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MORTON HENDRICKS; A Story for Boys.

BY J. E. MALONE.

CHAPTER VIII.

In the preceding chapters we witness with our minds eye a human being in the act of murdering his fellow-being, who had never injured him except in a brave and noble attempt to protect an innocent and helpless boy. But we shall see whether this brute in human form succeeded in his murderous work

At half past 12 o'clock Tom Martin st rred and seemed to try to turn over in bed, when he did this, h's mother got up from her chair and decided that it was time for Tom to have his purity, strength and wholesomeness medicine to quiet him. She went to the table, took the glass and spoon and sat down by Tom's bed and dipping up a spoonful of the medicine, placed it to her son's lips and was in the acc of raising the handle of the spoon to empty its contents down his throat, when a gust of wind coming through the open door Schools of Franklin county will be (which she had opened when she first. in Louisburg on the second Thurs- got up, to let in fresh air) blew out the dry of February, April July, Sept. Jamp. Mrs. Martin lowered her hand October and December, and remain and put the spoon with its contents back into the glass, and got up to relight the lamp, but in crossing the room she stumbled over a chair and dropped the glass which broke into fragments on the floor. So poor, helpless Tom was accidentally saved from Joe Holmes' dastardly attempt to poison him. Mrs. Martin relighted the lamp and expressed her sincere and heartfelt regrets at the unfortunate step or blunder, (as she called it) sat by Tom and commenced rubbing his feet and legs, thinking, perhaps, that this would take the place to some extent of the southing effects of the medicine.

Mrs. Martin passed the balance of the night in this way, and no one but Joe Holmes and his partners ever knew that an ther attempt had been made to mur-

d r Tom Martin. Some one ebe did know it, though, fir Morton Hendricks and placed his ear to a crack in the prison door, and heard enough to satisfy himself that his dear friend. Tom, was not dead, but that an attempt was going to be made that very night by these villains to accomplish his death in the meanest and most cowardly way. Morton could not hear the exact plan by which Tom was to be disposed of, but he heard enough to convince him that they intended to murler bim. "Oh," thought Morton, "if I could only get out I would prevent this cowardly crowd from carrying out their purpose."

But it was impossible for our young friend to do anything, surrounded as he was by solid rock wall, with that impassable oaken door, and just outside of that, one and sometimes three strong, heartless men or demons-so he could only bear his suffering and suspense and hope that something might happen to frustrate their plans. After meditating for awhile over the injustice and horror of every hing that had occurred and was still occurring, Morton made up his mind that he would escape from this foul place and the clutches of these vile men, even if the attempt should cost him his life. This determination to escape on Morton's part was made pos-ible, because every energy of his being was concentrated on that one idea and

One night Morton's supper was brought to him wrapped in an old piece of newspaper, and the boy would have given anything just to be able to rend that paper, but there was no light by day or night in the dark hole of his confinement. He longed for some news

Morton had noticed for some nights that there had appeared at a certain time every night on the back wall of his cell a small luminous spot about the size of a five cent nickel piece, and now when he went to investigate the cause of its appearance there, he discovered its origin, by putting his hand in front of the spot and by moving his hand from the wall to the opposite wall, (keeping the spot all the time on the back of his hand) He in this way traced its origin to a small auger hole in one of the panels of the door which opened into the adjoining middle room where there was a lighted candle sitting on a box. "Now," said Morton, "I can read this paper," and he did so by placing the paper close to the hole and running it time after time in front of it. The paper menlioned happened to be the very one is-

occurrence on the pike road, and it contained a full account as far as it was in the stables, the editor tad come to

paper was torn Morton thought he could | the three sleeping men. see a part of a picture, enough of it at least to recognize that it was a picture of himself. The article in the paper closed by stating that the boy Morton Hendricks had stolen his employers money, killed his friend Tom Martin to

We can imagine how these false statements must have affected a boy of bightoned moral worth like Morton Hen-

After reading this account, all untrue as it was, Morton with compressed lips struck his elenched fist into the paim of his open hand and said in an andible voice (to any one had they been in his cell) "I will get out of here and vindicate my character and innocence, or die in the attempt."

