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The Centreville Circle.

V .- THE LAST MEETING.

BY G. M. L. BROWN.

less than fourteen applicants for honorary membership, including Judge Burton and Miss Burton, who had both falled at the previous examination. "Let us have the minutes of the last meeting," the president began.

THE MINUTES. Exams begun on Thursday last, But only Mrs. Burion passed.

"Abem! Rather short, aren't they?" queried Harold. "I don't know that they are," said the

secretary. "He never thought of them till five minwtes ago," May explained. "I think he did

"Gracious? Look in the tree?" exclaimed Mrs. Burton, pointing to a hoge oldect climbing along an apple bough which extended over the bedge into the Circle. It was clothed in red, and bad long green cars and a black rail. It's face was human, but dreadfully colored in blue and white. Altogether it was a fairly good representation of a fat devil, and while the spectators shook from fear the apple bough shook and grouned beneath the undsual weight. Presently the strange object scated likelf in a erotch in the bough and gazed down upon

"Order, order!" called Harold, "Mr. Secsetary, whom have we here?" "The Man from the Moon," replied Frank. "What is his business?"

"He bath come to assist in examining the applicants for honorary membership Sirl" said the president, "you are wel-

When the circle met again there were no ; take very great pleasure in recommending this gentleman for admission. He-"That is very kind, I'm sure," replied the fatter, "but a great pressure of businesser-lunar business-shem-would prevent my attendance, I fear."

"Oh, that would be all right, I'm sure!" sald Judge Burton. "But you see," interrupted the president uneasily, "I think he is siready a"-"What? Aiready a member without us knowing it?" It was Mr. King that spoke. Mr. Secretary, are there any people from the moon on our lists?"

"Exactly," said Judge Burton; "so J think our friend in the tree should be quite as ready to try an examination as we have been. Jennie, haven't you any slips left in the box?

"Well, no," stammered Frank-"that

Yes, papa, there's one." "Then pass it up to the gentleman in the Jennie did so, and Uncle Ralph-for it was he-was forced to submit.

UNCLE RALPH'S EXAMINATION When do Chinese priests cat stewed dog?

Now, that's not fair!" protested Uncle siph, stroking one of his green ears, what do I know about the Chinese?"
"ph, it's awfully easy!" said Jonnie. "Let's count 20," suggested Mr. Wilson, "One, two, three, four, fire-Hold on!" pleaded Uncle Ralph.

"Six, seveni eight, nine, ten-



SEE IF YOU CAN FIND THE STEA NGE CREATURE IN THE PICTURE. come. Let us hear any valuable suggestion

you may have to make." "Mr. President," came a strangely family iar voice, "I hear that your applicants are

many." "They are."

"And that you have run short of conmadr--"

"S-s-sh-sh" came from the president and secretary simultaneously.

"Er-excuse me-er-er-I mean that the time consumed in that form of examination will

be very great." "That's so-so it will," assented the secre-

"Especially owing to the duliness of the applicants," continued the Man from the

"Oh, I say!" protested Judge Burton, "Therefore, I would suggest a new and

more rapid test." "Very good, sir," replied Harold, "let us

"Make all the applicants stand up." This the applicants did without waiting for a second request.

"Now," said the Man from the Moon to ledge Burton, "you're to do what I tell you while I count 20. Ready! Tell me a word byming with moon-one, two, three, four,

ive, six, seven, eight-" "Scon!" cried the Judge, triumphantly. "Correct. Your word has four letters;

hat's four nickels you owe the treasury. Lou've passed." "Miss Burton, you are pext. Tell me a

word rhyming with earth." And again he began to count furiously. "Learth-nearth-kearth-mearth-oh, yes

mirth!" Miss Eurton, exclaimed just as her maminer had reached 17. "Correct-five nickels. You've passed. Rext," turning to Mr. King. "Give me a

word shyming with Saturn. One, two, three," and so on to 20. Mr. King coughed and spluttered, but to no ffect. "That puts me out, I suppose?" he

burbed. "Not at all. Mr. President, choose a word lor this gentleman." Harold gianced for a second at a little

motebook that he held in his hand, then called, "Pattern." "Very good! Seven dimes! You've passed.

