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VERY NEEDFUL PRAYER: how me thy ways, O Lord: teach thy paths. Let integrity and ghtness preserve me: for I wait on thee.—Psalm 25: 4-21.

8 MUCH THE SAME EVERY WHERE.

One would judge from recent comon a charge to the grand jury by Judge N. A. Sinclair that perverse verdicts of justice occur in Virginia as well as in North Carolina.

Judge Sinclair from time to time bused special interest due to lets he has stressed in his to grand juries—that county should place on the lists only those men who they are intelligent enough and character; and that judges not permit attorneys to ask the jury to base its verdict on any-

Judge N. A. Sinclair, who distinguished himself by his vigorous and impartial conduct of the trials resulting in his conviction of the perpetrators of the Needleman outrages in North Carolina last spring, has no more patience with the lawyers who try to circumvent the law than he has with mobe. In charging, a greated they more patience with the lawyers who try to circumvent the law than he has with mobs. In charging a grand jury at Ahoskie this week, Judge Sinclair denounced attorneys who go beyond the law and the evidence to find a basis for their pleas. At the same time Judge Sinclair recalled that he had only a few days before called down two lawyers for asking juries whether the jurors would not have done the same thing as their clients if placed in similar circumstances. In taking the stand which these statements indicate, Judge Sinclair has come very close to uncovering one of the practices most responsible for bringing the administration of criminal justice in America into disrepute. Jurors are sworn to try cases in accordance with the law and the evidence, but in many cases the attorneys, who as much as the jurors are the sworn officers of the courts, fail to keep themselves within the same limits. They base their pleas not on the law and the evidence but upon sentimental considerations entirely beyond the law. Too often the attorneys are not called to account by the trinil judges. The result is seen in a

cular brand of coal has been

Up to October 17, he ording to the Baltim Sun, production of an 72,000,000 tons. For the the comparative ignres for the same periods show that production of soft coal is shead o fthat of last year by about 24,000,000 tons, and says The Sun, "there is an abundance of fuel in the country for everybody."

Drivers of all kinds of vehicl should exercise caution in crossing railroad tracks, but those persons who are charged with driving busses car rying school children should exercise every measure at their command safeguard the lives of their pass

orings this fact very close home. Thriver of the bus, it is said, stoppe s that no train was coming. How ever, it was raining and curtains were

bruck near the middle.

Drivers of busses should get out of their vehicles and look carefully. In cases of this kind, certainly, too

OUR NATION'S BADGE OF MERCY

The American Red Cross is the n's badge of mercy. Wherever ye is suffering, our spirit of consistency of the construction of t

out to the lonely farm houses, and on to the scenes of disaster, the emissary of mercy goes to translate the message of sympathy into deeds of constructive service, wheherev suffering casts its shadow. It is the composite voice of thousands of people in the state and nation who have made it their medium for magnifying at housand-fold their personal serva thousand-fold their per ice to humanity.

Post and Flagg's Cotton Letter.

New York, Nov. 4.—The market has shown a great deal of strength today due to strong cables and a wide advance vy New Orleans over Tuesday. Heavy trade buying and short-covering during the first hour was in evidence and operations on the hull side were encouraged by rather low ginning reports and a wet weather man together with very heavy exports for the first three days.

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Talk of serious losses from wet and freezing weather has also promoted a more bullish sentiment. During the afternoon the market quieted down considerably and developed into a scalping affair. Rumor has it that quite heavy shipments are expected in New York for December delivery although the recent decline in the market and narrowing of the December premium may tend to reduce these shipments.

Due to the recent heavy short covering the technical position of the market is undoubtedly easier but the trade are good buyers on all declines and this would appear to be a good policy to pursue at present.

POST AND FLAGG.

A "Missouri" Pythan.
A giant python is terrorizing the countryside near Vibbard, in the "Sthow Me" state. It has been seen twice within the past three months—first on the farm of James Gillen and more recently on the adjoining farm of Charles. Adams. Adams was working in his corn-field one day and heard the cornstalks cracking. When the turned to see what it was the imental considerations entirely beyond the law. Too often the attorneys are not called to account by the trial judges. The result is seen in a large number of verdicts like that in the Cole case recently tried at Rockingham in which the law goes down before the appeal of the emotions. If lawyers were held strictly within the confines of the law and the evidence as Judge Sinchair endeavors to hold them, criminal justice would be more certain and crime more easily dealt with.

