DETECTIVE'S SEARCH FOR PIRATES AND THE RESULT

(Grant Allen in New York Evening Post.)

perfectly well how crowded this part ed again. of the Thames is with punts and row- "It will be attempted again, sir." London every day to Taplow or Mai- head. The process is simplicity itself. with scullers and steam launches for on again, when he finds it so easy?" some five miles up stream till a late | We debated where we should post hour in the evening. I pooh-poohed him. My own idea was that the robthe policeman who first told me the ber, having tried Cliveden reach once,

picions.' of human nature.

ed member for the Plympton Boroughs skiff to be in waiting close by whenappeared before me and told his tale, ever Atkins sprang his rattle. I confess I was staggered.

a good rider to hounds, a conservative unimaginative John Bull.

He told his story with perfect frankness. He had been out on the river with a party of friends-intimate friends, and had dined-he did not attempt to deny the fact of dining-at that well-knowned conducted house. the Ferry Inn, at Cookham. After dinmer, about nine at night, on a fine summer evening, he started in a Canadian canoe for Maidenhead. He was accustomed to manage a boat, and was a good sculler and paddier. Where the stream divides he too's the inner channel, under the Cliveden Woods; and there, just behind the island, he was surprised, as he passed, to see another canoe glide rapidly out in the gloom, and a man accost him threateningly.

"Fork out whatever you have in your purse! Quick; hand it over, this minute, or I shoot you."

my informant hard. Symington answered like a truthful

"I could hardly make out, as it was growing dusk; but he seemed to me tall, with much black hair about his face—beard, moustache and whiskers."

'Certainly: armed with a revolver. He pointed it full at me and cried, 'No hesitation, or I fire!' He was bland, but peremptory."

'He dared not have fired," I said. "He would have aroused the neighbor-

"I am not so sure of that; it is lonely behind the islands, and the hour was late. I passed only one other boat all the way from Cookham. The river is crowded, I admit, Colonel, till eight I promise you I won't miss you." or half-past; but as soon as it grows dark not a soul is left on it." "And you gave him your purse?"

"Well, it was cowardly of me, 1 own; but what would you have? He was covering me with his revolver: I was quite unarmed. And remember. too, in a Canadian canoe, which is not the sort of place one would choose for a tussle-the least thing upsets one. Besides, I don't swim, it's the sole manly accomplishment I never acquired, having been brought up inland. far away from any river. When I or too ashamed to learn, and I have Has anybady molested you?" never learned: so the rogue had me at

"How much money did your purse

"Oh, nothing to speak of-about seven pounds. But that's not what I mind. It's the principle of the thingthat a pirate should be permitted to go about unchecked on the upper life! in this nineteenth century." I paused and reflected.

"Things of the sort will crop up," I said, in spite of all the pains one may take to prevent them. But nothing like this shall crop up again, I promise you. I will have the river properly patrolled and guarded."

"You must," he said warmly. "Such an outrage is a a disgrace to our boasted civilization. You must eateh the rogue. Till he is imprisoned, Col. filled your duty to the community."

As soon as he had gone I asked my has to get himself up in so many disguises-and answered with great de blown over.

man, nor a very foolinsh one; and it's wealthy and benevolent, and is often opposite.

When news first reached me that a [man to do it. You know the river well, distinguished M. P. had been set upon and you manage a boat. We must and robbed by a well-dressed high- fight the fellow with his own weapwayman on the main stream of the ons-if there is any fellow, which is far Thames, just below Cliveden Woods, I from certain. He uses a Canadian confess I was more than half inclined, canoe. He's right, of course; no boat on the first blush of it, to treat-the is so noiseless; with none other can whole affair as a cock-and bull story. | you see so well ahead exactly where I had been High Constable of the you are going, and guide yourself so county for fifteen years, and as my perfectly. You must have a Canadian own place at Bray slopes down with canoe; pervade Cliveden reach, and see its lawn to the river's edge, I know whether any such outrage is attempt-

ing boats during the whole summer Atkins said, decisively. "You may season. Moreover the particular spot count upon that. If the story's true, chosen for the extraordinary attempt the fellow will have learned that he seemed so very unlikely. Cliveden can induce a strong and viborous man, reach is the most frequented stretch a member of Parliament, and a good of water on the whole river; hundreds sculler, to deliver up his purse by just of holiday-makers pour down from presenting a loaded revolver at his denhead; so that the channel is alive Is it likely he won't try the same game

