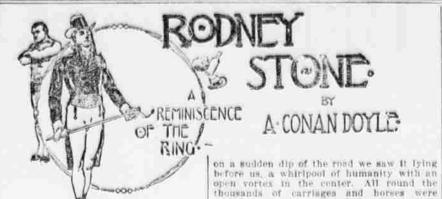
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dotted over the moor and the slopes were may with tents and booths. A spot had been chosen for the ring where a great basin had

been hollowed out in the grounds, so that all round that natural amphitheater a crowd

of 30,000 people could see very well what was going on in the center. As we drove

up a buzz of greeting came from the people upon the fringe, which was nearest to us,

toward us whisked around so that in a

when he shouled to his postilious to pull up.

"Good morning, Su springing out of the carriage. "I thought i springing out of the carriage. We have an ex-

'We begin at 10 o'clock; not an instant be

cellent morning for the battle."

answer.

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from white to dark

proading and spreading until the whole

CHAPTER XVI.-(Continued.) Belcher stooped down and turned over the man's inert head so as to show his features. "He's a stranger to me, sir."

"And to me," added my uncle. "But not to me," I cried. "It's John Cumming, the landlord of the inn at Friar's Oak. I've known him ever since I was a boy, and

multitude had joined in the acclamation. Then an instant later a second shout broke forth, beginning from the other side of the arena, and the faces which had been turned I can't be mistaken." "Well, what the devil can be know about It?" said Craven.

"Nothing at all, in all probability," answered my uncle. "He is backing young Jim because he knows him, and because he has more brandy than sense. His drunken confidence set others to do the same, and so which sat Sir Lothian Hume, Crab Wilson the odds came down."

and Captain Barclay, his trainer. The postilions were flying canary yellow ribbons "He was as sober as a judge when he "He was as sober as a judge when he drove in here this morning," said the land-lord. "He's been backing Sir Charles' nomi-riage there rode a hundred or more noblemen and gentlemen of the west country, and then nee from the moment he arrived. Some of the other boys took the office from him, and a line of gigs, tilburies and carriages wound the other boys took the office from him, and hey very soon brought the odds down among hem." "I wish he had not brought himself down they very soon brought the odds down among them.

as well," said my uncle. "I beg that you bring me a little lavender water, landlord, for the smell of this crowd is appalling. I suppose you couldn't get any sense out of this drunken fellow, nephew, or find out what it is he knows."

It was in vain that I rocked him by the shoulder and shouled his name in his ear. Nothing could break in upon that serene in- no notice of the other's manacr. toxication.

"Well, it's a unique situation, as far as my experience goes," said Berkeley Craven. "Here we are, within a couple of hours of fight, and yet you don't know whether you have a man to represent you. I hope you don't stand to lose very much, Tregel

My uncle shrugged his shoulders care lessly and took a pinch of his snuff with that inimitable sweeping gesture which no man has ever ventured to imitate.

"Pretty well, my boy!" said he. "But it is time that we thought of going up to the Downs. This night journey has left me just a little effleure, and I should like half an hour of privacy to arrange toilet. If this is my last kick, it shall at least be with a well brushed boot."

I have heard a traveler from the wilds o merica say that he looked upon the red Indian and the English gentleman as closely akin, citing the passion for sport and aloof ness and the suppression of the emotion I thought of his words as I watched my uncle that morning, for I be lieve that no victim fied to the stake could have had a worse outlook before him. It was not merely that his own fortunes were largely at stake, but it was the dreadful position in which he would stand before this immense concourse of people, many of whom had put their money upon his judgment, if he should find himself at the last moment with an impotent excuse instead of a champion to put before them. What a situation a man who prided himself upon his aplomb and upon bringing all that he undertook to the very highest standard of I, who knew him well, could tell CCSS. from his wan cheeks and restless fingers that he was at his wit's end what to do. but no stranger who observed his jaunty bearing, the flicking of his laced handkerchief, the handling of his quizzing giass, or the shooting of his ruffles, would ever have thought that this butterfly creature could was most admirable which, if it were not real. have had a care upon earth. It was close upon 9 o'clock when we were ready to start for the Downs and by that time my uncle's curricle was almost the only vehicle left in the village street. The night before they had lain with their wheels interlocking and their shafts under each other's bodies, as thick as they could from the old church to the Crawley Elm, spanning the road five deep for a good half mile in length. Now the grad village street lay before us, almost deserted, save by a few women and children. Men, horses, carriages—all were gone. My uncle drew on his driving gloves and arranged costume with punctilious neatness, I observed that he glanced up and down the road with a hargard and yet expectant eye before he took his seat. I sat behind with Belcher, while the Hon. B. Berkeley Craven took the place beside him. The road from Crawley curves gently up to the upland heather-clad plateau, which extends for many miles in every direction. Strings of pedestrians, most of them so weary and dust-covered that it was evident they had walked the thirty miles from London during the night, were plod-ding along by the sides of the road or trailing over the long mottled slopes of the moorland. A horseman fantastically dressed in green and splendidly mounted was wait-ing at the crossroads, and as he spurred toward us I recognized the dark, handsome face and bold black eyes of Mendoza. "I am waiting here to give the office, Charles," said he. "It's down the Grinstead road, half a mile to the left." "Very good," said my uncle, reining his mares round into the crossroad. "You haven't got your man there." marked Mendoza, with something of sus picion in his manner. 'What the devil is that to you?" cried Belcher, furiously. 'It's a good deal to all of us, for there are some funny rumors about!'