The Raleigh News and Observer contends, and rightly so, that "a jurors were always men of high intelligence and moral character, and if attorneys were restricted to the evidence for their arguments, there would be fewer miscarriages of justice."

NO SHORTAGE OF FUEL.

New York City, and other cities throughout the country, have been freed to raise the bun on soft coal, but this is about the only phase of the coal strike that has affected the public yet. Thousands of miners in the anthracite fields have been on the coal strike that has affected the public yet. Thousands of miners in the anthracite fields have been on the coal strike that has affected the public yet. Thousands of miners in the anthracite fields have been on the coal strike that has affected the public yet. Thousands of miners in the anthracite fields have been on the coal strike that has affected the public yet. Thousands of miners in the anthracite fields have been on the coal strike that has affected the public yet. Thousands of miners in the anthracite fields have been on the coal strike that has affected the public yet. Thousands of miners in the anthracite fields have been on the coal strike that has affected the public yet. Thousands of miners in the anthracite fields have been on the coal strike that has affected the public yet. Thousands of miners in the anthracite fields have been on the coal strike that has affected the public yet. Thousands of miners in the mile strike the constant have carefule to see what it was a field to the confines of the transition of the co



Hilda laid down her book. She turned to face her accuser. "Why should I make a sene?" she asked. "I've had nothing to do with Phillips since we parted company at White Horse. I've scarcely spoken to him, and you know it."

"You don't deuy there was something between you?"

'The woman shrugged non-committally, her lips parted in a faint, cheerless smile. "I deny nothing. I admit nothing."

Although Courteau's brain was fogged, he experienced a growing surprise at the self-possession with which his wife had taken this blow which he had aimed as much at her as at Pierce Phillips; he studied her intently, a mingling of suspicion, of anger, and of admiration in his uncertain gaze. He saw for one thing. intently, a mingling of suspicion, of anger, and of admiration in his uncertain gaze. He saw for one thing, that his effort to reach her had failed and that she remained completely the mistress of herself. She reclined at ease in her comfortable chair, quite, unstirred by his derision, his jubilation. He became aware, also, of the fact that she presented an extremely attractive picture, for the soft white fur of the loose robe, she wore exposed an alluring glimpse of snowy throat and bosom; one wide sleeve had fallen back, showing a smoothly rounded ack, snowing a smoothly rounded arm; her silken ankles, lifed to the dozy warmth of the stove, were small and trim; her feet were shod in neat high-heeled slippers. The Count admired neatly shod ledies.

wise—"
Hilda nodded. "You've said it.
Too old and too wise. If I'd been
as young and as silly as when I met
you—who knows? He's a hand-

Again the husband's anger blazed

"But I'm not young and silly," his wife interrupted.

"Just the same, you played me a rotten trick," the Count exploded.
"And I don't forget. As for him'—he swore savagely—"he'll learn that it's not safe to humiliate me, to rob me of any woman—wife or mistress. You've never told me the half; I've had to guess. But I'm patient. I know how to wait and to use my eyes and my ears. Then to strike met. Perdition! I'll follow this through, user fear."

"How did you get a thousand dollars, Henri?" the wife inquired, curiously.

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Courteau's gaze shifted. "What difference? I won it on a turn at the North Star; it was given to me; I found it. Anyhow, I had it, It was a good night. I had my revenge and I showed my friends that I'm a man to be reckoned with."

In a tone unexpectedly humble the woman said: "I had no idea you cared very much what I did or how I carried oa. After all, it was your own fault."

"Mine?" The Count laughed in derision and astonishment.

"Exactly! If you had taken the trouble to show me that you cared—well, things might have been different. However—" The Countess rose, and with another change of voice and manner said: "Come along. Let's do something for your eye."

The Count stared at her in be-

white and manner said: Contesting for your eye."

The Count stared at her in bewilderment, then he turned away, crying: "Bahl I want no help." At the door he paused to jeer once mote. "Pjerce Phillips! A common thief, a despicable creature who robs the very man he had most deeply injured. I've exposed him to the law and to public scorn. Sleep on that, my dear. Dream on it." With a chuckle he traced an smeertain course to the stairs, mounted to his room, and slammed his door behind him.

