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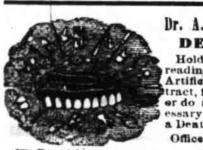
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"Is she a nice woman?" asked hi

Well, then I'd stop swearing.

a senseless habit, anyhow, and you

'What now? When I promised to

stop drinking, quit chawin' and leave

'And you truly love her?'

lose nothing by promising."

'Why? What now?'

. And you won't do it?'

straw upon the camel's back!'

planted instead. \* \*

correct sum .- Visit to Hindostan.

like a prize pumpkin.'

Imprisonment For Debt.

ter employed.

with the bride-elect he was mad.

fell into a chair.

'She is.'

ded the table.

with her!'

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CONFESSION.

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With his little soft hand in mine, And the light on his golden hair, My baby after his day of play Kneels down for his evening prayer. His eyes gaze into the unknown land. As he whispers each solemn word, And he speaks of "dying before he wakes," With the look of a startled bird,

Then he tells with a quivering lip. Of the deed he has done to-day-How a butterfly stopped at a rose to sip. And he killed it in his play, Ne'er to a murderous soul Comes anguish and grief and fear,

In a stronger tide than sweeps to-night O'er the soul of my baby dear, But I soothe the little trembler, And hold him in my arms, And give him the comfort mothers know His grief to soothe and charm.

Where the tears still shining fie-"I dess the butterfly has a dood time, In the roses in the sky!" -Sunday Magazine.

Till he whispers, rising his soft, blue eyes,

A Housekeeper's Tragedy.

One day as I wandered I heard a complaining, And saw a poor woman a picture of gloom; She glanced at the mud on the doorsteps ('twas raining).

And this was the wail as she wielded the broom: 'Oh! life is a tofl and love is a trouble,

And beauty will fade and riches will fiee; And pleasures they dwindle, and prices the And nothing is what I could wish it to be.

There's too much worriment goes to a bonnet ; There's too much of ironing that goes to There's nothing that pays for the time you waste

There's nothing that lasts but trouble and dirt "In March it is mud; it's slush in December; The midsummer breezes are loaded with dust; a the fall the leaves litter: in muggy Sentember The wall-paper rots and the candlesticks rust, There are worms in the cherries and slugs in the

And ants in the sugar and mice in the pies; The rubbish of spiders no mortal suppeses, And ravishing roaches and damaging flies, 'It's sweeping at six, and dusting at seven; It's victuals at eight, and dishes at nine; It's plotting and planning from ten to eleven;

We scarce break our fast ere we plan how With grease and with grime, from corner to cer

Forever at war, and forever alert; No rest for a day lest the evening enter-I spend my whole life in a struggle with dirt Last night in my dreams, I was stationed forev

On a bare little isle in the midst of the sea; My one chance of life was a ceaseless endeavor To sweep off the waves ere they swept ov

"Alas, 'twas no dream! Again I behold it! I yield! I am helpless my fate to avert!" She rolled down her sleeves, her apron she folde and laid down and died-and was buried

Selected.

How it Was Cleared Up.

It was nearly 3 o'clock when Mr. Gwinnett, who was hardly ever known office with a check in his hand.

isn't a moment to lose.'

I clapped on my hat, took the check,

with its pane of ground glass which exactly at the instant the hand of the | chat. bank clock pointed to 3, that one

ery governed both. 'You're in time,' said the punctu-

'And that only after a shrap run on you,' I answered.

The bad joke was either unnoticed or treated with contempt. The mon- like you might find his way out, one [20-17] ey was counted out in silence, the would think. spring touched, and the sash fell.

Elnathan Ganche, a fellow clerk, has- attention. tening to meet me.

wishes you to follow on that with the at leisure? money.

'Where will he stop in B-?' 'Oh! I had nearly forgotten to tell you that. At-at the-House.' had no time to spare. A smart walk brought me to the depot, whence I started after I had taken my seat. resist.'