would make his second attempt some-"Nonsense," I said: "the gentleman where near Marlow or Bisham, just must have been diring at some river- to avoid our precautions. But Atkins side hotel, perhaps with casual or un- said no; and Atkins' experience was desirable acquaintances, and having worth much in such matters. The only had his pocket picked by them, or been reach where the fellow could be sure diddled out of his money, he has la- of eatching somebody worth robbing, vented this extremely improbable story he saw, was the most frequented piece to allay his wife's well-grounded sus- of water. At Marlow or Bisham, af ter dark he might wait for hours with-For, I am sorry to say, one cannot out seeing any one. But on Cliveden be High Constable of a riverside coun- reach there was always a passer-by. ty for fifteen years and yet retain a Besides, he would need the cover of childlike trust in the perfect goodness the reed-beds. I agreed that Atkins was right, and made all arrangements But when the Right Honorable Ed- for the canoe, well as for a couple ward Symington himself, the respect. of policemen with a double sculling

The magistrates laughed at me. "D Mr. Symington was not the sort of you really suppose, Colonel," one of man, I took it, to be the victim of them said to me, "such things can a delusion; nor did he look particularly happen in England today? I call it gullible. Tall, thickset, stoutly built, preposterous. Old Symington had had a typical, hard-headed English squire, quite as much as was good for him, that's the long and short of it; he lost country member, he had the solidity his purse, and then invented this cockand credibility which we always at and-bull story; or else, he found some tribute to the honest, straightforward, agreeable person who relieved him of his eash, and he wanted to explain the little mishap away. The tale's not worth investigating.

> However, I went on with my plans, and set Atkins to work. Eight days later. I had the laugh over the magis-

Two young ladies, daughters of Mr. Tabot Evatt, the well-known stock broker, who has a house on the river near Quarry Woods, had gone down towards Taplow bridge after dinner in a skiff, both of them pulling. About a quarter past nine they returned, and just as they neared the larger island, one of them said jokingly to the other, "I hope Mr. Symington's highwayman won't come out and catch us." Even as she uttered the words, a Canadian canoe appeared before them, darting like a narrow out of a high reed-bed. A man was in it, with very bushy, "What sort of man?" I asked, eyeing black whiskers. He drew a revolver.

"Hush," he said, resolutely. "If ire. Mind-I have six cartridges, and I can kill you both. Don't make the slightest noise; take off your jewelry and your watches, and pull out your purses and hand them over to me. If you delay one second, I shoot, Sharp's the word. Fork over!"

The two girls were too terrified to do anything but obey. They pulled out their purses, stripped off their bracelets and rings, and handed them across to the expectant huffian. He ook them without a word.

"Now, mind," he said, "I go off, but shall watch you from the reeds. If you give any alarm till you reach Cookham, I fire; I'm a dead shot, and He disappeared into the reeds. The girls, terrified for a moment, sculled on in silence. But as soon as they

reached the opener part of the river. beyond the islands, they recovered "Help! help! Murder! murder! Robbers!" at the top of their voices. The Cliveden ferryman heard them, but before he could put out his boat, Atkins, who had been hidden a little fur- dusk a skiff rowed by two girls com- He swam like a water-rat. We rowther above the reeds close by, came out with his canoe, crying, "What is the matter, ladies? I am a detective, went to Oxford I was either too eld and I have a couple of policemen here.

The girls told their story, and At kins, with commendable speed, sprang his rattle, and got his two policemen bank to note what would happen. I he was quite exhausted. His breath the nick of time, I ran down the path out from under the shelter of the bank where they were waiting. Then he took one of the girls and a policeman down one side of the islands, while the other girl and the second policeman went down the other. In a quar-Thames with 'Your money or your ter of an hour he had communicated resolutely in the boat, and seized the again next moment, if we relaxed our pockets! You thought a detective with the lock-keepers above and below, and had gathered together halfa-dozen other men, with lights and boats, to make a cordon round the reed wretch's hand. Then I saw that the summate acrobate. beds and the islands, while he had canoe was upset, and the assailant "Search his pockets;" I said sternly, ness I was; with fifteen thousand a some few selected boatmen thoroughly was struggling for his life in the wa- "He may have another revolver cun- year, no man has a temptation to be search them.

