through stained glass, the barometer, and the bright stair rods. It was soothing to catch even that passing glimpse of a tranquil English home in the midst of the wild, dark business which had absorbed us.

And the more I thought of what had happened, the wilder and darker it grew. I reviewed the whole extraordinary sequence of events as I rattled on through the silent gas-lit streets. There was the original problem; that at least was pretty clear now. The death of Capt. Morstan, the sending of the pearls, the advertisement, the letter-we had had light upon all those events. They had only led us, however, to a deeper and far more tragic mystery. The Indian treasure, the curious plan found among Morstan's baggage, the strange scene at Maj Sholto's death, the rediscovery of the treasure immediately followed by the murder of the discoverer, the very singular accompaniments to the crime, the footsteps, the remarkable weapons, the | smell. words upon the card, corresponding with those upon Capt. Morstan's chart -here indeed was a labyrinth in which a man less singularly endowed than my fellow lodger might well despair of

ever finding the clew. Pinchin lane was a row of shabby two-storied brick houses in the lower quarter of Lambeth. I had to knock for some time at No. 3 before I could make any impression. At last, however, there was the glint of a candle behind the blind, and a face looked out at the upper window.

"Go on, you drunken vagabond," said the face. "If you kick up any more eaves, row I'll open the kennels and let out forty-three dogs upon you." "If you'll let one out it's just what I have come for," said I.

"Go on!" yelled the voice. "So help me gracious, I have a wiper in this bag, an' I'll drop it on you're 'ead if you don't hook it." "But I want a dog!" I cried.

"I won't be argued with!" shouted Mr. Sherman. "Now stand clear; for "Mr. Sherlock Holmes-" I began, but

the words had a most magical effect, for the window instantly slammed down, and within a minute the door was unbarred and open. Mr. Sherman was a lanky, lean old man, with stoop and from there to the earth. ing shoulders, a stringy neck and blue

naughty, naughty, would you take a doctors express it." nip at the gentleman?" This to a stoat | The object which he held up to me



which thrust its wicked head and red eves between the bars of its cage. Don't mind that, sir; it's only a slowworm. It hain't got no fangs, so I keeps the beetles down. You must not to a distance, fastened a stout cord to mind my bein' just a little short wi' you at first, for I'm guyed at by the children, and there's many a one just comes down this lane to knock me up. What was it that Mr. Sherlock Holmes

"He wanted a dog of yours."
"Ah! that would be Toby." "Yes, Toby was the name

"Toby lives at No. 7 on the left here." He moved slowly forward with his candle among the queer animal family which he had gathered round him. In the uncertain, shadowy light I could see dimly that there were glancing, glimmering eyes peeping down at us from every cranny and corner. Even the rafters above our heads were lined by solemn fowls, who lazily shifted their weight from one leg to the other as our voices disturbed their slumbers.

Toby proved to be an ugly, longhaired, lop-eared creature, half spaniel and half lurcher, brown-and-white in color, with a very clumsy waddling gait. It accepted, after some hesitation, a lump of sugar which the old naturalist handed to me, and, having thus sealed an alliance, it followed me to the cab, and made no difficulties about accompanying me. It had just struck three on the palace clock when I found myself back once more at Pondicherry lodge. The ex-prize-fighter McMurdo had, I found, been arrested as an accessory, and both he and Mr. Sholto had been marched off to the station. Two constables guarded the narrow gate, but they allowed me to pass with the dog on my mentioning the detective's name.

Holmes was standing on the doorstep, with his hands in his pockets, smoking his pipe.

"Ah, you have him there!" said he, "Good dog, then! Athelney Jones has gone. We have had an immense display of energy since you left. He has arrested not only friend Thaddeus, but the gatekeeper, the housekeeper, and the Indian servant. We have the place to ourselves, but for a sergeant upstairs. Leave the dog here, and come up. We tied Toby to the hall table, and reascended the stairs. The room was

as we had left it, save that a sheet had "Lend me your buil's-eye, sergeant," the other side.

said my companion. "Now tie this bit "There's the print of wooden-leg's of card round my neck, so as to hang it hand," he remarked, as I mounted up in front of me. Thank you. Now I beside him. "You see the slight

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ome up into the garret with me for a | palpable clew."

We clambered up through the hole

upon the footsteps in the dust. "I wish you particularly to notice serve anything noteworthy about "They belong," I said, "to a child or

small woman "Apart from their size, though. Is there anything else?" "They appear to be much as other footmarks.

