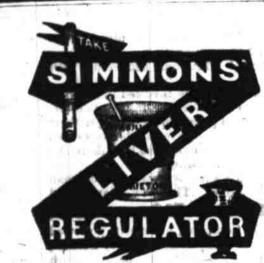
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In a heavy sea, the water rusning out at the water

Iron and Coal in the South. Slavery, which made labor disreputable, prevented the development of the mineral wealth of the South. The terrorism which followed the war prevented any influx of labor or capital. Then the vast coal and iron beds of Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia have scarcely been touched, as yet, by the miner's pick. Public attention has have been opened, a few furnaces built. The ores are claimed to be everything vania product. There are great facilities for reducing the ore. Coal lies beside it. Wood grows about it. Col. Forney, in an editorial in the Philadelphia Press. said of Southern Alabama, with more fervor than grammar : "The facilities for making iron for all purposes exceed any other part of this continent known to the business." Thomas Dunlap, Esq., of Philadelpia, Secretary of the National Association of Iron Manufacturers, says, in his report for 1873. that Tennssee "is of the first importance as an iron State." and that the East Tennessee ores, are "of great purity and especially adapted to the manufacture of Bessemer pig-metal." McFarland's "Coal Regions of America" speaks of the "future Scrantons and Pittsburgs of the South." J. P. Lesley, a Pennsylvania geologist, says : "The sum total of mineral fuel preserved for the use of the inhabitants of the South is practi-

> [Special to Baltimore Sun.] Comment at Washington.

garded at the National Capital.

cally infinite."-Chicago Tribune.

The result of the Connecticut election was much talked of in congressional and department circles to-day. A Democratic victory had been anticipated, but not of the overwhelming character which the returns show. The Democrats having the Legislature will elect a Senator in as hour of suffering and many a dollar in time place of Mr. Buckingham, who went home in the unavailing effort to save himself. It is said that Mr. Wm. A. Barnum. the wealthy iron manufacturer, will be chosen, although Governor Ingersoll and ex-Governor English spoken of in the same connection. The new Senator from Connecticut, whoever he may be, will be solitary one of the Democratic faith from New England. That section of the Union has not had a Democrat in the Senate YERS, BGWEL, COMPLAINTS, RESTLE- since the beginning of the war. The Democratic triumph in Connecticut, with the success of the same party in the important municipal elections in various parts of the West, have added much strength to the growing conviction that the Republican party will lose the next House of Representatives.

A FRIEND IN NEED .- "Confidence," says the proverb, "is a plant of slow growth." It is, perhaps not best to grow Winchester Franklyn county, Tennssee, at all in the Australian bush, judging in answer to A. A. W., of Ashfabula, from the following incident from a Melbourne paper. A certain person was "In the South we are trying every traveling through a lonely district, when and it is astonishing to see with what rangers were at work, he fired off his rapidity our soil is being brought out. pistol to intimdate them, and presently the soil for the fertilizer. Plow four or heard. On coming to the opened ground five inches deep, then run a subsoil in the the traveler discovered a man tied to a furrows to the depth of seven or eight tree. "Oh, sir," cried the victim, "I am inches, and you will have soil broken up so glad you are come; I have been atone foot deep. If ye as a fertilizer does tacked by ruffians, and they were robbing not amount to much, as it cannot grow me when they heard your pistol," "And sown, is a very good fertilizer if plowed ed the traveler. "No; they tied me so They had not time to search me for my The best fertilizers we have tried are money, which I placed in my left boot." the German millet and the Southern "How fortunate," observed the traveler, pea. We can not find anything so well "was the sum considerable !" "Over a calculated for wheat. The pea in parti- thousand, thank heaven," said the poor quiar, comes up by the side of clover on man. "Are you sure they are gone ?" asked good ground, and is far superior on poor the other. "Oh, certain." The new ground, as the pea will grow where clover comer looked around and around, and will not. I have sown a field in what seeing the coast clear, said colly, "Well, is equally divided between corn, German as they are gone I think I'll finish difference at this time. The prospect rob the unfortunate victim .- London

