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#### AN UNPREMEDITATED THEFT. By FRANCES A. SCHNEIDER.

Mrs. Spreadbrow sat under the big willow! Spreadbrow had determined to assume in her front garden. Behind her stood the toward the disturber of her seclusion melted trim cottage, and in the grass, almost at quite away as the pretty young creature consistency was searched from top to bother feet, gamboled Eddy, her youngest born, said in an embarrassing voice: and the new black and white puppy. She smiled placidly as she watched them, but come to-to-" it was not maternal pride that thrilled her bosom as she murmured: "He's a beauty! and his dear little legs and head are ever so much too large for his body; a sure sign have here a children's history"-and from that he'll be a big dog-and that's just what the depths of a roomy satchel she produced I want!" It is quite as likely that if the a small book-"that Catcham & Teasam are puppy had evinced signs of shrinking to the publishing-" dimensions of a toy terrior, Mrs. Spreadbrow would have said to her kind, contented little self that a toy terrior was what she craved beyond anything else.

creatures on the grass Mrs. Spreadbrow let face. her eyes wander dreamly across the bay to the irregular skyline of the big city, where she knew that Mr. Spreadbrow was busily engaged in converting bales of cotton into crisp bank notes. Ah, thought she, happily, she had much to be thankful for, the best husband in the world, a promising family, a charming home on Staten island and-But at this juncture her reverie was broken in upon by the sound of footsteps on the so pathetic about the voice and manner, gravel walk leading from the front gate to and she was so very young and so very the house, and looking up she beheld the pretty. The motherly lady laid her hand on comfortable figure of her dear friend, Mrs. the girl's arm, saying softly:

There followed a scene, such as any lady who has been surprised by the sudden and little book agent had turned away to hide unexpected arrival of a valued friend can | the tears she could not restrain. readily imagine. In the course of it Mrs. Townley was conveyed to the parlor of the | weather, and-and not being accustomed to trim cottage, to sit and "cool off" before the work. I-I began only yesterday, and going upstairs.

"Take off your bonnet, dear," said her cheery hostess. I will put your satchel and | gently, and I will go and get the wine." parcel and things on this chair. O, I have so much to tell you about and scold you

In the midst of Mrs. Townley's explana- She apologized for having given way to her tions as to why she had absented herself emotions, sipped her wine and then rose there burst through the open French win- again to go: dow, like the advent of a whirlwind, the puppy, Sport, in full cry, followed by Eddy, Round and round the room they circled for some moments, and then obedient to the changed my mind about the book, I'fl take oft repeated commands of his mother, the lit." little youth turned and embraced their visitor with much heartiness. The peace that brightening of the eyes. followed these demonstrations was rudely put to flight by the click of the front gate and the cry from Eddy, who was stationed | the one he had." at the window, announcing "a lady coming." "Come, Maria, let's go upstairs before Delia goes to the door. There goes the beli! Never mind your things."

shambled about for a moment, then trotted ; route he had come in.

she says she wants to see you on business," announced Delia, a moment later thrusting which Mrs. Spreadbrow and her friend had

'Dear me! what can she want?" the lady's voice expressed as much irritation as that kindly organ could embody. As she entered the parlor a tall, slim girl,

"Please pardon me for intruding. I have "Pray sit down," interrupted Mrs. Spread-

brow, cheerily.

"Thank you," said the girl, and dropped into a chair. "I will not detain you long. I

Ah! Now Mrs. Spreadbrow knew the "But I don't want it," she said, worst. "It won't do any-any-harm-to-to look

at it." The girl spoke as if trying to repeat From the gyrations of the two young a lesson, and with a wistful look in her

"Yes, it will; because if I let you show it to me I may buy it, and I really don't want it.'

"Nobody does; but you have put your rejection of it very kindly," said the girl, rising to go. Her voice trembled, and the smile she managed to screw her pretty lips into was far from cheerful. Mrs. Spreadbrow was touched. There was something

"Let me give you a glass of claret before you set out again in the heat- O!" For the

"Excuse me," she murmured, "it's the hot it's a long trip to and from New York." "Sit down," urged Mrs. Spreadbrow When she returned the girl had quite re covered and was sitting quietly at the winfor; why haven't you come down before." dow smiling at the gambels of the puppy.