The floor of Morton's cell was of brick, and was a continuation of the floors of the other two rooms, all three | no less objectionable, and that young of these rooms at sometime had been one large one, and the rock walls which now divided it into three rooms were built upon this continuous brick floor,

Morton, at the time of his incarceration, had in his pocket, his own pocket knife and Mr. Vickers safe key, and with these he went to work and losened a brick in the floor near the wall, between himself and the next room in which his three captors slept. Morton took out brick after brick as quietly as he could and laid them out of his way until he had made an opening as large as he wanted. He then commenced digging and scraping out the dirt with the knife and key until he had excavated a hole large enough for his outire body. When his meals were brought to him Morton would throw his straw bed over the dirt and the hole and lie down on it. Morton took every precaution against being suspected or dejected, for he was determined to make his escape a success. He continued to work until he had made a similar excavation under the floor of the next room. The wall above was built with go d cement and held itself together, there was no danger of it falling in the hole.

Our young friend could now put his head in the hole and hear what was going on in the adjoining room. He could see through the anger hole in the door. and hear enough through the hole under the wall to satisfy himself that his three enemies were playing cards and drmking and from the tone of their voices Morton discovered (to his joy under the circumstances) that the liquor was getting the best of them.

About 2 o'clock by the City Hall clock they blew out their lights and turned into a heavy sleep which naturally followed their beavy drinking. Now, thought Morton is my time, (for

he could distinctly hear their heavy

breathing) and he commenced to remove the brick from the opposite floor which he had already undermined, and place them slowly and quietly back in his own room. After removing enough brick to make an opening large enough to admit the passage of his body, Morton crawled under as softly as a snake and raised his head up through the other floor and listened, the heavy breathing continued, and he knew that the three men were fast asleep. Morton now straightened himself up and reached out for the side of the wall furthest from the sleeping men, and touching it with his band, he felt his way along until he reached the first and only angle he had to pass in the wall, then he proceeded down the wall in the same eautious manner until he reached the door which led to the front room. As Morton neared this door he found that he could not keep his hand on the wall, somehow or other, his hand would flutter against it like a caged bird trying to make its escape-how could be help being nervous-nearing liberty-freedom -healthy air -the vindication of his character and innocence. Who knows and appreciates the magnitude and grandeur of the word Freedom? The

sucd the day following that awful night's | man who has never felt it, or the man who has reveled in its glorious privileges all his life with intelligent appreclation informed of what happened on the farm of those privileges. Morton Hendricks that night and the next morning. In | had known what it was, and how to enaccounting for Morton's disappearance joy it, and as his trembling hand left and Tom Martin being found as he was | that stony wall and gilded over the oaken panels towards its lock, the beatings the same conclusion that those at the of his excited heart could have been heard by his captors had they been The paper stated how much couff- awake. But one moment more when the dence Mr. Vickers had placed in the hand reached the much desired lock and boy Morton Hendricks, and how that found it seemely fastened and the key confidence had been misplaced and gone, the tumultuous heart beats subabused. It also gave a minute descrip- sided, and everything was as still as tion of Morton in words, and where the | death except the heavy breathing of

> [TO BE CONTINUED.] Long Eventous.

During these long evenings no class of persons should feel more happy than silence him, then ran away with the the young who have good comfortable homes. The pleasant fireside, the agreeable company, the means of enjoyment in books, conversation, games, or in other things equally innocent and profitable, should fill them with a seuse of contentment that rises into constant gratitude. No one should be dreary. Discontent, murmuring, frettings, lonesomeness are impossible in conditions so fortunate, unless there is, a spirit that is sadly perverted. It is the case, however, that young men see nothing in such attractions to keep them from the street, the billiard rooms, the dancing hall, or some other places craves in namy kinds of questionable associations. Many of them, too, if compelled either by authority that is over them or by circumstances they cannot control, live in a state of Labitual unrest, dull, languid, pecvish, "ouesome," and as miscrable as their unhappy disposition can make them. It ought to improve such persons to contrust their happy surroundings with the unattractive ones of their neighbors, or others of whom they know. For there are thousands of homes where brightness rarely comes at air, it is trut for a brief stay and hasty departure. - Balti-

> The heart is like the tree that gives halm for the wounds of man only when the i. on has pierced it.

THERE are not wanting signs that the South is coming to the front in electrical enterprise. A well-known Kentucky railway contractor has on hand a big railway scheme, which, it is expected, will be shortly carried out: This is the construction and operation of an electric railway between Atlanta and Savannah, a distance of 250 miles. The water power of the Ocmulgee and other rivers along the route is to generate the elecricity to move the trains, and it is estimated that 65,000 borse power will be within the reach of the road.

