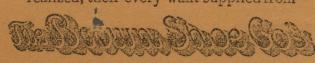
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Division of Labor. Sam, a negro of the good old fashioned sort, was strutting through | man's desk and taking a seat, "has the village street as proud as any a wife a license to torture a hus- dore Vanderbilt was the "whole

"Hello, Sam!" said a man who had occasionally given him an odd job. "I hear you've taken a partner he has redress, of course?"

"Yes, sah. Married yesterday." "Now, Sam, I hope you believe in an equal division of labor and will complains that I don't shave often and requested him to exchange annot expect your partner to do all the work."

"No, sah—no, indeed, sah! I does believe we bofe should do our share. told her that that was my affair, system is more than 300 miles in

The Actor's Retort.

Not long ago a New York theatrical manager came in unexpectedly | tian"upon the rehearsal of one of his shows and didn't like the way one ing I found the communians was delivering his cylinder of lines. The man, who had never met the manager, was slow, lackadaisical touch?" "Cont in manner and lacked spirit.

"Here, here, this won't do at all," said the manager, striding down the it 'papa's chin aisle toward the stage. "More steam there, more steam! That's what you want—more steam!"

"Gee," said the man, gazing down | passed his hand on the manager. "Steam? You called it 'papa's m don't want an actor-you want a sir, I ask of you as a C locomotive."

WHAT ABOUT THAT \$2.00?

SUBSCRIPTION \$2 A YEAR IN ADVANCE the clergyman's study, "you are the a number of friends at a recent dinman who tied the knot, I believe?" ner in a New York hotel. "When

> ceremony for me, didn't you?" "Yes, certainly, Mr. Billings. What, may I ask"—

"Of course."

drawing a chair up to the clergy-

"Certainly not."

We'll come to that later. My wife

"Oh, that's a small matter."

ou know h eems to the

"Well, su

one of them got

what shall I do?" "Get shaved," replied man softly as he return work.-London Answers.

HIS GRIEVANCE.

and He Got it.

"Why, yes, in a general way." "And the rights of a wife?"

and as the man who tie

He Went to the Minister For Advice,

"You performed the marriage

"Then you know what the rights

of a husband are?"

"Well, now, sir," said the caller,

"If she makes his life miserable,

"Yes, but I should advise"-"Never mind your advice now.

"Is it, sir? Is it? Just wait! I

much is nine times twelve?" l promptness.

The Buffalo Waiter. "There is a scheme that the New York waiters can't work that reaps a harvest for the waiters in my "Sir," he said as he stalked into home city," said the Buffalo man to clergyman, looking up from his ser- taurant if the waiter knows that you are only a transient visitor to to satist the waiter as a tip. Coin elers coming east would find trouble trying to pass it in any other city, and they don't like to carry it with them. The waiters know that."-New York Sun.

One Point of Resemblance. Back in the sixties, when Commothing" in the rapidly growing New York Central system, which then consisted of a continuous, one track line connecting Albany and the great lakes, the president of a small, cross country line of seventeen miles. one day approached the commodore nual passes. "Why, my dear sir," remarked the commodore to the other railroad president, "my railroad

upon one occasion, his tutor having you ef you don't give it away!"been changed, the newcomer in ex- Atlanta Constitution. amining the young prince asked: "Can your highness tell me how

eventy-two," replied the prince, in New Jersey tor paled, but soon recov- service in the

me to state to your highour highness' former tu- the close of t I have had the honor to sired to give an instructor to your be no service ness, appears to have minister is go on of rather limited other clergyma he said. - Harper's

sword king as we walked through doubt that Mrs. Hannah Lord Mon-

In the first place, remarked the his big London factory, we make tague was the inventor of the de-

ENGLISH SWORDS.

Processes In the Making.

days to make and goes through sixty or seventy different processes. It is then tested by being screwed into a kind of toy cannon and brought tague, as near as can be learned,

the back and edge are struck against a small block of oak, the fore the invention of the sewing final test being that of bending and machine and when there were no against solid iron.

fantry officer costs £4 4s. Cavalry swords are much more expensive, housewives of those days, Mrs. the regulation weapon even for Montague was resourceful, and in troopers in the hussar regiments troopers in the hussar regiments casting about for devices to lighten the full dress manually scimiters at the household duties she hit upon full dress mameluke scimiters at the idea of a detached collar which £12 12s. each and must possess court might be fastened to a neckband on usually cost £60.

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much as £8 10s., although the high-washed, but by this device two or ly ornamented weapons worn by three collars might be used with generals and admirals of the fleet one shirt.

cost but £7 to £8 each.

run into a lot of money. Some time soon exhausted, and I actually inago we had an order from the for-eign office for a sword for a dusky In 1829 Rev. Ebenezer I

with 22 carat gold, and the weapon cost £80. Many swords costing over £100, however, are made for the popularity of the new separate collar, opened a small workshop in the rear of his store, where his wife foreign officers, and a superb weap- and daughters and one or two other on, ornamented with ivory, gold, women cut out with scissors, stitchsilver and precious stones, which ed by hand and washed and ironed London Answers.

Curious Case of Mirage.