This second outrage naturally aroused a great deal of feeling on the river. swam across to help them to secure him in the course of the first struggle I said, with dignity, "this is a painful Ladies had been accustomed to row him. As I approached one of the girls when the canoe went over. about freely alone, without fear of in- called out to me in a very manish! Charlie did as I suggested, Arthur feel I must leave you." terruption; and the unpleasant discov- voice, "Who are you?" Venables-Hughes, you have not full ery that they might be set upon and robbed caused a most disagreeable awakening for riverside households. Mr. Talbot Evatt himself offered a rechief detective, who had been present during our interview, what he thought during our interview, what he thought during our interview, what he thought are detective, who had been present ward of five hundred pounds for who was a man's. Next moment I knew of all things on earth to come in han was surprised to receive a visit from supper at Chicago of St. Louis; or you was a man's. during our interview, what he thought ever caught or exposed the robber, them—the two young Wybrooks, broth- dy at such a minute, he has—a pair of the keeper of the lock-up. His face of Mr. Symington's story. He stroked and the county added another five hunhis smooth chin warily—a chief detection of the county added another nive numbers of the nieces who had before; they were dressed up as girls "Pass them over," I said, still as "Well, Nicholson," I said, anticipation of the county added another nive numbers of the nieces who had before; they were dressed up as girls "Pass them over," I said, still as "Well, Nicholson," I said, anticipation of the county added another nive numbers of the nieces who had before; they were dressed up as girls "Pass them over," I said, still as "Well, Nicholson," I said, anticipation of the county added another nive numbers of the nieces who had before; they were dressed up as girls "Pass them over," I said, still as "Well, Nicholson," I said, anticipation of the county added another nive numbers of the nieces who had before; they were dressed up as girls "Pass them over," I said, still as "Well, Nicholson," I said, anticipation of the county added another nive numbers of the nieces who had before the county added another nive numbers of the nieces who had before nothing further was heard; and it be- to deceive the pirate.

across the stream, amid the blinding known as the fishery. ra'n, and a man with a black beard. Charles Wybrook leaped ashore and and whiskers raised his hand with a bolted after him. Charlie was a splen- fround muttered in a tone which menacing gesture.

old lady of the ancient school, an Ad-opening by the footpath to Cookham gruffly. I stood aghast. It was Atmiral's widow, answered promptly. But the field, a low-meadow, was in- kins! with great spirit, "I shall do nothing tersected with ditches, both deep and [of the sort; I will not yield to the wide, and they hampered us greatly. threats of a highwayman." But her We could see the pirate knew them youngest niece, Miss Gladys Wybrook, all well, and was evidently acquainted committed all the outrages! a timid Girton girl, snatched the bag with the little bridges here and there, a ball, and recaught it as it fell, lifted and myself, in the eagerness of pursuit his hat politely, and darted back round, we ran through them bod y. the island again. As soon as he was But where was Atkins all this time?

still falling slantwise.

its identity, as it had the banker's into my arms and Arthur's. name printed on its side in legible. How we missed him I really don't but it's all up now, and I may as well

at the bank at Maidenhead when the cel through our closing fingers.

either of you speak one word, I will place in Atkin's absence that that as- combe. Thames between Bray and Marlow try and its intricacles. with a perfect cordon of policemen. | We made after him for the boat. He

to me at the moment. curring in the evening, I had strolled As I spoke, the irrepressible creature their nerve a little, and shouted about, out one night through the riverside bounded to his feet once more, as if path (private) that threads the grounds I had stung him; half-upset the boat. almost reached the first island near he was determined not to be caught the marble steps, when I saw in the if he drowned for it. dusk a skiff rowed by two girls com- He swam like a water-rat. We row- there was that Wybrook woman. She \$:10 a. m. and 4:15 p. m. Returning slowly towards me. As it reached ed after him, and, finding all other told me a few days before that she leaves Clinton at 7:00 a. m. and 10:25 of screaming or turning away, rose up shamming, and might jump overboard you even thought of searching my

"High Constable of the county." "Oh, yes, it's you, Colonel, is it?" the "This is odd," Charlie said at last. lence."