"Not at all. Look here! This is the print of a right foot in the dust. Now make one with my naked foot beside it. What is the chief difference?" "Your toes are all cramped together. The other print has each toe distinctly Quite so. That is the point. Bear

tep over to the flap-window and smell the edge of the woodwork? I shall stay over here, as I have this handkerchief in my hand." I did as he directed, and was in

stantly conscious of a strong tarry That is where he put his foot in getting out. If you can trace him, I should think that Toby will have no difficulty

Now run downstairs, loose the dog.

and look out for Blondin." By the time that I got out into the grounds Sherlock Holmes was on the roof, and I could see him like an enormous glow-worin, crawling very slowly along the ridge. I lost sight of him behind a stack of chimneys, but he presently reappeared, and then vanished once more upon the opposite side. When I made my way round there I found him seated at one of the corner

"That you, Watson?" he cried.

"This is the place. What is that black thing down there?" "A water-barrel."

"No sign of a Indder?"

"Top on it?"

"Confound the fellow! It's a most break-neck place. I ought to be able when I say 'three,' down goes the to come down where he could climb up. The waterpipe feels pretty firm. Here goes, anyhow,"

There was a scufling of the feet, and the lantern began to come steadily down the side of the wall. Then with a light spring he came on to the barrel,

"It was easy to follow him," he said. "A friend of Mr. Sherlock is always "Tiles were alcosened the whole way welcome," said he. "Step in, sir. Keep along, and in his hurry he had dropped clear of the badger; for he bites. Ah. this. It confirms my diagnosis, as you

was a small pocket or pouch woven out of colored grasses and with a few tawdry beads strung round it. In shape and size it was not unlike a cigarette case. Inside were half a dozen spines of dark wood, sharp at one end and rounded at the other, like that which had struck Bartholomew

"They are hellish things," said he. 'Look out that you don't prick yourself. I'm delighted to have them for the chances are that they are all he has. There is the less fear of you or me finding one in our skin before long. I would sooner face a Martini bullet, nyself. Are you game for a six-mile rudge, Watson?"

"Certainly," I answered. "Your leg will stand it?"

"Here you are, doggy! Good old Toby! Smell it, Toby, smell it!" He pushed the creesete handkerthe creature stood with its fluffy legs separated, and with a most comical cock to its head, like a connoisseur sniffing the bouquet of a famous vintage. Holmes then threw the handkerchief the mongrel's collar, and led him to the foot of the water barrel. The creature instantly broke into a succession of high, tremulous yelps, and, with his nose on the ground, and his tail in the air, pattered off upon the trail at a pace which strained his leash and kept us at the top of our speed.

The east had been gradually whitening, and we could now see some distance in the cold gray light. The square, massive house, with its black, empty windows and high, bare walls, towered up, sad and forlorn, behind



us. Our course led right across the grounds, in and out among the trenches and pits with which they were scarred and intersected. The whole place, with its scattered dirt heaps and illgrown shrubs, had a blighted, illomened look which harmonized with the black tragedy which hung over it. On reaching the boundary wall, Toby ran along, whining eagerly, underneath its shadow, and stopped finally in a corner screen by a young beech. bricks'had been loosened, and the crevices left were worn down and rounded upon the lower side, as though they been draped over the central figure. A had frequently been used as a ladder weary-looking police sergeant reclined | Holmes clambered up, and, taking the dog from me, he dropped it over upon

must stek off my boots and stockings! smudge of blood upon the white plaster. What a lucky thing it is that we have had no very heavy rain since yesterday! The scent will lie upon the road in spite of their eight-and-twenty

I confess that I had my doubts myself when I reflected upon the great traffic which had passed along the London road in the interval. My fears were soon appeased, however. Toby never hesitated or swerved, but waddled on in his peculiar rolling fashion. Clearly the pungent smell of the creosote rose high above all

other contending scents. "Do not imagine," said Holmes. "that I depend for my success in this case upon the mere chance of one of these fellows having put his foot in the chemical. I have knowledge now which would enable me to trace them in many different ways. This, however, is the readlest, and, since fortune has put it into our hands, I should be culpable if I neglected it. It has, however, prevented the case from becoming the

use you carry them nown with you, | pretty little 'intellectual problem Natson. I am going to do a little which it at one time promised to be. limbing. And dip my handkerchief There might have been some credit to into the creosote. That will do. Now be gained out of it, but for this too

"There is credit, and to spare," said "I assure you, Holmes, that I marvel at the means by which you obtain Holmes turned his light once more your results in this case, even more than I did in the Jefferson Hope murthese footmarks," he said. "Do you ob- der. The thing seems to me to be deeper and more inexplicable. How, for example, could you describe with such confidence the wooden-legged

man?" "Pshaw, my dear boy! it was simplicity itself. I don't wish to be theatrical. It is all patent and aboveboard. Two officers who are in command of a convict guard learn an important secret as to buried treasure. A man named Jonathan Small. You remember that we saw the name upon the chart in Capt. Morstan's possession. and his associates-the sign of the that in mind. Now, would you kindly four, as he somewhat dramatically



HOLMES CLAMBERED UP AND TOOK THE DOG FROM ME.

officers or one of them-gets the treasure and brings it to England, leaving, we will suppose, some condition under which he received it unfulfilled. Now, then, why did not trade to get through such a bill? Jonathan Small get the treasure himself? The answer is obvious. The chart is dated at a time when Morstan was brought into close association with convicts. Jonathan Small did not get the treasure because he and his associates were themselves convicts and could not get away."