Let no boy be disheartened by the fol you sow, buy and raise the largest growth lowing calculation, but remember that un possible, which you can do by sowing tiring industry will enable him to come out victor in the end. Say that the boy is ten years old and is taken up into a high mountain, or a respectable hill perhaps, will do as well, and shown the various articles he will have to consume should gitimate wives, and the legitimate wife he live an average life time. Surrounded Ir is not known what will be the final with these objects, he first sees 30 oxen, result of the recent attempted covp d'etat then 200 sheep, 100 calves, 200 lambs, movement on the part of the Directors of 50 pigs, 1,200 chickens, 3000 turkeys, the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad | 263 pigeons, 140 pounds, salmon, 120 by which it was intended to transfer the pounds other fish, 30,000 oysters, 5,443 management of that road into the hands pounds v getables, 2431 pounds butter, of the Midland Railroad Company, and 24,000 eggs, 41 tons bread, 3,000 gallons thus prevent the consolidation movement. tea and coffer, besides tons of fruit, bar-It will be remembered that Governor rels of sweetmeats, and hogsheads of wine. a new influence has arisen in England, CALDWELL, as soon as apprised of the These are the figures given by Mr. Soyer, which threatens to menace the Parliament leaking at all, in an order to prepare the ed. It is hard to reconcile those adverse movement, injuncted the board from leas- the cook of the London Reform Club, in and sovereghty. Archbishop Manning ship's papers for leaving the ship at a statements, and it is to be regretted that ing. The Governor, not fancying the his book, "The Modern Housewife," as the called attention that the liquor trade rep. moment's notice. Few of either men or two gallant men, who were willing to risk movement and condemning the action of amount consumed by each individual in a resents six hundred millions of dollars, subalterns had been taken into the confithe Directors on the part of the State, on life time, and they are said to be below, and that "the publicans was growing dence of the captain before this time, but should now have this misunderstanding. Monday removed Messrs. STANLEY, and appointed in their stend Messrs. HUMPH-REY and RHODES, of Wayne, and Messrs.

The Manuer and Moore, of graven. The boy may seriously new Directors and Moore, of graven. The boy may seriously new Directors will be unable to cope and the publicans was growing dence of the captain serior and that, "the publicans was growing dence of the captain serior and that, "the publicans was growing dence of the captain serior and that, "the publicans was growing dence of the captain serior and that, "the publicans was growing dence of the captain serior and that, "the publicans was growing dence of the captain serior and that, "the publicans was growing dence of the captain serior and that, "the publicans was growing dence of the captain serior and that, "the publicans was growing dence of the captain serior and that, "the publicans was growing dence of the captain serior and that, "the publicans was growing dence of the captain serior and that, "the publicans was growing dence of the captain serior and that, "the publicans was growing dence of the captain serior and that, "the publicans was growing dence of the captain serior and that, "the publicans was growing dence of the captain serior and that, "the publicans was growing dence of the captain serior and that, "the publicans was growing dence of the captain serior and that, "the publicans was growing dence of the captain serior and that, "the publicans was growing dence of the captain serior and that, "the publicans was growing dence of the captain serior and that, "the publicans was growing dence of the captain serior and that, "the publicans was growing dence of the captain serior and that, "the publicans was growing dence of the captain serior and that, "the publicans was growing dence of the captain serior and that, the captain serior and the captain serior and the captain serior and the captain serior and that, the captain serior and the ca new Directors will endeavor to have a give out before he has disposed of this with or controle this power; that there she began to overhaul the craft in the dismeeting of the Board to day, and to effect vast quantity of food, but he will take was no Minister now who would cope tance. The drifting smoke on the horizon an organization under the new regimen. courage when he casts his eye over the with it, and that any government who grew more marked, spars and smokestack It is thought, however, the deposed par- sleek form of one in middle life who has would venture to touch or try to settle it came into view, and the passengers of the little bedroom for her blue scarf. ties will endeavon to fight the issue, and well nigh accomplished his task without would be shattered. A statement of this showing the least sign of weariness.— kind from an authority as eminent as the his block from an authority as eminent as the blowing and the ship plunged and pitched his disposed of his allotment; head of the Catholic hierarchy in England blowing and the ship plunged and pitched little Madge, are you going with

