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LAID A SOLDIER'S GHOST.
A Slender Thread Unraveled t
I was a young and timid girl, bu a.few months married, when my husband, a marine officer, was or-
dered to the marine barracks at Boston. We had quite pleasant quartors would often beguile the evening hour with song and story. I had
been interested in hearing of a sol dier, arrestec for some offense, who had put an end to his ife to escapo his merited but dreaded punishmen haunt the barracks and rattle. chain as he passed back and forth in his rounds.
One gloomy evening toward bed-
time my husband had to visit the sentinels, and I, being left alone, went to my bureau to prepare for
retiring. Opening the top drawer, I took out my brush and comb, put my hair into plaits for the following day's adornment, humming a gay air in the lightness of my heart, when a curious noise-and very near
me-made me start and listen. My song turned to silence. Not a sound Again I moved and began my
preparations for the night. A rumbling, rattling sound again met my
ear and made my heart almost cease to beat in my terror, for this time
there conld be no mistake as to the noise and its nearness.

## feared to look around.

within call, and the hour was late ror trying to reason away my terdoors, I moved a fow steps away Louder, more prolonged, the rated for the door, which to 1 rush at that moment whened, to my joy, into my husband's arms, almost fainting. cried. "I have heard it in the oried.
room.
Nonsense," said my lord and master. You have become alarmed terrors.", the same fearful sound, distinct and within the room, was heard by us both.
Sit still, my dear, and let me band, placing me in an easy chairHe looked puzzled and no longer smiled at my fears.

## clung closely to his arn

"Only to search the room and dis pel your dread," he answered. So, walked across to a divan and exam ined underneath and behind its drapery. Nothing there and perfect quiet. He again crossed the room to a large bookcase which stood in front of a closed door, and as he did so clear and continued, the weird, of the room. be sifted to the bottom," continued my husband, now almost as excited as I was. "But I must free my foot of this string which has caught my ankle ere I look farther." Stooping
down, he unwound from about his foot, the rumbling now rising, now ceasing, as he did direction of my bureau. So to it he hastened, the thread still in his hand, and opening the top drawer discovered-what say you, my read-
ers? A spool of thread, the end of which had caught in my hand and unknowingly braided in my hair So every motion set the spool rolling in an almost empty drawer, and I had created my own ghost. Needless to say I also laid him, and after a goof laugh slept the sleep of the unhaunted. Having unraveled the the story and my hairbreadth of cape, I bid you farewell.-Washington Post.
It Seem
"Th
is queis queer sometimes," the manage
of a big concern remarked to an quaintance who had dropped into the office. "I have never had any difficulty in managing men and getting the proper amount of work out
of them, and I think I have some executive a bility, but I doubt wheth. men on the river front, and I thind that if I were a workman I would managed I I one of the drydocks during the shiftto the shore. It wasn't what any one would call an expert job, but if you had seen and heard the foreman of the gang of workmen you would have thought that he was moving a removed from the hull in the dock, and a new one was to be put in its
place. Planks had been placed over the space between the dook and the
shore, and all that the men had to do besides pulling was to be careful that the propeller shouldn't roll off tackle and long rollers, and after they had stretched and fastened the tackle it was an easy job. The fore
man directel every movement, and the way he bossed the men was
amazing, but they didn't seem t mind it. Swear! Well, you ought to have heard him, or perbaps you,
ought not to have heard him. If anything slipped a little bit, ho swore, and if something didn't move
just right he swore. He would teil one man to do something, and an instant afterward he would undo
himself, swearing all the while "Finally they moved the mass iron to the ends of the planks and b gan to pull it up the incline. Th
foreman acted as if he were in ho water all the time, and it was a wol
der that he didn't fall overbor Some of the men went ashoro and
hauled on the tackle, and two oi them attended to the rollers. The
thing was heavy, and it had to lo moved slowly. 'Pull, there! What
th' 'ell you doing? Going to sloep Hold on! What's the matter witl you? Hold fast, I say! Here,
shift that roller! Not that
Gimme Gimme that! Now! Easy!
words, but perhaps you have some notion of how he went on. I watchthat kind of treatiment. Not one of them said a word during the half
hour that I stood there. They were not foreigners, and they were not stupid. In fact, I thought any one of them in intelligence and the foreof his trade. They were inclined to be sullen, I thought, no matter how many times he swore at them and nagged them."-New York Herald.
His Unprofessional Advice.
Two or three lawyers were dis-
cussing the tricks of their trace cussing the tricks of their trade.
"A big, burly fellow from the Michigan pine forests came into my
office," said one of them, "and told office," said one of them, "and told
a very mean story about a rich man here in town who was trying to who had managed to get a pretty tight clutoh on the get a pretty backwoodsman looked and talked
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