It was night when I stepped from the train at ---. A touch on the shouldsep25-if er made me turn about quickly 'Your name is Kendall?' said a

sharp-visaged, keen eyed man, in a exchange. mixed tone of question and assertion. 'It is" I answered.

'George Kendall?' er a little inquisitive.

of policemen approached. You must accompany these gentlemen and myself,' said the sharp-vis-

aged man. 'May I ask why?' I returned. 'You shall learn in good time,' re- and in a few years gained a compeplied the other. 'You might find it tency. But of what value is it, or gives rather questionable consolation.

tion here.' A hack was called, which all four of us entered without further parley, which I saw was useless.

utes we alighted before a building can she do otherwise in the face with a bright light over the door, the evidence and my own fight. The sharp featured man immediately entered, followed by the two police- by an old friend traveling abroad men and myself.

A man in uniform took down my dially. name, age and such other particulars through a rigid search. Among other friends? effects found upon me was, of course,

bank. 'Perhaps you can explain how you came by these,' remark the sharp-fea- that was cleared up-

tured man, dryly. . employer, Mr. Gwinnett's check, with dreads to see extinguished the next which he sent me to the bank for that | moment. purpose.

Gwinnette you took the next train for knowledgment of all.'

'Not at all,' I replied quickly. 'I! Gwinnett' request.'

and wide, and offering a reward for highest degree.' vour arrest?'

I had as yet entertained no suspi- of confidence to tell. cion of Elnathan Ganche. I felt sure that he had fallen into some mistake, not yet cleared up, in communicating to me Mr. Gwinnett's message, and was put everything to rights.

Judge my surprise and indignation when, on the witness stand, the villain denied having given me any instructions from Mr. Gwinnett, or even hav-

I told my story, but it was heard with incredulity. The evidence of the pay-teller, Mr. Gwinnett, and Elna than Ganche-every word of it true. except the infamous suppression of a amining magistrate no room for

suitors of Martha Hale, and my love had been preferred to his. Elnathan yielded with good grace., seemingly, and even protessed to be a friend-a profession accepted the more readily because I felt a secret pity for his disappointment.

His perfidy was now apparent; his purpose was to fix upon me the brand thing but pleasant. Francis Jeffrey to be in a hurry, bustled into the front of a felon, thus rendering my union 'Here,' Kendall,' calling me from a way to the renewal of his own hopes. my desk, 'I must have the money on The nefarious plot was contrived with mortal if he did not use stronger lanthis before the bank closes, and there such infernal skill that its success seem guage than he put upon paper, and ed well nigh certain.

One evening, not long before the day fixed for the trial, when the gar-The paying teller, as I entered the rulous old jailer brought in my supper view. I have had manuscripts rebank, already had his thumb on the and he seemed more talkative than turned again and again, but they have spring which held up the small sash usual. Instead of thrusting the dish- always found a publisher in the end, ty of: es through the cell door, as formerly, was accustomed to drop every day so he entered in and sat down for a

might have supposed the same machin- the approaching trial, of the result they are sometimes the most successof which I spoke despondingly. 'I wonder at your staying here so

patiently,' said the jailer. 'It's hardly a matter of choice.'

'Well, a strong, active young fellow

There was a curious twinkle in the Within half a block I encountered cunning old eyes which attracted my 'I'm but old and feeble,' he contin-

'Mr. Gwinnett was obliged to take ued; 'what's to hinder you, now, for the first train to B-,' said Elnathan, instance, from binding me hand and 'and couldn't wait your retnrn. An- foot, and, after changing clothes with other leaves half an hour later, and he me, taking these keys and departing

'I'll do it!' I cried, springing to my feet; 'an innocent man owes no sub mission to the laws's injustice.' 'Come, don't get excited,' whined

A glance at my watch proved that | the jailer, in the tone of mock alarm. 'I'll not drive you to the use force, which it would be useless to

And to see the cheerfulness with which he submitted to the substitution of his garments for mine, one would have supposed it was but a friendly

With strips torn from my sheet. bound the docile keeper hand and foot, placed him in an easy posture on I bowed stiffly, thinking the strang- the bed, gagged his mouth comfortably, took his bunch of keys, locked He held up his finger, and a couple him in, pulled his hat over my eyes, and soon was a free man.