A FAMOUS APPLE TREE-HISTORI-CAL TWIN WITH APPOMATTOX TREE .-There is an apple tree standing in a lot adjoining the house of Rev. J. W. Canter, at Huntersville, Poethontas county, West Virginia, which has become historical, marking the spot where Gen. R. E. Lee pitched his first tent in the late way. military carreer under an apple tree among the mountains of West Virginia, and have to Grant under an apple tree at Appom-

And what is most singular, as an incident connected with the war, John Brown, who commenced this war, was "hung on sour apple tree," and it is said that the forbiden fruit which mother Eve partock of was taken from an apple tree; and now, to cap the climax, agents for the sale of apple trees are becoming as numerous as ightning-rod men and sewing-machine agents .- Greenbrier Independent.

A Hasty Yet Satisfactory Mar-

A young lady of Alabama visiting in streets with a young gentleman, when he joking! proposed to step into a church yard by and get married; the young lady assented and started toward the church. When the young man saw that she disposed to humor his joke, he backed down and acknowledge himself beat. Proceeling still forther, they met a mutual acquaintance, a bachelor business man, and the lady's companion told business how she had backed him out on the matrimonial proposition, whereupon business reshe answered, "Yes I can."

The parties laughed and chatted a lit. pared. tle, when they started off to get the license each supposing the other would give it preacher pronounced the words that made ceremony proceeded. them husband and wife, and there was no flinching from the vows : neither would take a "dare," and the result was a marriage without any subsequent desire for divorce. It would be a wonderful relief business were a thing of more common

.Much Married.

Colonel W. W. Price, the millionaire brewer of New York city, can boast of the most remarkable marital experience of any man living. Thirty-five years ago when a poor clerk, he married Susanna means to renovate our worn-out lands, he heard a great outery. Thinking bush- Butler, in Birmingham, England, but separated from her by mutual agreement year afterward, and came to New York, Let me give you the method of preparing the noise ceased and a scampering was Susanna married shortly after one Samuel Green. In 1843 he married Miss Caroline Barton, a young lady of respectable family in Brooklyn, who was not aware of his first marriage. They had in the family an Irish servant named Bridget Fallon with whom, as it afterward appearstrong enough; if it has been tested. Corn, couldn't you get loose, my friend ?" ask- ed the Colonel became favorably impress ed. Meanwhile wife No. 2 learned that under while in a green state. It is better very tightly." "And did they rob you wife No. 1 was living, and left her husfor a spring crop than fall, as it does not of every thing ?" "No, only my watch. band, whereupon he applied for an annulment of the marriage, which was granted. and since that time the Colonel has sup ported her. Subsequently a report reached him that wife No. 1 was dead, whereupon he married Bri iget Fallon. Bridge et, however, was not refined enough to adorn his house, and trouble began to arise. Wife No. 2 made an attempt to open the decree adjudging her marriage void, upon the ground that it was obtainmillet and peas. I can not see much the job myself." And he proceeded to ed by fraud. A commission was sent to England in the course of the litigation. and wife No. 1 was found, with a flock of little Green's about her. Thereupon the Colonel took measures to annul his marriage to wife No. 3, in which he has succeeded, although he has to support her women of his hands who have born him legitimate children, and yet were not lewho is another man's wife. It is highly probable that the wealthy New York brewer is now entirely satisfied with the marrying business, and will hereafter devote himself simply to beer.

complaining of the railroad powers and the

tance a reasonable one, but believed careclosed that brilliant career by captulating less feeding stock had often much to do with producing sickness. Brewers' grains. for instance, contain a poison from the beer which is exceedingly injurious, and which renders it unfit for food. Another member not only agreed with the above. but thought all grain, given in large quantities, produce of anything rather than good flesh and milk; a very little rye with plenty of good straw, being the proper food in his estimation.

