THE FRANKLIN TIMES.

LOUISBURG, N. C., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1894.

"Have you sent to Cleveland?"

"We telegraphed this morning." "How did you word your inquiries?" "We simply detailed the circum-stances, and said that we should be

glad of any information which could

"You did not ask for particulars on

"Nothing else? Is there no circum

stance on which this whole case ap-

pears to hinge? Will you not tele-

"I have said all I have to say," said

Sherlock Holmes chuckled to htm-

self, and appeared to be about to make

some remark, when Lestrade, who had been in the front room while we ware

holding this conversation in the hall,

reappeared upon the seend, rubbing his hands in a pompous and self-satis-

"Mr. Gregson," he said, "I have just

made a discovery of the highest im-

any point which appeared to you to be

"I asked about Stangerson."

Gregson, in an offended voice.

help us."

crucial?"

graph again"

fied manner.

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By A. CONAN DOYLE. "You don't seem to give much thought to the matter in hand," I said

at last, interrupting Holmes' musical "No data yet," he answered. "It is a capital mistake to theorize before you have all the evidence. It biases

the judgment." "You will have your data soon," remarked, pointing with my finger; "this is the Brixton road, and that is the house, if I am not very much mis-

taken." "So it is. Stop, driver, stop!" We were still a hundred yards or so from it, but he insisted upon our-alighting, and we finished our journey upon foot. No. 8 Lauriston gardens wore an illomened and minatory look. It was one of four which stood back some little way from the street, two being oc-



GAZED VACANTLY AT THE GROUND. looked out with three_tiers of vacant, melancholy windows, which were blank and dreary, save that here and there a "To Let" card had developed like a cataract upon the bleared panes.

A small garden sprinkled over with a

solitary window was so dirty that the light was hazy and uncertain, giving a dull gray tinge to everything, which was intensified by the thick layer of dust which coated the whole apartment.

All these details I observed afterward. At present my attention was centered upon the single grim, motionless figure which lay stretched upon the boards with vacant, sightless eyes staring up at the discolored ceiling. It was that of a man about forty-three

or forty-four years of age, middlesized, broad-shouldered, with crisp, curling black hair and a short, stubbly beard. He was dressed in a heavy broadcloth frock coat and waistcoat, with light colored trousers and immaculate collar and cuffs. A top hat.

well brushed and trim, was placed upon the floor beside him. His hands were clinched and his arms thrown abroad, while his lower limbs were interlocked as though his death-struggle had been a grievous one. On his rigid face there stood an expression of hor-

ror and, as it seemed to me, of hatred, such as I have never seen upon human features. This malignant and terrible contortion, combined with the low forehead, blunt nose and prognathous jaw, gave the dead man a singularly simious and ape-like appearance, which was increased by his writhing, unnatural posture. I have seen death in many forms, but never has it appeared to me in a more fearsome aspect than in that dark, grimy apartment, which looked out upon one of the main arteries of suburban London.

Lestrade, lean and ferret-like as ever, was standing by the doorway, and greeted my companion and myself. "This case will make a stir, sir," he remarked. "It beats anything I have seen, and I am no chicken." "There is no clew," said Gregson.

"None at all," chimed in Lestrade. Sherlock Holmes approached the body, and, kneeling down, examined it intently. "You are sure that there

is no wound?" he asked, pointing to portance, and one which would have numerous gouts and splashes of blood been overlooked had I not made a carewhich lay all round. ful examination of the walls." "Positive!" cried both detectives. The little man's eyes sparkled as he "Then, of course, this blood belongs scattered eruption of sickly plants sep- to a second individual-presumably

spoke, and he was evidently in a state of suppressed exultation at having arated each of these houses from the the murderer, if murder has been comscored a point against his colleague. street, and was traversed by a narrow mitted. It reminds me of the circum-"Come here," he said, bustling back

gun to realize, that Sherlock Bolme smallest actions were all directed toward some definite and practical end. "What do you think of it?" they both asked.

"It would be robbing you of the credit of the case if I was to presume to help you," remarked my friend. "You are doing so well now that it would be a pity for anyone to interfere." There was a world of sarcasm in his voice, as he spoke. "If you will let me know how your investigations go," he continued, "I shall be happy to give you any help I can. In the meantime, I should like to speak to the constable who found the body. Can you give me his name and address?

Lestrade glanced at his note-book. "John Rance," he said. "He is off duty now. You will find him at 46 Audley court, Kennington park gate." Holmes took a note of the address "Come along, doctor," he said; "we shall go and look him up. I'll tell you one thing which may help you in the case," he continued, turning to the two detectives. "There has been murder done, and the murderer was a man. He was more than six feet high, was in the prime of life, had small feet for his height, wore coarse, squaretoed boots and smoked a Trichinopoly cigar. He came here with his victim and one new one on his off fore-leg. In all probability the murderer had a right hand were remarkably long. These are only a few indications, but they may assist you." Lestrade and Gregson glanced at

each other with an incredulous smile. "If this man was murdered, how was it done?" asked the former.

