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THE ROTTEN CROSS.

It has been many a long day since then, yet I remember it all, just as though it had occurred but vesterday.

I was a carpenter, the foreman of a large establishment, and as such possessed the entire confidence of my employer, who, by the way, had been a schoolmate

One day he called me into his office to look at some rare coins he had just pur-

"Here," said he, placing in my hand a leavy gold piece, "is one which is worth more than all the rest put together. It is a great curiosity. I paid £200 for it, and considered it cheap at that. I could easily double my money in selling; and so

seems a large sum to have lie idle." I breathed an involuntary sigh as I laid the coin down on the desk, for £200

The severe illness of my wife, and one use, Slates, Inks, Writing Paper of the best of my children, and the death of another had required the exercise of the utmost nay, I had been obliged to withdraw from the bank the small sum, which, besides my salary, was all I possessed of worldly treasures. Thinking of this, I laid the recollection of that terrible moment. coin down with a sigh, and turned away to attend to my duties.

The next morning I was again sumwith no friendly greeting as usual,

"that coin we were looking at has disap | table.

my face. I finished the sentence for him, people below. the hot blood dying checks and brow as

was here; you alone saw it. I cannot re- termined to succeed. I was not one to call having seen it since it was in your give up after having undertaken a diffihands. You are in need of mony; you cult task. salary due you '

vice, I shall not stoop to defend myself." across. Accompasting my purpose, at Then I took the money he had laid up- length, I went up more rapidly, carefully on the desk, and went out from his pies sence a well nigh broken hearted man.

work to find an employer.

us, and my children cried in vain for food. those assembled in the street. Yet I did not sit down in idle despair; I could not afford to do so; the life or a roll of bank notes in my hand.

out on the weary search for work. All in vain! refusal after refusal met before you made the ascent, now it is es. my entreaties for employment, and I was gray! attracted by a group of men at its base. approached and mingled with them.

towered aloft some 250 feet above them, stant, and, at the same time, pointing toward the tor awaiting me, my late employer. engaging to do it ?"

"I didn't know the spire was so high friend?"

FIRST GRAND CASH PREMIUM tect. But go if you will; let it be! My All the world shall know I accused you

forward.

He turned eagerly toward me.

I looked up at the spire; it was square at the base and tapered to-a sharp point, century. John Stuart Mill, the eminent

me your address."

"Here it is," I said, "and as you value your soul, keep your word with me. My

wife and chil fren are starving, or I would not attempt this work If I die they can modern science was the pleasant lancy live on the hundred dollars for awhile, that the moon was a habitable globe, like until my sick wife recovers her strength, claimed the architect, "and may God pro- forms of vegetation. Theologians graveteet you! If I had the skill necessary to ly discor ed the probabilities of its being ascend that steeple. I would ask no man inhabited by a race of sentient beings, a steady hand and eye."

into the spire, until we paused beforesa ted. One of these was to construct on narrow window. This was the point f.om the board highlands of Asia a series of which I must start on my perilous fest geometrical figures on a scale so gigantic which I had undertaken.

you see, Harvey, it is really a good in- and, grasping one of the ornamental reply! Extravagant and absurd as it may blocks, swung myself out upon the spire appear in the light of modern knowledge "No doubt it is," said I, "though it For an instant my conrage faltered, but the establishment of this Terrestial and the remembrance of my starving family Luna Signal Service Bureau was treated came to my aid, and, with a silent prayer as a feasible scheme, although practical

> and clambered up. From block to block I went steadily and cautiously, try each one ere I trusted discovered that if there were people in the my weight upon it.

Two-thirds of the space had been passeconomy to keep myself free from debte ed, when suddenly the block that supported me moved-gave way. Oh, heavens! never, though I should live to see a hundred years, shall I cease to shudder at the

Yet, even in the midst of my agouy, as I felt myself slipping backward, I did uct | monstrous crevasses, broken by enormous for one second lose my presence of mind. peaks, that rise like gigantic tombstones moned into the office, but this time I met | It seemed to me that never before had in space; no lovely forms of cloud float in my senses been so preternaturally acute as | the blackness of its sky. The daytime is "Harvey," said my employer, abruptly, then, when a horrible death seemed inevi- only night lighted by a rayless sun.