While a youthful couple were being up: but the document was duly procured, joined in wedlock in a justice's court in and the matter began to look serious. New York, recently, the damsel rather The next thing was to tie the knot; at astonished a number of spectators by sudength a preacher was found; by this denly breaking out with "I want to know ime both parties began to draw long whether we are to keep house or board breaths, but neither would give up to the before going into this thing?" The Judge other. They entered the church and the ruled the question out of order, and the

boy, two sisters, old maids, attracted by the women and children filled the first want to meet strangers there." to many a timid swain, if this daring his brightness, adopted, educated, and boats that left the ship's side. All the months of theological training convinced was observed, and no frantic rush of men Willis Dean. We will wait until he the slumbering passions of his heart. How the young student that the profession had for the boats marred the scene. The no attraction for him, and he announced passengers were lowered one by one into to his benefactors his intention of exchang. | the boats, rowed across, and hoisted on ing the pulpit for the bar. Shortly after board the Greece. The work was done he was admitted to his new profession, a well and done rapidly. There were nearlawsuit arose involving the estate of the ly 400 persons to be transferred. Both younger sister, the other having in the vessels were lying now on the wind, meanwhile died. He asked her to let pitching and tossing, and every time a bim manage the case for her, but she, boat approached either, it came alongside fearful of his inexperience, prefeared look. of a moving, rolling iron wall, against wrote to her whom she approved, and Back and forth the boats plied, the eargo laughed softly. having asked the advice of her friends she of lives was safely placed in the open confided the matter to him. The contest boats, the oars took the water, and the was warm, vexatious and long; but she boat went out of sight below a wave to came out so triumphantly of what had come up again on another, and finally been regarded as a hopeless snarl, that reached the other vessel to disembark its she doubled her counsel's modest fee. - load. As the last trips were being made The intercourse between the two had several boats were swamped as they reachbeen by letter exclusively, she living in ed the Greece, but these boats contained the country, he in a distant city, so that only men, and by the aid of life-preservers the trick which you have already guessed all were rescued. It was three o'clock Stephens had played on her was, under when the signals of distress were hoisted, the circumstances, quite creditable. Out about half-past four when the boats took of his fee he repaid what she had spent the water, and an hour and a half later delicate a piece of business was a fine beat cers of the Europe clambered down the ginning for a young lawyer .- Savanah gangway. Captain Le Marie left the Advertiser.

> The Loss of the L'Europe-A Graphic Account of the Rescue of the Passengers and Crew-Crimination and Recrimina-

> The telegrams have given pretty full accounts of the recent rescue of the pas-

bis blood up, and will fight it out on this and is apparently ready for another job of should be gravely considered. Cotton in a heavy sea, the water rushing out at lineared in the all home a week trim.

Pleuro-Fneumonta.

John Crane, New Jersey, said in the American Farmers' Glub, that this disease is and has been prevaling to an elar ning extent throughout the State, bringing disaster and failure to butchers and dairy men particularly. The Legislature should mean so much in the signal code and so it is made to make the matter in hand. A compensation of the farmers and the massengers were fastened to the half of the matter in hand. A compensation or the many at time. Come of the farmers and the massengers were fastened to the half of the matter in hand. There was a pause for the captain's should be passed. The farmers and the massengers were foresteen task at marging away to the foresteen task at marging the hall.