Before morning I was miles away. and at the next seaport town shipped as a common sailor. In a foreign land I began life anew.

Instead of shunning, he met me cor-'Why have you never returned to as, I suppose, it is usual to note on visit your old home?' he asked, 'or at such occasions. Next I was put least communicated with your old

Ohe day I was met and recognized

'A strange question,' I replied the roll of bills I had drawn from the 'You have not forgotten the cruel suspicion-

Surely you have heard how al 'Cleared up!' I exclaimed, with the 'Certainly,' I answered. 'I drew tremor of the heart one experiences them at the Bank to day, on my at a sudden gleam of hope which he

'Quite cleared up,' replied my 'Isn't it a little singular,' continued friend. 'Elnathan Ganche fell my questioner, that after getting the victim to the epidemic last summer money, instead of carrying it to Mr. and on his death-bed he made an ac

'And Martha Hale?' 'Is still single and as beautiful as came with the money here at Mr. ever, though a trifle melancholy at times. Her friends say there is a 'How do you account, then, for his certain person whose presence, they telegraphing a description of you far think, would cheer her up to the

The next steamer carried me home. I was thunderstruck in this anounce- where everybody bade me welcom ment, and my manifest confusion was and Martha not the least warmly. She has quite explained the mysinterpreted as an additional evidence tery of the jailor's conduct. He had I was locked up over night at the lived as a domestic in the family of station house, and next day was taken | Martha's father when he was a child. bask as a prisoner to confront my em- and was devotedly attached to her. ployer, and answer to a charge of em. How he and she plotted together an- ing, 'am plain 'nuff to us all. Be keer- pose of giving shade, and had deci- bare corridor, and to exercise in the

ing seen me after I left the counting which is outside the language in ceedins.' for there are many constructions put upon the words-the style in which you have written may not suit the tone of the magazine You may be a writer of brilliant and profound genisingle fact by the latter-left the ex- us, a Thackeray or a Carlyle; but even Thackeray and Carlyle were as famildoubt, and I was fully committed for | iar with these words, 'Returned with thanks,' as the rest of us. Thacke-I was not long in divining Elnathan ray's 'Yellowplush Papers' were in to his standing in society he can refer you to the Ganche's motive. We had been rival their day among the most sparkling contributions to Frazer's Magazine. But Thackeray, writing an article in the Edinburgh Review in the style of the 'Yellowplush Papers' had to submit to a revision at the hands of the editor which made his recollection of soliatium of a handsome check, any- dent in answer. 'De highway am aleven after all this Jeffrey apparently came to the couclusion that 'Carlyle would not do' for the Edinburgh Re and I have an impression which is, I believe, shared by many public writers, that the best articles are those The conversation soon turned upon that are returned the oftenest. I know ful, and-to compare small things with great-that, it is notorious, has been the case with two or three historical works and works of fiction which, before they were published, were metaphorically scored all over by the pub-

lishers' readers with these words. 'Returned with thanks.'-Belgravia.

He Acknowledged the Corn. The Sioux City Journal tells a good story of a Correctionville farmer, who sold a load of corn at that town the drove off to unload. When the wagon be in it, and congratulated himself that he had played it on the buyer in good shape. The grain dealer called him in and after figuring up the load paid him in full. As he buttoned up his coat to go out, the buyer kindly asked him to smoke with him, and then talked over the price of hogs, and the price of the crops, and the likelihood of the Maple Valley railroad building up that way, till the farmer fairly squirmed in his chair with uneasiness about his chores at home. At last he could stand it no longer, and said he must go. The dealer quietly said that was not to be thought of; he had bought the farmer at full weight and paid him his own price, and that he would insist on doing as he pleased with his own property. The raiser of corn saw that he had indeed sold himself, in one sense at least. He acknowled the corn and compromised

The Religous Herald, of Richmond, embarrassing to receive the explana- even life itself, when not shared by A Virginia subscriber writes as follows: her whose absence, made all things 'You are publishing the obituaries of the Georgia and Alabama preachers. At times I was tempted to write to but seem to have no space for ours.' Martha, 'But no,' I said, 'doubtless The editor replies: 'Bear with us. After a rapid drive of several min. she, too, believes me guilty. How Your times will come soon, we hope!'