THE OMAHA DAILY BEE: SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 1896. fluttered from the sides of his knees. He high white hat in his hand,

running down the lane, which had been kept open through the crowd to allow persons to reach the ring, he threw the bat high in the nir, so that it fell within the staked en-closure. Then, with a double spring, he cleared the outer and inner line of rope, and

stood with his arms folded in the center. I do not wonder that the people cheered. Even Belcher could not help joining in the general shout of applause. He was certainly a splendidly built young athlete, and one could not have wished to look upon a finer sight, as his white skin, sleek and luminous as a panther's, gleamed in the light of the

morning sun, with a beautiful liquid rippling of muscles at every movement. His arms were long and alingy, his shoulders loose, and yet powerful, with the downward slant which is a surer index of power than square as can be. He clasped his hands behind his head, threw them aloft, and swung them backward, and at every movement some fresh expanse of his white skin became knobbed and gnarled with muscle, while a yell of admiration and delight from the rowd groeted each fresh exhibition. Then. folding his arms once more, he stood like a beautiful statue waiting for his antagonist. Sir Lothian Hume had been looking im patiently at his watch, and now he shut i

with a triumphant snap. "Time's up!" he cried. "The match is for feit.

twinkling the whole foreground changed "Time is not up," said Craven, "I have still five minutes." My uncle looked round with despairing eyes. 'It's they. They are in time," said my uncle and Craven together. Standing up on our curricle we could see "Only three, Tregellis, A deep, angry murmur was rising from the the cavalcade approaching over the Downs. "It's a cross! It's a cross! It's a crowd.

false!" was the cry. "Two minutes, Tregellis!" "Where's y ur man, Sir Charles? Where's the man that we have backed?" Flushed faces began to crane over each other and angry eyes glared up at us.

"One more minute, Tregellis! I am very orry, but it will be my duty to declare it forfeit against you." There was a sudden swirl in the crowd, a rush, a shout, and high up in the air there spun an old black hat, floating over the

heads of the ringsiders, and flickering down within the ropes. the Lord!" screamed Belcher. 'Saved, by "I rather fancy," said my uncle, calmly, "that this must be my man."

"Too late!" cried Sir Lothian. My uncle bowed coldly and made no "No," answered the referee. "It was still twenty seconds to the hour. The fight will "I suppose that since we are all here we now proceed." may begin at once." said Sir Lothian, taking

> CHAPTER XVII. THE RINGSIDE.

THERE SPUN AN OLD BLACK HAT.

was one of the very few who had observed whence it was that this black hat, skimming Sir Charles, where is your man?" "I would ask you that question, Sir Lothian," answered my uncle. "Where is my name and come have already remarked that when we looker

never again shall you have my Jack-not if CLOOMY FOUDTH OF FIFTY CIV man, but of that famous abolitionist. Ower you were to go on your knees for him." "She's not a patron of sport, and that's a

