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Lotta was a little glad as well as a

The acquaintance so oddly begun

AN ALDEMAN'S GREAT SORROW.

of friends. They had perhaps been

waiting for him, knowing that he

would pass that way about that hour.

They were standing near a bale of hay

marked "210 pounds," and beside the

bale stood a flat chested, slim-waisted

consumptive-looking youth of 20 sum-

mers, who kept spitting on his hands

"L'Can't, eh?" queried the consump

it in the hands of a stake-holder .-

When all was ready the consumptive

spit on his hands, shouldered the bale

and took his walk. The end of the

alderman's tongue was in sight, and

his eyes could have been stepped on

curb, dropped the bale and took the

"Lemme sec shat hay!" whispered

the official as consciousness finally re-

He walked up to the bale, gave it a

heave, and it went rolling over. Then

he picked it up and hefted it, got red

clear back to the collar buttom, and

walked off without a word. The con-

sumptive was only half a day fixing up

and a little hay, and \$10 is good pay

shot Nott, which proves either that the

or that Nott was shot notwithstand.

shot Nott, or, as accidents with fire

man, as he came to a halt.

it across the street and back.

housebreaking-with him.

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Poetry.

The Lucky Horseshoe.

A farmer traveling with his load Picked up a horseshoe in the road, And nailed it fast to his barn door, That Luck might down upon him pour That every blessing known in life Might crown his homestead and his wife And never any kind of harm Descend upon his growing farm.

But dire ill-fortune soon began To visit the astounded man, His here declined to lay their eggs; His bacou tumbled from the pegs, And rats devoured the fallen legs; His corn had never failed before, Mildewed and rotted on the floor; His grass refused to end in hay; His cattle died or went astray; In short, all moved the crooked way.

Next spring a great drouth baked the

And roasted every pea in pod; The beans declared they could not gr So long as nature acted so; Redundant insects reared their brood To starve for lack of juicy food; The staves from barrel sides went off As if they had the hooping-cough And nothing of the useful kind To hold together felt inclined; In short, it was no use to try While all the land was in a fry.

One morn, demoralized with grief, The farmer clamored for relief; And prayed right har I to understand What witcheraft now possessed his land; Why house and farm misery grew Since he nailed up that "lucky" shoe.

While thus dismayed o'er matters wrong And old man chanced to trudge along, To whom he told, with wormwood tears, How his affairs were in arrears, And what a desperate state of thing A picked-up horseshoe sometimes brings.

The stranger asked to see the shoe, The farmer brought into view; But when the old man raised his head, He laughed outright and quickly said, "No wonder skies upon you frewn-You've naited the horse-boc upside down; Just turn it round, and soon you'll see How you and fortune will agree."

The farmer turned the horseshoe round And showers began to swell the ground; The sunshine laughed among his grain And heaps on heaps piled up the wain; The loft his hay could barely hold; His cattle did as they were told; His fruit trees needed sturdy props To hold the gathering apple crops; His turnip and potato fields Astonished all men by their yields; Folks never saw such ears of corn As in his smiling hills were born; His barn was full of bursting bins-His wife presented him with twins; His neighbors marveled more and more To see the increase in his store. And now the merry farmer sings "There are two ways of doing things; And when for good luck you would pray Nail up your horseshoe the right way."

LOTTA'S BURGLAR.

It was unprecedented at Erlsham Orders promptly attended to at short members of the faculty in terms any- seated. thing but flattering. They built a huge bonfire on the campus and indulged in promiscous song and dance performance around it. Wootten & Stevens.

was the cry of 'Faculty! faculty!' more afraid than was her prisoner? followed by an instant hush. The stuture and are constantly receiving additions peared to be one of the younger and sistance should arrive. quite caught the spirit of the chase, - out its charm. It does not often hap-Tom found it impossible to shake him pen to any of us that a pretty girl will off. Was the valedictorian of the insist on sitting pext to us and holdgraduating class to be caught thus ing our hands-and that she was prat-· ignominiously?

