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JOHN CLARKE AND HIS FORTUNE

"Never mind the house, John, we've got one of our own," whispered John Clarke's wife.

"But what in the world has he left me?" muttered John Clarke. "I believe he hated me-I believe they all hate me." "Hush, dear."

"I bequeath to John Clarke, my dearly beloved nephew," read the grim attorney, "as a reward for his firmness in resisting temptation for the last two years, and his determination to improve in all acceptable things, my one horse shay, which has stood in my barn, over twenty-five years, esting that he shall repair it, or cause

it to be repaired in a suitable manner." That was all. Some of the people gathered there, tittered-all seemed to enjoy the confusion of the poor young man. His eye flashed fire, and he trembled excessively ; poor little Jenny fairly cried.

To think," she said to herself, "how hard he has tried to be good, and that is all he thought of it!"

"Wish you joy," said a red haired youth, with a grin, as he came out of the room. John sprang up to collar the fellow, but a little white hand laid on his coat sleeve, restrained him.

"Let them triumph, John; it wont hurt ou!" said Jenny with her sunny smile. bass, don't notice them, for nix sake!" "Served him right! said Susan Spriggs, the seice of the old man just dead, and to whom he had willed all his silver-"served him right, for marrying that ignorant goose of a Jenny! I suppose he calculated a good deal on the old gentleman's generosity." To which she added in a whisper, that only her own heart heard: He might have married me! He had the chance; and I loved him better than any one else-better than that pretty fool Jen-

"Now, we will see how deep is his goodsaid a maiden annt through her nose. "He stopped short in wickedness because he expected a fortune from my dear good brother. Thanks to heaven that he left me five hundred dollars! Now I can get that new carpet; but we'll see how much change there is in John Clarke-he always was an imp of wickedness!"

"Well, I guess John Clarke will have to be contented with his little ten feet shanty," said the father of Susan Spriggs to good old Deacon Joe Hemp.

"Well I reckon he is content-if he aint he ought to be, with that little jewel of a wife. She's bright enough to make any four walls shine," was the deacon's reply "Pshaw! you're all crazy about that gal. Why, she ain't to be compared to my Su san. Susan plays on the forty-piano like sixty, and manages a house first-rate." "Bless you, neighbor Spriggs, I'd rather

have that innocent, blooming face to things, and the bank notes." smile at me when I waked up of mornings than all the forty-piano gals you can scar up 'tween here and the Indies-fact." "I'd like to know what you mean?" ex-

claimed Mr. Spriggs, firing up.
"Just what I say," replied good old Dea-

Well, that John Clarke will die on the gallows, yet, mark my words!" said Mr.

"Yes; just look at it! loure a rien "Yes; just look at it! loure a rien man, sir, and by George I'm glad of it; you best citizens, and go to the Legislature deserve to be. yet," replied old Deacon Joe, complacently.

"Yes, maybe you do, and that's a pretty way to build up a young fellow, isn't it,

Why don't you step up to him and say, John, I'm glad you're going right now,

ness, Mr. Spriggs."
"Well, I hope you'll do it, that's all," replied Spriggs.
"I hope I shall; and I'm bound to, any
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"No-it's a pity, then that brother Jacob left him that one-horse shay." "You needn't laugh at that; old Jacob

never did nothing without a meaning to it. That old shay may help him to be a great man yet. Fact is, I think myself if old Jacob had left him money, it might a been the ruin of him. Less things than a one horse shay has made a man's fortin."

"Well, I'm glad you think so much of him. I don't.'

"No," muttered Deacon Joe, as his neighbor turned away. "but if he had married

"A one-horse shay?" said the minister laughing; "what a fortune!" And so it went from mouth to mouth.

None of the relatives some already rich -had offered the poorest man among them-the owner of the one-horse shaya dollar of the bequeathment left to him or her; but they had rather rejoiced in his dissappointment.