> "Thank you so much for your kindness," she said warmly, "and goodby!"
> "Stop," exclaimed Mrs. Spreadbrow, "I've

"You really need it?" with a perceptible

I can't get on without a history for Eddy I never thought of Sport's having destroyed

When the necessary negotiations had been "Somebody to call. How provoking!" said concluded and the pretty book agent had de-Mrs. Spreadbrow with a pucker of her placid parted Mrs. Spreadbrow returned to her guest with many apologies for her long absence and bubbling over with the pathetic romance she had woven from the materials In an instant the room was cleared of all furnished by the young girl's words and save the black and white puppy, who manner. The two women talked over this and similar instances until they were both laboriously out into the garden by the same in a tearful state, and Mrs. Townley, to turn the tide of feeling, proposed going into the It's a young lady, Mrs. Spreadbrow, and parlor and opening the nubbly little package she had brought, and which she said contained some trifles for the children. This her head through the door of the room to proposition was hailed with joy by Mrs. Spreadbrow, Mrs. Townley was in the act of untying the last string, when she suddenly bethought her of her black satchel in which it was her custom to carry her purse, and which had been deposited with her bonnet and parasol in a chair in the corner of who had been standing nervously in the the room. With the precipitancy invariably middle of the room, advanced to meet her, displayed by her sex at such junctures she and the ley tone and manner that Mrs. rose and stepped over to get it. The parasol

parlor had been searched. "I know I didn't," responded Mrs. Towncourse we can look."

Townley's arrival; nor did it turn up anylifted a pair of sad dark eyes to her face and tom. Mrs. Townley had become very pale and Mrs. Spreadbrow trembled with excitement and chagrin.

"Oh, this is dreadful," she said at last. "I have been stolen. How much was in the dress, carrying the black satchel, had com- herself, and turning to the policeman, said,

tion and that if Mrs. Spreadbrow hurried cused, and then the three went into the she could overtake her before the arrival ferry house. "Are you sure you didn't take it into the of the train for St. George. Stationward the library?" asked Mrs. Spreadbrow, after the parlor had been searched.

It the train for St. George. Stationward the anxious woman sped, her heart palpitating when they had reached a quiet corner of the with hope, fear and indignation, intermixed big room. purse. Ah, she knew, she would get on the what you accuse me of smaling?" The satchel was not in the library, the train, find a policeman at St. George and only room occupied by the women since Mrs. intercept her as she stepped on the boat, before the pale "little thief," "we think you She reached the station just in time to see took Mrs. Townley's purse out of my parlor please, next time you miss anything, be where in the house, which with anxious in- the book agent's skirt whisk through the this morning; you were the only person in sure the black and white puppy hasn't door of a forward car; she herself was the room, besides myself between the time taken it before you decide that anybody else

> brakeman just as the train moved off. Arrived at St. George, Mrs. Spreadbrow

"Sit down," said Mrs. Spreadbrow weakly,

with a spice of uncertainty. What should "Thank you, I prefer to stand," replied ley, with tremulous irritation. "But of she do if the girl refused to give up the the girl proudly, "And now may I ask

"I-I" said Mrs. Spreadbrow, trembling hauled onto the last car by an obliging she left it there and the time we found it has." She could not refrain from this mild was gone, and-"

hurriedly accosted a policeman, explained dropping into a seat and covering her face -I hate to think it possible, but it must that the young woman in the gray linen with her hands. Presently she recovered lodged ever since, mitted a theft and urged him excitedly to "Search my satchel, please. And you," to

shot, and though it was tremulously aimed, is the oldest person to whom a patent has "My God!" murmured the book agent, it did not miscarry, but went straight to ever been issued. He is said to be 82 years Mrs. Spreadbrow's heart, where it has of age. And so it was the black and white puppy! He is a sedate dog now and a great favorite died ten years ago. of Miss Amelia Banks-ex-book agent-who declares that if it had not been for him she would never have obtained her present lucrative and congenial position in Mr. Spreadbrow's office, where the painful memories of her experience as a book agent and other painful memories as well-are 3,226 sermons. fast fading into oblivion. SOME LATE INVENTIONS.