**Auntle save you have forgotten to get the potatoes for breakfast, and we must smith hidden wealth, the heireas of all usels of the potatoes for breakfast, and we must smith hidden wealth, the heireas of all usels of the potatoes for breakfast, and we must smith hidden wealth, the heireas of all usels of the potatoes for breakfast, and we must smith hidden wealth, the heireas of all usels of the potatoes for breakfast, and we must smith hidden wealth, the heireas of all usels of the potatoes for breakfast, and we must smith hidden wealth, the heireas of all usels of the potatoes for breakfast, and we must smith hidden wealth, the heireas of all usels of the potatoes for breakfast, and we must smith hidden wealth, the heireas of all usels of the potatoes for breakfast, and we must smith hidden wealth, the heireas of all usels of the potatoes for breakfast, and we must smith hidden wealth, the heireas of all usels of the potatoes for breakfast, and we must smith hidden wealth, the heireas of all usels of the potatoes for breakfast, and we must smith hidden wealth, the heireas Early in the summer of 1861 Gen. Lee tion law should be passed. The farmers was ordered to the command of the forces in Western Virginia. Leaving Richmond he came to Warm Springs the first day, and on the day following reached Hunters will be entagion, and so prevent its entersylle, where for the first time in the cutagion, and so prevent its entersylle, where for the first time in the summers of the first time in the cutagion, and so prevent its entersylle, where for the first time in the whose business it should be to white stands on a hill overloaked on the tested field, which stands on a hill overloaking the atom whose business it should be to white stands on a hill overloaking the atom of the Greece to the distressed to the stands on a hill overloaking the first time of first whose business it should be to value and slaughter the stock when first town; is the place where his tent should have commenced his indicated the loss of cattle came from an appropriation which will be passengers were to be transferred to the forcet as merrity as her little as merrity as her thought, if the loss of cattle came from an passengers were to be transferred to the as she had many a night waited for Ay, Madge Smith was an enigma and thought, if the loss of cattle came from an passengers were to be transferred to the as she had many a night waited for Ay, Madge Smith was an enigma and thought, if the loss of cattle came from an interest of the formers desire. For shall, eteamer in the offing at once. The same him. news was cammunicated to the steerage forward. There was a little confusion; at the stile—their "trysting place," be a first companion did those arush for the boats—the signs of a panic. It was promptly stopped, and the fright his boarding house. He had proposed it, ful eyes to soften, in response to any lovor its noisy manifestations ceased. In the and she was nothing loth to accede -it er's; no glacier was more frigid than she cabin perfect order was preserved. Men was so pretty and romantic. on deck rushed below to do a little hur. Then, Auntie Smith was not at all Rumor had plenty of goesip just now .ried packing, and found the ladies gather pleased with this dark-eyed young stran- Only a few weeks since a new rival aped in still groups in the cabins waiting for ger, and, though she had not forbidden peared on the scene of action. Neil Bowinstructions. Not a lady or child scream- him the house, both lovers knew she pre- an, a merchant and millionaire, entered ed or fainted after the first shock was over; terred "his room to his company." And the list of Madge Smith's adorers -not the self-possession of every one rallied so, always with dear little Madge at her for her wealth, surely, Madame Grandy and preparations began for leaving. Or- side, she daily tripped down the path ackhowledged, graciously. He had e-Eggs For Setting. - An English ag- and it is worth nothing that enough were "trysting place" where she met her hand- that this blase man of society felt for beauricultural paper says that eggs intended found in the state rooms and ship stores some, dark eyed lover, Neil Rowan .- tiful Madge. And a wonderful change for setting should be stored with the large to supply twice the number of persons.—
How her heart fluttered to night as she had come over the fair lady since his apend down, because the air bubble does The course of the Europe was changed thought of him! and the warm levelight pearance. Bright before, she was brilli-Memphis, was lately walking along the not spread so much as when the small end again and in a few moments she run un- deepened and darkened the soft brown ant now—sparkling, witty, bewildering; is down this spreading of the air-bubble der the stern of the Greece, hailed the eyes! being known to affect the freshness and vessel and asked assistance. The sailors "Neil," she said, almost uncon- the flush stain her white cheek, and the vitality of the egg. Eggs stored with the in both vessels were ordered to the boats, sciensly, aloud; and little Madge clasped bright smile that lighted her eyes at his large end down will keep perfectly good and as the boats of the French steamer her sister's hand closer, and looked up in approach. for hatching more than a month. while touched the water the English boats were her face. the others cannot be depended on after alongside. A beavy sea was running, two weeks. A successful poultry breeder and passengers on both vessels declare Cora !" in Franklin, Mass., has been experiment- that it seemed impossible to transfer the ing with eggs for setting, and declares passengers in open boats across the chopthe above statement correct, and adds ping waves that tossed the two steamers bolding the hands of little Madge in a since then, and left them all with l'ime, that eggs stored on the large end for a up and down. It was done, however, fervent grasp. few weeks before setting will all hatch with perfect success. Every one of the Love him! love him! love him! hadge! better society's queens, and village maidens inmarked to her "You can't back me out," at ouce, instead of varying several hours, eight boats on the Europe reached the than all the world—better than my youth, numerable, and left the past all behind as is usually the case with eggs not so pre- water in safety, every block ran smooth- my life-ay, sometimes I fear better than him. And now he came and laid the first captain had his men well in hand, and the when the beautiful spring comes. I shall night, in the grand parler of her stately one boat there was a moment's delay ; the and only you can share it." steerage passengers crowded around it.and only its crew in it. Except their pro- | Madge held her sister back, HOW ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS STAR. per complement of men, it is the unani-