He had undressed and flung himself into bed, but he had not yet fallen asleep when the door reopened and his wife entered, bearing in her hand a steaming pitcher of hot water. This she deposited, into it she dipped a folded towel.

"I'm sorry you're disfigured, Hen? ri." she told him quietly.

"I'm sorry you're disfigured, Hen? ri," she told him, quietly. Despite his surly protests, she bathed and soothed his swollen features until he dropped asleep, after which she stole out and down to her room on the floor below. There, however, she paused, staring back in the arroby strings which she had been string and the strings are the strings and the strings are the strings and the strings are the strings are the strings are the strings and the strings are the strings a

of the cage after you follered the her room on the floor below. There, however, she paused, staring back up the empty stairway, a look of deepest loathing upon her face. Slowly, carefully, she wiped her hands as if they were unclean; her lips curled into a mirthless smile; then she passed into her chamber and turned the key behind her.

Rock had spoken truly in assuring Poleon that Pierce Phillips' lot would be made as easy for him as possible. That is what happened to take much stock in Courteau's charge, and even Colonel Cavendish, the commandant, took the trouble to send for him early the next morning and to ask for the whole story in detail. When Pierce had given it the officer nodded. "It wasn't exactly an 'affair,' sir," Pierce colored slightly as he went to to explain. "You see, I was perfectly honest. I didn't know there was a count, and when I learned to the part of the color of the most of the part of the colored slightly as he went on to explain. "You see, I was perfectly honest. I didn't know there was a count, and when I learned to the colored the colored the colored them, realizing with a fresh pang that he was a prisoner. Is was a mother of the colored them, realizing with a fresh pang that he was a prisoner. Is was a mother of the colored them, realizing with a fresh pang that he was a prisoner. Is was a mother of the colored them, realizing with a fresh pang that he was a prisoner. Is was a mother of the colored them, realizing with a fresh pang that he was a prisoner. Is was a mother of the colored them, realizing with a fresh pang that he was a prisoner. Is was a mother of the colored them, realizing with a fresh pang that he was a prisoner. Is was a mother of the colored them to the limits of the Bartacks are count, and when I learned

"However, I didn't bring you to lecture you. The Royal Mou "However, I didn't bring you here to lecture you. The Royal Mounted have other things to think about than young wasters who throw themselves away. After all, it's a free-and-easy country and if you want to play ducks and drakes it's your own business. I merely want you to realize that you've put overself in a bad light and that you don't come into court with clean self in a bad light and that you don't come into court with clean

done any serious thinking.

"Well, don't be discouraged. A little thinking will benefit you. Now then, I'm going to put Rock at work on your case, and meaawhile you may have the liberty of the Barracks. You're a gentleman, and I trust you to act as one."

Pierce was only too grateful for this courtesy, and to realize that he retained the respect of this middleaged, soldierly officer, whom he had long admired, filled him with deep relief. He gave his promise readily enough.

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Later in the day Broad and Bridges came in to see him, and their indignation at the outrage, their positive assertion that it was nothing less than a deliberate conspiracy, and so considered among the Front Street resorts, immensely cheered him.

"You remember the holler I let up when them Sheep-Campers wanted to hang McCaskey?" Broad inquired. "It was my mistake. His car and a hemp knot would go together like rheumatism and liniment."

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Bridges agreed. "Funny, us three bein' tillicums, ain't it?" he mused. "Especially after the way we dredged you. We didn't need your loose change, but—there it was, so we took it."

"You'd of done better if you'd turned on the hollow of your foot that day and romped right back to the old farm," Broad asserted. "You'd never of doubled up with the McCaskeys and you'd still be the blushing yokel you was."

"Yes, you're a different kid, now."
Both gamblers, it seemed, were in the melancholy mood for moralizeing. "Why, we was talkin' to Rouletta about you this morning. She's

letta about you this morning. She' all bereaved up over this thing; sh sent us here to cheer you. You wa lean as an apple, then-and easie

sent us here to cheer you. You was clean as an apple, then—and easier to pick—now you're just a common bar-fly, the same as us. Laure done it. She's the baby vampire that made a bum of you."

"You're not very flattesing," Phillips cmiled faintly.