peared. I have made a thorough search, Down, down I slipped, grasping at each | twilight in the evening. The nights are but it is not to be found. It has been block as I passed it by, until at length my pitch dark. In daytime the solar beams You have something to be proud and to carried away by some one You alone fearful course was arrested, and then, are lost against the jagged ridges, the while my head reeled with the sudden re-He paused and looked significantly into action, a great shout came up from the profound abyeses, and the eye sees only

"Come down, come down!" called the architect from the window; "half the sum | pleasant gradation and diffusion of light. "You mean therefore, that I took it - | shall be yours, for the risk you have run. Don't try again! Come down." "What else can I think? The coin But, no! more than ever now I was de-

great temptation, and I forgive you be- the ascent once more, first seeking in vain There is no color, nothing but dead white retain you in my employ. Here is the for I did not care to trust myself again on ness, so be it. Since you have so poor an til the space between the angles became opinion of me after years of faithful ser. sufficintly small to allow me to swing blackness of space. The moon is a dead

testing each block as I proceeded. Ere long I reached the cross, and there But for the tender love of my wife, I I paused to rest, looking down from the We will give you a good picture or not let | doubt not but that I would have buried | dizzy height with a coolness that even man, standing with its high pinnacles in

then astonished me. Supported by that love, however, and A few strokes with a light batchet that the consciousness of my own innocence, I the architect had hong at my back, and derbolts against it-and yet it stood as took fresh courage, and set resolutely to piece by piece the rotten cross fell to the firm as adamant. Revelry was the in its

employment uniformly met with a refusal. have ample means to supply their wants there had passed away. Time went on; piece by piece our furui- until my wife could obtain employment. ture and every spare article of clothing Sad and cautiously I lowered myself the idol of his mother, the pride of his found its way to the pawnbrokers, until, from block to block, and at length reach. father. I returned; the child had become at length, even this poor resource failed ed the spire window, amidst the cheers of old - trembling with the weight of years

1-2c. per lb. above market,) and is universally death of all I loved on earth depended on "You have well earned the money," he on the mountains—the birds were caroladmitted to be the lightest running gin made. my excition-and so turning away from said. "It does me good to see a man with ling on its boughs. I returned; the oak them with a heavy heart, I once more set so much nerve + but-bless me! what is was leafless and sapless, the winds were the matter with your hair? It was black | playing at their pastime through its branel.

> And so it was! That moment of in-Impelled by some strange impulse, I tence agony, while slipping helplessly downward, had blanched my hair until it ing stars sang together in joy over the A workman was standing near by, appeared like that of an old man. The looking up at the great steeple which work of years had been done in an in-

"I tell you," he exclaimed, as I drew "I have done you a great wrong. It cost and with one foot on the sea and the othnear, "it must and can be done. The me a terrible pang to believe your guilt, cross must be taken down, or the first but the circumstances were so strong | Heaven eternal, and say. Time is, Time heavy gale will send it down into the against you, that I was forced to believe was, but time shall be no more! street, and lives will be lost. Coward! is it. I have found the coin, Harvey; it this the way you back out of a job, after slipped under the secret drawer in my desk. Can you forgive me, my dear old

up there. Do it yourself, if you want it | My heart was too full to speak; I silent-"I would if I were able," said the archi-

honor is pledged to have it done at any unjustly, not through my words only, but price-and I can find a braver man than through my actions, too. You must be my partner, Harvey. If you refuse I The carpenter walked away with a shall feel that you have not forgiven me."

generously made, knowing that no surer "What is it you want done, sir!" I ask- method could have been devised to silence ed to the wants of every family, Subscription ed. "I am a carpenter; perhaps I can forever the tongue of slande", and free my name from the unmerited reproach which had of late rested upon it.

"I will make it worth your while. Take Unmerited prosperity has attended my down that cross and I will pay you a steps over since that eventful day, but very insufficient degree, the inestimable day, while in prison waiting the execution brought his labors to a close. Perhaps no Size 18 x20 inches, 16 colors, Acknowledged by all to be the HANDSOMEST and MOST hundred dollars. You will have to as neither prosperity or wealth can efface its VALUABLE premium picture in America | cend these ornamental blocks, and I tell | memory from my heart, nor restore my | more important portions having been re- solitary hours by making friends of the ler's listory more fully than Editors, who you candidly they are not to be depended withered locks to their own raven hue. on; they must be weak and rotten-tor-

Of course he belonged to Great Britain. "It's a dangerous place to work." I We have no biographical Cyclopedia by GIVING FULL PARTTICULARS sent free said, "and there will be even more peril us and can not give the main points in his in descending than in ascending. Sup- life. He was a writter of great abilities, wisdom. pose I succeed in moving the stone, and and takes rank with the foremost thinkers of this or any age. Laine, in his splendid "If any accident happens to you, my work, "The History of English Litera-

clan,' of this country.