The Lime Kiln Club,

There was a buzz of excitement as the members of the club gathered together for the opening of the meeting. A dastardly attempt had been made on the life of Pickles Smith, one of the most energetic and respected members of the club, and now acting as janitor ad interim. It is a well known fact that Mr. Smith loves peanuts .-Also, that he shucks them with his teeth to save time. Some unfeeling wretch having a knowledge of this fact, sent a . pint of large peanuts to Paradise Hall, marking the box for the janiter. He was going about, broom in hand, and his teeth shucking fodder for his gullet, when an explosion occurred among his molars. He was lifted up, flung into a heap, and was in a semi-unconscious state when Elder Toots, Liniment Johnson and other early comers entered the hall An examination showed his mouth had been 'sprung' over two inches out of true, his tongue driven back over an inch, and a new pair of shilling the sake of marrying a 40 year-old galleries lined round with separate cells, the shock of his fall. It was fully fifteen minutes before he stopped spit- be any splicing to do, and from this ville, where hardened criminals senting pea nut shucks, gun powder, gum time out I'll drink and chaw and boils and other articles belonging to swear around four times worser than after the catastrope smoke could be seen ascending through the roots of

MORAL. -Gardner after he had opened the meet road in front of the shops, for the pur- mitted the daily use of the blank and ent my escape, it would be a breach ful in the fust place what you bite off. ded to put in peepul trees, which are prison yard or garden. If sufficiently Be keerful, in de nex place, what you considered sacred by the Hindoos; but well off he may purchase his food, othchaw on. People who go 'round dis the bunniahs, (or native shop kee REJECTEE MANUSCRIPT.-There wale ob tears bitin off and chawin ers,) one and all, declared that if this may be a dozen reasons for the rejec- away am just as apt to hit a railroad were done they would not take the tion of your manuscript. The article spike as a stick of taffy. De bereav- shops; and when pressed for a reason, confident that Gance's testimony would may be too long. The subject, how- ed hez de full sympatny of dis club on replied, 'It was because they could man, and that he is in no way responever interesting in it may be to you, dis occasion, but de advice of de club not tell untruths or swear falsely unmay not be of sufficient interest to the to him jest de same am to de effect der their shade,' adding 'and how can radations inflicted upon the poor debtpublic at the moment to make it worth dat he shell either swallow his pea we carry on business otherwise?' The or, whose miseries he alleviates to the the editor's while to publish the arti- nuts whole arter dis or else git de force of this argument seems to have best of his ability. Prisoners are percle. Or it may be upon a subject shuckin done outside his mouf. We been acknowledged, as the point was mitted to see visitors at certain stated which is outside the range of topics will now condense ter de reg'lar pur- yielded, and other trees have been periods; but I need scarcely add that,

Secretary read the following

COMMUNICATION. Bro. Gardner, President of the Lime Kiln Club: Honorable Sir-Benjamin Williams begs me to owing to his not having enough money to pay his much if you were standing under a ored to decribe, put I wish to point out \$20. He says he never was in fail in his life. As Metzer, Texas Cronin and Dinnis Hurley.

HON. L. CONNORS.

"De Sekretary will answer to de effeck dat all members ob dis Club am 'spected to take de dirt road when the Edinburgh Review, even with the dey go on a journey,' said the Presilus down on de ground, whar' ye can't used to cut and slash at Carlyle's man- fall, dar am no danger of collisions

> BUUNCED. A party of fifteen citizens of Mil Maj. Ambus Horn, an honorary mem- hash she lays him out with it. I ber of this club, had been found guil- didn't grumble much myself, for I no-

Pounding Mrs. Horn. Pounding the little Horns. Taking too many horns.