gan to be believed that the matter had It was a capital ruse. But they had earth can be want with them, though? the matter this morning?" counted without their host; the rogue However, 'tis the biter bit. We'll use "This, she answered. "Atkins At the end of that time, however, was too much for them. Taking ad-them for himself, Charlie!" "His account has a ring of truth in I received information of another and vantage of the momentary diversion. We secured him at once. As soon must have had prussic acid concealed it, sir. I should say, myself, he was still more extraord nary outrage. Mrs. created by my arrival on the scene, he as his wrists were fast he gave up all about him. He left this note."

the young ones and the foolish ones intrusted with the charities of other that trump up stories of such adventures. My impression is, we might One rainy afternoon, about six scull and getting forward. I swam men, half laughing at their success, to the Upper Downton Infirmary. Charlie Wybrook called out, seizing a after my ducking. The two young ed for Mrs. Atkins the post of matron watch the reach carefully from the o'clock, this lady was returning by out again and headed him. But the kept guard over their prisoner. ank for a week or two."

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Wybrook had called at Maidenheal as they could get their oars in. I the very picture of despair-wet, on her way up from the Bray Hospital struck after him for dear life. But downcast, and speechless. He seemed (where she had been visiting the in- that cunning rascal was again before- thoroughly cowed. He never spoke a mates of that picturesque almshouse, hand with us. He knew the bank well, word till we reached Cookham lock. and she had cashed a check at the and made down stream for a hard Before we could tell the lockman our ank for £60, as was her wont once a spot. I tried to land nearer and high-story, however, one of the keepers ortnight. She carried the amount in er, and found myself entangled in mud came alongside with strange tidings gold in a small canvass bag. The and weeds. It took me half a minute river was deserted, as it was raining to drag myself ashore, with the assist-

did runner; he won the 'varsity quar- seemed somehow familiar to me; "All "Not a word," he said abruptly, ter-mile when he was undergraduate a delusion! Only a delusion! "You know my business. If you hand at Oriel. As he landed he tore off his We hauled him out, still dripping, me over that sixty pounds in gold, woman's hat and skirt; but he had and held him tight till the constables without any trouble, you can go on still the bodice. Arthur ran diagonally could come up and take him in charge. your way unmolested. Make a mo- across the field-also half man, half He was wearing a false beard, which ment's delay and I fire without mer, woman-so as to cut off the wretch's he had kept through the race. I be retreat by the farther end, in case he moved it and gazed at him. "Well, Mrs. Wybrook, who is a determined doubled. As for me, I made for the you know me now, Colonel," he said

gope the ladies raised a shout, but I drew my whistle twice, and blew no one heard them. They had almost long and loud for him. Strange to say, reached Cookham lock before they ubiquitous as he had always seemed caution you about the use that may be came upon Atkins, paduling about when danger lowered before, he did made of anything you may say, but I quietly in the discharge of his duty not now answer. I began to fear our ask you one question, as one who amid the torrents of rain which were prisoner would after all escape us. Still, Charlle was gaining on him now Atkins was half incredulous at first |-when all at once he bolted for the as to the possibility of the rascal have garden-gate of the Fishery. To his ing ventured to attack ladies in broad evident surprise he found it locked; as well be hanged for a sheep as a daylight and on the open river. "Seems he had not counted on that mishap, lamb. I shall plead guilty to the jot, almost like hysteria, sir," he said to clearly. I could gather he was someme afterwards, "especially as the body who knew the ground well, for on the judge's mercy. But it was you young lady was so very much agita- the moment the gate failed him ne that did this thing! It was you that ted." But he returned down stream rushed madly up to the out-house with them and soon satisfied himself where the coal is kept, and then up the as to the reality of their story by find- roof of the house, like a cat or a moning the man's revolver flung out on key. Charlie Wybrook, never pausing, the bank just opposite the island. It followed him as quickly as he himself was clear the robber had got rid of had mounted. For a second there was it in order to avoid suspicion in case a desperate struggle on the leadshe was overtaken. Looking down into the two men closed; then Charlie the river close by again. Atkins also threw his man, but the rogue rose discovered the canvass bag, an incrim- again, unhurt, and twisting himself nating object, at the bottom of the once more with surprising ease out of malicious grin. stream; there could be no doubting his captor's grasp, descended straight