M. Flammarion, the French astromomer, has written much on mi-rages and has actually photographed dividual in Maine who was never the bridges over the Seine, with the known to express an opinion on any river and the buildings in the im- subject. Being called as a witness mediate vicinity, seen from Paris, in- in a lawsuit to testify concerning verted in the sky. He also records | the reputation of the defendant, the a curious case of mirage experienced lawyers on both sides failed to obhorsemen were suddenly seen mov- court. ing toward the French camp from the horizon, and scouts on horseback were at once sent forward to tones: "Witness, I am going to ask reconnoiter, but when they had gone | you a question, and I want you to about a mile they became curiously give me a direct answer. Is the dedistorted and seemed to be giant | fendant a good man?" horsemen riding horses several yards high. On their return they them that don't says he ain't," was "I beg your pardon," said the you pay your bill in a Buffalo res- yards high. On their return they then they "I beg your pardon," said the you pay your bill in a Buffalo res- yards high. On their return they then they be a flock of flamingoes moving by the city you will receive enough distance, owing to the curious state the side of a lake, which at a certain Canadian currency in your change of the air, were changed out of all from across the border has a free sumed the exact appearance of the resemblance to themselves and aseirculation in Buffalo, but trav- Arab horsemen they were at first believed to be.

Still Useful. land, was kindly cared for at the po- which merely means sow, and "oslice station until her parents should | trich," which comes from the Latin be found. The matron, endeavor- word for bird and a Greek word ing to keep the child contented, had | that means either a sparrow or an given her a candy cat, with which ostrich, as the case might be-any she played happily all day.

and the matron inquired if it had mology.

"No," said the little maid. "I kep' it most all day. But then it got so dirty I was 'shamed to look | at it, so I et it."—Youth's Compan-

Money Worry.

music box. Corresponding men and the state of a young Dey despise you ef you ain't got it, don Mail. German prince many years ago that en' ef so be you has dey'll despise

A clergyman o give notice that going to office gyman. The

SHIRT COLLARS.

by a Troy Woman.

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The tight was the inventor of the detachable linen collar. Hannah Lord was born in Canaan, Columbia county, Dec. 14, 1794, a daughter of William A. Lord, a Revolutionary officer, member of the state legislature and the author of "Lord's Islature and the aut down flat with great force on a steel table, which is covered with a wire cage in case of any accident.

The description and blodges tague, as near as can be realized, was engaged in making fine shoes for women. He was a large man, scrupulously particular in matters and description of fas-After the surface has been proved of dress, even to the point of fasthe Toledo proof of thrusting public laundries, the making and washing and ironing of his shirts The regulation sword for an in- was no small item in the work of swords, with hilts of cut steel, which her husband's shirts and washed and ironed separately. When the The dragoon's sword costs as collar was soiled the shirt had to be

The same price is paid for the weighty claymores used in all highland regiments. But the Scottsh officer of expensive tastes may pay from £20 to £30 for his dirk if he his friends. Almost immediately requests came to Mrs. Montague from friends and neighbors to make Mr. Montague was delighted with desires one set with real cairn- separate collars for them, and, as she afterward related, "the availa-Of course presentation swords ble material in the patch bag was

In 1829 Rev. Ebenezer Brown, a The pattern of the blade was spe-ically designed and inscribed. The small dry goods store at 285 River retired Methodist clergyman, who scabbard was of fishskin, mounted street, quick to take advantage of was recently ordered for the king the collars, which he disposed of by of Siam, cost no less than £750. peddling. This was in reality the first collar shop.—Leslie's Weekly.

The Best He Could Do. There used to be an eccentric inby French troops in Algiers. What tain a direct answer to any of their appeared to be a number of Arab questions and finally appealed to the

Regarding the man sternly, the judge said in his most impressive

"Them that likes him says he is:

Some Names.

"Alligator" is merely another form of the Spanish "el lagarto," the lizard. Shakespeare classed the alligator as a fish, to judge from Romeo's description of the contents of the apothecary's shop, "An alligator stuff'd and other skins of ill shaped fishes," somewhat like "al-A small girl, lost at Coney Is- ligator," the lizard, the "hyena," he played happily all day.

At night the cat had disappeared, bird in fact. The ostrich is just the "bird bird," according to ety-

Dodging the Rules.

After being conducted through an old church by the verger, a visitor was so pleased with the official's courtesy and information that he insisted on giving him half a crown. The man shook his head sadly Wife's gwine to d' washin', sah, and I'm gwine t' be de treasurer."

and then she taught the children to cry when I kissed them, so that she cry when I kissed them is more than so that she cry when I kissed them is more than so that she cry when I kissed them is more than so that she cry when I kissed them is more than so that she cry when I kissed them is more than so that she cry when I kissed them is more than so that she cry when I kissed them is more than so that she cry when I kissed them is more than so that she cry when I kissed them is more than so that she cry when I kissed them is more than she cry when I kissed them is more than she cry when I kissed them is more than she cry when I kissed them is more than she cry when I kissed them is more than she cry when I kissed them is more than she cry when I kissed them is more than she cry w teen miles long!" "That may all be so," replied the other, "but my railtan"—

"That hardly a Christian"—

"Wait a minuser of a with the long w

ore Than a Hint.

As ag entleman was having his inch on in the coffee room of a fall hotel he was much annoyed another visitor, who during the ole meal stood with his back to fire, warming himself and tching him partake of his repast. At length, unable to endure it longer, he rang the bell and d: "Waiter, kindly turn that atleman round. I think he is on that side."