An open basement window gave managed to satify himself in spite of he quoted low.

bim an inspiration. He sped past it; the stingy light. then, doubling cleverly on his foe, Once or twice he addressed a re- good deal sorry that her ill-used partsuit up the street.

about that revolver. Her uncle and guardian was asleep! M pacify the rightful claimant, and how alone and unarmed, held a burglar did that old blue wrapper. captive until help came. The second Tom was strongly tempted, in his in's care, Anstruther heaved a sigh of

of darling Miss Desmond.

So Lotta smiled when her eyes fell June. on the pistol, for as yet no opportuni- 'He might as well made her comfor- unnecessary warmth. would be home to-morrow.

room, fancying as she had facied every his unconscious captor as well as he was prosecuted with ardor. Lott's night since her husband's departure, could, then left through the still open burglar laid hot siege to her affections that see heard a noise, and would dear window. Lotta, who was fearless, mind going downstairs to investigate?

sailed forth, pistol in hand.

to let her know immediately; but how she did enjoy herself! was extremely fatigued.

With a dim recollection that the Mr. Austruther. left burning. What Lotta saw by its hereelf sufficiently to refuse, his arm roughly clad.

Alas! Tom, usually something of a and measure. clothes grimed in dust and soot, from ped. Spirit of Mrs. Brown and Mrs .- the keep time with any one before.' other lady-inspired her.

"Drop that or I fire!" threat, and in whose face a certain pected. it would never do to laugh at her .- I have stolen his dance." Besides, that pistol in her uncertain, 'If you have you are only pursuing

said, with due humility: likely to shoot yourself as me."

"Not at all," evidently nettled. "I alcove of the great college library. ing terror to the bosom of the rob- ously. Harper's Mayazine for December.

For the same purpose Lotta continued to level her pistol and eye him AGENTS FOR KNARE & CO., FOR for the students to break out so late tremors, thinking withal that your tol shook so in your hand that I was in the term. Still more unpreceden- housebreaker is not the bold despera afraid it would go off accidentally.ted was it for a potent, grave and do he is painted. Still keeping watch That was the worst feature of the the sham ba'e with sticks and papers reverend senior to have any share in over one is weary work, heigh-ho! case, for I do not believe yet that you the mischief. Yet, only 3 nights be- Tom rapidly determined to see the would have been bloodthisty enough to for a day's work, fore commencement the students adventure through. Time enouga to shoot me. 'mule things howl," and Tom Aus- make his escape should she call for "I am sure I would not. I was im-BUILDING MOVER truther was head and front of the belp or should any fresh complication mensely relieved to wake up and find offending. They nailed up over the arise. He hoped she was not going to my captive fled." chanel door the signs, "To Providence keep standing all night. Presently he "What did you do?" and way stations," stolen from the ventures to suggest that she could railroad. They serenaded obnoxious mount guard over him quite as well bed."

was quite a model, she thought. And why should she incumber herself with that unnecessary pistol, of which she mentally. In the midst of the uproar there acknowledged to herself, she was much

Accordingly she laid it carefully dents scattered in all directions, An- down within reach. Then, with what ple do for stolen articles. And you always good. It may be made to apstruther as fast as any-faster, indeed, seemed to Tom a most amszing un- might say. "of no value to any one but pear on trial that the shot Shott shot when he found himself closely fol- derating of his strength, she announced lowed. His particular pursuer ap- her intention of holding him until as-

ty exceedingly pretty. Anstruther

sprang through it and laughed to hear mark to his fair captor, but she dis ner at this moment appeared in the his footsteps grow fainter in hot pur- couraged all attempt at conversation- doorway. And so they sat in silence, while the Before that fellow comes can't you Upstairs Lotta Desmond was brush- candle burned low and finally went promise me one more dance? muring out her pretty brown hair prepara- out, and the cold gray light of dawn mured Anstruther, tory to retiring. On her, daintily- crept into the room. Even this did I am engaged for all but the last. frilled toilet-table, looking oldly out not cause Letta to change her position. can give you that one if you are going of place, lay Cousin Jim's revolver - And, looking curiously at her, the to stay till the end." There had been a great many jokes young man discovered that his stern How Miss Desmond contrived

cousin had solemnly installed Letta as How long and dark were the lashes partner succeeded partner till the end man of the house during their absence, resting on the fair cheek, he thought of the evening, need not be told. It is of sugar put into me they received Jim had renfinded her of the exploits gazing down at the sweet, peaceful certain that she enjoyed ne dance as of brave Mrs. Brown and puckly Mrs. face framed in its wealth of nut brown | she did that last one with Tom. And icle. The first of these ladies had, ball dresses could set off her beauty as icise his dancing.