The telegraph bring us tidings of the

death of one of the greatest men of this

THE MOON A DEAD WORLD.

Among the illusions swept away by the earth its surface diversified with seus. "I'll make it a hundred and fifty ! Sex- lakes, continents and islands, and varied to risk his life there. But come, and keep | with forms and faculties like our own, and even propounded schemes for opening com-I followed him into the church, then up munication with them, in case they exisas to be visible from our plane ary neigh-Casting a single glance at the people bor, on the supposition that the moon in the street below-mere specks in the people would recognize the object, and distance-I reached out from the window; immediately construct similar figures in for protection and success. I placed my adifficulties, which so often keep men from would have seemed a fortune to me just band on the next block above my head making fools of themselves, stood in the way of actual experiment; but the discussion was kept up at intervals, until it was ment they must be able to live without breathing or cating or drinking. Then it

> There can be no life without air. Beauful to the eye of the distant observer, the moon is a sepulchral orb - a world of death and silence. No vegetation clothes its vast plains of stony desolation, traversed by There is no rosy lawn in the morning, no sharp points of the rocks or the steep sides grotesque shapes relieved against fantastie shadows black as ink, with none of that non of that subtle blending of light and shadow which make the charm of a tercemetary; the stars appear like spots in world; she has no atmosphere.

A BEAUTIFUL EXTRACT.

I saw a temple reared by the hand of the distant plain. The streams beat upor it-the God of Nature hurried His thun halls the gay, the happy and the beauti-But powerful is a breath of slander; My work was done, and as the last frag. ful were there. I returned, and the temple turn which way I might, I ever found ment disappeared, I found a sad pleasure was no more, its high walls lay scattered that the story of my dismissal for theft in the thought that, should I never reach in ruins; moss and wild grass grew there had preceeded me, and my application for the ground alive, my dear ones would The young, and the gay that revelled

I say a child rejoicing in his youth he stood the last of his generation-a Inside the steeple the architect placed stranger amidst the desolation around him.

I saw an old oak standing in all its pride

Who is the destroyer? said I to my

guardian angel "It is Time" said he. When the morn new made world, he commenced his course And when he shall have destroyed all that s beautiful of t e e ath-pluck d the sun while a gentleman, evidently an architect, Entering the bare, cheerless room which | from his sphere veited the moon in blood was addressing him in earnest language, was now all I called home, I found a visi- yea, when he shall have rolled heaven and earth away as a scroll; then shall an angolden cross at the summit of the spire. | "Harvey," said he, extending his hand, gel from the throne of God come forth, er on the land, lift up his hand towords

MR. AND MRS. MILL.

Liberty." The following is the noble dedication of that volume:

dogged, slouching step, and the gentleman I did not refuse. Instead, I thankfully the author, of all that is best in my writ- them superior daily needs, to make them to the comers. Two prizes \$1,000 | Each in GREENBACKS. | Ea sense of truth and right was my strongest ness, is in itself of the greatest and purincitement, and whose approbation was est use. my chief reward, I dedicate this volume. Like all that I have written for many years, it belongs as much to her as to me; Susan Eberhart, the unfortunate woman lials for a new and enlarged edition of his but the work, as it stands, has had, in a who was hanged at Preston, Ga., on Fris History of North Carolina, has so nearly served for a more careful re-examination, rats that had access to her cell. A gen- have almost daily need to get accurant which they are destined never to receive. tleman called to see her a few days before information in relation to the State. We Were I but capable of interpreting to the her execution, and after some conversation sincerely trust that it will not be long ere world one-half the great thoughts and with her, told her that he had understood we have the benefit of Colonel Wheeler's noble feelings which are buried in her that she had some pet rats. She answer- labors for the last quarter of a century grave, I should be the medium of a greater | ed affirmatively, and he then told her be | almost, in the shape of a new and enlargbenefit than is ever likely to arise from | wanted to see them. She tapped on the ed edition.

brave fellow, the money shall be paid to ture," devotes an entire long chapter to dead-beat system of legislators, and in ed, and not one of them manifested the ing very valuable information were good, your family. I promise you that. Give him, and treats, him as the great "logi- Kentucky they propose to make it an is- smallest symtom of alarm .- Macon Tele- and we doubt not that he made good use sue in the legislative canvass.