She's not a parton of sport, and that's a fact," said the smith. "Sport!" she effed, with shrill contempt and anger. "Tell me when all is over." She hurried awar, and I saw her afterward seated among the bracken, her back turned

toward the multifede and her hands over her ears, cowering and whicing in an agony of apprehension While this hurried scene had been taking

place the crowd had become more and mor-tumultuous, partly from their impatience a the delay and partly from their exuberant spirits at the unexpected chance of seeing so lebrated a fighting man as Harrison. HB identity had afready been noised abroad, and many an elderly convoisseur plucked his long net pursecout of his fob in order to put a few sufficient upon the man who would represent the school of the past against the present. The younger men were still in avor of the west country man, and small odds were to be had either way in proporpresent. favor of the tion to the number of the supporters of each in the different parts of the crowd. In the meantime fir Lothian Hume had

come bustling up to the Hon. Berkeley 'raven, who was still standing near our urricle "I beg to lodge a formal protest against

those proceedings," said he. "On what grounds, sir?"

"Because the man produced is not the original nominee of Sir Charles Tregellis." "I never named one, as you are well aware," said my uncle. "The betting has all been upon the un-

lerstanding that young Jim Harrison was my man's opponent. Now at the last mo ment he is withdrawn and another and more formidable man put into his place." "Sir Charles Tregellis is quite within is rights," said Craven firmly. "He underhis rights," said Craven firmly. took to produce a man who should be within the age limits stipulated, and I understand that Harrison fulfills all the conditions You are over five and thirty, Harrison?" "Forty-one next month, master,

Very good. 1 direct that the fight pro eed.

But alas, there was one authority which was higher even than that of the referee and we were destined to an experience which was the prelude and sometimes the concluston also of many an old-time fight, Across the moor there had ridden a blackcosted gentleman with buff topped hunting boots and a couple of grooms behind him. the little knot of horsemen showing up learly upon the curving swells, and then lipping down into the alternate hollows of the more observant of the crowd had glanced suspiciously at this advancing fgure, but the majority had not observed him at all until he reined up his horse upon a knoll which overlooked the ampliheater and in a stentorian voice announced that he epresented the Custos rotulorum of his najesty's county of Surrey, that he pro claimed this assembly to be gathered for an illegal purpose, and that he was commissioned to disperse it by force if necessary. "Never before had I understood that seated fear and wholesome respect which many centuries of bludgeening at the hands of the law had beaten into the fierce and turbulent native of these islands. Here was a man with two attendants upon one side, and on the other 30,000 very angry and disappointed people, many of them lighters by profession, and some of the roughest and most dangerous classes in the country. And yet it was the single man who appealed confidently to force, while his multitude awaved and murnaured like a mutinous ierce-willed creature brought face to face with a power against which it knew there was neither argument nor resistance. My uncle, however, with Berkeley Craven, Sir John Lade, and a dozen other lords and geu tlemen, hurried acress to the interrupter

of the sport. 'I presume you, have a warrant, sir?' said Craven.

'Yes, sir, I have a warrant."

"Then I have a legal right to inspect it." The magistrate handed him a blue paper. which the little knot of gentlemen clustered their heads over, for they were mostly magistrates themselves, and were keenly alive to any possible flaw in the wording. At last Craven shrugged his shoulders and anded it back. "This seems to be correct, sir," said he.

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Interpretation of Declaration of Independence Involved in Campaiga Abstract of a Speech by Lincoln Ritherto Unpublished.

(Copyright, 1895, by S. S. McClury Co.) It is difficult for an American mind to grasp the idea that the foundations of the Fourth of July were ever less impregnable than today and yet only forty years ago-in 1856, not only the popularity, but the very existence of the great holiday was seriously threatened.

Eighteen hundred and fifty-six, like 1896. was a presidential year, but while today the country is divided on a matter of pure financial policy, a matter which calls into question none of the fundamental principles of our government, then the country was agitating the very foundation on which the Fourth of July itself rests The greatest clause of the Declaration of Independence, "All men are created free and equal," was in dispute. What did it mean? "All men," without regard to rank. condition, or color, or was it "all white men," or might it not be "all white Protestant men."

The disputants had gone so far as to organize parties and put up presidentil candidates who stood for these various interpreta-tions. First, there were the republicans with Fremont for president. They came out quarely for a literal interpretation of the clause. Second, there were the democrats with Buchanan at their head, who insisted that equality was confined to white men Third, the know-nothings, with Fillmore as leader, who restricted equality to white Protestants.