"Oh, I'm sort of repeatin' what Letty said. She put me to thinkin'. She's quite a noisy little missionary when she gets started."

"Missionary!" Broad exclaimed, in disdain. "I don't like the word. Them birds is about as useful as a hip pocket in an undershirt. Why, missionaries don't do no real. lasting good outside of Indian villages! Us sure-thing guys are the best missionaries that ever struck this country. Look at the good we done around Dyea and Skagway. Them gospel-bringers never touched it. We met the suckers on the edge of the Frozen North and we turned 'emback by the score. Them three walnut husks done more good than the Ten Commandments. Yes, sir, set of cheatin' tools will save more strayed lambs than a ship-load of Testaments."

"Letty figures that somebody tossed that gold-sack over the top of the cage after you follered the Count out."

"Impossible," Pierce declared.

"I got an idea." It was Broad speaking axain, "The mere contem-

the one which had brought him had conflict with the angry men of Sheep Camp. That had been an experience fraught with peril, but his, present plight was little better, it seemed to him, for already he felt the weight of the Dominion over him, already he fancied himself emmeshed in a discouraging tangle of red tape. There was no adventurous thrill to this affair, nothing but an odious feeling of shame and disgrace which he could not shake off.

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couldn't come," he assured her,

"I looked for you. I was quite when you failed to appear "I understand. I put in a wake ful night thinking about it. It's the first time in a long while that I've done any serious thinking.
"Well, don't be discouraged. A managed to save my vanity known who you were or how the behaviour will benefit you. Now the long the perhaps you expend the save my vanity known who you were or how the perhaps you want to be a save my vanity known who you were or how the perhaps you expend the first time in a long while the perhaps you expend the pe aged to save my vanity. If I a, m who you were or how to find I'd have had my father send a note. If it wasn't that, I'm. Well, there's another druce week and I'll expect you."

—I'm not deneing," he stamed. "Not at the Barracks, anye."

girl was puzzled; therefore summoned his courage and ned, with as brave an attempt thress as be could afford; see before you a victim of un-

"You see before you a victim of unhappy circumsfance, a person to be
shunned. I'm worse than a case of
smallpox. I don't think you should
be seen talking to me."

"What are you driving at?"

"I'm getting up the spiritual momentum necessary to tell you that
I'm a thief! Truly. Anyhow, three
choice gentlemen are so sure of it
that they went to the trouble of perjuring themselves and having me arrested—"

"Arrested? You?"



"Arrested? YOU?"

"Exactly

"Are you?"
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"Of course you're not. I remember, now—something twher said at breakfast, but I paid no attention. You fought with that good-looking French count, didn't you?"
"Thank you for reminding me of the one cheerful feature connected with the entire affair. Yes, I raised my hand to him in angers—and set it fall, but Lieutenant Rock spolled the whole party."
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Pierce was more than willing to
oblige, and he began his recital at
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the time of his first meeting with Joe McCaskey on the beach at Dyes. While he talked the girl listened with that peculiar open-eyed meditative gravity he had noted upon their former meeting. When he had not he peculiar open-eyed meditative gravity he had noted upon their former meeting. When he had not he had he had he had he h

(To be continued)

## DINNER STORIES

n." At that I sez, "
s, sor!" ish ye success, sor!" I Judge (disgustedly): "Yes; and he d open a jeweler's store in this vi-

a pocketful of diamonds.

New Policeman (after a panse):
"Begorra, Yer Honor, the man may
have been a thafe, but anyway he was o loiar.

you're going to have in What are the symptoms? Twins.

Teacher (in , geography class)
'Can any one tell me where Pitts
urgh is?" Small voice (in rear): na'am they're playing in

"No."
"Of what persuasion are you

"I am persuaded that He is able o keep that which I have committed nto Him against that day."

hildren, who had been killed the light before by Hardboiled Jem Rug

and there stood the murderer I celf. He smiled faintly and said: "I sho owe you an apole na'am, 'cause I reckin I made ake. I really was meanin' to Iriggses, but I must of got he dark. The joke sho' is on ime''

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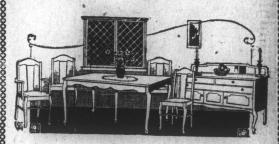
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