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The Morning Star.

THE STORY OF THE FENDER. Four feet upon the fender, Four hands in close embrace, Two loving hearts and tender, Two lovers face to face. Four feet upon the fender Before an open fire, Of love receivery, each a lender, An aged dame and sire Only two feet on the fender

Two others are at rest, Where the wicked cease from troubling And the weary are at rest. To the story of the fender, Told often and retold.

in the presence of Estreeken Sahib.

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She would wait till her Teddy came back

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marry men like Bronckhorst?"

Marquesas.

Biel had been called to order.

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are our prisoners?"

the women, likewise deserted.

Due homage let us render Alike to young and old. The feet once on the fender, Whether in early days or late, Must in time their place surrender When death opens wide his gate.

-Good Hot



There was a man called Bronckhorst-a three cornered, middle aged man. in the army, gray as a badger, and, some people said, with a touch of country blood in him. That, however, cannot be proved. Mrs. Bronckhorst was not exactly young, though 15 years younger than her husband. She was a large, pale, quiet woman, with eavy cyclids, overweak eyes and hair

that turned red or yellow as the lights fell on it. Bronckhorst was not nice in any way. He had no respect for the petty public and private lies that make life a little less nasty than it is. His manner toward his wife was coarse. There are many things, including actual assault with the clinched fist, that a wife will endure, but seldom a wife can bear, as Mrs. Bronckhorst bore, with a long course of brutal, hard chaff, making light of her weaknesses, her headaches, her small fits of gayety, her dresses, her queer little attempts to make herself attractive to her husband when she knows that she is not what she has been, and, worst of all, the love that she spends on her children. That particular sort of heavy handed jest was specially dear to Bronckborst. I suppose that he had first slipped into

t, meaning no harm, in the honeymoon, when folk find their ordinary stock of endearments run short, and so go to the other extreme to express their feelings. A similar impulse makes a man say, "Hutt, you old beast," when a favorite horse nozzles his coat front. Unluckily, when the reaction of marriage sets in, the form of speech remains, and, the tenderness having died out, hurts the wife more than she

cares to say. But Mrs. Bronckhorst was devoted to her Teddy, as she called him. Perhaps that was why he objected to her. Perhaps-this is only a theory to account for his infamous behavior later on-he gave away to the queer, savage feeling that sometimes takes by the throat a husband 20 years married, when he sees, across the table, the same, same face of his wedded wife and knows that, as he has sat facing it, so must he continue to sit until the day of its death or his own. Most men and all women know the spasm. It only lasts

for three breaths, as a rule, must be a EASY GOING CONVICTS. "throw back" to times when men and women were rather worse than they are How They Enjoy Life In a Prison In the now and is too unpleasant to be discussed. Dinner at the Bronckhorsts' was an infliction few men cared to undergo. ment is verified, its news is therefore | Bronckhorst took a pleasure in saying things that made his wife wince. When Outside of i.s news department (which their little boy came in at dessert, Bronck-borst used to give him half a glass of wine, and, naturally enough, the poor little mite got first riotous, next miserable and was moved, screaming. Bronckhorst asked if that was the way Teddy usually behaved. and whether Mrs. Bronckhorst could not spare some of her time to teach the "little beggar decency." Mrs. Bronckhorst, who loved the boy more than her own life, tried not to cry-her spirit seemed to have been broken by her marriage. Lastly Bronckhorst used to say: "There! That'll dothat'll do. For God's sake try to behave like a rational woman! Go into the drawing room." Mrs. Bronckhorst would go, trying to carry it all off with a smile, and the guest of the evening would feel angry and uncomfortable. After three years of this cheerful lifefor Mrs. Bronckhorst had no woman friends to talk to-the station was startled by the news that Bronckhorst had instituted proceedings on the criminal count against a man called Biel, who certainly next morning. had been rather attentive to Mrs. Bronck -horst whenever she appeared in public. The utter want of reserve with which Bronckhorst treated his own dishonor helped us to know that the evidence

Strickland was married he was, as I have old you already, a power among natives. The Olympic Amphiti Strickland whispered a rather coarse ver-nacular proverb to the effect that he was The diggings at Olympia have revealed an amphitheater 234 yards in length by 35

abreast of all that was going on and went into the court armed with a trainer's gut in width, oblong in shape, with sloping banks. This inclosed a stadium or foot race course of 260 yards in length of cir-The Mohammedan was the first witness cuit, and within its oval were held other and Strickland beamed upon him from the nes, but not the horse and charlot races. back of the court. The man moin There are no signs of seats and the spechis lips with his tongue, and, in his abject fear of Estreeken Sahib, the fakir, went tators must have viewed the games from the grassy terraces above, where there was back on every detail of his evidence; said room for a multitude of 50,000. The hiphe was a poor man, and God was his wit-ness that he had forgotten everything that Bronekhorst Sahib had told him to say. odrome, of which only faint traces have been found, was laid out only a little way from this stadium. Here was heard the stirring music of that rhythmical hoof beat Between his terror of Strickland, the judge and Bronckhorst he collapsed, weeping. so well reproduced allke in sound and Then began the panic among the witsense in the beautiful Virgilian line which nesses. Janki, the ayah, leering chastely behind her vell, turned gray, and the bearer left the court. He said that his so many boys have at their tongue's end: Quadrupedante pütrem sonitu quatit ungula campum.