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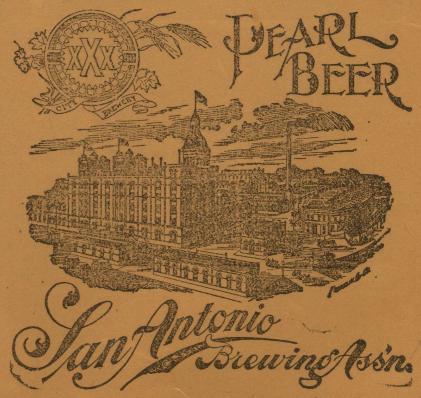
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SENATOR HUDSPETH.

Riding a broncho seventy-five miles to a railroad from bis ranch in Crockett country, which consumed two days, and then 350 miles by rail, which required another day and night of travel, is the way that Senator Claude B. Hudepeth, the "cowboy senator," who is serving his forth term in the upper house of the Texas legislature, reached the Capital city

Senator Hudspeth's district comprises twenty-six counties in West Texas, which he holds is the best part of the world and populated by the best people in earth. The senator vouchsases the opinion that the State of Texas has all the laws it needs on its statute books All his constituents wants is a bill passed appropriating \$150 000 to eradicate wolves, which will admit of placing a bounty of \$1 on coyotes and \$5 on lobos. Such a bill Serator Hudspeth had passed during the Thirsieth legislature, but it was vetoed by the governor, but too late for the senator to have it passed over the veto.

Although not instructed, Senator Hudspeth will vote against sub mitting to the vote of the people the statewide prohibition proposttion, as his constituents went against the proposition strong in the primaries.—Austin Statesman.

THE BIBLE.

Much Popular Misinformation About the Scriptures.

The notion loosely floating about the churches is that the Bible came down from heaven, cleanly printed, nicely bound in morocco and gilt edged, with a bookmarker against that text which has been erroneously made to declare that every Scripture is inspired of God. This heavtence, every word and letter and to the knowledge of the present writer, has ever said that he holds quite that theory of inspiration. But if the popular idea of the Bible were analyzed it would warrant the inference. And this infallibility is in practice claimed for the Bible as printed in the English tongue and read in our churches! Yet all the world knows, or should know, that the revised version which we now possess is based on the authorized version, which is an improved edition of the bishops' Bible, which was a bad copy of Cranmer's Bible. which was based on Coverdale translations of Dutch and Latin translations and Rogers' version of Tindall's Bible! And if we expect to find rigidly accurate messages from the very mind of God, conveyed in a version of a version which is a translation of a translation, we are demanding the most miraculous of all conceivable miracles.

Popular misinformation about the Bible seems to begin with the purchase of a copy in a bookstore. Yet the adventures of the Bible documents before the day of the printing press constitute one of the romances of history. The earliest Hebrew copy of the Old Testament of undisputed date goes back only to the tenth century A. D. For a period, therefore, of not less than test our 1,200 years and perhaps of 2,000 copy had been succeeding copy, ger eration following generation in the world of books even as in the human race. Twenty centuries of "editions" had gone the way of all papyri, even as twenty centuries of human beings had gone the way of and other liquors. all flesh, and this parchment was heir of all those ages in the foremost files of-books. Had no copyist made one mistake in the course is extended to you. of twice a thousand years? As compensation for the late date of our We have stocked is located, with brief p Hebrew authorities can be set, it is true, the scrupulous fidelity with which the Hebrew amanuensis did his work, his reverence for the letter of the document on which he was engaged and the consequent comparative purity and reliability of the text .- Dr. Charles F. Aked in Appleton's.

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many guineas. The chief called him sas City, Mexico & Orient Railway punctuation mark is infallibly guar- into his room. "My boy," he said Company of Texas, a corporation, member of my family is authori- men were saved from a terrible gravely, "what have you done to intends to apply to the Thirty-first zed to collect or receipt for money death.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat. merit this enormous salary? Are Legislature of the State of Texas, due me. to be convened in January, 1909. for the passage of a local or special for £20? Yet you have the audacity law, the substance of which law is to demand a rise of salary, and, like and will be to extend the time in a lawyer or a doctor, ask for guineas. which said Railway Compony shall I am determined," continued the be required to comply with the great tragedian, "to have my own provisions of Articles 4366, 4558, between Juno and one wile north have 50,000,000 and even 60,000,000 way in this matter, and I engage and 4559 of the Revised Statutes of Beaver Lake on the Sonora of these eggs however reach the you for the next season at £45 a of the State of Texas as to the construction of the branch line of road, one double barrel, 16 guage fertilization stage, and of those that said Railway Company from a hamerless shot gun Ithica make. do few survive it, for many and fapoint at or near the city of San Liberal reward will by paid for tal are the dangers that threaten. Angelo, Texas, in a general south- return to erly or south-easterly direction to a point on the Rio Grande at or near the town of Del Rio in Valverde County, or to a point on the Rio Grande near the town of Brownsville, in Cemeron County lexas, passing through some or all of the following named onun- ng down my fences or driving ties, to wit: Tom Green. Schleic- stock through my pastures with-her, Sutton. Edwards. Valverde, out my consent. Kinney, Uvalda, Maverick, Za yalla, Dimmit, Webb.Zapata, Starr, Hidalgo, and Cameron, for the term of two years after the passage of such law or for such other term of extention as the Legislature may grant; and restore and preserve to said Railway Company all the Lost Lake ranch 12 miles how those llings are. Well, any To call on us and of the corporate powers and rights south east of Sonora, and other way, my friend thought she had her

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BATTLE WITH SHARKS.