The truth is, everybody had prophesied that John Clarke, a poor motherless boy, would come to ruin, and they wanted the prophecy to prove a true one. He had in his youth, been wild and wayward, and somewhat profligate in the early years of manheod; but his old uncle had encouraged or forty miles across,—and their being manheod; but hopes to which the care of the manheod; but his old uncle had encouraged or forty miles across,—and their being to cover the stump of the offind eye. Their coming with the wind,—their immense number, covering a circle of thirty or forty miles across,—and their being to cover the stump of the offind eye. The stump of the stump of the stump of the stump of the offind eye. Their coming with the wind,—their immense number, covering a circle of thirty or forty miles across,—and their being to cover the stump of the stu

work-basket, out of which peeped the most delicate needlework, told the story-that ever new story of innocence, beauty and helplessness, that bring cares akin to angel's work.

sip's mouth. He held his head up manfuly-worked steadily at his trade, and every step seemed apward.

corporation paid into John Clarke's hand he has been called the "Bishop of Qails." he sum of six hundred dollars for the privilege of laying a track of railway through

"A handsome baby, a beautiful and in-John with honest exultation-"well, this south; very rarely from east to west."

"John," said his wife, rising from her work, "look out." He did, and saw the old one-horse shay, dragged by a stalwart ne-"Massa says as how do ole barn is goin

to be pulled down; so he sent your shay," said the fegro. "Thank him for nothing," said John bitterly; but a glance at his wife removed

the evil spirit, and a better one smiled out of his eyes. John you can spare a little money now. to have the old shay mended up, can't you? you ought to, according to the will," said

"The old trash!" muttered John. "But you could, at least, sell it for what the repairs would cost," said Jenny with

her winning way. "Yes, I suppose I could." "Then I'd have it done; and bless me, I'd keep it, too. You've a good horse, and

"Well, I'll send it over to Hosmer's to-

morrow, and see what he'll do it for." "Look here! Mr. Hosmer wants you to come over to his shop!" shouted the carriage-maker's apprentice at the top of his lungs. "Old Deacen Joe's there, and says that he is right down glad! Its hundreds and hundreds and hundreds and hun-

"Stop, boy! What in the world does he mean, Jenny ?" cried John Clarke, putting the baby in the cradle face downward. "My patience! John, look at that child

John; I'd go and see," said Jenny, by snatches righting the baby; "its his fun I

while John hurried on his coat and bat. My gracious! I guess you'll say it ain't fun when you come to see them ere gold This added wings to John Clarke's speed

and in a moment he reached the old coachnaker's shop. "Wish you joy, my fine feler'!" cried

Deacon Joe. "Look here-what'll you take for that old shay? I'll give you ten thousand dol-

lars," oried the coachmaker, in great glee. "Ten thousand?" cried John, aghast.

The carriage maker shook his hand

heartily. help it. People that cry 'mad dog' are and bank notes? I mean the cushions, the teem of whole pations. ney willin' to throw stones at the crit- linings, and every place where they could tur while he's a running, I take it; and if be placed without danger or injury-thieves he ain't mad they're sure to drive him so. never would have condescended to the onehorse shav!

Ten thousand five hundred dollars in all! che des got faith in you, and if you want of John! or rather, rich John! his head was nearly turned. It required all the balthrough? that's the way to do the busiter to keep his brain from spinning like a humming top. Now he could build half-a-dozen houses like the one his uncle had bequeathed to his red-headed couisin, who way, if I have the chance. Fact is, he's had wished him joy when the will was derful glass. don't need any help." sorrow he felt as he thought of the many times he had heaped reproaches upon his

> Imagine, if you can; dear reader, the peculiar feelings of those kind friends who had prophesied that John Clarke would come to grief.

memory!

Quails in the Desert.