NORTH CAROLINA's area of territov is as large as England, and within her orders are resources such as the latter sountry never knew. Her rivers and streams abound with fish of almost every known description and of avegnalled excellence for food. Her forests abound of her earth are mines of untold wealth, such as the world has little dreamed of, and which science will bring to the surface and pour into the waiting and willing lap of commerce,

Best Thing He Ever Saw.

The following is an extract from a letter written by Mr. D. A. Reynolds, editor and propriets of the Herald. Lyons, Mich., under date of January 11th, 1890: "You will observe that I have given your advertisement posttion on the first page of the Herald. while other proprietary medicines have had to take the run of the paper. The reason for doing this is, that upon receiving your "opy" a number of cures effected seemed similar to that of which my little son was soff riog. a case of blood poison, or irritable sores breaking out all over his body. Today he is entirely free from disease, and one bottle of Swift's Specific (S. S. S.) did the work. Now this is the reason for giving you the position, as I consider Swift's specific (8.8.8.) the best medicine I ever saw. I wish yen natimited success in your husi-

The above is a sample of letters which are coming to us all the time. S. S. S. is nearer infallible than any remedy made, and has probably done more good than any medicine known to unakind. We will mail a Treatise on Blood and Skin Diseases to all who will send their address.

SWIFT SPECIFIC Co. Atlanta, Ga. CAUSE OF DEPRESSION.

MR. VOORHEES ENLIGHTENS THE SENATE.

On the 19th Mr. Voorhees spoke on his resolution relative to agricultural depression. He spoke of the deep, strong current of anxiety, discoutent and alarm provailing in the farming communities, and said that he proposed to aid them in the inquiry as to the causes of th existing depression. It was now nearly thirty years since the close of a terrible war that had given to unhallowed avarice an opportunity to prey upon the self-sacrificing patriots of the country, such as had never before been presented to the basest passions and the most sordid and odious vices. The measures resorted to for the taxation of one class of citizens and for the enrchment of another class had been the legislation by which the burden of the publie debt had been doubled, silverdem unetized and a high protective tariff estab-

He characterized the protective tariff as a curse and not a blessing. He was dealing, not with a theory, but with a condition which even a blind man could look at and draw from it an unerring conclusion. The farmers of the United States to-day did not receive on an averare more than ten cents a bushel for their corn, fifty cents for their wheat and from two to three cents a pound for their bogs. The time would come, at no distant day, when the farmer would look on the proposition to tax him and his wife and children for the protection and beneat of other people beside himself as he would look on a law of Congress to establish the army worm and weevil on his wheat, to infest his cattle with murrain and his hogs on cholera. men flee away from such demestic | Every pretense of a home market for the brightness to seek what their nature Liarmer was a fraud, fand every pretense of taxing whent and outs and pointoes for his benefit was a cheat and a sham, It was a notorious and self-evident truth hat the tariff, as it now a ood, increased the farmers expense account from 35 to 100 per cent, on every implement of in dustry with which he toiled, and last year binding twine had been enhanced 18 cents a pound by the tariff and I wine trust. He di i not believe that the hands of the farmers could hold a republican ti-ket at the next pres dential election. fle declared that not only had there been no increase in the value of and for the last quarter of a century but there had been an absolute loss of 33 per cent. If the improved farm lands of the United States were put to sale to-day under the most favorable circumstances they would not, be said, on a general average realize more than two-things of what their value had been twenty-five years ago. The farms of the State of Ohio were new under mortgage to the amount of \$300,000,000. In the State of Illinois-the mortgages in that State amounting to \$402,000,000. Twentythree per cent. of the whole state of

Illinois is under mortgage. I have suffered with rheumatism for quite a number of years, and after trying Salvation Oil pronounce it the best remedy I have ever used-MRS. J. ZIMMERMAN,

Wetheredville, Md. Caution insures safety, and all cautious people cure their colds with Dr.

Bull's Cough Syrup. 25 cents. If we cannot live so as to be happy, let us at least live so as to deserve hap-

A SCRAP OF PAPER SAVES HER LUFE.