- BATHING.

Very few farmers consider all suggesgestions as to the preservation of health as not applying to them. It s well enough for people to hathe regularly, but they never direct their boys to do so, much less their gible, and provide no conveniences for doing so. Any one who does bathe regularly, is looked upon as having "fine notions." Farmer Bright, who has a rule that every members of his family from himself down to baby must have a thorough cleaning) very Staturday night is laughed at.

As a general rule, the boys are made their own judges as to when they should bathe the entire person. A whole winter passes often without this being done They go from warm weather in fall, or from their last swimming excursion, to the weather in spring, when they can throw off their clothes and go into the creek. They certainly enjoy this annual scrubbing and experience a sort of delight afterward. This scrubbing should be repeated once a week. If there was a good place provided and opportunity given, the boys would not slow to bathe, As it is, they worry through the winter, washing regularly on ly hands and face and occasionally a foot bathe. They go out into the world care liness as to cleanliness of their persons and with habits that must be corrected.

Good health and pleasure demand cleaniness of person. And it is easy to meet this demand. A bath room is not a necessity. Let a large wash tub be placed in the kitchen, and after the work is done let the room be given up successively to different members of the family. Send the boys in singly so that what is important business may not be made a frolic, and let every one bathe thoroughly and quickly, using a sponge or towel, and plenty of soap and water. Once established it will be easily to follow this custom as it is to wash the face every morning, and there is no doubt.

CHIEF-JUSTICE CHASE ON THE CON-FEDERATE DEAD .- Says the Columbia Phanix: Chief Justice Chase, while hold res rial landscape. A faint conception of ing court in Raleigh, N. C., in 1869, was the horrors of a lunar day may be formed invited to participate in the ceremonies of from an illustration representing a land- decorating the graves of the Union dead scape taken of the moon in the centre of at Magnolia Cemetery. He wrote in auhave told me that yourself. It was a | Coolly, but cautiously, I commenced the mountainous region of Aristarchus, swer a letter embodying sentiments of forgiveness and fraternity with the Confedcause of our old friendship, but I cannot to reach across to the next row of blocks, and black. The rock reflect passively erates, and was taken to task for it Mr. the light of the san; the craters and alive- J. E. Williams, precident of a national that which had proved so treacherous .- | see remain wrapped in shade; fautastic band in New York, to which he replied "Very well," said I with forced calm. This I was compelled to do, however, un- peaks rise like phantoms in their glacial reiterating the sentiments expressed in the original letter. He said : "It is that true patriotism requires that

marked not by proscription or user and isement, but by manifestations of sincere good-will, especially from the successful, and by generous recognition of whatever was really brave and carnest and nobly in those who fought on the failing side. I have no sympathy with the spirit which refuses to strew flowers upon the graves of the dead soilders who fought against the side I took; and I am glad to know there was no such spirit among those who joined in decorating the graves of the soldiers of the Union who lie buried at Magnolia Cemetery. The Magnolia lavishes its perfumes as freely, the pleasant air breathes as sofily, and the warm sun shines as brightly over Confederate as over Union graves. In the letter which has incurred your censure, I sought to put into the hearts of my countrymen something of the divine charity taught by the tree, the air and the sun, as well as by the precepts of our Saviour. I believe it has done some good, and I believe it will do more."

----A WORD FOR NOVELS.

Novels familiarize men's minds with so cieties not confined to any age, country, o class. The poorest student treads palacerooms; the scamstress in her garret penetrates into the most exclusive bondons. The pauper without a vote takes part in the highest politics of past times. Suggestions of philosophy, of wisdom, clothed with personality, are gradully drunk in and the reader rises bettered; not taught the most approved kind of dramage of workhouse or lunatic asylum, but so lifted above the meaner thoughts of daily life and noblest families in Rome, and a firm that on all subjects presented to him he is inspired to take a broad and generous announced. It is stated that so ancient view. Man does not live by bread alone nor | indeed, was his pedigree he claimed deby facts alone. We are not all of as statemen | spent from Q Fabus Maximus, the "Cunestatisticians, or students, careful to read tator," of the Punic wars-a claim which, The wife of the deceased philosopher, everything on both sides of the question, John Stuart Mill, seems to have been a and to test every assertion. The world of Eugland, of Fracce, and of the East, remarkable woman. She died in 1859, at is moved by feeling more than by interest and "all the blood of all the Howards" Avignon, France, a few months before he or argumentative of power; anable nove- to boot. His death has happened al the published his celebrated work entitled list may enlist on the side of justice that age of sixty-nine. From the time when large force of public feeling which is call- King Victor Emmanuel's troops entered ed the opinion of the day without which Rome he kept the gates of his palace clos-To the beloved and deplored memory the legislative machine could not be made ed, and steadily refused either to retire of her who was the inspirer, and in part to move. To lift men up, to make from the Holy City or to have anything