Stealing a rail fence. 5. Selling his vote for salt pork. 6. Stealing a dog. And they deemed it their duty as nonest citizens to expose his record to the club and ask it to take action in obedience.

Fargo Cantelope at once arose and offered a resolution to expel the err- general created by the superfluities ing brother, adding that he could not that are enjoyed. belong to any society in company with any man who would steal a dog. He had a dog of his own, and he knew what his feelings would be if he should in heaven. return from his daily toil some evenother day. When it was weighed he ling, look under the bed and find that slyly stepped on the scales, and then canine gone. Question being called. the resolution was adopted and the was weighed he took good care not to Major's name erased from the books. -Free Press.

A Lost Husband. One of the officials of justice alley volunteered the further information that he was about to get married. The only stumbling block was the fact he would not agree to leave off drinking. He had come to consult his Honor on that point and see what was advisable.

better.

the man and he went out. In an hour he returned and said: What do you think? After promised that she wanted me to promise to leave off chawin' tobacco!

'Well, I'd do that, too,' said hi Honor. 'It is another bad habit, and you'll be all the better off for breaking it up. Smith went away again, and when

emn as a frozen whitefish. ise to stop swearing!' he gasped as he from three to forty days. I should tell ready money .- London Telegraph.

he returned he looked twice as sol

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you, sir, that I am not a lawyer, but am speaking from my own bitter experionce; and, if is any minor detail I should prove to be incorrect, no doubt some of your legal readers will set me right, There is a superstition extant that no man is sent to prison for this peculiar form of contempt of court who really The man concluded to promise, and cannot pay, but I hope to convince you departed quite happy, but when he that the superstition in question bears once more returned after an interview the stamp of improbability on the face of it. A debtor belonging to the coun-'There won't be no marriage,' he ty of Middleaez who from reasons of announced as he sat down and pounthe direct poverty is committed for the sum, it may be, of 18 pence is sent to Holloway Jail as a prisoner on the sivil side. Having been apprehended on a warrant of the court, he is marched off swearing she said I must promise through the streets in custody until be to clean up, shave up and go to church arrives at the frowning portals of Holloway Jail. There he is admitted by 'Judge!' replied Smith, after a the janitor in charge with the usual obstruggle with his mental agitation, 'do loquy in such cases made and provided. you suppose I'm going at it and change He is next led across the prison yard widow with a mole on her chin? Nev- in every material respect recembling er! You can go home! There won't the convict establishment at Peutontenced to penal servitude suffer the most irksome portion of their punishever! It's too much-it's the last ment. One of the cells is appointed to him as a sleeping room. He must rise LYING IN THE SHADE. - A: Ulwar at 6 a. M., attend to his cell and to the the political agent wished to plant an ministrations of the chaplain, and go to 'De moral of all dis,' said Brother avenue of trees on either side of the bed at 8.30 P. M. He is, however, pererwise he is fed on prison fare. I have reason to believe that the Governor of Holioway Jail is a kind and Christian sible for the terrible hardships and deg-A few as a rule, the inmates are poor, ragged After the usual preliminaries the days later, when we were at Delhi. I and forlorn wretches, not likely to be had an opportunity of assuring myself visited many times or by many persons. Now, sir, I do not for one moment ven-Hindoo merchant brought some goods ture to suggest that offenders, such as for sale to the bungalow where we defaulting trustees, should not be subwere staying. His wares being very inform you that he has not left for Cincinnatti dear I said to him, 'Would you ask so jected to the treatment I have endeavsome at least of the causes which bring peepul tree?' He replied 'No.' I rejoined, 'Suppose yourself in that po- hundreds of honest workingmen to the following gentlemen who reside here: Hon. Peter sition, and tell me what, under those position of docketed prisoners, besides circumstances, would be the price of inflicting gross wrong on the ratethe article I require?' The merchant payers, at once named a lower, and, I believe,

There are a species of traders called "tallymen" who supply the wives of the laboring classes with dress and finery NOT TO BE TRIFLED WITH. - The on credit, to be paid by small weekly stage from Santa Fe, rolling gently instalments, and these transactions are along through the clouds of dust which generally in the first instance kept sebelong to that region, pulled up suddenly to allow a traveler in a long eret from the bread-winner. There can with Martha impossible, and opening a way to the renewal of his own hopes.