It is very pleasing to find how strongly modern travellers confirm the account given in Scripture of the great number of false eyes. The manufacture of these eyes your rawboned darter that plays on the quails found by the children of Israel in the wilderness, and the mode of drying cribed by the American Artisan:

"And there went forth a wind from the flame, which is pointed and directed as he

wearied by their passage over the sea, strike themselves, and fall. In October, 1829, the Sultan sent orders to his admi-

that "the quails visit Egypt in immense ly proved to be wholly false. They reflights about harvest time, where the commend that the Indian Bureau be a sep-Arabs take then in nets by thousands. arate department, leaving to Congress

sun for food, we have equally good evidence ever is due them be expended in agriculfrom the French traveller Maillet, who Jural implements, food and clothing; that says, "There is a small island off the coast renewed efforts be made to promote civilof Egypt, where these birds usually alight ization among the various tribes; that in the autumn. They are there taken in Indians shall be controlled and dealt with such quantities, that, after having been by the civil arm of the Government stripped of their feathers, and dried in the through the new department. They also burning sands for about a quarter of an recommend the setting apart of two reserva- ard amendment, was taken up. hour, they are worth but a penny a pound. tions exclusively for Indian occupation. The crews of those vessels which, in that sea- They recommend finally that the Commistright to do this, when the Howard amendson lie in the adjoining harbor, have no other food allowed them." The object of the Israelites, therefore, in "spreading them have expressed a willingness to hold round about the camp," was to dry them; council at that time. still practiced by the Arabs in the same country. Another difficulty which the learned man, of whom we have spoken, felt, was in their baving been so thickly strewed as to form a solid mass of "two cubits high upon the face of the earth."-But the Jewish historian Josephus, whom can have the old shay made quite stylish we must allow to have been a good judge for baby and me to ride in. Shant we of the meaning of words in Scripture, explains the passage by saying that it merely meant that the quails flew within reach of the people, about two cubits from the ground. And this, in fact, these birds often do, when they have been long on the wing, and they are then knocked down with sticks by the Arabs.

A Remarkable Invention.

It is stated that a German glassmaker has lately made a remarkable discovery. "My patience! John, look at that child He has invented a telescope, or magning in all! Merciful He-precious darling! I'm sure I dont know, fying glass, by means of which the most tion in one family! intricate nerves and vessels inside of the body may be seen from the outside. In fact, the whole arrangement and action of "Taint any fun I tell ye," said the boy, the interior organs, may, by means of this glass, be distinguished.

The discovery will probably be of im mense benefit to mankind, as by means of it the physician will be able to determine with unvarying accuracy, the nature of any particular disease, and the proper manner for treating the same.

The name of the inventor, who will probably realize a fortune from his discovery, is Gottlieb Juntz. He is very poor, but a well-read and highly intelligent man. He has an aged mother, an invalid wife, six children, and a blind siator, all "Yes; just look at it! You're a rich dependent upon him for support. His mother was well acquainted with the poet Goethe, and it was probably her many anecdotes of this illustrious person which first inspired her son with a desire to do What do you suppose were the mingled something to win the respect and esteem amazement, delight, gratitude—the wild, of his fellow-men. The glass he has made when he's trying his best. No, John wild joy that filled the heart of Clarke, will probably place him among the first Clarke won't be a good citizen if you can when he found the old shay filled with gold rank of inventors, and win for him the es-

By means of this invention he has already nearly cured his wife. Six months on. ago a well-known doctor said she could not live, and pronounced her disease to be an affection of the heart.

Juntz, has, however, proven to him, with the aid of the wonderful microscope that he was entirely mistaken; the stomach alone being the part affected. We are eagerly looking for further in-

The Kingdom of Bavaria is smaller than the State of New York, and yet the standing army numbers 100,000 men.

formation regarding Juntz and his won-

The iron columns for the second story of A. T. Stewart's new and vast warehouse,

Making Glass Eyes.

Lord, and brought quails from the sea, and let them fall by the camp, as it were a day's journey on this side, and as it were a imbedded in the center of the iris. The day's journey on the other side, round about the camp, and as it were two cubits high upon the face of the earth. And the people stood up all that day, and all that gold. The whole eye can be made inside about the camp, and as it were two cuous high upon the face of the earth. And the people stood up all that day, and all that night, and all the next day, and they gaths of an hour, and it is at once ready to put ferred to Committee on Towns and Cities. ered the quails: he that gathered least in. The reader should know that it is Mr. Baker, a resolution in opposition to gathered ten homers: and they spread simply a thin glass shell, which is intended all test oaths. Referred. them all abroad for themselves round about to cover the stump of the blind eye. After Mr. Ellis, the following resolution, viz:

MORT OF THE INDIAN COMMISSION .- The an Peace Commissioners have agreed rals to catch four hundred dozen. In three days they were brought to him alive, in Another traveller, Mr. Madden, tells us Douglass, which reports were subsequentdustrious wife, and six hundred," thought They fly in a straight line from north to whether the head shall be a member of the Cabinet or not; that no more money With respect to their being dried in the be payed to the Indians, but that what-

> HORRORS OF YELLOW FEVER-The Houston (Texas) Telegraph says :- We have acting. witnessed a number of epidemics within the last twenty years, have been cognizant by gentlemen of high standing and great of many sad scenes caused by ravages of learning, that upon proper representations the pestilence; but we have never known from members of this Convention, Conanything of the sort so sad as the destruc- gress would remove, as they clearly had a tion which the yellow fever during the right to do, the disabilities of those who late prevalence of the epidemic, has wrought were in a hearty accordance with the Rein the family and kindred of Colonel J. J. construction acts. Diamond, chief editor and proprietor of Mr. Jones, of Washington, moved the the Journal, of this city. There were two adoption of the resolution, and said the mond, and that of Col. W. W. Diamond, names for relief from those disabilities .his brother. In addition, there was a large They wished to relieve the gentleman himfamily of orphaned children of deceased self (Mr. D.) but he would not accept it. brothers in Georgia, who had come to Col. The revolution of arms had passed; now it Diamond for protection. Both of the Col- was a revolution of ideas. Congress had onels have died, and also twelve of the taken the matter in hand; how can it be above mentioned kindred, making fourteen averted? Why not accept the situation in all! Merciful Heaven, what a destrue- and let N. C. take ber bonored stand in

PORK PACKING AT THE WEST .- The great bulk of packing this season has been completed, and estimates of the year's business already made show a material decline, as had been anticipated. The Cincipnati Price Current of January 1 gives a statement of returns from all the principal packing places in the west, which foot up as follows: Packed to date, 577,760; estimate for season, 701,012; total last year 548,628. The season closes much earlier than usual.

Losses by Fire Since 1856,-The total osses by fires throughout the country in the year 1867 amounted to \$36,905,000; in 866, to \$66,410,000; in 1865, \$43,139,000 in 1864, \$28,522,000; in 1863, \$14,060,000 in 1862, \$17,640,000; in 1861, \$18,020,000 in 1860, \$15,597,000; in 1859, \$16,058,000; in 1858, \$11,561,000; in 1857, \$15,792,000; in 1856, \$21,150,000. Total losses in twelve Years, \$304,854,000.

LOOK TO THE STAMPS .- At the present session of the United States Court no less than fifty of our most respectable retailers scribed by the laws in force, when the act are indicted for selling sardines, cosmetics, was committed, and not by the Congress perfumery, etc., of foreign importation, of the United States. without a revenue stamp. The impression I do not think (said Mr. G.) I would be prevails generally amongst storekeepers putting any friend of mine upon a roll of that because these articles have already honor by presenting his name upon such a paid an import duty, and in gold, that they are relieved from further taxation, but it cease our factious opposition to the measis not so; such articles, according to the ures of Congress, our State will never get internal revenue laws, require a stamp, and back into the Union. Mr. President, I do the vender is liable to a fine of fifty dollars not understand how North Carolina has for each violation. There are now several ceased to be a State in the Union. Gentle-United States detectives, regularly com- men will hardly contend that it was by missioned, who trade with the ignorant the ordinance of secession. The Congress and unwary, and we would therefore of the United States declared, in the dark-The expense to the State of Maine of a in New York, are now being erected. The seizure of liquors in Augusta was about \$75 in New York, are now being erected. The iron work for the building will cost \$300, a pint, a pint,

STATE CONVENTION.

TUESDAY, Jan. 28. Mr. Rodman presented a report from the Committee on Relief. Made the special order for to-morrow, at 11 o'clock. Mr. Gunter offered a resolution in rel tion to relief. Laid over.

Mr. Laffin, a resolution in regard to

manheod; but his old uncle had encouraged him to reform—held out hopes to which he had hitherto been a stranger, and the love of the sweet young Jenny completed his reformation.