"Nickels, you mean," said Mr. King. "Not at all-you pay double when you hiss. Next!" The next was James Wilson, and he braced imself against a post, resolved to do his

"Nation," called the Man from the Moon, instantly beginning to count. "Ob-er-fation-mution-gation-er-1

have it-prognostleation!" "Very good-nifteen nickels," chuckled xaminer, amid rears of laughter.

"Mr. Bennett-Knife." "Glfe-hife-pife-jife-" began Mr. Benwir, excitedly. "-Thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, sixteen!"

some from the tree. "Not on your life!" screamed Polly, as if he understood the game and was trying to

"Oh, Mr. Bennett!" shouted the Circle, Tolly had to help you!" "Never mind," said the Man from the Moon, laughing so hard that he had to hold in with both hands. "Four dimes. Next!" The pext was Mrs. King, and her word "sensible," but the poor lady was too nertons to atter a syllable, and she was centred out before she knew went had hap-

ened. Thus the examination continued till all surteen were duly elected at a cost varying com ten coats to a dollar and sixty centsto total receipts amounting to cen dollars ad seventy-five centr.

"And row," said Mr. Wilson, with a wink, t the last person had pain over his fee, as an honorary member of this Circle 1 | cared mathods.

"Walt! I don't know whether it's a Bud-

dhist priest or- -" "It doesn't matter a bit." laughed Frank. "Eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fiffeen, sixteen, seven-" "Just a minutel

"-teen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty!" "Oh, how disgraceful!" said Miss Burton. "How ignorant the people in the moon must be!, Give him the answer. Harold." "When they are hungry?"

"Dear me!" exclaimed Uncle Ralph. "I suppose they do. Name my fine, please." "A dime a letter." promptly responded the Judge. "Four plus four, plus three, plus siz-17 dimes, sir." And Unck Rulph counted out the change

sin'd deafening theers. And now, fellow-members of the Centre-He Circle," said the president, "It is m; painful duty to announce that this circle will adjourn for three months awing to the holidays. We're sorry that some applicants will have to wait so long, but I don't see how we can beip it. So far as I know, Polly will be the only member to look after things

YOU KDOW-'What's the matter? what's the matter?" "Nothing, Polly; don't get excited!" said Jenn

-she's going to spend her holidays at home,

"But I guess she'll do her best. Mr. Treasurer, read your report."
"On hand, cash, \$14.07; fruit, one melon and six applies. Also one pound of nuts and

I move we put the money in the savings bank and ent the rest," said Frank. second the motion," said Jennie. And before Harold realized the situation

the motion was passed. "Just think," he lamented afterward. "what a lot of candy that money would (THE END.)

Against Odds. PART II.

BY WILLIAM WALLACE WHITELOCK.

Since Lieutenant Deagan had undertaken to train the tug-of-war team a decided change had taken place in the attitude of the corps toward Henry and his roommate Henry and the other members of his team

had thrown themselves into the new sport

with an order and devotion that shunnel no labor or trouble. The hints given him by Lieutenant Deagan had been invaluable. but on these he had greatly improved. Not content with the self-evident method of commanding his team to "come up" and to "Leave," he and Dutchy had evolved a system of disguised signals which enabled him to communicate with those under his command without betraying his intentions to his opponents. The chief feature of this system was the repetition of the word "hold" without significance until suddenly changed Into the Cockney command, " 'old," which, in the excitement of the struggie. would almost thevitably escape attention save by the expectant cars of his fellowconspirators, whom it would prepare for a "beave." As the greatest danger to which a tug-of-war anchor is exposed is being "caught" by his antagenist at the moment of coming up, at this signal Henry's companions would increase the strain on the rope against a possible pull from the other team. Not content with these signals, newever, aithough varied by other commands, Henry improved upon the ordinary manner of holding the knot by passing the end of the rope from right to left and around the main

In this way he gained, to a certain degree, the rapidity in taking to slack inherent to the simplest manner of forming the knot. together with the security of more compil-



A little girl lived in Nonsense Land. So she carried her house around in her hand, She wore a lantern on her head. And rode .o town is a feather bed.