Exciting Adventure With a School of

Lighthouse keepers and those living on the beach of the gulf coast see many queer sights in the way of battles between turtles, sharks and swordfish, exciting at times and always illustrating the terrible power possessed by the monsters of the

Two fishermen coming in from Lake Worth, Florida, on a lumber sloop saw a commotion in the water and presently became witnesses of an all around combat between six or seven sharks.

In a few minutes the combatants were fighting and plunging almost under the sloop's bow, and the men, being afraid of some damage to the boat, seized their rifles and fired into the mass. After a few shots the fighting sea tigers fell apart and seemed to be intent on finding their new antagonists.

Then, as if by preconcerted action, several plunged directly at the boat and hit it a resounding blow with force sufficient to knock both men flat on the deck.

A second rush was made, and then the entire school of sharks began pounding against the sloop's sides. Backing off a dozen rods or more, they would come on with lightning swiftness, hitting the boat squarely, making it quiver from stem to stern, and soon there were two sharks floating on the waves, stunned by their own mad rushes, but the others kept up the fight.

Presently one shark aimed too high, skimmed over the sloop's rail and fell on the deck with a sounding whack.

The two men were badly frightened by this time and fired two shots at random. Then they each seized an ax and dealt the monster a terrible blow

Up went the shark's tail and, striking one of the men, sent him flying into the water. He swam to the rail with the energy of despair, and his comrade ran to his assistance, but before he could be hauled in a shark took a piece out of his

The blood that flowed from his wounded foot dyed the water for a yard or more and seemed to excite the sharks to greater ferocity. The shark on deck was killed with a united blow, but something must be done for the others. Suddenly the unwounded man dived down into the cabin and emerged with a can of powder and a coil of fuse. Swiftly fastening a piece of pork around the can, he attached a short fuse, lighted it and, going to the stern, threw the can into the mass of sharks

Parties knowing themselves in- Before it had hardly touched the debted to me will do me the favor water a big fellow swallowed it at a

A Family of 60,000,000.

According to the scientific authorities, the average female oyster deposits at least 16,000,000 eggs during a single spawning season, and it is said to be no uncommon occur-Lost on Tuesday Dec. 8, 1908, rence for an individual oyster to of these eggs, however, reach the Sudden changes of temperature, cold rains, greedy fish-all contribute to further the ends of nature. An oyster egg has less than one chance in two millions of reaching maturity.-National Magazine.

Her Lost Piano.

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New York Press.

The Dangerous Palo de Leche.

In Mexico there is a plant known by the name of palo de leche. It pelongs to the family of cuphorbia. The Indians throw the leaves into the water, and the fish become stu-

pefied and rise to the surface and are then caught by the natives. In this case the effect of the narcotic soon passes off. The milk of this plant thrown upon the fire gives out fumes that produce nausea and headache. The milk taken internally is a deadly poison. It will produce death or insanity, according to the size of the dose.

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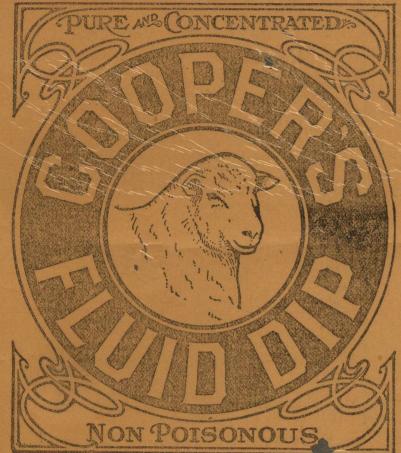
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that said banking corporation, as. sociation, or individual banker The thing making same offers to pron the funds of the 12 d Snon County, and shall be acompanied by a certified check ighe sum of Oae Good cider'l Hundred (\$1000) Deliars as a Northrown-d guarantee of pegood faith on the part of the heler, and that if his No use to bid be accepted that he will enter

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ONORA, TEXAS. -

A. F. Clarkson, the Lost Dake

ranchman was in Sonora Thursday Mrs. James Tarver left for Del Rio Thursday, on a business visit to her mother Mrs. Walton.

Bert Bellows has the contract to make repairs, repaint and paper the Commercial Hotel.

week.

G. W. Stephenson who ranches 12 miles north west of Sonora was in town Thursday.

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ritory last weak to attend to some promptly. Absolutely guaranteed Mrs. W. C. Bryson and children business.

Aug Meckell whose ranch joins the town on the east left for Mason county this week to visit his trother who is very sick.

commended for piles- De Witt's Carbolized Witch Hazel Salve. Sold by the Allison Pharmacy.

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Witt's Little Early Risers—plea. tree, Sentry: F. H. White, Physician sister to L. J. and C. B. Wardiaw. ones to fives for sale in parts or sant little liver pills the best made | S. H. Stokes was installing officer. Sold by the Allison Pharmacy.