amount), and must have hurried up "give him chase." And at the same Robbed Mr. Symington! No. nobedy 3:45 p. m., leave Fayetteville 3.50 p. m. the river surreptitiously in his canoe, moment Charlie came scampering ever robbed old Symington, don't out arrives Wilmington 658 n m. creeping close under the trees, before down the sloping roof and joined us see. The moment he teld his story, Wilmington and Weldon Railroad Mrs. Wybrook's party. This gave the in the pursuit. For half a minute the I could tell be was as mad as a hat. Bennettsville Branch-Train leaves detective good clues; first, the revolv- pirate made as though he were going ter; and if it had been me that had Bennetsville 8300 a. m., MMaxion 307 er, which was by a Birmingham ma- towards the corner by the footpath- had to manage it, the man I'd have a. m., Red Springs 9:35 a. m., Hope ker; secondly, the point that the rob- the most natural mode of escape, now called in would have been the divis. Mills 10:20 a. m., arrive Fayetteville ber must have been seen at Maiden- that the garden gate was locked, with lonal doctor. Old Symington took a 10:40. Returning leaves Fayetter is head that evening. Atkins himself, its high and dangerous spikes; but Lis fancy into his head he'd been robbed- 4:33 p. m., Hope Mills 4:52 p. m., Bed unfortunately, had spent the whole af- cunning and swiftness of resource robbed on Cliveden Reach-and what Springs 5:35 p. m., Maxton 6:15 p. m. ternoon around the Cookham lock, dis- were really marvelous. No sooner you said set me thinking. It madn't arrives Bennettsville 7:15 p. m. cussing probabilities and possible clues had he separated us in our efforts to been done; but it was easy enough to with the lock-keeper and his assistant, head him than he suddenly and unex- do. You paid for my cance, and I got I will not weary you with the ac- pectedly doubled back towards the a light collapsible one. counts of the two or three subsequent river. I saw what he meant now; he "Atkins," I said, drawing back, "I outrages (detailed in the daily papers was making for the boat again; he shall really have to remind you, after of the moment), each taking place at would put himself across, and escape all, that anything you may saythe most unexpected time, and each up the hills on the Buckinghamshire | He looked up at me angrily. unfortunately so well planned to take side towards Taplow or Great Wy- "Stow it, you old idiot." he cried.

tute officer began to suspect either his "Cut him off, Charlie; cut him off! I policeman or the lock-keepers of be- shouted. "He's making for the skiff." You'd better listen. It'll help you in ing in league with the villain and giv- But again we were too late. A ditch future in your official duties. I bought ing him notice when the detective was interposed in our path and stopped us. a canoe, and I lurked about the river, arriving at Halifax at 11.18 a. m., Web away on some other part of the river. The man's tactics were masterly: I I was there, as a detective, authorized don 11:22 a. m., daily except Sunday It seemed now to be clear that we understood now why he had got off to guard the place; and I could land must take more active measures, and scot-free so often; he had a marvel- on the private grounds, pretty well must patrol the whole district of the ously intimate knowledge of the coun- where I liked, and carry my collapsible

ever taken part in.

Being anxious to watch for myself "If only Atkins were here!" I cried, the possibilities of such episodes oc. "He would have handcuffs with him!" of Taplow Court and Cliveden. I had and sprang hastily overboad. I saw

cealed about him." For Charlie Wy- anything but virtuous. I pulled off my coat and boots and brook had snatched one away from I withdrew from the cell. "Atkins,"

holding the man meanwhile, for he "All right, old man," he answered in "Col. Venable-Hughes," I answered, still made ineffectual attempts sistance.

unsuspicious as a child. "What on ting evil from his appearance, "what's

probably robbed. Of course, a gentleman may give away money, and then
an old lady universally respected on under their arms with extraordinary bottom of the boat where I laid him.

To give a dying man one outburst the WEST.

We will like the last of the WEST.

Solithwest. desire to account for it; but Mr. the river; she takes the part of chief address, and swam boldly landward. To make things doubly sure, however, of spicen. And don't be too hard on SOUTHWEST. Symington is not a very young gentle- almoner to the district, being both He tried to reach the Berkshire shore we tied his feet with the rope at the my wife and family." bow-what we call the painter. I took It may be weak of me, but I will

but not from the bank. You're the when a curious episode happened. Mrs. The two Wybrooks sculled on as fast acled, and his feet tied with the rope, angle.

which added to our complication.