Leo XIII ascended the papal throne, and Collars, cuffs, shirt fronts and like articles sixty-seven of this number were of his usually made of linen are being made of aluminium coated with white Japanese var-The oldest sexton in point of service in the United States is Mark McTigue of Konish, on which designs in imitation of weaving and sewing are marked. komo, Ind. For thirty-one years he has been custodian of the silent city. He has A German has patented a wind motor to

seat and, regardless of curious eyes, was

"I-I-I'm so sorry. But things did look

The little book agent wavered a moment,

indignation, scorn and pity chasing each

other across her face. Then she slipped

down beside the distressed little lady and

"I do forgive you. Pray don't cry. But

taking one of her limp hands, said simply:

so against you. Ple-please forgive me."

weeping copiously.

assist in the propulsion of a cycle, a frame buried 3,500 people and knows every grave, secured to the head of the wheel carrying marked and unmarked, in the cemetery. a winged wheel which is geared direct to the hub of the front wheel. Cows are prevented from kicking while to being milked by using a device consisting different times—first in 1812, then 1846, in of a wooden or metal bar, to be fastened to 1861 and 2 few weeks ago, when he went

1861 and a few weeks ago, when he went the animal's leg by straps above and below to Syracuse to see the boys off for camp. the knee joint, to prevent her from bending To prevent sparks from locomotives from setting fire to buildings a new spark ar-Mr. Tuttle is now 92 years old and has just rester has been designed, consisting of a drawn up a will in which \$1,000 is set aside

pipe running from the boiler to the top or the smokestack to force water through a soll's journey. sprinkler against the sparks. Prismatic or plain window lights, for use a transoms and basement windows, are biography. Sir Henry lives in London and was born six years before Waterloo, but was born six years before Waterloo, but in transoms and basement windows, being manufactured with perforations in their surface to allow ventilation, the entranse of water being prevented by the possible. He was a lieutenant in the light navy as far back as 1829, and duration transcent of water being prevented by the light navy as far back as 1829, and duration transcent windows.

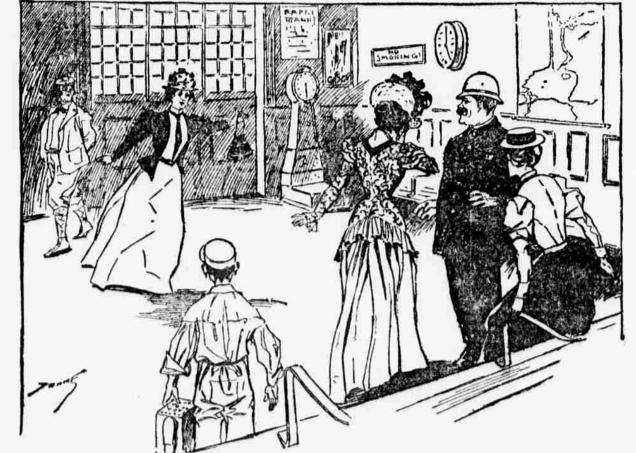
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The gas from an ordinary jet can be used to heat a room by means of a new appliance consisting of a metal ball built up of shells sprung together, with an opening at the

Electric treatments are given to cyclers by a new handlebar which has metallic grips

find just 20 cents." The book agent spoke room for photographers, formed of a small

flushed and excited, rushed toward the trio are wound on a roller in a handled frame, waving a much-mauled russian loather bag, to be forced across a moistened pad and deposited on the envelope, the action being obtained by a depending lever which touches the envelope before the under side of the machine reaches its lowest point.



"HERE IT IS! HERE IT IS!"

ley. "I brought it with me for safety. But who-who? There has been no one-" "The little book agent!" gasped Mrs. Spreadbrow, "She is the only person who

has been in the parlor besides myself since

you left. Is it possible—can it be—that that innocent- looking-O. dear!" But Mrs. Spreadbrow was a woman of action, albeit mild and gentle, and she sprang to her feet fiercely clenching her small soft fists. "I'll follow her!" she cried "Do you go one way, Maria; I will go another and Della and the children shall go in other directions. O, we will run her down!

The little hypocrite." In a few moments the house was empty of occupants, barring the conk, who stood with her elbows on the fence and watched the departing search party, and the black and white puppy, which in its foolish way growled at and worried something under the big willow. With the hot August sun pouring down upon their heads, the pursuers scurried from house to house, while with what Mrs. Spreadbrow termed "the intense pitiful to see,

"A hundred dollars," replied Mrs. Town- | detain her. The officer hesitated a moment, | Mrs. Spreadbrow, "you may search my perand then interposing his portly form be- son; and may God forgive you!" tween the young girl and the gangplank, touched her lightly on the arm and said, pointing to Mrs. Spreadbrow: "Do you know this lady?" full of tears and her voice trembled

"Yes-that is, I went to her house this morning and she was-"

saking her. "I-I want to speak to you." "But I will miss my boat," expostulated the girl nervously. My mother will be waiting for me and-what can you mean by calling a policeman to stop me?" she concluded with frightened eyes, as if a full realization of the situation had but just may be hid on the lady's person," he added flashed upon her.