"Poison," said Sherlock Holmes, curtly, and strode off. "One other thing, Lestrade," he added, turning round at 'revenge;' so don't lose your time looking for Miss Rachel."

With which Parthian shot he walked away, leaving the two rivals openmouthed behind him. CHAPTER IV.

WHAT JOHN RANCE HAD TO TELL It was one o'clock when we left No.

3 Lauriston gardens. Sherlock Holme

NUMBER 50.



Meandering.

A city girl writes, "It is a fond dream of mine to become a farmer's wife and meander with bim Hyperdermie injections of morlived on the farm and followed this meandering business for and the reality. You will think in a four-wheeled cab, which was of this about the time your husdrawn by a horse with three old shoes | band meanders out and leaves you without wood, and you have to florid face, and the finger-nails of his meander up and down the lane pulling splinters off the fence with which to cook diuner. And when you meander around in the

wet clover in search of the -cows yeu will have a dim perception that foud dreams do not always Give An Appetite pan out 100 cents on the dellar, the door; "'Rache' is the German for and that there are several meanderings in farm life that are not listed in the dreaming category. The meandering business on the

farm is not what it's cracked up to be .- Texas Siftings.

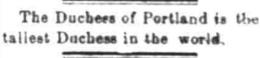
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down life's flowery, pathway." phis are frequently prescribed by Ab, yes, that is a nice thing to physicians for cure of neuralgia; dream about, but when you have but its effects are only ephemeral and you will have to repeat the Injection every day. Discard this a seductive enchanter, and use Satmonth or so, you will discover a vation Oil, which goes to the seat wide chasm between the dream of the trouble and effects a permanent cure.

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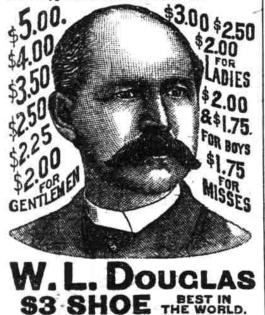
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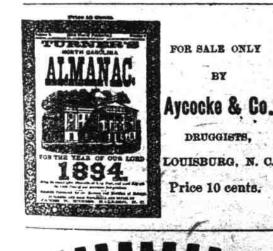
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sisting apparently of a mixture of clay Jansen, in Utrecht, in the year 1834. and of gravel. The whole place was very sloppy from the rain which had fallen through the night. The garden was lounded by a three-foot brick wall with a tringe of wood rails upon the top, and against this wall was leaning a stalwart police constable, surrounded flying here, there and everywhere, by a small knot of loafers, who craned feeling, pressing, unbuttoning, examtheir necks and strained their eyes in ining, while his eyes wore the same the vain hope of catching some glimpse of the proceedings within.

I had imagined that Sherlock Holmes would at once have hurried into the hardly have guessed the minuteness. house and plunged into a study of the mystery. Nothing appeared to be farther from his intention. With an air glanced at the soles of his patentof nonchalance which, under the circumstances, seemed to me to border upon affectation, he lounged up and asked. down the pavement, and gazed va-

cantly at the ground, the sky, the opposite houses, and the line of railings. Having finished his scrutiny, he proceeded slowly down the path, or rather | to be learned." down the fringe of grass which flanked

the path, keeping his eyes riveted upon the ground. Twice he stopped, and once I saw him smile and heard him utter an exclamation of satisfaction. There were many marks of footsteps upon the wet, clayey soil, but since the

police had been coming and going over it, I was unable to see how my companion could hope to learn anything from it. Still, I had such extraordinary evidence of the quickness of his perceptive faculties that I had no doubt that he could see a great deal which was hidden from me. At the door of the house we were

met by a tall, white-faced, flaxenhaired man, with a note-book in his hand, who rushed forward and wrung my companion's hand with effusion. 'It is indeed kind of you to come," he said; "I have had everything left untouched."

"Except that!" my friend answered. pointing to the pathway. "If a herd of buffaloes had passed along there could not be a greater mess. No doubt, however, you had drawn your own conclusions, Gregson, before you permitted this."

"I have had so much to do inside the house," the detective said, evasively. "My colleague, Mr. Lestrade, is here. I had relied upon him to look after this." Holmes glanced at me, and raised

his eyes sardonically. "With two such men as yourself and Lestrade upon the ground, there will not be much for a third party to find out," he said. Gregson rubbed his hands in a selfsatisfied way. "I think we have done all that can be done," he answered; "It's a queer case, though, and I knew

your taste for such things." "You did not come here in a cab?" asked Sherlock Holmes. "No, sir." "Nor Lestrade?"