under like circumstances, had com . character of robber, to steal a kiss, exagerated but very real regret. pletely routed two desperately vil- but there was a certain, odd chivalry Then Lotts put out an impulsive in his composition that kept him from little hand and said hastily: And Lotta had demanded Jim's taking any advantage of her unconscipistol and declared that she only long. ousness. He withdrew his hand from your fancy for enterining people's wined for a chance to emulate their hers without awakening her-such dows enough to call in a more orthoheroism. And Jim had promised to cold, little, soft hands! And no won- dox way, I shall be pleased to see warding merchant. watch the paper for a similar mention der. The chill breath of early morn- you." ing made him shiver, although it was "Thank you," murmured Anstruther,

ty for glory had come to her, and June table before he went. He groped his Happy the wooing that's not long a do. way into the hall. On the hatstand Just then her aunt came into the lay heavy shawl. In it he wrapped

* * * * * If Miss Desmond was not the belle So Lotta thrust her little bare feet of the college ball it was because, into slippers, threw on a wrapper and strickly speaking, there are no longer belles at balls. But, in the language Aunt Lucy detained her with a last of the other young ladies, she "receivword-in case it should be any one, ed a great deal of attention," And

otherwise not to disrurb her, as she About the eleventh hour Consin Jim begged to introduce his friend,

dinning-room win low hal not been | Lotta's large eyes grew larger with closed, the young girl made her nois- astonishment. Mr. Anstruther com less way thither at once. The gas had posedly requested the pleasure of a been put out and a miserable candle dance, and before she could collect dim light was a tall young man rather encircled her and they were gliding over the polished floor in perfect time

dandr, had that night donned his "You have my step exactly, said poorest array, his hair disordered, his Miss Desmond, when they had stopor die in the attempt.

which even his face had escaped, "Have I? Then it must be by direct coolly examining her uncle's silver .- inspiration, for I never was know to

Now did ever a man waltz to perfection without knowing it? Lotta Tom turned with a start. What he looked at him a little contemptuously. saw was a pretty girl in charming Her thought did him injustice. Tom neglige, whose voice and hand both was not affecting modesty. only makshook as she uttered the doughty ing talk to keep of the question he ex-

timid determination, a look of one .. May I take you into the library? frightened at her own daring, ap- There is an anxions-looking youth I pealed to his sense of humor. But should like to avoid. I suspect that

unfamiliär hand was no joke. So he your profession as a robber,' laughed Miss Desmond. "What were you do-"I surrender. But for heaven's sake ing that night in uncle's dining room?" put up that revolver! You are as Then it all came out, and Tom ex-

plained and apolgized, seated in an am perfectly accustomed to using it." "And how frightened you were

Need it be said that this was a de- when I and the pistol appeared on the lierate lie, uttered with intent of strik- scene !' said the young lady, malici-"I was not !" -indignantly.

"You turned very pale." "Then we must have been a well without severity and not a few inward matched pair for courage. The pis-

"Counted the spoons and went to A duel was lately fought in Texas

Lotta assented gladly. Her burglar was but one thing stolen that night." this case it is better to be Shott than "Mercy! what was that?" "Only the burgiar's heart' senti- was not shot, and Shott avows that he

Lotta looked at him and began to shot Shott shot at Nott was not shot laugh. Then she said:

"You might advertise for it as peo- ing. Circumstantial evidence is not

"Thank, yon, but I am not sure that arms are frequent, it may be possible I want it returned," said Anstruther, that the shot Short shot Shott more active of the professors, who To him the situation was not with. laughing, too, but letting his eyes rest himself, when the whole affair would upon her fair face until the warm color resolve itself into its original elements surged up beneath his gaza.