Useripts—dash out and write in—till an' passengers kin stop at all stashuns as long as dev want to.'

It is rendering my union useripts—dash out and write in—till an' passengers kin stop at all stashuns as long as dev want to.'

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It is rendering my union useripts—dash out and write in—till an' passengers kin stop at all stashuns as long as dev want to.' He was, of course, an English tourist, men" trade on the basis of the smalland observed to his neighbor: 'Rum debts courts, trusting to the incidence place I stopped at for refreshmeet just of the law of imprisonment for "connow. Woman they call Ax handle tempt of court" to obtain payment in waukee signed and forwarded to the Fan. She's got a big ax-handle, and the long run. And that this is no fiction club a statement to the effect that if the unwary traveler objects to the of the brain a visit to any outlying country court will abundantly prove. One such plaintiff often has as many as ticed that her husband's head looked a dozen summonses to prossente at a single sitting of the court. I will, however, allow some of the judges the cred-He is not only idle who does nothing, but he is idle who might be bet- it that they occasionaly refuse to commit in tally cases. But what applies to the "tallymen" does so with equal No principle is more noble, as there force to the chandlers of petty neighis none more holy, than that of true borhoods. They lead the poor gradnally into debt and more often than not encourage wives to acts of unjustifiable The necessities that exist are in extravagance. This sort of gentry deal in the worst goods at almost fabulous prices, knowing that while there is It often happens that these of whom chair in the poor man's lodging they we speak least on earth are best known seize upon it or, failing that, can obtain bis committal to prison, thus stopping his means of support and disgrac ing him among his mates. Sir, the wrongs which the poorer sort of arti-The Wrongs and Sufferings Poor sans suffer in this respect have never Debtors Still Endure in Engbeen expessed, and it is far above the capacities of my pen to do justice to The procedure in ordinary county the theme. This much, however, I am courts, in actions for the recovery of entitled to say, that if the power of small debts, is somewhat as follows: committal for contempt of court in all The creditor sues the debter for the sum cases under 45 was taken away from said his name was Smith and who claimed, and, provided, the defendant the judges the scandalous transactions appears to the summons, the judge in- of the tallyman would be put a stop to, quires as to his means of payment. If and though the poor might suffer a little he is not in a position to pay the amount at first in having to pay ready money claimed the court makes an order for a for their catables, in the long run the settlement by periodical instalments; gross sum of human happiness would and, with the exception that the facts be increased and a blow be struck at 'Well, I'd promise, I guess,' replied of the case are seldom, by reason of the prevalent vice of drunkenness the justice. 'It is a habit anyhow, the hurried manner of conducting busi- among the lower officers. If you please and the sooner you break of it the ness, suffered to come out in their true still to be patient with me I will explain light, there is not much to find fault at greater length.

Well, I guess I will, answered with in this initial stage of the proceed. The man who gets say 25 shillings ings. In the event of any one instal- per week and can obtain credit for his ment not being paid on the date fixed grocerics and other supplies, often execution on the goods of the defendant spends 10 shillings in drink on the Satfollows at the justance of the plaintiff; urday night, Sunday and Monday, and when execution cannot be levied whereas if the small trader were not for lack of assets the defendant may be possessed of the lever of the county served with a judgment summons to court and the nitimate appeal for comshow cause why he has not complied mittal, which, as statistics prove, in with the order of the court. Occasion- about nine cases out of ten induces payally further time is allowed, but often, ment, he would not give credit, and the as figures show, the defendant is comf bead of the family would consequently 'And now she wants me to prom- mitted to prison for a term varying buy food instead of drink with his