"But this is mere speculation," said I. "It is more than that. It is the only hypothesis which covers the facts. Let us see how it fits in with the sequel. Maj. Sholto remains at peace for some years, happy in the possession of his Then he receives a letter from India which gives him a great fright. What was that?"

"A letter to say that the men whom he had wronged had been set free." "Or had escaped. That is much more likely, for he would have known what their term of imprisonment was. It would not have been a surprise to him. What does he do then? He guards himwhite man, mark you, for he mistakes a white tradesman for him, and actually fires a pistol at him. Now, only one white man's name is on the chart. The others are Hindoos or Mohammedaus. There is no other white man. Therefore we may say with confidence that the wooden-legged man is identical with Jonathan Small. Does the reasoning strike you as being faulty?"

"No: it is clear and concise." "Well, now, let us put ourselves in the place of Jonathan Small. Let us look at it from his point of view. He comes to England with the double idea of regaining what he would consider to chief under the dog's nose, while be his rights and of having his revenge upon the man who had wronged him. He found out where Sholto lived, and very possibly he established communi cations with some one justed the house. have not seen. Mrs. Bernstone gives and \$1 per bottle at Hargrave's drug him far from a good character. Small could not find out, however, where the knew, save the major and one faithful servant who had died. Suddenly Small ord upon the body as a sign that it was point of view of the four associates, above the age of 38.-News Obsersomething in the nature of an act of ver. justice. Whimsical and bizarre conceits of this kind are common enough in the annals of crime, and usually afford valuable indications as to the

eriminal. Do you follow all this?" "Very clearly." do? He could only continue to keep a Simmons Liver Regulator, I tried it; find the treasure. Possibly he leaves nothing before had so effectually re-England and only comes back at inter. lieved me I could in no way benefit vals. Then comes the discovery of the others more than by putting such a garret, and he is instantly informed of remedy in their hands."-N. N. Shepit. We again trace the presence of ard. some confederate in the household. Jonathan, with his wooden leg, is utterly unable to reach the lofty room of Bartholomew Sholto. He takes with him, however, a rather curious asso- Did the Fusionists redeem their ciate, who gets over this difficulty, but pledges to the people? Take this dips his naked foot into creosote,

aged Achillis tendo." "But it was the associate, and not Jonathan, who committed the crime." "Quite so. And rather to Jonathan's ferred if he could have been timely | Constitution. [CONTINUED NEXT WEEK.]

Sweet-Minded Women,

So great is the influence of a sweetminded woman on those around her map is drawn for them by an English- with the world in general; but when extract: he enters the cozy sitting-room and sees the blaze of the fire and meets the foremost State in the South. Tex-He had signed it in behalf of himself his wife's smiling face, he succumbs as is a close second, and Georgia and called it. Aided by this chart, the ces, which act as the balm of Gilead every Southern State except Florida to his wounded spirit. We are all and Tennessee. wearied with combating the realities hers.-Ogdensburg News.

> Things the People Want to Know. What Marion Butler thinks of the new mortgage law?

Why the Big Five don't explain how it was passed? What it costs a foreign board of

If all reforms consist in exchanging old abuses for new ones and

Why fusionists benignly do everything that they denounce in the wicked Democrats?

Whether the recent Legislature was really a cross between the penientiary and the insane asylum. Whether the farmers propose of

stand meekly by and see all their credit ruined without a murmur? What will be the next obnoxious 'sneak" bill to be discovered among

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A Visit to North Carolina, Cochranton, Pa.- "Some years ago I had occasion to visit North Carolina, and while there had one of my bilious "Now, what could Jonathan Small attacks, hearing for the first time of

The Matter in a Nut-Shell.

To put the matter in a nut-shell: whence come Toby, and a six-mile thought home with you and answer it limp for a half-pay officer with a dam- at your leisure. - Ex.

Going on the Stage.

They are going to celebrate that corner screen by a young beech. disgust, to judge by the way he where the two walls joined, several stamped about when he got into the on the stage. It hardly deserves room. He bore no grudge against Bar. on the stage. It hardly deserves tholomew Sholto, and would have pre- this, for it is a little off color. - Atlanta

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in a moment to the soothing influen- Alabama next. I visited last year

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> The allusion in the final clause is to World. the existing political conditions. Who has paid the Old North State handsomer tribute than the foregoing, and when?-Charlotte Observer.

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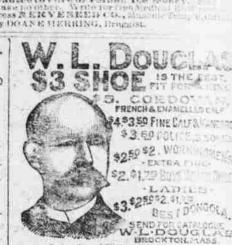
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