Geo. S. Allison, one of the Sonora Countrys successful diversifi ed stockmen, was in town Wedensday on business.

bankache, rheumatic pains and all and prevent any complication, remain for an indefinite visit. ing and antiseptic. Regular size 50c. Sold by Allison Pharmacy.

gelo, Thursday, to receive the Pay \$3 now and save \$2. "Jackson" car recently bought by Cornell & Wardlaw through E. F. Vander Stucken Co, Sonora.

John A. Ward who ranches west for supplies. fighting off the grip and working Louis Thursday, on professional with the goats.

grees and fell to 14 during the Tuesday trading. night. A light snow covered the being cold in Sonora Tuesday.

Kennedy's Lazative Cough Syrup tation, thereby stopping the cough Allison Pharmacy. Sold by the Allison Pharmacy.

D. K. McMullan whose ranch is week, a human skull. Mr. Mc-Mullan cannot account fer it untory of the fue of said Sutton And when the mug is drunken at the time but no trace was ever found. His mind was deranged, paint the the time he left the ranch a is now supposed he lost h and died in the hills, so near the Mullan has made for other bo

THE JUNIOR LEAGUE.

the membership of forty five and an "Old Folks Service" at the the following officers. Prof RE Methodist church, Tell all the UBSCRIPTION \$2 A YEAR IN ADVANCE Thomas superintendent, Rector "old folks" to come. This is for Cusenbary president, Lois Gilbert their comfort and encouragement, with the cattle recently purchased secretary, Winnie Davis organist. The pastor of the Methodistchurch from Irve Ellis of Menard county The League meets every Sunday has a great love for the old tolks. afternoon and has been growing in Jan. 16, 1909, interest and numbers since its or Men's Greatness; God's Great-

> Ben Cusenbary, Jr., Press Reporter.

NOTICE.

the public generally for their pat-G. M. McDonald made a short of Dug Dean I will be home again out and hear about true greatness. pleasure trip to San Angelo this on February 1st and again give the business my personal attention.

Respectfully, Mrs. Grace Tarver.

Try It Once.

There is more actual misery and less danger in a case of itching, skin disease then any other ail. ment, Hunt's Cure is manufactured especially for these cases. W. A Glasscock left for the Ter It relieves instantly and cures \$2 on the road tax for 1909.

MEXICAN SCHOOL.

The trustees of the Sonora In-Hall Bros. the Buggy Boys of Geneville to teach the Mexican Warehouse, San Angelo, will be in Sonora next children and the session began E. R. Stucken has let contracted week with a string of baggies and Monday. The school will last 4 for the painting and remodeling of cation for Government Black Leg In the Cope building. months and it is hoped the chil- his residence and also for the build Vaccein. Good for cuts, burns, bruises dren of the Mexicans will take ing of three additional rooms, and scratches, but especially re. advantage of this chance.

W.O.W.

attendance at the Woodmen's sup- January 2, 1909, were: J.O. Roun- Mrs. E. S. Briant,

Every Mother

s or should be worried when the ness. little ones have a cough or cold. It may lead to croup or pleurisy or pneumonia-then to something Take DeWitt's Kidney and Blad- more serious. Ballard's Horehound

County Treasurer J.E. Grimland

business.

D. J. Wyatt returned this week ground Monday and at sundown from a months pleasure and busi- Claude Hudspeth is in Austin as the register showed 16, and during ness trip to San Antonio, Fort senator from this district and apart the night fell to 10 degrees. The Worth and Mineral Wells. Mr. from being one of the committee highest it got Tuesday was 26 Wyatt thinks the prospects for to notify the House that the Sen-There was no mistake about it good prices for cattle better than ate was readyfor business, offered a in years.

tasts nearly as good as maple su- eat. If you will take Kodol for a forgets the pencil-pushers—even if home; make Sonora your headgar. It cures the cold by gently little while you will no longer most of the boys pay for their quarters. There is no better town moving the bowels and at the same have indigestion. It is pleasant "type writers" at 15 cents per on or off the map. time it is soothing for throat irri- to take, acts promptly. Sold by diem (that is the country press in

35 miles south of Sonora, was in home Wednesday on a short visit. that the "country press" is always town Thursday and reports having He has the horses for sale at San behind the countrys development.

ey left Brady 'clock and a 4. This

Brady phoneman in presentatives.

ving to go get to S Old Folks Service.

The Junior League was organiz On the second Sunday in Feb. ed Sunday Dec. 20 h, 1908, with if nothing prevents, we will have

A great text; a great subject: dated for the 20th. Isaiah 57: 15 - "For thus saith the high and lotty One that inhabiteth eternity, Whose name is holy. I I wish to thank my patrons and dwell in the high and holy place. with him also that is of a contrite ronage in the past and hope they and humble spirit to revive the firm of Martin & Wardlaw of Ecwill continue to do so during this spirit of the bumble and to revive nora, sold 500 Angora stock goats month while the dairy is in charge the heart of the contrite. Come to J. W. Pincham at \$2.75

in Luke 10; 29

The other services at the Methodist church for Sunday are Union 137 head of Durham stock cattle to Sunday school at 10 s.m. Junior League 3 p m.

