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Your brains out! Make a noise and I'll fire!

"Let her, she then, blast you!" said Mr. M.

"They grappled instantly, and both fell to the floor.

"I tumbled to the bottom of the stairs; rising quickly I started for the noise; but was brought up all standing with skinned shins by a sideboard.

"I sprang edgeways, and like a flying fish of a mighty wind, I bolted ahead; a moment more and skinned I went over a chair.

"Being flat again, I took to crawling and was evidently nearing the scene of action, when, 'Oh, Lord, deliver us! we shall be robbed—we shall be murdered!' came in a grunt from the bed-room.

"No you won't—we'll fix him!" said I, brave as a lion; I made an almighty wriggle and ran my head square and plump against something hard.

"It was a severe knock, and what with that and my ignorance of the geography of the floor, I was not likely to be in at the death.

"Boo—oo! murder! boo—oo!" scolded the children up a stairs.

"By turnings and windings I had got my feet into another room, and backing in, I found myself upon the battle-field.

"Just then my friend came in by another door. 'Father, who's at-top!' he shouted.

"No answer came, but a straining, a pulling and hauling, knees bumped on the floor and garments tearing, alone told of a struggle.

"The son slapped his cane fiercely upon the heap, and, 'Take care, Bill!' roared his father as the blow fell on a then prominent part."

"He's under, Bill—punch him—punch him!"

But before Bill could level his stick, here was a reversion in the order of affairs, and he punched his father pretty severely.

"By this time I had arrived, and having felt all over the heap, I secured one pair of arms which my friend had seized, and was in a passive bunch until a light was brought—then what a spectacle! We had the robber safe, but Mr. W's shirt was ruined to all intents and purpose; it might possibly have made patches for a rifle.

"We handed the culprit over to 'the hired man,' but the rascal managed to escape before morning. He must have been only an apprentice in the business, as he very unwisely commenced his operations so early in the night, and shut down the window after he had made his entrance; thus cutting off an avenue of retreat, which would have been carefully left free by an older rogue.

A LOST INHERITANCE. The Paris correspondant of the N. York Express writes thus:

I have a story to relate to your readers this week, which, though occupying more space than I usually devote to incidents, conveys so excellent a moral, that I have yielded to the temptation and give it in full.

The train from Paris to Lyons stopped at the station of Joigny, a town upon the route, and again went on, after leaving a few passengers. The depot for a moment crowded with rail road agents and lookers-on, was soon deserted by all but two individuals.

One of these was an old man, dressed in the garb of a well-to-do farmer; the other, a young five and twenty, who seemed to be waiting for some one to meet him. To this purpose the old man finally addressed himself. "May I presume, sir," said he, "to inquire if you are Clement B.?"

"Yes, my good man," replied the youth with a haughty manner, "and I have no doubt that you are Mr. Martin."

"At your service, sir," returned the other.

"Well, Mr. Martin," continued the other in the same tone, "I began to imagine that you intended to keep me waiting. That would not have been the best manner in which to have insinuated yourself into my good graces."

The old man, instead of replying, let his head fall upon his breast as if in deep affliction, and conducted the new-comer to an old-fashioned carriage to which a rough looking horse was harnessed.

"Here is your carriage, sir," said Martin. "If you will be good enough to get in, I will have the honor of conducting you to the hermitage."

"That my carriage," cried Clement—"Why, I shall be taken for a traveling pedlar!" Notwithstanding, as there seemed to be no way of avoiding it, he took his seat beside the old man. In another moment the man had seized the reins, and the horse started on a clumsy trot.

But a few days before, Mr. Clement B., who now put on so many grand airs, was a simple clerk in a crockery store in Paris, and possessed the reputation of being a quiet, unpretending little fellow. What, then, had brought about this sudden and radical transformation? He had become, since the previous day, a rich man; and it may be well understood that the possessor of an income of 20,000 francs a year finds it difficult to retain the modest demeanor of a poor clerk.

On the previous day, while discussing the piteous of crockery under his charge, a letter had arrived for him by the post, containing the startling intelligence that one of his uncles, of whom he had often heard as an eccentric, but very wealthy old man, but whom he had never seen, had just died at his chateau, in Burgundy, leaving his nephew, Clement, sole legatee of his estate, to the exclusion of many other heirs. The letter was from a notary of the province, who desired him to leave Paris immediately for Joigny, the town near which his uncle had resided, where he would be met by Martin, an old confidential servant of the defunct, and conducted from the railroad to the "Hermitage," the name which the deceased had given to his chateau and his estate, which constituted the main. Almost driven out of his senses by such an unexpected stroke of fortune, he hastened to obey the notary's directions; and, upon his arrival at Joigny, joined old Martin, as we have seen.

"Who's there?" said Mr. W. quickly. "Keep still—your money, or I'll blow

your hero had so contemptuously taken a place, until after a ride of several miles, the occupants arrived at their destination.

Martin offered the honors of the Hermitage to the new proprietor, called the servants, and introduced them to their future master, and then conducted the latter to his apartments.

"This was the sleeping apartment of your uncle," said Martin, as they entered a vast apartment, furnished in old-fashion style.

"It was the room he died in ten days ago."

"But the nephew, instead of evincing any emotion upon being shown the chamber of his benefactor, threw all around a look of scorn, and cried, 'Upon my word, I cannot say I think much of the old boy's taste! I never saw anything so frightfully ugly in all my life!'"

"Notwithstanding, sir," replied Martin, "it is the best there is here; and if you cannot content yourself, I do not really know where you would find other accommodations."

"I live here! You don't imagine I'm such a donkey, I hope. For us young fellows, you see, Paris is the only place, so I will sell this old rookery at once, and go to the city."

"Sell the Hermitage, your uncle's favorite place of residence! Impossible. And we servants, who hoped to end our days under this roof—what will become of us?"

"Mr. Martin," retorted the young man, "let me have none of your complaints, I beg. Get me some dinner, and afterwards you will drive me to my notary's."

"After having eaten a hearty meal, notwithstanding he found the meats insipid and the wines sour, the legate, still accompanied by Martin, re-entered the old carriage, and the two again started off.

"I'm not mistaken," observed Mr. Clement, after an hour's ride, "we passed this spot this morning, and that"—pointing to a building—"is the railroad depot; do we take the cars?"

"You alone will do so," responded his companion, speaking very gravely, and in a manner which caused the young man to tremble in spite of himself. "I, sir, am your uncle, and happily, I am not dead."

"Having heard good accounts of your conduct, I had resolved to make you heir of all that I possess; but, before doing so, I wished to know whether you were really deserving of my generosity, and I had recourse to stratagem, which has thoroughly exposed your true character to me."

Good bye, Mr. Clement. Return to your shop, and remember that your arrogance and ingratitude have lost you that which will never again be placed within your grasp."

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The Title of this Journal, with the names of its Editors, may be nearly enough to indicate its character.

One of the Editors being an American citizen by birth; the other intending to become such by adoption; there is no question as to the destinies of Americans, on which they will hold themselves departed from openly expressing an opinion.

As a Southerner by birth—the other by preference, they cannot be of those who know "No South, No North." They will know both; and in the struggle which the South is now called upon to make for her own rights and honor, they mean to stand with the South.

It will uphold the Federal Union, provided the sovereignty of the confederated States be respected.

It will uphold the Institution of Negro Slavery as a sound, just and equitable Institution; and therefore, that the nation is not to be divided into two parts, one for and one against the slave.

It will support the equal rights of the Southern States, and the equal rights of the Southern States, North and South—the equal rights of the Southern States, wherever they may have been born.

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