mamma was dying, and that it was not Which is thus imitated in English: wholesome for any man to lie unthriftily "And the base hoof of the quadruped shaketh the moldering earth in its dight."-G. T. Ferris in St. Nicholas. Biel said politely to Bronckhorst: "Your witnesses don't seem to work. Haven't you any forged letters to produce?" But

Mrs. Surratt's Arrest.

Bronckhorst was swaying to and fro in his chair, and there was a dead pause after On the night of Monday, April 17, Mrs. Surratt was arrested. While the officer Bronckhorst's counsel saw the look on were searching her house Payne appeared his client's face, and, without more ado, at the door. He was admitted by one of the searching party, and, being examined as to his identity, stated that he had been pitched his papers on the little green baize table and mumbled something about having been misinformed. The whole court engaged by Mrs. Surratt to dig a gutter for her in the back yard the next morning applauded wildly, like soldiers at a theater, (he had a pick on his shoulder) and had and the judge began to say what he come to receive further instructions as to the work. This at 11 o'clock at night! Mrs. Surratt was summoned, and, when Biel came out of the place, and Strickasked if she knew the man, said vehementland dropped a trainer's gut whip in the veranda. Ten minutes later Biel was cutly, raising her hands to heaven, "Before God I do not know this man and did not ting Bronckhorst into ribbons behind the engage him to dig a gutter for me!' eld court cells, quietly and without scan-Payne had spent the night at Mrs. Surdal. What was left of Bronckhorst was ratt's on one or two occasions, had visited sent home in a carriage, and his wife wept the house frequently, and she knew him over it and nursed it into a man again. Later on, after Biel had managed to well. At the moment of this statement hush up the countercharge against by Mrs. Surratt Payne stood in the full light of the gas jet .-- "Four Lincoln Con-spiracles," by Victor Louis Mason, in Bronckhorst of fabricating false evidence, Mrs. Bronckhorst, with her faint, watery mile, said that there had been a mistake, Century. but it wasn't her Teddy's fault altogether.

Old People,

to her. Perhaps he had grown tired of Old people who require medicine to her, or she had tried his patience, and perregulate the bowels and kidneys will find haps we wouldn't cut her any more, and the true remedy in Electric Bitters. This perhaps the mothers would let their chilmedicine does not stimulate and con dren play with "little Teddy" again. He tains no whiskey nor other intoxicant was so lonely. Then the station invited but acts as a tonic and alterative. It acts Mrs. Bronckhorst everywhere, until mildly on the stomach and bowels, add-Bronckhorst was fit to appear in public ing strength and giving tone to the orwhen he went home and took his wife gans, thereby aiding Nature in the perwith him. According to the latest advices, formance of the functions. Electric Bit her Teddy did "come back to her," and ters is an excellent appetizer and aids dithey are moderately happy, though, of ourse, he can never forgive her the thrashgestion. Old People find it just exactly what they need. Price 50 cents and \$1 00 ing that she was the indirect means of per bottle at R. R. BELLAMY'S, Drug Store. What Biel wants to know is, "Why

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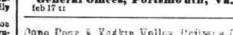
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against Biel would be entirely circumstantial and native. There were no letters, but Bronckhorst said openly that he would rack heaven and earth until he saw Biel superintending the manufacture of carpets in the Central jail. Mrs. Bronckhorst

kept entirely to her house and let charitable folks say what they pleased. Opinions were divided. Some two-thirds of the station jumped at once to the conclusion that Biel was guilty, but a dozen men who knew and liked him held by him. Biel was furious and surprised. He denied the whole thing and vowed that he would thrash Bronckhorst within an inch of his life. No jury, we knew, could convict a man on the criminal count on native evidence in a land where you can buy

a murder charge, including the corpse, all complete, for 54 rupees, but Biel did not care to scrape through by the benefit of a doubt. He wanted the whole thing cleared, but, as he said one night, "He can prove anything with servants' evidence, and I've only my bare word." This was about a month before the case came on, and, beyond agreeing with Biel, we could do little. All that we could be sure of was that the native evidence would be bad enough to blast Biel's character for the rest of his service, for when a native begins perjury he perjures himself thoroughly. He does not boggle over details. Some genius at the end of the table whereat the affair was being talked over said: "Look here! I don't believe lawyers

are any good. Get a man to wire to Strickland and beg him to come down and pull us through. Strickland was about 180 miles up the line. He had not long been married to Miss Youghal, but he scented in the tele-

gram a chance of return to the old detective work that his soul lusted after, and next night he came in and heard our story. He finished his pipe and said oracularly: "We must get at the evidence. Oorya bearer, Mussulman khit and methrani-ayah, I suppose, are the pillars of the charge. I am on in this piece, but I'm afraid I'm get-ting rusty in my talk." their liberty.