"No matter, John," she said cheerfully, "No matter, John," she said cheerfully, "won will rise in spite of them. I wouldn't had been a stranger and their being spread in the sun for drying, appeared so that stranger, and their being spread in the sun for drying, appeared so that stranger, and their being spread in the sun for drying, appeared so that the stump—if it is too large, it will not move; if it fits picely, it moves in the sun for the sun for drying, appeared so that the stump—if it is too large, it will not move; if it fits picely, it moves in the sun for the sun for drying, appeared so that the stump—if it is too large, it will not move; if it fits picely, it moves in the sun for the sun for drying, appeared so that the stump—if it is too large, it will not move; if it fits picely, it moves in the sun for drying appeared so that the stump—if it is too large, it will not move; if it fits picely, it moves in the sun for the sun for drying appeared so that the stump—if it is too large, it will not move; if it fits picely, it moves in the sun for the sun for drying appeared so that the stump—if it is too large, it will not move; if it fits picely, it moves in the sun for the sun for drying appeared so that the stump—if it is too large, it will not move; if it fits picely, it moves in the sun for drying appeared so that the stump—if it is too large, it shall fit the stump—if it is too large, it will not move; if it fits picely, it moves in the sun for drying appeared so the state of the word "quait" must be wrong, and their beautiful the stump—if it is too large, it shall fit the stump—if it is too large, it shall fit the stump—if it is too large, it shall fit the stump—if it is too large, it shall fit the stump—if it is too large, it shall fit the stump—if it is too large, it shall fit the stump—if it is too large, it shall fit Here, however, let us see the testimony not in the least painful, and those who beld in suspense, and are detained from a provisions for the offices of Lieutenant of a credible eye-witness. Mr. Slade says: have worn them a number of years feel speedy hearing before one of said branch. Governor, Supt. of Public Works and of aged, that will only please them too well. Near Constantinople, in the autumn, the better with them in than when they are cs, thus depriving them of a right to a fair Public instruction, was put to a vote and sun is often nearly hidden by the flights of out. A glass eye should be taken out and impartial hearing on points involving lost. if they do cut the railroad through our bit of land, the money will set us up quite Black Sea, near the Bosphorus. They are In three or four years the false eye be-acts, thus subjecting them to great and unnumerable amendments, the lat section of caught by means of nets spread on high comes so worn that a new one has to be happy inconvenience; And whereas, There the Report was adopted, in the following exists a wide-spread feeling of discontent modified form in all the States of this Union, in regard | Secrion 1. The Executive Department to the present unhappy state of things:

rais to catch four hundred dozen. In three days they were brought to him alive, in spring mouth. He held his head up manfully—werked steadily at his trade, and every tep seemed upward.

Baby was just six months old when the forporation paid into John Clarke's hand the sum of six hundred dollars for the naive.

Tals to catch four hundred dozen. In three days they were brought to him alive, in alive, in small cages."

It is stated that such numbers were once caught in Capri, in Italy, as to have yielded the Bishop of the place no small part of his income; and that, in consequence, the sum of six hundred dollars for the naive.

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> to the Chief Justice, and to the Speakers | cemors are elected and qualified : I of both Houses of Congress. Laid over. Mr. Harris, of Wake, (negro,) a resolution proposing a committee of eight to ceptance of this Constitution by Congressional and shall hold their offices for two year Districts, Laid over.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Mr. Hood, (negro,) resolution, prayingthe removal of political disabilities from certain individuals, imposed by the How-Mr. Durham said that Congress had no

ment was not a part of the Constitution It would display great ignorance on the part of the Convention.