"No, sir." "Then let us go and look at the room." With which inconsequent remark he strode on into the house, followed by Gregson, whose features expressed his astonishment.

A short passage, bare planked and dusty, led to the kitchen and offices. No purse, but loose money to the ex-Two doors opened out of it to the left tent of seven pounds thirteen. Pocket sionally applying his tape to the walls any known brand cither of cigar or of and to the right. One of these had ob. edition of Boccaccio's 'Decameron.'with in an equally incomprehensible man. tobacco. It is just in such details that

pathway, yellowish in color, and con- stances attendant on the death of Van Do you remember the case, Gregson?" "No, sir."

"Read it up-you really should. There is nothing new under the sun. It has all been done before.'

As he spoke, his nimble fingers were far-away expression which I have already remarked upon. So swiftly was the examination made that one would

with which it was conducted. Finally, he sniffed the dead man's lips, and then leather boots.

"He has not been moved at all?" he

"No more than was necessary for the purpose of our examination." "You can take him to the mortuary now," he said. "There is nothing more

Gregson had a stretcher and four men at hand. At-his call they entered the room, and the stranger was lifted and carried out. As they raised him,



SHERLOCK HOLMES APPROACHED THE BODY.

a ring tinkled down and rolled across the floor. / Lestrade grabbed it up and stared at it with mystified eyes.

"There's been a woman here," he cried. "It's a woman's wedding-ring." He held it out, as he spoke, upon the palm of his hand. We all gathered round him and gazed at it. There could be no doubt that that circle of plain gold had once adorned the finger of a bride.

"This complicates matters," said Gregson. "Heaven knows, they were

complicated enough before!" "You're sure it doesn't simplify them?" observed Holmes. "There's nothing to be learned by staring at it. What did you find in his pockets?"

"We have it all here," said Gregson, pointing to a litter of objects upon one of the bottom steps of the stairs. "A gold watch, No. 97,163, by Barraud, of London. Gold Albert chain, very heavy and solid. Gold ring, with masonic device. Gold pin-bulldog's head, with rubies as eyes. Russian leather card-case, with cards of Enoch

J. Drebber, of Cleveland, corresponding with the E. J. D. upon the linen.

into the room, the atmosphere of which felt cleaner since the removal of its ghastly inmate. "Now stand there!" He struck a match on his boot and

THERE WAS SCRAWLED IN BLOOD-RED

LETTERS A SINGLE WORD.

held it up against the wall. "Look at that!" he said, triumphant-

I have remarked that the paper had fallen away in these parts. In this particular corner of the room a large piece had peeled off, leaving a yellow square of coarse plastering. Across this bare space there was scrawled in blood-red letters a single word:

"RACHE."

"What do you think of that?" cried the detective, with the air of a showman exhibiting his show. "This was overlooked because it was in the darkest corner of the room, and no one thought of looking there. The murderer has written it with his or her own blood. See this smear where it has trickled down the wall! That disposes of the idea of snicide, anyhow. Why was that corner chosen to write it on? I will tell you. See that candle the time, and if it was lit this corner would be the brightest instead of the there at any time during the morning darkest portion of the wall."

"And what does it mean, now that you have found it?" asked Gregson, in a deprecatory voice.

"Mean? Why, it means that the writer was going to put the female name Rachel, but was disturbed before he or she had time to finish. You mark my words, when this case comes to be cleared up you will find that a woman named Rachel has something to do with it. It's all very well for you to laugh, Mr. Sherlock Holmes. You may be very smart and clever, but the old hound is best, when all is said and done."

"I really beg your pardon!" said my companion, who had ruffled the little man's temper by bursting into an explosion of laughter. "You certainly have the credit of being the first of us to find this out, and, as you say, it bears every mark of having been written by the other participant in last night's mystery. I have not had time to examine this room yet,

now."

As he spoke he whipped a tape measure and a large, round magnifying glass from his pocket. With these two instruments he trotted noisclessly about the room, sometimes stopping, occasionally kneeling, and once lying flat on his face. So engrossed was he with his occupation that he appeared to have forgotten our presence, for he chattered away to himself under his breath the whole time, keeping up a running fire of exclamations, groans, whistles, and little cries suggestive of encouragement and hope. As I watched him I was irresistibly reminded of a pure-blooded, well-trained fox-hound as it dashes backward and forward through the covert, whining in its engerness, until it comes across the lost scent. For twenty minutes or more he continued his researches, measuring with the most exact care the distance between marks which were entirely invisible to me, and occa- I can distinguish at a glance the ash of

led me to the nearest telegraph office, whence he dispatched a long telegram. He thep hailed a cab. and ordered the driver to take us to the address given us by Lestrade.

"There is nothing like first-hand evidence," he remarked; "as a matter of fact, my mind is entirely made up upon the case, but still we may as well learn all that is to be learned."