He rose and went into Biel's bedroom, where his trunk had been put, and shut the duor. An hour later we heard him say: "I hadn't the heart to part with my old make ups when I married. Will this There was a loathly fakir salaaming in

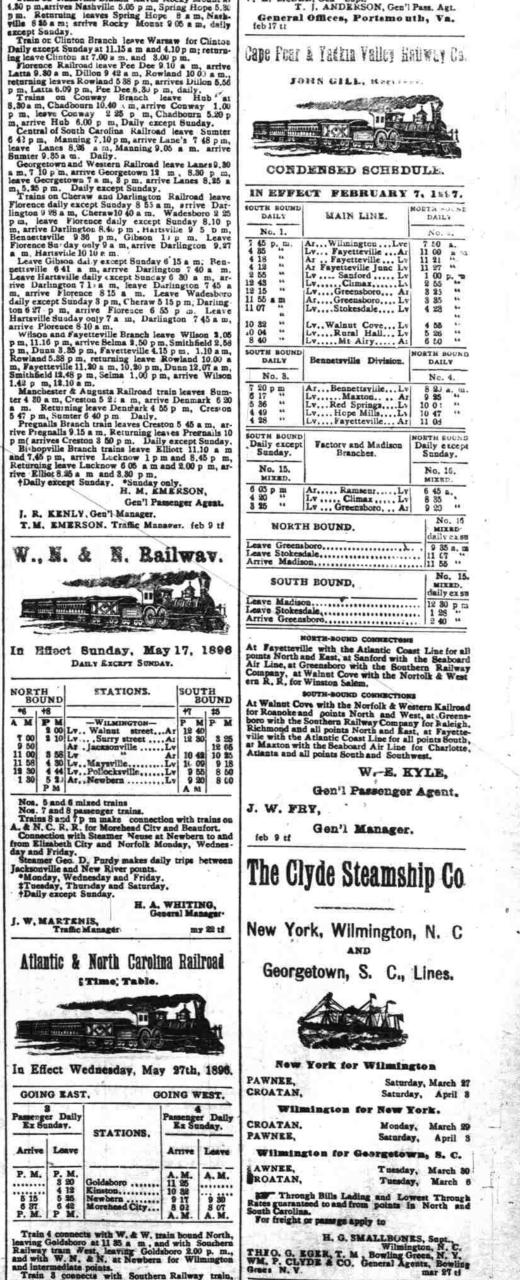
the doorway. "Now lend me 50 rupcas," said Strick-

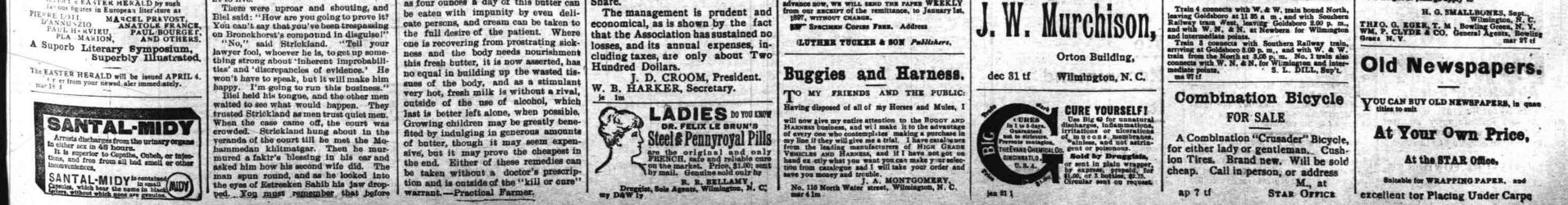
land, "and give me your words of honor that you won't tell my wife." He got all that he asked for and left the house while the table drank his health. What he did only he himself knows. A fakir hung about Bronckhorst's compound for 12 days. Then a mehter appeared, and when Biel heard of him he said that Strickland was an angel full Whether the mehter made love to Janki, Mrs. Bronckhorst's ayah, is a question which concerns Strickland ex-

clusively. He came back at the end of three weeks and said quietly: "You spoke the truth, Biel. The whole business is put up from beginning to end. Jove, it almost aston-ishes me! That Bronekhorst beast isn't fit to live."

as four ounces a day of this butter can There were uproar and shouting, and be eaten with impunity by even deli-Biel said: "How are you going to prove it? You can't say that you've been trespassing on Bronckhorst's compound in disguise!" cate persons, and cream can be taken to







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