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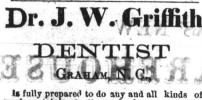
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Have hope. Though clouds environ now, And giadness filds her face in scorn, Put thou the shallow from thy brow-No night but hadn its morn. Have failth. Where is thy bark is driven, The calm's disport, the tempest's mirth-Know this-God rates the Loss of heaven, The inhabitants of earth.

Have love. Not love alone for one, But man as man, thy brother call, And scatter. like the circling sun, Thy charities on all.

Thus grave these leasons on thy soul-Hope, Faith and Hove, and thou shalt find Strength when lifes surges rulest roll, Light when thon else were blind.

#### A STRANGE STORY.

The danger of circumstautial evidence, or how a man may be clearly convicted thereby of the murder of a man who still lives:

In the winter of 1850 Congress for the first time extended the maritime and admirality jurisdiction over the lukes in the same manner and to . the same jex. tent as on the high seas. Down to this period of time the several States of Mich-igan, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, lying on the great lakes, bounded the several border countles by low-water mark, and thus left that portion of land covered with water on lakes Michigan, Huron, Erie and St. Clair lying within the limits of the several States, but outside of any, of the counties, so that in case crimes were committed on the waters of the lakes they could not be punished because not within the locus in quo of any coun-

ty. The act of Congress of 1859 it was supposed would correct this syit by giver all crimes committed on the lakes, in the same manner as upon the high seas. The result proved that this supposition was a mistaken one but such was the popular opinion in the early spring of

1851. It was a very bright, beautiful morning about the last of May, 1851, the Detroit River harboy looked more lovely than ever, and the steamer Southerner, as the lay moored at the Central rail-toal deck, looked like the yacht of the Sultan on the Bosphorus. But something unusual seemed to have occurred, and a mystery hung over this beautiful cratt. Capt. Pierce, her dashing commander, moved about as elegant and sailor-like as ever, but his brow was ov-

and a black satchel inquired for berth and that about 9 o'clock that night the Southerner left Cleveland en route for Detroit, that she encountered a very heavy gale off the island, and that while rolling and pitching in the sea, with no one on deck, save the man at the wheel and the lookouts clear forward, the two passengers from statesroom A were seen on deck, seeming to be sea sick; and that while one of them, the [drab, man, was vomiting, the man in black struck him a heavy blow and then pushed him overboard t that as he sank in the lake the drab hat floated away, the man at the wheel and the lookont on deck heard a sea was so heavy, the storm so fierce that nothing could then be done to save him; that a large spot of blood on the deck showed where the blow was given and the murder commenced which endd in the lake. that 1 .au to

The captain's statement was reduced to writing by Commissioner Watson, sworn to by Capt. Pierce, and then the District Attorney repaired at once to he steamer, still lying at the Central Railroad dock, and there took the depositions of all the crew, who severally swore to their actual knowledge of these facts.

The wheelsmen and lookouts each wore that they saw the drab man goover the ship's side, heard his cries for help, and leaping into his arms he exclaimsaw his hat floating on the waves and ed: found in the morning fresh blood on the Why this is my brother he ain't murvery spot where he stood ere he went overboard. In addition to all this, it turned out that the murderer then in 46 had with him the drab satchel, a new one brought on board by the man in drab, then supposed to be at the bottom of of Lake Brie. and tanditis and shall sais Here was a clear case of circumstantial evidence of murder on the high seas, outside of any county, and the evidence was conclusive-apparently. The Univ ted States District Attorney applied for the defendant claimed to be that idena United States warrant from Commissioner Watson for murder on the high seas against John Doe, then in No. 46, Cass hotel-obtained it-and, taking a special deputy United States Marshal, he went in person about 9 o'clock P. M., to the Cass hotel to arrest the murderer. presence of the crowd, 'The circum-By this time the various whisperings and stantial levidence is clear enough to movements attracted public attention