While the politicians wrangled over the nearing of the Declaration of Independence the people naturally were regarding the day which celebrated the document with suspi ion, a part of them declaring with Hoses Biglow

'olks don't want Fourth of July t' inter

With the business consarns o' the rest of the year. Another part repeating a sarcastic com-

"The Fourth of July has not quite dwindled away; it is still a great day-for barning freeworks!!!" The debate had grown so warm in the

months before the Fourth that in congress an advocate of the first interpretation Charles Sumner, had been beaten over the head by an advocate of the second. Kansas the two parties were in an actual state of civil war, one side contending that he territory must admit only free men, he other that it must receive slaves. In New England Garrison in disgust at the dea that the constitution of the United States protected slavery in the south had even burned this sister of the Declaration Independence and a chorus of ardent had greeted the smoke. In the 'amens' south there was an incessant abuse of aboil-tionism combined with threats of disunion.

OBSERVANCE OF THE DAY.

It is curious to see how the country and its great men spend this Fourth, the first after democrats. Know-nothings and repub-licans were fully organized for the light which was to decide what the day did really mean; was to decide, in fact, whether was to exist any longer. In Washington was spent ominously. Congress was still in session and before it lay the reports of the committee that had been investigating rush. affairs in Kansas. The debates were stormy and men who had been friends for years were beginning to break apart. Partle ularly bitter were the friends of Sumner who was still lying in Washington (the as-"It is entirely correct," answered the magistrate, affably. "To prevent waste of your valuable time gentlemen. I may say determination that no fight shall, under

in, but of that famous abolitionist, Owen vejoy. But it was the presence of the Bryant nor Lovejoy that made the y historic. It was the fact that the chief that of the day was made by the man o was to be the contral figure in setting the question: "Arts all newn created tal? Shall the Fourth of July stand something greater than the fiverpreser." man was Abraham Lincoln. The re-lican party of Illinois had been regu-organized only six weeks before and Lincoln had made a speech at the con-vention which gave him by general consent the leadership of the new party. What would he say today-the first Fourth of July since he had publicly declared himself a republican? The crowd which gathered at Princeton was an immense one for a town of its size

The people came from every direction on feet, in wagons, on horseback. As a rule they moved in delegations or processions, it being the intention to combine the various representations at Princeton in a gigantic parade. The experiences of a member of one of these delegations—that from Tiskliwa-were published in a local paper a few days after the celebration. It is evi-dent from the letter that the Fourth of

July, 1856, was a great day for that part of the world. "At an early hour," says the correspond-it, "the wagons commenced pouring into

mt. our town by scores, bound for Princeton, with their flags flying, and bearing on them in large glaring letters different inscripions. We noticed a banner in the Henry delegation with the motto "Liberty or Death." inscribed thereon. Load after load, not wishing to wait for the procession, passed on and could not be prevailed on to stop and fall in with the rest. We got in our conveyance, and, after taking our place in the procession, we looked ahead of us and the procession in front reached as far as the eye could extend. We remarked that we must be near the last end of the proession-looking around, we came to the conclusion that this was not the case-just at that time the Henry delegation, which num-

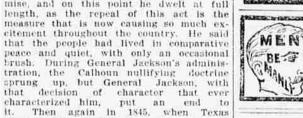
carriages, was heaving in sight-thus making quite an addition to our numbers and increasing our length. Before arriving at Princeton, the wagons and carriages were counted, and, we were told, numbered 160 vehicles, many of which had from fifteen to eighteen persons, and, in fact, there were several that had as many as twenty-five persons in each. From this a partial conlusion can be drawn as to the number

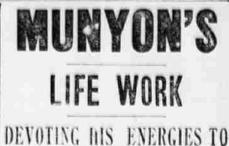
Princeton we found all the principal streets so crowded that it was an impossibility for our wagens to get around in any-thing like order. We therefore were compelled to turn as best we could."

LINCOLN. THE ORATOR OF THE DAY.

Lincoln's speech on this occasion was evdently not written out, for it does not appear in any of the "complete" collections his speeches. The only report of it of which we know is the one given by the cor-respondent quoted above, who says:

"Mr. Lincoln commenced back at the fornation of the American government, and made a hasty review of our history, glancing at all the nost important features in our legislation. He spoke in the first place of that declaration made to the world. forefathers, 'That all men are born free and equal,' and from that time he moved on down to the famous ordinance of 1787, the ordinance which was passed, and under which Virginia (if our memory serves us aright), granted the five states of Ohio. Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin, to the general government, and in that vast territory, slavery and involuntary servitude xcept for crime, was forever prohibited. He then came to speak of the Missouri compro-mise, and on this point he dwelt at full





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"You keep them to yourself, then, or you ou had never heard them

"All right, Jim! Your breakfast don't



IT BY FORCE IF NECESSARY.

seem to have agreed with you this morning. "Have the others arrived?" asked my uncle, carclessly. Not yet, Sir Charles. But Tom Oliver is

there with the ropes and stukes. Jackson drove by just now and most of the ring keepers are up.