"The fact is," explained the policeman, this lady wants me to arrest you for theft, but maybe you can explain certain suspi-The girl was white to the lips now and such as some ladies are fond of carrying

"O, my dear, I can't-I can't; when I fook at you I can't be-be- But everything's against you," Mrs. Spreadbrow's eyes were

"There ain't no purse here but this one," remarked the policeman who had been rum-Mrs. Spreadbrow, her firmness suddenly for- satchel, holding up a slim pocketbook. "That's mine. Look through it; you will

> "That's right," he assented, putting the cautiously.

"Here it is! Here it is!" cried a panting but triumphant voice, and Mrs. Townley, the look of despairing fright in her eyes was their handkerchiefs and purses in. "It was that wretched black and white puppy! He

bottom which fits over the burner tip, opertures being provided at the sides for the mixing of air with the gas. "Will you come out of this crowd" said maging through the contents of the black the same device shoes are provided with

connected with a small generator mounted contact plates and the battery may be connected to sewing machines or organs. A Virginian has designed a portable dark

folding box, which has a number of nonac-tinic panes of glass in the sides and top, purse back. "But, of course, the money with elastic sleeves through which the

Stamps can be quickly affixed to letters by a new machine in which the stamps

To Save Doctor Bills Use "Garland" Stoves and Ranges Royal Order of Scotland.

cabinet, died at Washington in 1894.

the cage, the only opening being through a

passage with a pivoted floor, which throws the animal into a dish of water, the tilting

THE OLD-TIMERS.

Jacob Billings, aged 50, was master of ceremonies at the fourteenth annual reun-

Dr. William L. Russell of Barre, Mass.,

the oldest living graduate of Harvard, who

is in his 99th year, is fond of walking and

just been granted a patent for a farm gate,

Samuel Stout of Newcomb, Ill., who has

Colonel Frank J. Queen, who recently died

in Birmingham, Ala., aged 92 years, mar-ried the daughter of Daniel Boone. She

sisted Boone in driving Indians out of Ken-

Wilford Woodruff, head of the Mormon

church, who died at Salt Lake City a week

years, in which time he traveled 172,369

miles, held 7,655 meetings and preached

Although as a rule they are men of long

Lovel Clark of Denmark, N. Y., who is

fight under the stars and stripes four

James Tuttle of Atlanta, Ill., secured

nearly twenty years ago a promise of a funeral oration from Robert G. Ingersoll.

"to defray the expenses of Colonel Inger-

ing his active career had many interesting

The mother of the late secretary of state,

married to Colonel Gresham seventy-five

killed by a desperado. Her oldest son was in the Mexican and the civil war, and re-

cently died of wounds sustained in the lat-

ter war. Judge Gresham, former secretary

of state in Cleveland's second administra-

years ago.

One of her sons, a sheriff, was

92 years old, has seen the soldiers march

lives, no fewer than 123 members of the

Sacred College of Cardinals have died since

ago, was in the ministry for sixty-four

keenly enjoys playing whist and croquet.

of the floor opening the outer door again.

ion of the Billings family at Boston.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 19 .- The Royal Order of Scotland held its twenty-first annual con-vention at the Scottish Rite cathedral here day. Over 100 members were present. This lodge is the only one in the United States and is under the jurisdiction of the provinoperator manipulates the plates or films, cial grand lodge at Edinburgh, Scotland, and the box being mounted on a tripod when in use. diction over Hawaii and Japan. The regular routine of business was transacted at the morning session, after which recess was taken until 2 p. m., when the degree of the order was conferred on fifteen candi-dates. The head of the order is Judgo Josiah Hayden Drummond, R. L. F., pro-vincial grandmaster of H. R. M., Port-

cunning of a thief," the little book agent managed ever to elude them. At last Mrs. Spreadbrow found a maid servant who said she had seen the girl enter the railway sta-