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 craft his swift' and sharp-stemmeá craft-a thing that hid herself in the
elements, that haunted the horizons and mingled with the tints of evening -a night bird of the waters.
When, therefore, the disguise of the
young revenue officer was torn young revenue officer was torn from
him, the natural vindictiveness of the smuggler was augmented by a flaming wrath because of being so cunningly
tricked, and he had assigned a terrible fate to his prisoner with as little mercy pent's head.
But the man who had hazarded his
life in the discharge of his duty was not one to give it up without a
struggle. A seemingly which girded Corliss' waist; but its
ellges were sharp as razors. Across one of these edges he stretched his snapped in twain, and at last his hands were freed. Then he tore his arms
lose, dealt a coiple of powerful blows loose, dealt a couple of powerful blows
which felled his would-be executioners to the ground, and then fled away in to the ground,
the darkness.
Of course he was pursued by the cared little for that, as he found it tolerable easy running. He had ac-
quired, like most men who live much in the dark, that cat-like perception of
obstacles which is due rather to increased sensitiveness of touch than
increasel sensitiveness of vision. His
feet aceor inequalities of the ground; his hands
instinctively outstretched themselves toward the overhanging boughs; his
head ducked of its own accord to any obtrusive sapling which bent to
oistruct his progress. But his pur-
suer was not so fortunate. Thrice did the young revenue officer
laugh mentally at a crash and a seramble that told of a fall. At last, on
reaching a little rise, Corliss doubled muscruar energy to shake off his pur-
muer. He breasted the rise and paused to listen. He seemed to be alone.
He was at the edge of the cliffs of Cape Zoar. Below inim lay the sea.
Out of the black emptiness came puffs of sharp, salt wind. The tops of the
rollers that broke below were blown rollers that broke below were blown
of and whirled away into the night
white patches swallowed up immediately in the increasing darkness. At
his feet arose a frightful shrieking and whistling, broken at intervals by re-
ports like claps of thunder. What
All at once, on the track over which
he had passed, he heard a sound that chilled the blood about his heart-the bay of a dog. The whole smuggler
force was on his track. The dog, crashing through the un-
derbrush, gave one short, sharp howl derbrush, gave one short, sharp howl,
and ran mute. And Coriss stood for a moment chained to the spot.
The sirieking which Corliss had heard but a moment ago had ceased,
but every now and then dull but im-
mense shocks, as of some mighty bird mense shocks, as of some mighty bird wings, reverberated around him, and
shook the ground where he stood. He shook ave ground where he stood. He
looked away from the ocean, and a tall,
misty form-white against the all-per-
vand vading darkness-beekoned and bowed
to him. He saw it distinctly for an
instant, and then, with an awful instant, and then, with an awful
shriek, it vanished.
"Oh, heaven!" jaculated the hunted
man. "That bloodhcund is almost man. "That bloodhcund is almost
upon me," and he bounded forward.
Again, at his feet, in his face arose Again, at his feet, in his face arose
ting as thought, breathing chill warning as though to wave him back. The
terror at his heels drove him on. The column disappeared; and in a lull of
the wind arose such a medley of
shrieks, laughter and exultant wrath, that Charles Corliss paused in horror.
Too late! The ground gave way beToo late! The ground gave way be-
neath his feet. He was falling-falling! Thank heaven! $\Lambda$ friendly
tree met his frantically clutching
hand. A groan was cast up to him from
the depths below him-a gioan that the depths below him-a groan that