"Heard the news, sir?" he called out, heavily, and few boats had ventured ance of the Wybrooks. By that time recognizing me. "Mr. Symington's out in the inhospitable weather. All the pirate had made good his landing gone off his head; they've took him to at once, at the corner near the second and was striking across the fields in an asylum. It appears he never west island a Canadian canne shot swiftly the direction of the big white house on the river that day at all; it was all

Our prisoner rocked himself to and

detective to detect himself. He was the Pirate of Cliveden Reach-he had

Before long the policemen came up No. 49 Daily.-Leave Rock Mt. 12 12 p. of sovereigns from her aunt's hand for he never turned aside, but made and took possession of him. We march and flung it frantically to the robber, straight in the dusk for them. Charlie ed him to the lock-up. It was a mel-He caught it in one hand, tossed " Wybrook leaped the dikes, narrowly ancholy procession; every one of us up in the air with careless glee ake escaping a ducking. As for Arthur knew him. As soon as the young Wybrooks had formally charged him I No. 78 Daily.-Leave Florence 2 40 a. held a few minutes' conversation alone with the prisoner. "Atkins," I said, "we may as well be

> frank with one another. I need tot knows you, and not in my official ca. No. 102 Daily Except Sunday -Leave pacity-do you mean to plead guilty? He hung his head doggedly. "Oh, it's all up now," he answered; "I may every blessed job, and throw myself

"1?" I broke in, astonished. "How do you make that out, Atkins?" He crossed his handcuffed hands between his legs with a gesture of despair, and replied slowly: "By seeming to believe that old fool,

suggested it."

Teddy Symington." "Then you robbed Mr. Symington?" 1 exclaimed. He looked up with a

"I've made a good business of this sort of job for years," he answered know; but we did miss him. With ex- have done with it. I've worked many Atkins was now convinced that the traordinary agility he ducked as he a good burglary or two in town, where nighwayman must have been calling passed us, and seemed to slip like an nobody'd ever suspect a country deteetive; but it was you that set me on Sanford 1:43 p. m. Returning leave check was cashed (since he knew the "Give him chase, Arthur?" I cried, this. I'd never have thought of it. Sanford 2:39 p. m., arrive Payetter lie

"Do you think I'm telling you all fer Road leaves Weldon 2:25 p. m., Hallfar canoe, folued, with me. I could can 6:30 p. m., arrive Washington 11:00 a along the bank twice as fast with it m. and 7:30 p. m., da'y except Sunday, While I and my brother, High Con- reached it before us. Jumping in, he under my arms as any two men could Train leaves Turbor 2, N. C., daily -xstable in the adjoining county, were seized the sculls. But Charlie was too scull an ordinary rowboat. And I did cept Sunday 5:20 p. m., Sunday, 4 to 2 discussing the details of this scheme quick for him. He followed, and run with it, too. I began with the m., arrives Phymouth 7:40 r m. 6 to discussing the details of this scheme quick for him. He followed, and run with it, too. I began with the so as to adjust the expenses between wrested the blade wish a jerk from Evatt girls; I knew they had good jew. except Sunday, 7:50 a. m., Sunday, 1:00 our respective rate-payers (for the op- the man's grasp. It was now too cley, and I got it all from them. First, a. m., arrives at Tarboro 10:05 a. m. posite banks are here occupied by dark to see much; but Arthur and I I ran along the bank to the reed-be-1; 11:00 a. m. Bucks and Berks), an unexpected described him. We were all four in the there I got in again, and headed down Train on Midland N. C. Branch leaves velopment occurred. I think I had boat, and clung hard to our prisoner, and only false whickers of Goldsboro daily except Sunday, 7:35 a. velopment occurred. I think I had boat, and clung hard to our prisoner, stream, pulled my false whiskers off, best narrate it in the way it seemed It was the most exciting hunt I have and came to their aid with their brace- turning leaves Smithfield 9.00 lets in my pocket. It was as easy as arrives Goldsboro 10:25 a. m. pap; and it was you that showed it

"Atkins," I said severely, "I decline to hear any more of this self-incrim- turning leave Spring Hope 11 00 a. nating story. It isn't seemly." He laughed a peculiar laugh.