"You amaze me, Ilolmes," said I. 'Surely you are not as sure as you pretend to be of all those particulars their merits. Aveocke & Co. which you gave."

"There's no room for a mistake," he answered. "The very first thing

which I observed on arriving there was that a cab had made two ruts with its wheels close to the arb. Now, up to last night, we have had no rain for a week, so that those wheels, which left such a deep impression, must have been there during the night. There were the marks of the horse's hoofs, too, the outline of ene of which was far more clearly cut than that of the other three, showing that that was a after the rain began, and was not cold. Try it.

-I have Gregson's word for that-it follows that it must have been there it brought those two individuals to the a person in mourning.

house.' "That seems simple enough," said I; "but how about the other man's height?"

"Why, the height of a man, in nine cases out of ten, can be told from the length of his stride. It is a simple King's New Discovery for consumption, use my boring you, with figures. I had this fellow's stride, both on the al will convince you that it has wonderclay outside and on the dust within. Then I had a way of checking my calculation. When a man writes on a guaranteed to do all that is elaimed or wall, his instinct leads him to write about the level of his own eyes. Now, that writing was just over six feet from the ground. It was child's play."

"And his age?" I asked. "Well, if a man can stride four and a half feet without the smallest effort. he can't be quite in the sere and yellow That was the breadth of a puddle on the garden walk which he had but with your permission I shall do so evidently walked across. Patentleather boots had gone round and Square-toes had hopped over. There is no mystery about it at all. I am simply applying to ordinary life a few

of those precepts of observation and deduction which I advocated in that article. Is there anything else that puzzles you?" -"The finger-nails and the Trichinop-

oly," I suggested.

"The writing on the wall was done with a man's forefinger dipped in blood. My glass allowed me to observe that the plaster was slightly scratched in doing it, which would not have been the case if the man's nail had been trimmed. I gathered up some scat-tered ash from the floor. It was dark in color and finky-such an ash as is only made by a Trichinopoly. I have made a special study of cigar ashesin fact, I have written a monograph upon the subject. I flatter myself that

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	CALLED STATES AND A CONTRACT OF THE STATES AN	The other belonged to the dining-room, which was the apartment in which the mysterious affair had occurred. Holmes walked in, and I followed him with that subdued feeling at my heart which the presence of death inspires. It was a large, square room, looking all the larger for the absence of all furniture. A rulgar, flaring paper adorned the walls, but it was blotched in places with mildew, and here and there great strips had become detached and hung down, exposing the yellow plaster beneath. Opposite the door was a showy fireplace, surmounted by a mantle-piece of imitation white mar-	to E. J. Drebber and one to Joseph Stangerson." "At what address?" "American Exchange, Strand—to be left till called for. They are both from the Guien Steamship company, and re- fer to the sailing of their boats from Liverpool. It is clear that this unfor- tunate man was about to return to New York." "Have you made any inquiries as to this man Stangerson?" "I did it at once, sir," said Gregson. "I have had advertisements sent to all the newspapers, and one of my men has gone to the American Exchange,	carefully a little pile of gray dust from the floor and packed it away in an envelope. Finally he examined with his glass the words upon the wall, go- ing over every letter of it with the most minute exactness. This done, he appeared to be satisfied, for he re- placed the tape and glass in his pocket. "They say that genius is an infinite capacity for taking pains," he remarked with a smile. "It's a very had defini- tion, but it does apply to detective work." Gregson and Lestrade had watched the maneuvers of their amateur com-	Gregson and Lestrade type." "And the florid face?" I asked. "Ah, that was a more daring shot, though I have no doubt that I was right. You must not ask me that at the present state of the affair." [TO BE CONTINUED] Ghildren Cry for Pitcher's Castoria. A noted physician says that the most prolific cause of woman's nerv- ous diseases, hysterics, spinal dis- eases and sick headaches is high-	three years back. in usual cloth binding, will be sent by mail, postage paid, or by express, free of expense (provided the freight does not exceed one dollar per volume), for \$7 00 per year. Cloth (ases for each volume, suitable for binding, will be sent by mail, post- paid, on receipt of \$1.00 ench. Remittance should be made by Pest-Of- fice Money Order or Draft, to avoid chaoce of loss. Newspapers are not to copy this adver- tisement without the express order of HARPER & BROTHERS.	Fostage free to all subscribers in the United States, Cas ada and Maxico. The volumes of the Weekly hypers with the numbers for Jane and December of eight year. When no time is specified, subscriptions will begin with the Bomber current at the time of receipt of order. Bound volumes of Harper's Weekly tor three years back, in near cloth Lied of will be sent by unit, post-paid for \$3 to per volume. (Toth cases, for binding, for cents each-by unit, post-paid. Remittances should be under by pers office money order or draft, to used	
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