something important would occur, The United States District Attorney ereast, his form unusually upright and peremptorily and demanded admission, el; went on board, and you attempted his step like that of a commodore on a which was at first refused, but the in- to escape with the drab satchel. You ship-of-war going into action. Those mate being assured that the door would say that you were about to run away diamond studs glittered on his fault, be broken in, finally partially opened it, to California from your wife, at Cape less bosom; his jaunty hat hung over his when the District Attorney entered and Cod, and that you assumed both chartight ear, while his stunning neck-tie at once perceived that the murderer had and trim, white, roundabouts told of a on as a disguise a pair of blue spectacles fresh water sailor of the old sait type and a wig, and that he had the drab in full dress, and on most important satchel, in which he was evidently conduty. All the sailors were called one cealing something. Locking the door on by one to the captain's office then locked the inside, he at once read the United in, low muttering was heard, and as States warrant for his arrest. Told deeach returned to duty looks dark and fendant he was arrested for murder on bloody were exchanged. The hurricane the high seas, and demanded the oppordeck was carefully examined and a large tunity to search his person and baggage, spot of blood midships on the port side which he peremptorily refused to permit. examined by the microscope was studied But finally it was done, and the satchel from every possible stand-point. Fi- contained a beautiful set of dentist's tools nally a tall stranger, a passenger from a letter addressed to defendant's wife, at Cleaveland to Detroit, on the steamer Cape Cod, and on his person was found the sum of \$884 in gold coin, all supposed which had arriver just late for the Mich. igan Central railway was spied on the to be the property of the murdered man. During the examination and when finals dock and was carefully shadowed by Capt, Pierce and crew as he went into ly charged with the murder, the prisoner, who was a Cape Cod man, said the Cass hotel and secured room No. 46 in the upper story; and then Capt. through his nose in a squeaking voice: Pierce, ordering the entire crew to 'Now, Squire, this is a mistakequariers, save one man to watch the there is no man murdered, Squire. I am the man missed." The district attorstranger in 46, walked quietly, but very carnetly, to the United States District ney vigorously denounced him as a mur-Attorney's office, then in the basement of | derer. He squeaked out : the old Farmers & Mechanics' bank on 'Squire, this is all wrong-I'm the Jefferson avenue, just above the Michiman. I have a wife Squire, at Cape Cod, gan Exchange. The Hon. Samuel J. and she gives me hell, and I was going Watson was then United States Commisto run sway to Californy, and so I took sioner, and occupied the front room, both berths on the Southerner, changed while the United States District Attormy dress, went up on deck and pretendney had the back office, and these two ed to kill my self.' gentlemen were then and there partners At last the truth flashed upon the public prosecutor, and he asked the Ushered into the back room, the door prisoner if there was any one living in locked to keep away cowens and eaves-Michigan who could identify him as the droppers, Capt. Pierce made the following supposed murdered man, to which he statement to the United States District replied 'that he had a brother living in Altorney: "That about 2 o'clock the Pontiac, a mason by trade. and who had previous day at Cleveland, Ohio, a been there many years and could youch stranger came on board the Southerner for him as the identical murdered man. and secured state-room A, having two The United States Marshal was now berths therein, for Detroit, saying that called up and ordered to take the prishis companion would come later in the ouer to Col. Whistler, commanding the day and pay for his berth in that room; United States infantry in Detroit, to lock that this man who took the state-room him up in the guard-bonse, where no was apparently a Quaker-dressed in man could communicate with him and drab clothes, with a drab hat and a drab satchel, which he left in his berth. That some three hours atterward another gen. Very early the next morning, and af-

tleman, claiming to be his companion, | ter the publication in the papers of a came dressed in black, with a black hat very full account of the murder on the steamer Southerner, the clearness of the No. 2, state-room A, paid for that berth testimony to convict and very strong and that about 9 o'clock that night the commendations of the United States District Attorney for his zeal and skill for working up the case, the prisoner's brother, who happened to be in town from Pontiac and had read the account. called the district attorney out of his bed and fold him that the murdered man was his brother, from Cape Cod, and he wanted to be present a 10 o'clock A. M. and altend the examination of the murderer," and he was directed to be at the United States district attorney's office where he could see the murderer of his brother. At ten o'clock promptly, the United States Marshal, accompanied by cry for help and saw him sink; but the a file of soldiers, marched the supposed murderer down Jefferson avenue, accompanied by a mob of curious boys and men to the office. There sat Commissioner Samnel L. Watson, very dignified, cold and stern to hear the testimony and dispose of the first case under the act of Congress extending maratime admiralty

inrisdiction over the lakes. The supposed murderer trembling with fright, was ushered into the back room of the dirtrict attorney's offices, and there putting on the blue spectacles and the wig he was again disguised, as he supposed. The brother from Pontiac was soon admitted to see as he supposed, the murderer of his brother, and instants ly recognized him as the murdered man,

dered at all." This over, the parties went before Commissioner Watson In the front room, and then the district attorney stated to

the court. 'That the circustantial evidence, made a clear case of murder against the defen-

dant on which he could be hung, but there seemed something strange about the case, and that as the body of the to do, on such terms as he thought best.' toyal all nexar

Judge Watson, with great dignity and severity, said to the defendant in the convict you of murder. It appears that aud quile a crowd gathered in front you and another man took two berthson of the Cass hotel, understanding that the steamer Southerver; that you were dressed in black-black hat-and had a black satchel, that he was dressed in

proceeded to room 46, knocked very drab-drab hat- and had a drab estchacters to deceive her and make her beThe Forty hile Desert.