Hours for preaching 11 a.m., and 7:15 p m.

C. T. Davis, Pastor.

Pay J. R. Grimland 83 and save

returned from a visit to relatives at Brady Saturday.

M.S. Middlemiss has commenced dependent School district, have painting the front of the E. F. engaged Miss Willie Crouch of Vander Stucken Co., store and

Crockett county and editor of the of the "City of Angels" bought The officers of the Woodness of week for his little daughter who 400 steers, coming threes and up In our notice last week of the the World installed on the night of had been on a visit to her aunt at \$25 and 200 cowe at \$15.

names of S, H. Stokes and J. D F. Halbert, Banker; J. A. Hager- of Ballinger, are in Sonora the says if we have a good spring he lund, Clerk; A.F. Bellows, Escert; guests of Judge and Mrs. L. J. will feel like getting married, Roy For health and happiness—De J.A. Ward Watchman; W.P.Roun- Wardlaw. Mrs. McCarney is a has a string of steers, from coming

Mrs. Arthur Stuart and children returned from Brady Saturday. Miss Lela Jackson, Mrs. Stuarts der Pills. They are for weak back, Syrup will cure the trouble at once sister accompanied them and will horses to Nacogdoches Wednesday

KELLEY-SHARP.

The friends of Miss Hoshell James Cornell went to San An- will receipt you for your road tax, Kelley and Henry V. Sharp were surprised to learn of their marriage at Eldorado on Friday Jan 8. Sam Nicks Jr., of Schleicher 1909, Judge J.A. Whitten officiating owner of the Hagelstein cattle and WINDMILL ERECTOR AND county, was in Sonora Wednesday The happy couple have gone to San Angelo and other points on a of town, has been having a time Judge L. J. Wardlaw left for St. visit. The News extends its best wishes and congratulations. The favor by notifying bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Kelley of the The temperature at the hottest J. W. Pincham who ranches 4 Owenville country, and the groem on Sunday in Sonora was 75 de miles south of Sonora was in town is a well-known young stockman of the Sonora Country.

resolution to order 5 daily papers Kodol digests all the food you for each member. Claude never Claude's district) but knowing that Lem Stokes who has been away on his wild animal bill, and knowthe country press is behind him knew it was not necessary to add Mrs. J. C. McDonald, owner of to the list the county papers, and what we always do. Sonora is, less it was the skull of a Mr. Scott, the Commercial Hotel, returned then the appropriations would not noted for that spirit of progress a carpenter from Greenville, who Saturday from a visit to her sister stand it, but the News believes three years ago while at work on Mrs. Otis Mitchell at Pecos. Mrs. that the country press will support year 1908, was just three point It's just the thing to fill the mug the ranch, disappeared. Search McDonald was accompanied byher the Wild Animal Bill even if each more than 22 inches. This -Indianapoli News, and enquiries were made for him daughter Estelle and son Arthur member of the Legislature dose lowest total in six years ttending school in Austin not get five copies of their choice, Sonora Country with the r Stuart and children. Daily papers will be so numerous tion of 1904 when the ra Bryson and children in Texas after the development 21 1 2 inches. ekson a sister of Mrs. resulting from the Wild Animal ved Saturday from Bounty Bill that there will be no apanied by G. W. need to buy papers for their Re-

Stock News.

Hides and furs bought by E. F Vander Stucken Co.

A. T. Stuart got home Tuesday Will practice in all the State Courts

We will buy your hides and furs DR. A. J. SMITH. E. F. Vander Stucken Co.

J J Ford is here to attend to his shearing of goats which he has

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T.J Stuart & Son of Sonora, sold John Schaeg of Brady at \$16 per

W.T.O. Holman of Sonera, sold 300 steers, coming threes and to. Sam Butler of San Angelo, at an average of \$30. One hundred of these steers will be put on feed for a finish and the others go to the Territory.

North & Hamilton bought the property on Main street occupied by them from T. L. Benson of Eli Dorado for \$1500. J.A. Cope Commission Co., made the deal.

which cattlemen may make appli- REPAIRING A SPECIALTY.

Sam Butler of San Angelo, re-Tom Nolen, county clerk of ported this week that Chas Broom Ozona Kicker, was in Sonora last from S.E. Couch of Crockettcounty JOHN SWINBURN

per, we accidentally omitted the tree, C.C; W. B. Hayes, A L; R Mrs. G.R. McCarney and family young ranchman of Sutton county, W. B, Smith the cattleman who parcels to suit buyers, He "feels ranches on the old Gillespie place it in his bones" that the prices for was in Sonora Monday, on busi- cattle will be better and would like to hold his stuff till just before the sign was in the feet. Roy was here this week.

H. Spruce shipped one car of morning -Contractor Joe Ford is for Mr. Spruce two miles west of town.-Marathon Eagle.

Hagelstein Cattle

W. A. Glasscock of Sonora is anyone knowing the whereabouts of any of these cattle will confer a

W. A. GLASSCOCK. 16tf Sonora, Texas.

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The survey for the Orient railroad is through Sonora on a seventeuth grade and Sonora is bound to get it-if we put up, and thats

The rain fall in Sonora for the

GOATMEN

ure Sunday night News the adviseabi raisers phoning That paper wi

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The Mystery The Yellow Room

By GASTON LEROUX

wore a flat Basque cap. He was dress-

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ed in a complete suit of chestnut colored velveteen, worn at the sides; sa- and other scientific implements. bots were on his feet. He had rather a waspish looking face, the expression or glass fronted, through which were the wall. There were other traces of The reporter then reappeared. His as he saw M. Darzac.