This little girl's name was Kippity Kee; Instead of one apron she giways were three. For in Nonsense Land, you never can tell, She might lose two of them down the well. Now Kippity Kee had a brother big. Whose coutiful name was Gumpery Jig;

The day of the fair was Saturday, and in accord with the fervid wishes of everyone not a cloud was in the sky, and the breeze that blew across the grounds was reminiscent of early summer. The entire corps was present at the games save the few unfortunates on "delinquent guard," for excitement had prounted so high that only a blind and deaf boy could have resisted the

Four teams in all were entered for the contest, and with a view to postponing the meeting of the Midlands and the caders as long as possible, they were paired to meet the other contestants before coming to-

gether for the final struggle. "We can't lose, boys!" muttered Henry. flercely, as much for his own encouragemen. as for that of his companions as they awaited in the clubbonse the summons for the preliminary contest. The Midlands had already disposed of the Lansing Invincibles with ridiculous case, and they were stil. out on the field watting to study the methods of the cadets. As the four boys trotted out to the center of the field in response to the summons of the master of ceremontes, a shout of approval and encouragement went from that pertion of the grands and where the endets and their friends were as-

And he said to his sister "The wird is good, Let's go for a sail in Woggir Wood."

They sailed away in a paper ark; And as Woggly Wood was awfully dark, They hung jack o' lanterns on all the trees, Which made the place as light as you please

They sailed as they came to Boggly Bay, And there, of course, they took a sieigh, And rode as fast as they could go. Straight to the home of Pankery Bo.

The cheers had dispelled Henry's nervousness and he was again the cool, self-possessed lad who had fought his way against the opposition of batred. "Be content to win from the Butterworth

team," he had said to his associates as they were leaving the clubhouse, "if it's only by an inch. I don't want to give any tricks gway to the Midland captain. The latter individual, long-legged and self

possessed, stood by and ellently watched Henry as he put on the saidle and adjusted the knot. Especial's interested did he apnear in this iast operation, and Henry de tected a supercilions smile on his rival's "lins at view of the simplicity of the knot. "Must you walt a while, young man, and ! will show you whether or not you can breat-

that knot," said Henry to himself, as he pre pared for the drop. "Are you rendy?" asked the referee of each anchor in furn. "Heads!" come the replies.

The next instant the report of a pisto' rang out and the two teams dropped. "Half on inch in the cade;s' favor!" was the encouraging approunce ment. Henry was satisfied; toey would quietly

had their advantage putil the last minute. when they would increase it by a safe marsembled. Then came a chorus of grouns | gin, so as to prevent possible defeat at the from the followers of the Midland team. That moment. This, however, was precisely | weil?

Now Pankery Bo was a dear old Bear, Who sat all day in a rocking chair; He gave the children each a fig. A popple pie, and a guines pig.

But as they turned to go away. They found a cat had enten their sleigh. So, of course, they stayed until afternoon, And then went home in the Blue Lal.con. CAROLIN WELLS.

What the butte, worth captain interactures should not do, and immediately be began a series of heaves by which he hoped to regain the lost glound. But in vain; not the 1. action of an inch did the cauets wearen. "Steady, boys! said Henry, quietry, and the three lads lay with backs as straight and stiff as ramirods and with the rope relentlessly gripped between hands and knees. The Butterworth captain grew desperate

and redoubled his efforts. "Two minutes! Three minutes!" announced the referee, but still Henry did not

"Hold! Hold! Hold!" was the command-"'Old!" and the three boys shortened their grip on the rope and prepared for a heave. Up shot Henry's knees, and at the same moment slack was taken in and a fresh Luct was formed, and then at the command "Heave!" the four stra shtened out and the opposing anchor found the rope ruthlessig torn from him.