on his education, and his success in so the last boat came alongside. The offibridge and passed over the side of the

vessel, and the Europe lay abandoned." whole affair is the unhappy discussion His cigar was smoked down to ashes, antly, glowingly beautiful, she glided into that has arisen between the rescued and and his lazy reverie was broken by the the room. the rescuers, in which mutual crimination cry of the whip poor will. is freely dealt in, and accusations of bad treatment and unfair dealing are made mentally, "that is certain. The sehem- heard my words, I need not repeat them. against the English. Captain Le Marie, ing auntie up yonder managed to prevent It is my answer. of the unfortunate vessel L'Europe, de- it this time. Oh, well, it saved a scene. sengers and crew of the French steamer clares that he was forcibly prevented from I will drop a loving farwell note and so it on ; you have given me reason to think Greece, and the safe arrival of the latter returning to his vessel after having gone ends-asummer's amusement. Ha, bum!" you loved me," he cried passionately. and the children. The Colonel now finds with its live eargo in New York, but the on board of the Greece, and that the salv. and Neil Rowan strolled homeward, sing. "It is the one love of my life! I have cenhimself supporting two families, with two following graphic account of the transfer age crew which boarded the vessel for the ing, half unconsciously, "I won't have tered every hope and thought in you, of the passengers from the sinking ship to purpose of attempting to carry it back her, I know-I won't have her, I know the Greece will be found of peculiar inter- into port was composed entirely of En- _I don't care a straw who has her, I sake, do not wreck my life!" est as showing the dangers of the great glishmen. Captain Le Marie is sustained know." in this assertion by his officers. On the "The passengers had been for more other hand Captain Thomas, of the Greece, the following night, but the fever bright than two days on a vessel in which the as positively asserts that neither Captain eyes never rested on the creamy page, for main pumps were being driven night and desire or disposition to go back to the again, death sealed the white eye-lids. day, and from saloon to steerage not a desire or disposition to go back to the person suspected that anything but the L'Europe after coming on board his ves- To such natures as this girl's love is life; A NEW POWER. - We are constantly monotonous routine of an Atlantic voyage sel, that the salvage crew was entirely was in store for vessel and freight. It was voluntary, and that he would not have the one bright dream of her vouth, snapmoney kings and other forms of tyranny, noon Thursday before the purser received prevented Captain Le Marie from going ped the slender cord that bound her frail his first intimation that the vessel was aboard the deserted ship had be so desir-

AVENGED!

The old clock in the wall rang out five melodious chimes, as Cora Smith softly closed the kitchen door, and ran to the

cheeks, and then she paused, suddenly, He had broken half a dozen silly hearts

ly, and every man of the crew knew his my hope of heaven! And I am to be his pure, real love of his lifetime at this weduty, and did it thoroughly well. The wife, little Madge, this good man's wife, man's feet. So be told her, one autumn orders that came from the bridge were leave you, and auntie, and ancie to be all home. obeyed coolly and promptly. Around his. But this is our secret, little sister, How her hands trembled and her eyes

Two Americans stepped forward and and drawing the light searf over her it is my birth night, and I shall give an pressed the throng back; one of them, shoulders, she tripped silently on. They entertainment. You will come; I will see Lieutenant Phonix, cut the canvass cov- were almost there-nearing the edge of you then. Be in the library at ten, and ering with his knife, and in a moment this the wood, and the stile was but a step you shall hear my answer." boat was safe in the water with its crew, away. Another step forward, and then

TED IN LIFE .- When Stephens was a mous testimony of all the passengers that two men on the seat, Cora. We do not was dearer than his life? Ay, she was "No," she said, drawing back in the flavorless until he met her, the woman destined for the church. But a few etiquette that governs on such an occasion shadow of the wood; "it is Neil's friend, who, alone of all her sex, had ever stirred

> goes, for I do not like to meet him." Even as she spoke the figure arose, sure of her answer; had not she given it and the sound of his voice came on the all but in words ! twilight air distinct and clear. "And what of this love affair, friend sofily. And just then be heard the light

> Neil? When is it to end, and how? Are ripple of a woman's laugh in the adjoinyou really in earnest, and do you mean ing room. Her laugh, he knew it among to marry the girl ?"