"Friends," said our guide. "Nobody in the pavilion, Daddy Jacques?". "I ought not to allow anybody to en-

ter, M. Robert, but of course the order does not apply to you. These gentlemen of justice have seen everything ports"-

"Excuse me, M. Jacques, one question before anything else," said Rouletabille

"What is it, young man? If I can answer it"-

"Did your mistress wear her hair in bands that evening? You know what I mean—over her forehead?"

'No, young man. My mistress never wore her hair in the way you suggest, neither on that day nor on any other. She had her hair drawn up as usual so that her beautiful forehead could be seen, pure as that of an unborn child!"

Rouletabille grunted and set to work examining the door, finding that it fastened itself automatically. He satisopen and needed a key to open it. Then we entered the vestibule, a small, well lit room paved with square red

tabille.

sure to have seen him. We are not small chimneys. account of my revolver?"

am quite sure that the murderer did second window be found Daddy the bolt, satisfying himself that the tened to something which we could turned home late on the night previnot get out that way."

"Are there any blood stains?" "Yes—on the stones outside—but "what are you looking at?" blood of what?" "That policeman who is

ground was very moist. I will look see better than anybody else!" into that presently."

"Nonsense!" said Daddy Jacques.

"Which way did he ge, then?" "How do I know?"

smelled everything. He went down on deep sigh. his knees and rapidly examined every one of the paving tiles. Daddy Jacques

"Ah, you can't find anything, monsieur. Nothing has been found. And now it is all dirty. Too many persons have tramped over it. They wouldn't let me wash it, but on the day of the crime I had washed the floor thoroughly, and if the murderer had cross ed it with his hobnailed boots I should not have failed to see where he had dy Jacques was about to open the been. He has left marks enough in blinds when Rouletabille stopped him. pent, he slipped under the bed. Presmademoiselle's chamber."

Rouletabille rose.

"When was the last time you washed Daddy Jacques a most searching look. trate came and saw all the marks | night." they had been made with ink on white light stand-far from the bed?" Well, neither in the laboratory nor in the westibule, which were both as clean as a new pin, were there any they have been found near this win- was upset. All the rest of the things mediately carried it into the labora- rassed. dow outside, he must have made his way through the ceiling of the yellow room into the attle. then cut his way through the roof and dropped to the ground outside the vesitibule window. ing of the yellow room now in the roof two windows and the door of the vessmall and scantlly furnished, and all succeeding. "How do you know that of my attic; that's absolutely certain. tibule. When we were in complete was locked behind in the pavilion." So, you see, we know nothing—nothing. And nothing will ever be known! Daddy Jacques to move to the middle

Rouletabille went down upon his that night. kness again almost in front of a smill lavatory at the back of the vestibule In the position he remained for about

very important. A dre replied, turning towa

to spoke. borate tiby

shattered and out of commission. My friend, who went about his work extent of country.

ter under the action of solar light- that these drops of blood had fallen and his registrar from studying the

of which lightened, however, as soon visible microscopes, special photo- the same hand on the wall, but much eyes were sparkling and his nostrils graphic apparatus and a large quanti- less distinct. tv of crystals.

nor the gar-its brightness."

Twice since the morning these same lock." meaningless words had struck me, and produced on the Sorbonne professor either on the lock or on the bolt." the same paralyzing effect. M. Darnothing. Then, tremblingly opening being wounded." fied himself that it could never remain his pocketbook, he put the piece of paper into it, sighing, "My God!"

mounted into the opening of the fire we burst open the door." grate—that is to say, he had got upon "Ah, this is the window by which the bricks of a furnace—and was attentively examining the chimney."

What a queer hand it is." I said.

"It is a very natural hand," said "Now I am at ease!"

"Well do you believe that is to say, he had a queer hand it is." I said.

"It is a very natural hand," said "Well do you believe that is to say, he had a queer hand it is." I said. the murderer escaped!" said Roule- tentively examining the chimney. "So they keep on saying, monsieur; the outlet from it being closed with been deformed by its having slipped dear young lady was shut up when so they keep on saying. But if he had sheets of iron fastened into the brick on the wall. The man dried his hand she was being murdered—when she selle, without too much fatiguing

blind, neither M. Stangerson nor I nor | "Impossible to get out that way." he the concierges who are in prison. Why said, jumping back into the laboratory. have they not put me in prison, too, on "Besides, even if he had tried to do it, wall." he would have brought all that iron-

window and was examining the shut- not on that side we have to search." Rouletabille next examined the fur-"Were these closed at the time of the niture and opened the doors of the from above, and consequently not ten! Do you hear it? Hush!" cabinets. Then he came to the win-"And fastened with the iron catch dows, through which, he declared, no Populate William and the wininside," said Daddy Jacques, "and I one could possibly have passed. At the and carefully examined the lock and ward the wall nearest the forest, listocraft was also ward the wall nearest the forest, listocraft was also ward the wall nearest the forest, listocraft was also ward the wall nearest the forest, listocraft was also ward the wall nearest the forest, listocraft was also ward the wall nearest the forest, listocraft was also Jacques in contemplation.