"We have still an hour," remarked my uncle, as he drove on. "It is possible that the others may be late, since they have to come from Reigate." You take it like a man. Tregellis," said

"You take it like a man. Tregents, said Craven. "We must keep a bold face and brazen it "Use must keep a bold face and brazen it "Here's Crab Wilson" cried Belcher, and "Here's Crab Wilson" cried Belcher, and the same moment a shout like a thunder clap burst from the crowd. The west coun-tryman had emerged from his dressing tent. followed by Dutch Sam and Tom Owei, who We'll hold on by our teeth and nails, sir,

We'll hold on by our teeth and nails, sir, nd see what comes of it." We could hear a sound like the waves pon the besch long before we came in sight that waist, with a pair of white calico drawers, white silk stockings and running shoes. Round his middle was a canary-yellow sash. and see what comes of it." We could hear a sound like the waves white sifk stockings and running shoes, upon the beach long before we came in sight of that mighty multitude, and then at last and dainty little ribbons of the same color "Yes. Sir Charles," said Mrs. Harrison, who had left the gig and approached us, "Yes. Sir Charles," said Mrs. Harrison, who had left the gig and approached us, "Yes. Sir Charles," said Mrs. Harrison, who had left the gig and approached us, "Yes. Sir Charles," said Mrs. Harrison, who had left the gig and approached us, "Yes. Sir Charles," said Mrs. Harrison, who had left the gig and approached us, "Yes. Sir Charles," said Mrs. Harrison, who had left the gig and approached us, "Yes. Sir Charles," said Mrs. Harrison, who had left the gig and approached us, "Yes. Sir Charles," said Mrs. Harrison, who had left the gig and approached us, "Yes. Sir Charles," said Mrs. Harrison, who had left the gig and approached us, "Yes. Sir Charles," said Mrs. Harrison, who had left the gig and approached us, "Yes. Sir Charles," said Mrs. Harrison, who had left the gig and approached us, "Yes. Sir Charles," said Mrs. Harrison, who had left the gig and approached us, "Yes. Sir Charles," said Mrs. Harrison, who had left the gig and approached us, "Yes. Sir Charles," said Mrs. Harrison, who had left the gig and sproached us, "Yes. Sir Charles," said Mrs. Harrison, "Yes. Sir Charles," said Mrs. Harrison,

"What do you mean by asking me such mestion?

"Because I wish to know." "But how can I tell, and what business is

of mine?" "I have reason to believe that, you have made it your business."

If you would kindly put the matter a little more clearly there would be some possibility of my understanding you." They were both very white and cold, for-

mal and unimpassioned in their bearing, but exchanging glances which crossed like rapier blades. I thought of Sir Lothian's murdercus repute as a duelist, and I trembled for my uncle.

"Now, sir, if you imagine that you have a grievance against me you will oblige me castly by putting it into words."

"I will," said my uncle. "There has been conspiracy to main or kidnap my man. and I have every reason to believe that you are privy to it."

An ugly sneer came over Sir Lothian's ven, aturnine face. "I see," said he, "your man has not come

on quite as well as you had expected in his training, and you are hard put to it to ring, you can invent an excuse. Still 1 should have Sir Charles." thought you might have found a more probable one, and one which would entail

less serious consequences." "Sir." answered my uncle, "you are a liar, but how great a liar nobody knows save yourself." Sir Lothian's hollow cheeks grew white

with passion, and I saw for an instant in his deep-set eyes such a glare as comes from the frenzied hound, rearing and rampng at the end of its chain. Then with an effort he became the same cold, hard, self- Jack Harrison himself?"

contained man as ever. "It does not become our position to quarrel like two yokels at a fair," said he; "we shall go further into the matter afterward."