Mr. Hood, (negro,) said that the Constitutional amendment was the law of the land-the law under which Congress was

Mr. Heaton said he had been informed

families-first, that of Colonel J. J. Dia- resolution proposed a committee to report

the honored Union? Mr. Graham, of Orange, said that he op posed the resolution on the ground that the Constitution of the U. S. says "the President shall have power to grant reprieves and pardons for offences against the United States except in cases of impeachment." He had been twitted by members on the other side with the oath he had taken-the oath to support this Constitution. He certainly did not understand that he was swearing to support the Howard Amendment, nor did he believe that any member on this floor did. Yet we are told that three-fourths of the States in the Union ratified this article, and that it is now the law of the land. He had not seen that even Congress had so declared. Yet, this resolution is founded upon this supposition. Why, then is your party so anxious that N. C. shaft ratify it? No, thank God, the Constitution is not yet disgraced by such a provision, and he trusted from the signs of the times, both North and South, it never will be. We are asked by the gentleman from Washington, to take advantage of the present propitions season, and, if we tion, and shall Modesty in woman is like the color on her cheek—decidedly becoming, if not put the names of our friends. Mr. G. thanked the gentleman for his kindness, and for the the gentleman for his kindness, and for his kindness, and for his gentleman for his kindness, and for his milest sinner may return."

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing the foregoi

If we have committed effences, we are

rights of all the States unimpaired. We certainly have Federal Tax Collectors, a Judge of the District Court of the State of North Carolina, and the Chief Justice of North Carolina, and the Unief Justice of the United States presiding in the Court. I, therefore, do pretend that North Carolina is a State in the Union, inferior to none of her sisters, and am opposed to the whole system of legislation as ex post facto. Instead of the dark and lewering picture by them on the battle fields of the revol to the negro. I think this Convention would consult its own self respect by wait-

ted by Congress.

Mr. Abbott here mayed that the Ho

shall consist of a Governor, in whom shall Resolved, therefore, That we, the dele- be vested the supreme Executive power of members of the General Assembly are Resolved, That copies of this resolution elected. Their term of office shall combe transmitted, by the President of this mence on the first day of January next afthe officers first elected shall assume the duties of their office 30 days after the acand shall hold their offices for two years from and after Jan. 1, 1869

Mr. Nicholson offered the following sub stitute for the second section, and it was adopted 2

"No person shall be eligible as Governor or Lieutenant Governor, unless he shall have attained the age of 30 years, and shall have been a resident of the U. S. for twenty years, and of the State for two years ners before such election, nor skall hary than four years in any term, unless case upon him as Lt. Governor or Speaker of the Senate."

On motion of Mr. Galloway, (negro,) the Committee rose, the Chairman report ed progress and asked leave to sit again On motion, the Convention adjourne until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 29, 1868

SPECIAL ORDER. The hour of twelve o'clock having arrived, Mr. Rodman's report, as Chairman of the Committee on Relief, the special order the hour was taken up. The following is the report :

The undersigned, a majority of the Seocct Committee on Relief, respectfully report the following Ordinance and Rese tion and recommend their passage : AN ORDINANCE RESPECTING THE JURISD

TION OF THE COURTS OF THIS STATE. SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the people of North Caroling in Convention as That no Court of law or equity of this State shall have jurisdiction of any sait or. action founded on any contract made prior to the first day of May, 1865, (except ac tions against public officers, executors, a ministrators, guardians, frustees and oth ers seting in a fiduciary capacity, and their sureties, for breach of their respective du sureties, for breach of their respective du ties, by the appropriation to their own use of money or property officially received by action or process to revive or enforce an adgment heretofore recovered on any su contract, whether such action be now per ing, or shall be commenced bereafter, and whether such process has been already sued or shall hereafter be sued for; and the sheriffs, coroners and constal State, having in their hands any final cess issued upon any judgment, found such cause of action, are hereby comed to stay all proceeding upon the st

and return the same to the This ordinance shall be in force from and after its ratification by this Conver first day of July, 1868, or until the Constitotion, which this Convention has met to adopt, shall go into effect, whichever shall

Ordinance be sent to Major General Ca Commanding, &c., and that he be res fully requested to cause the same to be en-

Mr. McDonald, one of the Committee agrees in recommending the foregoing, with the exception of the exception in the first section, which he thinks should be stricken out.

WILL B. RODRAN, Chairman. JOHN A. McDONALD. JOHN READ. G. W. BRADLEY.

J. H. DUCK WORTH. A long discussion ensued on the report, but without a vote being reached.

Mr. Heaton submitted a report from the bill of rights committee, which was order