"Time!" cried the referee, as he clampedthe lever at the center of the rope. Then he knelt down to measure the margin of vic-

"The codets win by four inches!" he announced in a loud voice, and a shout went up from the corps. "Hoe-ray! Hoo-ray! L. C. M. A.! HasNever had such sweet music saluted Hen-

ry's ears. Fifteen minutes later the four cadets again emerged from the clubhouse and advanced to the center of the field for the final straggle. Already the Midland four were in their places awaiting them. Silence reigned among the spectators; the excitement was too keen. to permit of its expression while the cutcome of the contest was still in doubt. Henry's heart was throbbing wildly, but his head was cool. Without a word he drew on the saddle and fastened the buckles in front.

"Are you ready?" asked the referee, preparing to release the lever.
"One moment!" cried Henry, and he readjusted his feet on the Nest. "Ready?"

"Ready!" And with the report of the pistol the two teams dropped as though shot. "Quarter of an inch in the Midlands'

A quarter of an inch-how slight a disad vantage, yet how much to recover! "Hold!" commanded Henry, "Hold!" He was determined to proceed cautiously, not to exhau-t his own and his comrades' strengthat the start; but the strain on the rope was tremendous- t deed, it was increasing. How d'd his opponent contey his orders to his men without the use of words? But budiculy the boy's quick eye and mind solved ; the mystery. Each of the three men on the rope, he poticed, lay with head turned so as to watch his neighbous knee, No. 3's ere being fixed on the leg of the anchor, which

thus served as the instrument to telegraph his intentions to the feam. Again come the strain on the rope, which taxed the last ounce of flenty's strength to resist. He restized that his one hope lay in an aggressive policy. The first minute had long since been called; there remained now little more than three minutes. "Hold! Hold! 'Old!" cautione! Henry, and then came the sharp command "Henve;"

"Two minutes!" "Heave." For several moments it seemed to Henry as though he were tugging against, a tree. Then! however, followed a slight relaxation at the other end, and he at last succeeded in getting his legs straightened out.

"Eighth of an inch in the cadets' favor!" A mad howl of triumph told the suppressed excitement among the boys in gury, but already had recommenced that irresist ble, mysterious strain.

"Three minutes: "Hold! Hold! 'Old!-Heave!" "An inch in the cadets' favor!" "Heave!" came from the lips of the Midland anchor.

The advantage had been lost!

"An inch for Midland!" For several memonts Henry sliently waited to regain his strength for another effort. The spectate's we e now silent. Againcame the unexpected estamand from the op-

posite anchor, but this time Heary ma ceeded in preventing a loss. More most immediately be followed a: popent's abortive attempt with mand for his own men to heave as joy, the referee announced half an land.

"Four ininutes!" Could be but hold his advantage for the minute longer! "Ouarter of an inch for the radyta"

Already his rival had gained beif the "Four minutes 15 seconds!" Still both anchors sat motioniess. "Four minutes and a half

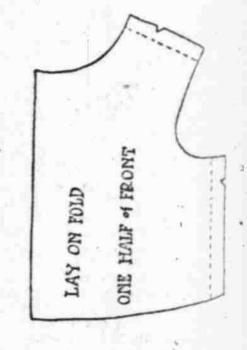
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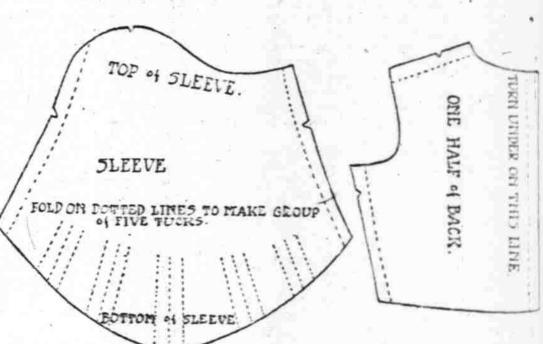
"Come up!" he commanded to a ley "Come up!" was passed from No Lock 2. and from him to No. 1. mm flew No. 1's head, asithe signal to prepared for the tug. With the ra piston red Henry shot forward, down