"I promise you that we shall, " answered y uncle grimly. "Meanwhile, I hold you to the terms of my uncle your wager. Unless you produce your nominee within five and twenty minutes I

claim the match." "Eight and twenty minutes," said my uncle, looking at his watch. "You may claim it then, but not an instant before." He was admirable at that moment, for his aner was that of a man with all sorts of hidden resources, so that I could hardly make myself realize as I looked at him that our position was really as desperate as I knew it to be. In the meantime Berkeley Craven, who had been exchanging a few words with Sir Lothian Hume, came back to our side

"I have been asked to be sole referee in this matter," said he. "Does that meet with your wishes. Sir Charles?"

"I should be vastly obliged to you, Craven, you will undertake the duties." "And Jackson has been suggested as time.

keeper I could not wish a better one."

"Very good. That is settled." In the meantime the last of the car riages had come up, and the horses had all been picketed upon the moor. The strag-glers who had dotted the grass had closed In until the huge crowd was one unit with a single mighty volce, which was already beginning to bellow its impatience. Look

ing around there was hardly a moving object upon the whole vast expanse of green and purple down. A belated gig was coming at full gallop down the road which let from the south, and a few pedestrians were still trailing up from Crawley, but nowhere vas there a sign of the missing man

'The betting keeps up for all that," said Belcher. "I've just been to the ringside and it is still even." 'There's a better place for you at the

outer ropes, Sir Charles," said Craven. "There is no sign of my man yet, won't come in until he arrives."

"It is my duty to tell you that only ten minutes are left." "I make it five," cried Sir Lothian Hume "That is a question which lies with the referee," said Craven, firmly, "My watch

My uncle's eyes had rested upon it, but his attention had been drawn away by the dis cussion between Sir Lothian Hume and the referee upon the question of time. For my own part, I had been so struck by the

furious manner in which these belated travelers were approaching that I had continued to watch them with all sorts of vague hopes within me, which I did not dare to put into words for fear of adding to my uncle's diaappointments. I had just made out that the gig contained a man and a woman, when suddenly I saw it swerve off the road and come with a galloping horse and bounding wheels right across the moor, crashing through the gorse bushes, sinking down to the hubs in the he

and bracken. As the driver pulled up his foam-spattered horse he threw the reins to and bracken. his companion sprang from his seat butter iously at the crowd, and then an instan afterward up went the hat which told of his challenge and defiance.

"There is no hurry now, I presume, Cra said my uncle, as cooli sudden effect had been carefully devised by him. "Now that your man has his hat in the

ring, you can take as much time as you like "Your friend has certainly cut it rather fine, nephew."

"It is not Jim, sir," I whispered; "it i some one else."

My uncle's cycbrows betrayed his astonish

"Some one else!" he ejaculated. "And a good man, too!" roared Belcher slapping his thigh with a crack like a pistol shot. "Why, blow my dickey if it ain't old

Looking down at the crowd we had seen the head and shoulders of a powerful and strenuous man moving slowly forward and stakes. leaving behind him a long V-shaped ripple upon its surface like the wake of a swimint. g. Now, as he pushed his way the looser fringes, the head was ming dog. through raised, and there was the grinning, hardy

of the smith looking up at us. He had left his hat in the ring, and he enveloped in an overcoat with a blue birds-cye handkerchief tied around his neck. As he emerged from the throng he let his great coat fly loose and showed that he was dressed in his full fighting kit-black draw ers, chocolate stockings and white shoes. "I'm right sorry to be so late, Sin harles," he cried. "I'd have been sooner Charles," he cried. "I'd have been sooner, but it took me a little time to make it all right with the missus. I couldn't convince her all at once, an' so I brought her with and we argued it out on the way.

Looking at the gig, I saw now that it indeed Mrs. Harrison who was seated in it. Sir Charles beckoned him up to the wheel of the curricule. "What in the world brings you here, Har-

rison?" he whispered. "I am as glad to see you as ever I was to see a man in my life. but I confess I did not expect you." "Well, sir, you heard I was coming," said

the smith "Indeed, I did not."

"Didn't you get a message, Sir Charles, from a man named Cumming, landlord of the Friars Oak inn? Master Rodney there would know him. "We saw him dead drunk at the George good one." "There, now, if I wasn't afraid of it?" cried Harrison, augrily. "He's always like 'But your training ?"

that when he's excited, and I never saw a man more off his head than he was when he heard I was goin' to take this job over He brought a bag of sovereigns up with him to back me with."

his rules. "That's how the betting got turned." said "He found others to follow his my uncle. lead, it appears."