> STRANGE PETS OF A MURDERESS graph.

The Great Question of all, old as the present race of man, more important than any except those of a spiritual nature-a question indissolubly interwoven with the texture of the social moral and mental condition of the race, is thus stated by the New York Graphic: The first step towards a solution of this mariage question is to comprehend its

terms. We are in the midst of a breaking up period. The old order of things is going to pieces, but the new is not formed. We stand midway between what was and what is to be. Behind us is tradition, and before us science. We suffer from the confusion inevitable to a transition epoch. The time for readjustment has not come. But here is no cause for alarm. The sexes compliment each other. Man was made for woman, and woman for man. Each attracts the other by some inexpli-cable law, and finds in the other that which nothing else can supply, and without which all else would be unsatisfying The sexes perpetually prophesy each to the other; and, out of their ceaseless woon ing, all that is best in culture, finest in urt, purest in enjoyment, most beautiful and enduring in literatue, and hollest in religion, come. In some form, the marriage elation will endure while civilization survives, and the ideal marriage is of one man one woman for life. So much is beyound question, save with those wild theorist who would resolve society back i to its primitive atoms, and institute anarchy and animalism by statute. But all that relates to the form and circumstances of the relation is open for reconsideration. In discussing it, three points are to be kept steadily in mind-the affections and tasts and circumstances of individuals, the rights and welfare of society and the requirments and culture of childs

A man in Wisconsin advertises a horse that it will result beneficially to the health for sale in the following scriptural fash-

Thou canst trust thy labor to him for his strength is great. Thou canst blind him with they hand in

he farrrow; he will harrow the vallleys He will gather thy seed in the barn. His strength is terrible, in which he

He pawed the valley, and waxeth proud his speed. He mocketh at fear, weither urning his back from the hobgeblin.

Lo! how he moveth his tail like a cedar his sinews are as cables. His bones are like strong pieces of brass

yea, like bars of iron. He eathern grass like an ox; behold, e drinketh up a river; and trusteth that Who can open the door of his face ? Yet thou canst approach him with a bridle.

His teeth are terrible round about. I will not conceal his past, nor his come-

He is gentle, he is kind, And his tail sticks out behind. I want to sell him for some: hing I can pay my debts with.

JOINED TWINS

Persons who have seen from time to ime the well-known Siamese twins, or the two young colored girls joined from the shouldersto the hip, that have been exhibited in this country and Europe since our late civil war, have found lit difficult to refrain from disagreeable speculations as to what may be the circumstances of the one or the other of either of the pairs when the final dissolution of death shall come. There is an instance on record in the Every Day Book of Home, which shows the fate of what were known as the Biddenden maids, born at Biddenden, England, in the year 1100, and who were joined at the hips and shoulders. They thus lived 34 years, when one of them died. The other was advised to be separated from her at once, but answered, 'As we come together, we will also go ogether," and was taken ill and died six hours after. Their names were Elizabeth and Mary Chulkhust.

THE PRINCE MASSIMO .- The death of Prince Massimo, the head of the oldest adherent and champion of the Pope, is if true throws into the shade the Courtenays

WHEELER'S HISTORY OF NORTH CA-ROLINA-A NEW EDITION. - We are glad to learn that Colonel Wheeler, who has been for years back collecting mater-

anything that I can write unprompted floor, when out of their holes came the It will be remembered that during the and unassisted by her all-but unrivalled rats until no less than fourteen of them war Colonel Wheeler ran the Blockade had answered the call. They climbed up- and went to England, where he remained on her lap and up to her shoulders, and until the surrender, engaged in examin-The Western press is very largely join- crawled about over her head, suffering ing the records of the old Colonial Office ing in condemnation of the dead-head and her to caress and handle them as she pleas in London. His opportunities for acquirof them - Wil. Journal.