You won't have another chance. Then saw for Clinton daily, except Sunday, the reed-bed I was aware of some com- means fail, Charlie Wybrook gave him supposed there wasn't any danger in a. m. motion. Gazing through the gloom, I a light tap on the head with his scull. coming back by daylight, for she at weldon for all points North daily. saw the very episode I was anxious to That brought the man to reason. He let ways brought sixty pounds in gold all rail via Richmond. see-a Canadian canoe glided sudden- us come up with him, and pull him out every second Wednesday from the ly and noiselessly across the bows of of the water, though struggling still bank at staidenhead. I told her not the row-boat. I rushed down to the as hard as he could struggle. But the least; and, the rain coming on in could make out the pirate raising his came and went, and he was in a state with my cance under my arm, stopped hand with the revolver; I could hear of collapse. At least, so I thought, her and took it, chucked my revolver him cry, "Halt, there; your money!" though, after all the trouble he had on shore where I could find it again, Next instant the most unexpected in given us, I deemed it best to take stuck the money into my pocket, and cident took place. The girls, instead nothing for granted. He might be flung away the bag, and not one of man with great pluck. One of them attention. For it was certain, at least, could do no wrong. Oh, you're just pointed a revolver in return; the other that our captured pirate was a man about as fit to be high constable of wrenched the weapon from the of immense resources and a most con- a county as I am fit to be Archbishop of Canterbury. And I wish to good-

business. I can listen to no more. I

afraid. I won't expose your incompe-Next morning before breakfast I morrow* breakfast at Chemnal and

a most insolent tone. "Don't you be

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No. 35 Daily.-Leave Weldon \$:45 p. m. arrive Rocky Mou m., leave Rocky Mount living p. m., leave Wilson Il le m., leave Selma 11 57 leave Fasetteville No. 103 Daily, Ex. of Sunday -Leave Tarboro 6.03 p. m., stare

Rocky Mount 645 p. m. leave Wilson 7.10 p. n. rive Goldsboro : 10 p. m. We had been employing him as a No. 41 Daily .- Leave Elseky Mount 5 40 a, m., leave Wilson 6 50 m., leave Goldsbore ist & m., leave Magnolia 8.09 arrive Wilmington 9:40 a.m.

m., leave Wilson 2 40 p. leave Goldsboro 2 21 p. leave Magnolia 4 35 p.

m., leave Fayetteville 12 38 p. m., leave Seima 1 10 p. m., arrive Wilson 2.25 p. m. leave Wilson 2:25 p. m., arrive Rocky Mount 1 30 p. m. leave Tarboro 12.21 p. m. leave Rocky Mount m., arrive Weldon 4 22 p. m.

Goldsboro 5:15 a. m., leave

Wilson 5:41 a. m., arrive Hocky Mount 6 15 a. m. arrive Parboro 7 84 a. m. No. 32 Daily .- Leave Florence 7:45 p. m., leave Payetteville 9 45 % m., leave Selma 10:54 p. m., arrive Wilson 11 21 p. r leave Wilson II II p. m. arrive Rocky Mount 12.07 a. m., leave Rocky Mount II of a. m., arrive Welden 1 se

No. 40 Daily.-Leave Wilmington 1 10 p. m., leave Magnolia t M p. m., leave Goldsbore 9 C p. m., leave Wilson 10 28 p m. arrive Rocky Mount 11 15 a

No. 48 Daily.-Leave Wilmington 9.45 a. m., leave Magnolia 11:19 8. m., leave Goldsnoro 17 to p. m., leave Wilson 116 2 m., arrive Rocky Mount 1 il Wilmington and Weldon Railroad,

Atlantic and Yadkin Division Main a. m., arr ves Fayetteville 12:15 p. m.,

train No. 78 at Maxton with the Carelina Cueral Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmere Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line and Southern Rallway at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad. Train on the Scotland Neck Prants

Washington 8:10 a. m. and 2:30 p. m.,

Trains on Nashville Branch leave Rocky Mount at 9:30 a. m., 4:39 p. m., arrive Nashville 10:10 a. m., 4:01 p. m., Spring Hope 10:40 a. m., 4 25 p. m. Re-4:55 p. m., Nashville 11:22 a. m., 5:25 p. m. arrive at Rocky Mount 11 45 a. m. "You'd better hear it out," he said. 6 00 p. m., daily except Sunday.
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