"I was so afraid that he might get upon the drink that I made him promise to straight to you, sir, the very instant should arrive. He had a note to deliver." "I understand that he reached the George

at 6, while I did not return from Reigate until after 7, by which time I have no doubt that he had drunk his message to me out a his head. But where is your nephew, Jim, and how did you come to know that you would be needed?"

"It is not his fault, I promise you, that your should be left in the lurch. As to me, I had my orders to take his place from the only man on earth whose word I have never disobeyed."

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any circumstances, be brought off in the county over which I have control, and I am prepared to follow you all day in order to prevent it."

ackers, the referee and the time kceper.

It's seven miles to Hampshire border and bout six to Sussex," said Jackson. The amous master of the ring was clad in honor heather of the occasion in a most resplendent scarle cost, worked in gold at the buttonholes, : white stock, a looped hat with a broad black hand huff knee breeches, white silk stock ings, and paste buckles-a costume whic lid lustice to his magnificent figure and

specially to those famous "balustrade alves which had helped him to be th finest runner and jumper, as well as the most formidable puglist in England. His brond, high-boned face, large piercing eyes and immense physique made him a fitting ender for that rough and tumultuous body

who had named him as their commander-in-"If I might venture to offer you a word of dvice," said the affable official, "it would e to make for the Hampshire line, for Sir James Ford on the Sussex border has as

great an objection to such assemblies as I have, while Mr. Merridew of Long Hall, who s the Hampshire magistrate, has fewer cruples upon the point."

"Sir," said my uncle rasing his hat in his nost impressive manner, "I am infinitely obliged to you. With the referee's permis tion there is nothing for it but to shift the

which came in their way.

"I'm always mustraining, sir.

for having deserted me."

In an instant a scene of the wildest anima ion had set in. Tom Owen and his assist-Fogo, with the help of the ringkcepers ducked up the stakes and ropes and carrie them off across country. Crab Wilson was enveloped in great coats and borne away in when? he barouche, while Champion Harrison ook Mr. Craven's place in our curricle Then off the huge crowd started, horsemen chicles, and pedestrians, rolling slowly over

creet, every effort being made to avoid any reference to slavery. In New York they the broad face of the moorland. The carriages rocked and pitched like boats in a got on particularly well, for there they had seaway as they lumbered along, fifty abreast pleasant duty to perform, which took atcrambling and lurching over everything tention entirely off politics-this was unveiling the familiar equestrian statue of Washington, which stands in Union square. Sometimes, with a snap and a thud, one axle would come to the ground, while a wheel reeled off amid the tussocks of heather, and whars of delight greeted the owners as they looked ruefully at the ruin. Then, as the gorse clumps grew thinner and the sward more level, those on foot be-gan to run, the riddes struck in their spurs, fearless men, were glad the drivers cracked their whips and away they all streamed in the maddest, wildest tion their opponents were giving to the Declaration of Independence. cross-country steeplechase, the yellow ba

rouche and the crimson curricle, which held the two champions, leading the van. "What do you think of your chances. Harrison?" I heard my uncle ask, as the ut it was pro-slavery in its sympathies The advocates of free Kansas or the "free wo mares picked their way over the broken state party." as it was called, had the year before (1855) organized a state government "It's my last fight, Sir Charles," said the smith. "You heard the missus say that if she let mesoff this time I was never of its own, elected its own representative to congress and set about preparing a to ask again. 10 I must try and make it stitution. Thus Kansas had in 1856 1.00 governments, one under the direction of the United States authorities, one self-directed. The latter planned that the legislature i had elected should meet at Topeka, the I work hard from monotang to night, and I drink little else thanswater. I don't think that capital of the state, on July 4, and by the Captain Barclay can do much better with all "He's rather long in the reach for you." "I've fought and beaten them that were longer. If it comes to a rally I should hold my own, and should have the better of him at a throw." "It's a match of youth against experiirregular a body as the new government convene, and so celebrated the Fourth by Well, I would not hedge a guinea money. But unless he was acting marching dragoons upon the capital and of my money. But unless he was acting under force, I cannot forgive young Jim driving off the "bogus" government. The case with which the free state party was dispersed took all the celat out of the