It was just an ordinary scrap of with all sorts of game, besides timber in . wrapping paper, but it saved ber life. almost inexhaustable abandance, of the . She was to the last stages of con-most valuable sorts, and in the bowels samption, told by physicians she was sumption, told by physicians she was incurable and could only live but a short time; she weighed less than seventy pounds. On a piece of wrapping paper she read of Dr. King's New Discovery, and got a sample bottle; it helped her, she bought a large bottle it help d her more, bought another and grew better fast, continued its use and is now strong, healty, rosy, plump, weighing 140 pounds. For fuller particulars send stamp to W. H. Cole Druggist, Fort Smith. Trial bottle of this wonderful Discovery free as W. H. Furman's Drug Store.

The safest way for most loiks to do is to do as the rest do.

The people never gave up their liberles but under some delusion.

Don't try to drown your troubles in a cup; troubles are great swimmers He hoped to win her by his presents. but she said his presence wan't desirable, so he didn't

EUPEPSY. This is what you ought to have, to

fact, you must have it, to fully enjoy life. Thousands are searching for it daily, and mourning because they find not. I housands upon thousands of dollars are spent annually by our people in the hope that may obtain this buon. And yet it may be had by all We guarantee that Electric Bitters if used according to directions use porsisted in will bring you good dige-tion and the demon dyspesia will install instead enpepsy. We recommend Electric Bitters for Dispepsia and all discusses of Liver, Stanach and Kidby W. H. Farman, Jr. Draggist

A Lady's Reasons for not Dancing.

Dancing would lend me into crowded rooms and late house, which are injurious to trealth and osciuluess. Dancing will lead me into very close contact with peraicious company; and evil communications corrapt good man-

Dancing would require me to use and permit freedom with the other sex, of which I should be ashamed, and which I believe to be wrong.
My parents and friends would be

anxious about me if I were out late, keeping company with they knew not Ministers and good people generally disapprove of dancing, and I think it is

hat safe to set myself up against them. If a thing be even looked upon as doubtful I wish to be on the safe side. Dancing has a bad name, and I mean to study things that are pure and love-

ly and of good report. Dancing is generally accompanied with drinking and I see drinking pro-

duces most of the evils of the present I am told that drinking is a very great temptation and suare to young men, and I do not wish to have anything to

do with leading them astray. Dancing nufits the mind for serious reflection and prayer, and I mean to do nothing to estrange me from my God and Saviour.

Farm Notes.

Post your accounts regular. Plan jour winter work alieud. I on't miss any rural meetings. Give animals paire water daily. Feed well, but waste no forage. Avoid feddering on the ground. Be punctual in earing for steck.

Pleaty of shorp gravel for lowis. Yes, blanket the shivering horses, Re-ord both incomes and outgoes. Have careful help to care for

Sharp horse-shoes for shppery

Better remove than place a mort-Warm quarters for stock saves Eandle lauterns with care in the

Plenty of stable bedding mases manure Keep the hous warm to get more cggs

n cold weather. Burns and stables are not suitable place for hens ro sts.

Winter is a bad time to let your fire SEBRANCE TUN OUL. The best rearedy for gladers is to kill

the mansed horse. The cow now needs extra rations to keep up the flow of milk.

Money well invested in fertilizers mys bester than in bank. Forest leaves for bedding cost only gathering them.

Perune any time the weather is fit and keep your kaife slarp, Select and keep the very best and argest turkeys for breeding.

Look after the condition of stored fruit, vegetables and roots. Now crowd the feed if are fittening beeves, pigs or poul-

(orn stalks contain more potash than any other fold r fed COWS. Unless flower-pots have good

drainage the plants may rained. Don't fodder sto k on the ground when it is so easy to

Heavy feeding of fowls just before killing is detrimental to quali-

darrying try to sell direct to con-Cull the flocks and bands, and

If you are engaged in winter

soll or slauguter non-paying ani-Attend the annual meeting your Agriculture Society and help elect

good efficers. "Get the best" books, etc., for the family, and renew your subschip-tion to the FRANKLIN TIMEs.

NUTTUE.

Having this day qualified as Executor of the late Mrs. Eliza J. Harris, this is to give notice to all persons awing the estate of said Eliza J. Harris, to come forward and settle the same, and all persons hold ing claims against said estate to present them for payment before March 10th 1891, or I shall plead this notice in bar of their recovery.

JOHN T. HARRIS, Executor of M.s. Eliza J. Harris.

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