rope and eiled, "Heave!" "Half inch for cadets." "Five seconds more." "Heave!" thundered the Mid and seen, in desperation, and a mighty the unit

the rope. "Time!" and the lever was pre-A moment of feverish silence wasset as referee leaned over the board.

dets win by quarter of an inch Then pandemonium broke loss seemed to Henry that a 'great a land mass was threatening him with annuas the body of eadets swept down -to ruise him in triumph on to there





DOLL'S GUIMPE PATTERN.

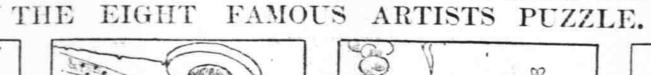
wash material or very thin slik. If you have a piece of tucked goods large enough to cut the waist part from use it in this way and make the sleeves of plain white materiel to match. if this style is chosen, take the waist part

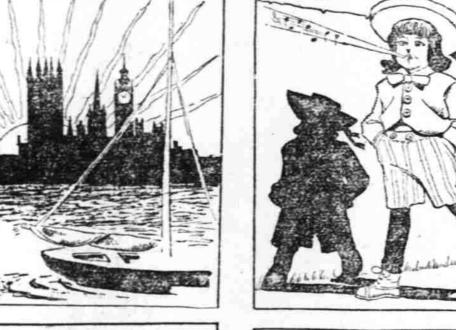
Tals guimpe should be made of fine waite I tacks arranged to run up and done same way. When cutting all the straight side of the partie edge of the material. The f guimpe is in one piece and if two. The back may be beginned edges and fastened together of the guimpe pattern and lay the front on buttonboics are hard to make in ... n lengthwise fold, which comes midway between two tucks. The back should have the

When cutting out he careful : notches in the shoulder and it will scams. After these seams are all very small stitches the better of he s may be turned up in a tiny ben a neck may be turned under and in the a frill of lace. If the sleeves are cut out of many

thry should be gathered, insided at the wrist. If of plain mate: 4 fullness at the hand should be little tucks, indicated by the dotted in pattern, and these tucks should be to be sleeve for about half an loob. The fall thus released forms a very provide puff. If the tucks do not draw the save enough at the hand, make a few galuntil it fits easily, and then turn the small hem, finishing it at the our wall ruffle of lace to match the neva 7 15 pattern for a larger deli than the which it is intended leave a line at of goods at the center of the first the back. This gives more house in both front and back. Do not a bi out according to the pattern; was " the other edges of this part -: lift the pattern off the male front edge of it to the front guimper then cut the neck in the ion. Follow the same insit gard to the back. To cut long !! the desired length to the berry and also at the bottom of the s may be made down the center. rial before the sleeve pattern is be cut out. This makes the r The top of the sleeve is gain in ly, and the notch in the round is he placed at the shoulder of it

If you wish to make the smaller doll, make a pleat & of the front of the patters It on the material to cut way make the back smalle: two sides in down the mid.



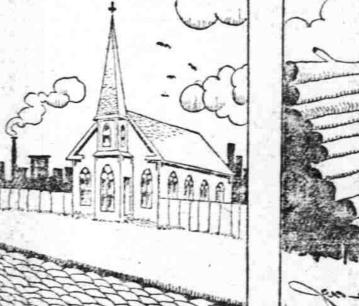












THE NAMES OF RIGHT PAMOUS ART SAKE REPRESENTED BY THESE PICTURES. THE FIRST ONE IS ABBEY. CAN YOU GUESS THE OTHER SEVEN?