'Then hast a thief in either eye

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case while asking a girl to marry bio.

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Cupid is not a low servitor, On the contrary, the little god is decidedly bighmenial, was steperate add nessule

"I wish I was a pudding mamma." "Why?" "Cause I should have a let

The head of his empty Barnel in the corner grocery may support the curb Peters, as recorded by the Daily Cron hair. Surely none of the young lady's then Tom's worst enemy could not crit- stone orator, but it won't feed his famil-As he relinquished her to ber cous-

The man who sighed, "How mon we are forgotten," has bully to leave a botel without paying his bill to find how sadly mistaken he is.

"Mr. Burglar, if you can conquer "Love is an internal transport !" exclaimed an enthusiastic poet. "So is a canal boat !" said a practical old for-

A young man hereabouts woke up a few mornings ago and found that his pressing the soft warm hand with quick hair was perfectly white? It was so,

when we went to bed. "Do we eat too much?" asked the Detroit Free Press, and out of five dozen boarding-house keepers sixty answered in the affirmative.

An Indiana editor says: 'Coal oil and before long induced her to set up housekeeping-I had almost written rubbed on the neck and head will ours hog cholers, we have tried it." | Why can dispute testimony like that?

Henry Ward Beecher thinks that the average man knows as much of a weman after sparking her for a month as There is an alderman in Detroit who at the end of a five years' courtship,

knows a bale of hay when he sees it Why is a cow's tail like the letter F? as well as any man living. He was Because it's the end of beef. Here's passing up Michigan avenue the other another quite as bad. Why is an egg day, when he came across a small group like a colt? Because it is not fit to use until it is broken.

It is perfectly evident to a well balanced mind that everybody else in the world is called to be religious, and equally evident that you are yourself called to do just as you please.

The outlook for cheese is favorable and saying he would shoulder the bale for good prices The make in England is reported by the best authori-"I've bet ten dollars that he can't" ties to be small, and imported stock remarked one of the group to the al. has been sold close up to arrival.

A South Hill debating club is wrest-"Why, he must be a fool!" replied ling with, "Can a community exist the official, as he looked from the man without woman?" We think it might exist for a while, but then it wouldn't know what was going on.

tive. "You dasn't put up \$10 that I An Ohio girl sued a man for breach can't shoulder this 'ere hay and carry of promise and proved him such a mean scoundred that the jury decided Nothing but chain-lightning could that she ought to pay him something have beat the movements of that alderman in pulling out an "X" and placing for not marrying her many to the

A French writer says there was onco in the environs of Rouen a miller's daughter so pretty and so cruel that that the sighs of her lovers alone served to turn the sails of her father's mill.

There is one thing you may put as the dying youth returned to the down in your note-books say what you will about the women, we never vet kdew a woman who could keep a secret half so well as a man could tell to be entertained for a sounded Ati At of trautan form appearing at bettery at the

A California justice, in a moment of anger, said that the lawyers in a case on trial before him were no bettel than borse-thieves. Then he spologized and fined himself sen dollars for contempt of courts population

On a plantation near Dallas, Texas, recently, two young men of equal age had a cotton-picking match. One of them picked 517 pounds of cotton between sunrise and sunset, and the oth-

philharmonic society of ened its concart with "Hark Apollo str kes the lyre." He must have hit him a tremendous welt, as we notice there was no issue of the local paper the following

During the fair in an lows town a young man fell five hundred feet from a balloon and struck the sidewalk .-The thousands of people who saw him supposed of course that he was dead. The physicians even pronounced him

"Oldest Son."-Yes, energy and and Shott would be shot, and Nott guides to success. Thirty years ago a would be not. We think, however friendless boy came to Chicago and that the shot Shott shot shot not Shott begun life in a coal-yard, working for but Nott; any way it is hard to tell twenty dollars a month, To-day he is driving a borse car.

dead. And be was.

er 446 pounds in the same time, NOTT SHOTT. Out in Kansas recently the local by Alexander Shott and John S. Nott. "The spoons were all right. There Nott was shot, and Shott was not. In Nott. There was a rumor that Nott

strict attention to business are the tree