changed into a roar as of tortured
water heing forced upward-and Whates Corliss knew where he was.
He was down in a tunnel-spout, which had been bored upward through
the cliff by the sea, and a waterspor the cliff by tie
was coming.
"Oh, Father Almighty '" gasped the
poor fellow, as, with both hands round
the tree, he clutched his sleeves with the tree, he clutched his sleeves with
either hand, "help me ! help me umn caught him.
He felt his feet rudely seized, as though by the hand of a giant, and
plucked upward. Water gurgled in
his ears. His arms seemed about to be torn from their sockets. Had the
strain lasted another instant, he must
have losed his hold; but, with a wild,
hoarse snarl as though it were some hoarse snarl as though it were some
sea monster baftled of its prey, the column sunk. and left him gasping.
half-drowned, but alive. half-drowned, but alive.
It was impossible tha vive another pulsation of
ow him, and he knew it He loosed his stiffened fingers, and repared himself for his fate. As he uttered a prayer as fervent as may brink of eternity, he involuntarily cast his eyes upward.
"Is the mouth of the tunnel-spout aflame?" he questioned, in amaze, as a urid light above him caught hisstrain
ing vision. "No; a lantern is being ing vision. "No; a lantern is being
lowered into this abyss. The smug glers are taking advantage of this
pause to examine the sides of this acpause to examine the sides of this ac
cursed blowhole. Death is on every
hand !"
Down
nearer
Down came the swinging light "There he is !", shouted one of the
" smugglers. "He's alive; but the
water-spout will look after him, and water-spout now.
For a bellow which preceded the
fierce belching forth of the torrent But Corliss scarcely helow. o occupied with one last desperate hope. About two feet away from him,
red as blond in the glow of the lantern round, shining stream of water sipped out of the rock into the dark-
ness like a serpent from its hole. Above this stream a dark spot de-
fiend thelight, and Corliss grasped intuitively at the thought that close beside
him was one of those tortuous drives
the heart of the cliff.
The bellow changed into that hide ous roar, an' with a gust of wind and
spray the s ething sea leaped up out of the guit.
With the r digh streaming from
he lantern as ut hi n, and the white spume at his fi, et, C arrles released his
hold of the tre, a did thrust himself The immense olu ne of water forceed
into this drive st. uck him and rolled him forward, over and over, and by its
fury saved him from being washed out Collecting all his energies, Corliss
crambled up a little incline, and as h scrambled up a little incline, and as he
fell forward in a swoon, it was with the blessed thought that danger at last.
When Corliss opened his eyes a soft
wilight was about him, and he knew that a calm, sweet day had succeeded raised himself and stretched his. stiffened limbs, for it was in
Crawling as near to the edge of the
o enter the heart of the cliffs, as he dared, he craned his neck forward, and frothing water er
hoarsely to itself.
" No chance to get do
muttered, disconsolately.
Turning his healdely.
Turning his head, he gave a grate-
ul glance at the scrubby little trees that had saved his life the night be
fore.
As he did so, something caught his
eye which caused a cry of intense surprise and joy to leap to his lips, al
though it was strangled before it left them for fear that unfriendly ear
might hear it. "A rope: Right here at hand, all
tangled up in the branches of this
blessed little tree ! It must be that the smuggler, who was lowering the
lantern by means of this rope, dropped water-spout rose right up in his very
face, and the recoil of the wave dragge it down among the branches of this
little tree which canght and held it Thank tree which canght and held it
Theaven! The way is clear