Cora Smith's hand closed upon the arm | speaking loud and clear. of Madge till she shrank in pain while ing for some older lawyer. At last one which it would be destruction to touch .- they waited for the answer: Neil Rowan now. Mr. Rowan is waiting for me in

> just the subject for a grand flirtation and I assure you I have done the thing well, derly, said : But for anything further—bah! I am go-ing back to town to-morrow, and this is Madge. You are going to marry this man our last meeting ; so be off, old fellow, for and leave us all," I expect her every moment." Just for one moment Madge Smith's

> heart stood still in awful fear, for she just the subject for a grand flirtatation, thought Cora was dying. That white, and I assure you I have acted my part motionless figure, those tightly locked well; but for anything further-bah! hands, it surely was not the fair, sweet But he is expecting me, so by-by till I maiden of a moment before. But the come again," and she tripped lightly spasm pased, and without a word, she a- through the half-open door, ere the amazrose and glided poislessly away and Madge ed guardian could atter a syllable. followed her in silence.

Neil Brown waited until the light had by the library window. all died out of the West, and the dew lay

"She isn't coming to-night," he said,

The farewell note came to Cora Smith were black and glistening. and the rude blow that woke her from spirit to earth, and out of the depths of night, I vowed to avenge her. God beher awful grief, the kindly band of death ing my helper. Again when I heard the led her to the mountain-top, where is built | thud of the earth upon her coffin, I vome the city of the New Jerusalem.

Day by day, week by week, month by month, so sped the time until eight years | were counted. Eight times the grass had grown over the little grave in the lonely country graveyard, and again the October winds rustled the scarlet leaves over the narrow mound.

Wonderful changes had the eight years brought. Side by side with this grave were two others, and the headstones bore the names of good aut and uncle stroke died away; "he is wondering why Smith. They had rested there six years; changed, her smiling lips never relaxed. lingered in the old home a week, trim- his own life, and Cora Smith was aveng-

ful, strangely beautiful, with that cold, and odd white, high-bred face, those wide, fathom- le half

mystery to all who knew her. No warma to all meu. All, did I say ! Nay, Dame

"Do you love him so very much, sister | wondering ! Nay, how should be ! Sweet Cora Smith, and the summer in the coun-A swift, hot color came into the girl's try, were forgotten things with this man. the great healer. He had flirted with

shone as she listened! "Wait," she said. And then ber hands relaxed their hold, "I will give my answer to-morrow night;

And the night came, and he was there waiting. He paced the room impatient-"Wait!" she whispered : "I can see ly. Would she ever come, this girl that life to him. The world had seemed state. bright the future seemed ? He was se

> "My beautiful, my queen!" he said a thousand; and her voice; she was

"There, Guardie : you must let me go the library. Yoy know I am to give his "Mary her!" he repeated. "She is answer to-night."

And the guardian's voice, speaking ten-"And that answer, I can guess it, little

She laughed, sofily. "Marry him? No, indeed air! He la

A white, ghastly, shivering figure stood

"For God's sake, Madge Smith, tell But one of the saddest features of the like summer rain on the grass at his feet. me you were jesting!" he cried, as brilli-"Not so, my friend," she answered

lightly, "I spoke the truth. If you over-"But you gave me hope; you led me

She was very pale now, and her eyes

"Neil Rowan," she said slowly, "I have prayed for this boar eight years, but never in my wildest dreams did I think my prayer would be so fully answered .-When I saw the bue of death, the white agony on my only sister's cheek -when I saw her writhe in speechless agony at the words she heard eight years ago toed that vow. God has brought it about even sooner, more complete, than I had thought. If I have given you an hour of such agony as she suff-red I am content. If you sould live and suffer it for counts less ages, I should be better contented .-My work is ended. Good night ?"

Two hours afterward, the sharp report of a nistol rang with startling distinctness through the crowded drawing room. Aff sprang to their feet, save Madge Smith. Perhaps her cheek paled a little-I cannot tell; but the light of her eye never and every summer beautiful Madge Smith as she gazed upon the blood stained corpse