes a dull and heavy feeling, indisposition to exertion, loss of appetite, and a general letting down of the system. Natures at this juncture requires some assistance to help throw off this poison and clean up the organism for the trying summer weather. For this there is nothing summer weather. For this there is nothing elements are all awakened from sound sleep just after midnight by some mysterious sensation, and on looking summer weather. For this there is nothing requires from twenty-three (23) of the leading retail druggies of Atlanta say, under date yard, was the familiar ball of reddish. will. the punishment that followed revives in this free country the deep dark memory of the inquisition.

In the rear of the cell house under the east stairway there a rope and pulley simple in design, but terrible in significant that from twenty-three (23) of the leading retail druggists of Atlanta say, under date March 24, 184: "We sell more of Swift's Specific than any other one remedy, and three to ten times as much as any other blood medicine. We sell it to all classes, and many of the best families use it as a general health to the country that followed revives in the rear of the leading retail druggists of Atlanta say, under date March 24, 184: "We sell more of Swift's Specific than any other place to ten times as much as any other blood medicine. We sell it to all classes, and many of the best families use it as a general health to the country that followed revives in the rear of the country the deep dark memory of the leading retail druggists of Atlanta say, under date the specific than any other one remedy, and three to ten times as much as any other blood medicine. We sell it to all classes, and many of the best families use it as a general health.

A Great Moral Show.

n humanity to man" is hoisted until, with staring, bloodshot eyes, he hangs suspended between Heaven and earth, struggle going on, and as he looked in at

"It's only the old folks, having a lit-

"Almost every day." "If I were in your place I'd stand at the present. Once it was my luck, or the door here and charge ten cents ad-

ye blatant reformers! think of the increase pulled out his wallet. "Has my advice "Stranger I can't take your money," replied the boy.

"Why !" "Because I'm a square boy. For a week or so every fight in there was as square as a dice and worth the price of admission, but as soon as a crowd began to come and the gate money began to run up to eighty or ninety cents, dad and man began to hippodrome on the public. That blood on his nose was put there state prison or penitentiary at Fort Madison. In the mind's creek let us look upon the unfortunate as well as criminal consists as they will and suffer a the unfortunate as well as criminal consists as they will and suffer a they will an a the

CONVINCING,

Asthma, Consumption or any Lung Affection "JUDE'S LIGHT."

A Curious Apparition Which Comes from an Old Slave's Grave. ATLANTA, Geo., April 26. The Con-

stitution to-morrow will publish a curiou story told by Alonzo Lyon, and vouched But enough! To come to the point. I am not lecturing but pen-picturing. There are to-day, as during the year past, about four hundred inmrtes confined in this prison representing all ages and conditions, from the youthful murderer of fourteen to the grey headed rapist.

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The young couple who had expected to carry on secret correspondence were bailled, and, while neither could hear from the other, they revered an oath that they had taken to remain true to each other. After a year the young Macedonia baptist church, on the Stone Macedonia baptist church, or Mountain and Flat Shoals road. It is in a quiet rural hamlet, on a farm form-

but during the three years past has returned to the treasury of the state nine thousand dollars. Nine thousand dollars. Nine thousand dollars is for sooth does he tell you at what a terrible cost this grand achievement has been accomplished; does he speak of the corrupt, soul-destreying convict contract system, say nothing of the wounds, cuts, bruises and hunger gnawing at the vitals of his victims. But enough, I will speak of him when I describe the punishments. Passing to the rear of the Hill House through the dining room we enter the kitchen where the guard explains the have been present occasionally and watched it. The Reid dwelling is situatated in the fork of two small streams

> "Jude's light" always seemed to com straight up out of the grave, eight or ten feet high, and keeping about the same distance from the ground, it would float slowly off up or down the swamp, or toward the house, or up the hill through the woods. It would often glide about started for the grave with the intention A visit there immediately afterward re vealed no phosphorescent, or other lights. Mr. Lyon described the "light" as about the size of a man's double fist of a somewhat reddish tinge, sparkling somewhat, but not very brilliant, and only slightly illuminating the bushes and

> trees in passing along.
>
> The nearest Mr. Lyon was ever to "Jude's light," was about the distance from the dwelling to the small stream in the direction of the grave—say 100 yards. sparkling light. It remained stationery a few seconds, then slowly glided off in the direction of the grave. Mr. Hartman said he was not particulary scared nor were the ladies, but each felt they had been awakened by this unusual approach of the "light

"Jude's light" differs from the phos pherescent lights of the swamp in many respects. It is always about the same size, always keeps about the same distance from the ground, and travels Two or three weeks ago, a pedestrian against or in opposite direction to the shricking, raving. But I cannot describe it. Language fails to picture such terrible suffering as I myself have endured. I dication of intelligence. Phosphorescent lights, it is well known, can only travel with the wind, and also vary greatly in size and appearance.

Mr. Thomas Mize, of Atlanta, a broth-

er-in-law of Mr. Lyon, was present when the foregoing was related, and confirmed it in every particular. He lived on the Reid farm for two or three, and believes pose, and estimates make had seen "Jude's light" at least 300 to promptly. Address

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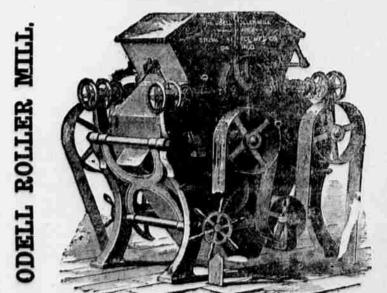
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