## Catching firm hold of the gnarled branches which scratched the very

 edge of the orifice, Corliss swung himtree.It wa
disenta
ing one end of it firmly to the tree
trunk, he allowed the coils, weighted
with the battered frame of the lantern
Trop rope was long enough to allow
the lantern frame to sink below the
water. Down, hand-over-hand, went the
young revenue officer, then he dashed
out through the narrow arch through
which the sea found entrance to the
which the sea found entrance to the
tunnel-spout.


## Old Hickory's Challenge.

A curious relic of Andrew Jackson has just found its way into print
through the New York Ledger, tc which paper it was sent by a grand-
daughter of Jackson's antagonist. It is daughter of Jackson's antagonist. It is
related in Parton's " Life of Jackson", that when Old Hickory was Young Hickory, just twenty-one years of age,
he fought the first duel of his life he fought the first duel of his life
with Colonel Wrightstill Avery, a disCarolina. Young Jackson had a criminal case before the court at Jones-
boro, in which he was deeply intersted, Colonel Avery being counsel on
the other side. In the course of the trial Avery was severe in his com-
ments upon some of the legal positions
taken by the young lawyer, and used taken by the young lawyer, and used
language which he afterward admitOn the second morning of the trial, Jackson, acutely mortified by the repe
tition of the offense, tore a blank leaf from a law book, wrote a challenge
upon it and gave it to his antagonist pon it and gave it to his antagonis
with his cwn hands. This challenge,
yellow with its ninety-five years, is a yellow w
follows:


## FOR THE FAIR SEX.

## The wife of the khedive of Egypt

 is a remarkable woman, both by de scent and for her personal qualities.Her mother was the daughter of a Turkish sultan; her father, the son of an Egyptian khedive and a descend of the present dynasty. Tewfik Pasha, who married her ten years ago wiven her any rival in his affections in his household. They have four children, two sons and two daughters, who are educated by English gov ernesses in English ways.

Black silk beaded jerseys are favor
ite waists for young ladies' black Black
ite wai
dresses. The mingling of two kinds of lace net trimmings.
Plaid and check goods are some
what used, but are preferred in very ull and confused colors
Tan-colored silk stockings are worn part of many full dress toilest that ar Turbans with a fur band and gath ered cloth crowns are worn with red-
ingotes of cloth trimmed with fur. Dashes of red appear everywhere in the toilet, from the plumes en the bon Many of the buttonel boots are with very pointed toes and foxed similar to the lased shoes which have been so popular. $\begin{aligned} & \text { Pompon fringes are the latest, } \\ & \text { though the chenille and plain silk }\end{aligned}$ knotted are in steady demand and exknotted are in
tensively used.
Out-of-door costumes, plain or elablarge brooch or antique silver with Real bullion embroidery decorates the dog
are wor which greatly enchance the fairness of
the complexion. the complexion.
The tashionable fan is of large
ostrich feathers, mounted with shell ostrich feathers, mounted with shell,
amber, ivory or pearl, and ornamented with a bird with long tail plumag Gauze Balbriggan stockings are
worn inside of silk and cashmere worn inside of silk and cashmere and protecting the skin from the dy
or roughness of the outer stocking. Verylarge masculine hats of beaver plushij are revived, the favorite trim-
mings for them being a band around mings for them being a band around
the crown and a large buckle in front or ostrich tips or plumes in a tuft on the side.
The favorite visite has square close
sleeves and two thick box plaits with long fronts, tied by ribbons to form tassel near the foot. Brandenburgs
across the front and in the back are across the frimmings.
Black lace flounces and a back
drapery of a black lace shawl may he very effective on buttereup or jonqui yellow dresses. but none but a married
woman or young lady in the thirties The trains and tabliers of dresses
of white-colored silk are embroideren with English crewels in mixed colo ings, and have metallic threads intro-
duced at intervals. The effect is oriRuttercup and jonquil yellow have
been discovered to be very becoming evening colors, particularly whe marabout feathers, or with humming
bird and Impeyan crest and neek The plain cloth and flannel suits ar made effective by embroideries of sou
tache braid, which is used in several different widths for the same suit.
Crochet buttons are in yogue, with
these costumes, and great quantities of t In London felt hats are generally
adopted. Some are small, trimme adopted. Some are small, trimmed
with gossamer, caught together with with gossamer, cagght ogether with
a birds plumage, sometimes tying
underneath the chin; or else large, tnrned up on one side, with an ostrich
feather curling gracefully over the siim at the back and showing at ones,
side. Folded bands of plush or velvet,
fastened with a handsone buckle, trim
the hat on the other side.. Ledies whe
cannot afford many Jats wear black,
felt, and alter the color of the folded
band of plush or velvet to match that
The value of church property in the
United states at the pres
estivated at $\$ 700,000,000$.