Twenty long years ago the great American Desert was the terror of the overland emigrant. It was impossible to o around it for it extended from the blorado to the Cascades. All the routes that led to the land of promise crossed it and it was soon covered with the bleaching Lones of stock and dutted with human graves. It is about forty niles from the lower end of the Humboldt Sink to the Truckee river at Wadsworth, and it e name "Forty Mile Desert" given to the stretch has become known the world over. There is no water fit to drink on the whole distance. The road lies through a sandy sage brush plain, extending severel miles west of the lake, where it strikes an alkali desert, in the center of which the raifroad has a station that it appropriately calls "White" Plains. This is the low est point east of the mountain. Eight miles further is Mirage Station, which might serve as a memorial to the unfortunates who have been betrayed the from their proper course by the picture of running water, waving trees and fields that existed only in the deceptive air. Near the middle of the journey is a boil-ing hot spring at the foot of the moun-tain and large beds of salt lie near, from which B. F. Leete and the Bonanza mines put up and ship large quantities to market. The deposit has killed all vegetation for a long distance around, leaving the flat old lake-bed as bars as a floor. Between there and Wadsworth are some very odd formations. The body of the country seems to be a light yellow substance, probably diatomous, over which lie high ridges of brown hills." The level places are strown with heavy rocks of all sizes, as black as coal. There is no timber anywhere in sight and even the sagebrush is of inferior size. "On either side are the ever monotonons brown mountains, carved and grooved by centuries of wear and frost into tringes of stony lace. The railroad has made frequent attempts to gat water for its engines but without success. They bored 1,800 feet at Hot Springs, but got only a brackish mixture or liquid alkali. the case, and that as the body of the murdered man had ust been found and the defendant claimed to be that iden discharge the defendant if he chose so to do, ou such terms as he thought. wooden tanks to draw from, but new engines have been hull, with tanks that hold 3,700 gallons. They frequently run seventy-five miles without stopping and Nick Cole made a hundred mile run oude. It is a very pleasant comparison for the rich '49cr who rides in the palace-car over the ground where he walked along with sore and timed feet, urging his oxen out of the thirsty des-ert, half a lifetime ago.

#### New Story About General Grant.

It has just leaked out that while Gener-al Grant was traveling in Asia he ex-pressed a desire to get a shot at a lion. Not wishing to expose hum to danger the natives secured a stuffed lion, set it up in a jungle and then took the illustriops traveler ont for a hunt. When the beast was sighted the General was all exciteNO. 33.

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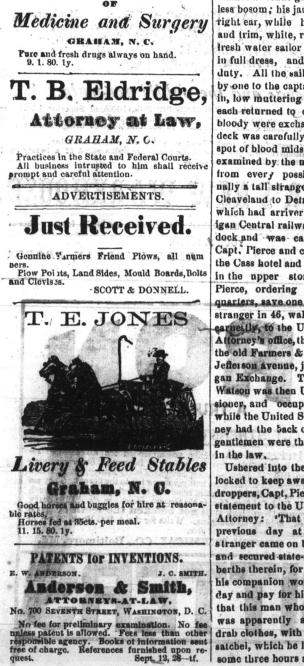
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very picture of despair. Taking the pen missioner Watson, then at his brother. then imploringly at the United States District Attorney, and said in trembling accents:

"Squire Bates! Must I sign that and go back to her?"

Being assumed that there was no other alternative, he took the pen, wrote his name, and as he did so said in the agony of despair:

'Squire I'll do it, but won't she give. me h-ll when I come back there to her.' He went back and humbugged her with a story that it was a trick of the United States district attorney and the Detroit Free Press, and she believed

him.

If you grasp a rattlesnake firmly about the neck, he can not hurt you, says a Western paper. To be perfectly safe, it would be well to let the hired man do the grasping.

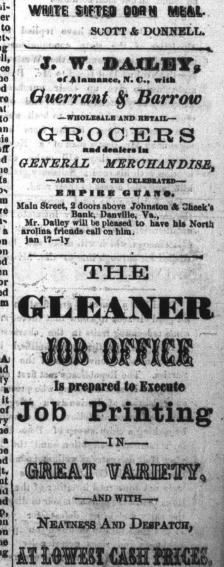
acters to deceive her and make her be-lieve that yen were dead and that she lieve that yen were dead and that she was sighted the General was all excite-ment, and crawling up to a favorite po-sition began to blaze away at the ani-mal with no perceptible effect. After ing her of your pretended death, and that God would be a husband to her and a father to her children. This, sir, is worse than murder; but under all the circumstances the court will discharge you, on the sole condition that yon will go instantly back to your wife at Cape Cod, and tell her of this vile trick you have resorted to to cheat and desert her. I shall write your disc charge on the sole condition that you consent in writing so return Thereupon he wrote on the warrant the condition and his scentance of it. Thereupon he wrote on the warrant the condition and his acceptance of it, and then handed the peu to the prison-er to sign his name. The prisoner had on his blue speo-tacles and wig all awry, and looked the the beast, and with one well-directed blow, laid it over on its side. Then be chased the native attendants for six miles, but being better acquainted with the country they got away from him in safety.

#### A Smart Young Woman.

Says the Visalia (Cal.) Delta:

Says the Visalia (Cal.) Delta: A young man in the neighborhood had lately taken up one hundred and sixty acres of land, built a house upon it, a barn, bored wells, dug ditches, sowed it in wheat, and in all spent hundreds of dollars upon it. It happened to be a dry season, and the crop failed. He became discouraged, and offered his claim at a rearifice. A young lady gave him one hundred dollars for his right, title and latereat in the land and everything on it. She let it lie. She sold the insufficient crop for hog feed. The hoge rooted and scattered it. The winter rains came, and with them came the volunteer crop, with them came the volunteer crop, which matured and has recently been cut, yielding twelve bushels per acre on one hundred and twenty acres. She will clear at least \$1,500 besides having the land and the improvements.

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