"He was acting under force. Sir Charles." "You have seen him, then?" "No, master, I have not seen him." "You know where he is?" Fourth of July celebration to the reader of today was that held at a little lilinois "Well, it is not for me to say one way or the other. I can only tell you you that he could not help himself. But here's the beak a-comin' for us again." (To be Continued.) village-Princeton. This town, one of the fairest in all of the beautiful state, owes much of its beauty to the Bryants-brothers of William Cullen Bryant, who settled there in the 20s and through whose efforts it has become in appearance largely a New Eng-land town. Princeton was the home not only of John Bryant, an ardent free soil Cook's Imperial Extra

ame up, which was the cause of the pas-inge of the compromise measures of 1850 'His elasticity and vigor are Ho goue. walks and in every way moves like a man then ran on until 1854, when Douglas who has not altogether recovered from a a man whose sight is paralysis, or announcing his bill for the organization the whole matter to a conclusion, but I had underrated the foresight of those who arrange these affairs, and also the ad-tavorite a rendezvous. There was a hurried consultation between the principals the of the territories of Kansas and Nebraska ecommended congress to repeal the Missouri compromise, which move raised such an excitement around the white house and throughout the country as never be fore was heard of in this union. Mr oln took his scat amid loud and enthusithe country that he even declared he was astic cheers. glad to stay at home to save his vote. "I have great respect for that now, though And this is all we know of Lincoln's speech on this critical Fourth. But it is nough to show that he was doing his best o carry out the advice which he had alnever cared about it before," he wrote Jefferson Davis, soon to take so promi ent a part in the contest, was secretary ready given the young republican party that "ballots, not bullets." were the war. To him it fell to keep order capons to use in settling the fate of the Kansas, a task which required no little liserction on this critical Fourth of July oclaration of Independence. He sati tothing evidently to inflame the excites

That he did it without bloodshed is to his Douglas, Toombs, Stephens were and outraged people. He simply used hisredit. ill in congress, struggling with the theo arguments to prove to them calmly that they were right in their opposition ctical part of Kansas, as Davis was with the practical, and succeeding not quite so well, it should be noticed. John Brown the extension of slavery. There prob ibly was not another political speech madwas in Kansas, his hands still wet with the blood of the massacre of the Pottawatn the Fourth of July, 1856, which was se full of hard facts and so free from appeals to the emotions which are ordi-

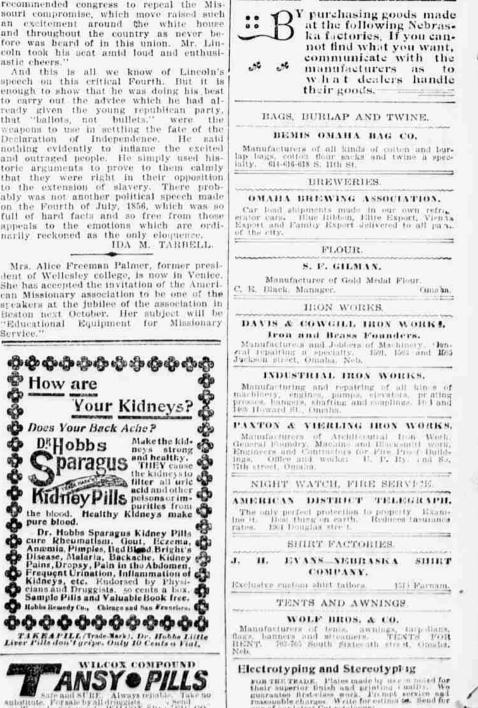
omie, urging constantly on the free soil party his favorite maxim, "Keep cool and fire low." Henry Ward Beecher was help-ing on his side of the cause by raising "Beecher's Bibles" for the free soil party Kansas, the "bibles" being first-clas ifles. And so it was all over the land he men of north and south were actively geakers at the jubilee of the association supporting their peculiar interpretation the Declaration of Independence. The who happensd to be in Europe were Those less anxious than those at home. To them Service." less anxious than those at home. To them the condition of the country seemed hope-less, beyond compare. "As I read these things so far away," wrote Lowell from Drosden, "it seems as if I were reading the history of a republic in the last wrotched convulsion before absolute disso-lution. Yet I believe it will somehow be present to seed and that out of this for-

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In Kansas a particularly dramatic act was planned. Kansas had at that time a territorial government of the usual kind, morning of that day part of the members and a large body of sympathizers were in town. The territorial authorities were rather tired of dispersing conventions and mohs, but they felt that it would be a serious blow to their prestige to allow so

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