"Well, Daddy Jacques," be said,

"That policeman who is always go-"Ah," said Rouletabille, "there are ing round and round the lake. Another

"You don't know Frederic Larsan, Daddy Jacques, or you wouldn't speak "The murderer did not go that way." of him in that way." said Rouletabille in a melancholy tone. "If there is any one who will find the murderer it will Rouletabille looked at everything, be he." And Rouletabille heaved a

CHAPTER VII.

In Which Rouletabille Sets Out on an Expedition Under the Bed.

OULETABILLE, having pushed open the door of the yellow not have her hair in bands that evenroom, paused on the threshold. The chamber was dark. Dad-"Did not the tragedy take place in ently we heard him ask:

complete darkness?" he asked. "No, young man; I don't think so. these tiles?" he asked, and he fixed on | Mademoiselle always had a night light | laboratory?" on her table, and I lit it every even-"Why-as I told you-on the day of ing before she went to bed. I was a the crime, toward half past 5-while sort of chambermaid, you must un ademoiselle and her father were tak- derstand, when the evening came. The g a little walk before dinner here in real chambermaid did not come here room. They dined in the labora- much before the morning. Made-

kere on the floor as plainly as if | "Where did the table with the night "Some way from the bed."

"Can you light the burner now?" "The lamp is broken and the oil that

"Wait." Rouletabille went back into the lab-

in the vestibule-entered the yellow weight, especially if the concierge taking out a pair of seissors. minue.

When he got vage with his bit of a vesta. We were an accomplice. I throw out this over the footprints. Placing the particle with t all near to the bed.

will do. You may now open in carrying mademoiselle on the mat- and, pointing to the figure of s." said Rouletabille.

come any farther," Daddy for a moment there might have been side of the lake, asked Dad your boots, and nothing escape."

thed open the shutter "I don't know, but anything appears ht entered from with- possible. sinister light on the walls. The floor-for same idea, monsieur," said Daddy tory and the vesti- Jacques, "and he carefully examined ellow room had a the mattress. He was oblined t

It Will

single yellow mat which was large is doing now, for whoever heard of My friend, who went about his work enough to cover nearly the whole a mattress having a double bottom?" methodically, silently studied the room, under the bed and under the My friend alone seemed able to talk in which we were. It was large and dressing table, the only piece of furni- intelligently. He called out from unwell lighted. Two big windows-al- ture that remained upright. The cen- der the bed: most bays-were protected by strong ter round table, the night table and "The mat here has been moved out iron bars and looked out upon a wide two chairs had been overturned. These of place. Who did it?" did not prevent a large stain of blood "We did, monsieur," explained Dad-

The whole of one side of the labora- being visible on the mat, made, as dy Jacques. "When we could not find for example." tory was taken up with a large chim- Daddy Jacques informed us, by the the assassin we asked ourselves ney, crucibles, ovens and such imple- blood which had flowed from the whether there was not some hole in ments as are needed for chemical ex- wound on Mile. Stangerson's forehead. the floor." periments; tables loaded with vials, Besides these stains drops of blood "There is not," replied Rouletabille. papers, reports, an electrical machine had fallen in all directions, in line "Is there a cellar?" an apparatus, as M. Darzac informed with the visible traces of the foot- "No, there's no cellar. But that has me, employed by Professor Stangerson steps, large and black, of the murder- not stopped our searching and has not to demonstrate the dissociation of mat- er. Everything led to the presumption prevented the examining magistrate

Rouletabille, who was ferreting in could not help exclaiming. "The man the four corners of the room, so to consumed paper in his hand. He step- That's why he pressed on it so hard, thing that we could not see, which out of the pavilion: there is to be seen and made enough drawn up enough re.

That's why he present of it so hate, the magistrate, y believing on the yellow paper the terrimust have been infinite.

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'We must know," said my friend.

"We must know," said my friend.

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"We must know," said my friend.

"What does that prove?" I rejoined,

which grew narrower toward the top. Rouletabille, "of which the shape has gone off that way we should have been work, through which passed three on the wall. He must be a man about cried out for help?" wailed Daddy yourself, to give some necessary defive feet eight in height."

"How do you come at that?"

My friend next occupied himself

wall. It was a round hole.

door had certainly been burst open not hear. from the outside, and, further, that the key had been found in the lock on "I must kill it. It is too wicked, but republic in honor of the Academy of details, he let fall these words, "That's | them." better!" Then, sitting down on the ground, he hastily took off his boots and in his socks went into the room.

We watched him in silence.

self a great deal of trouble," said Daddy Jacques ironically.

"You have spoken the simple truth, Daddy Jacques. Your mistress did

ing. I was a donkey to have believed she did." Then, with the suppleness of a ser-

"At what time, M. Jacques, did M. and Mile. Stangerson arrive at the

"At 6 o'clock." The voice of Rouletabille continued: "Yes, he's been under here, that's certain. In fact, there was nowhere else where he could have hidden him- Jacques." self. Here, too, are the marks of his

of you, did you look under the bed?" "At once. We drew it right out of its place."

"And between the mattresses?" "There was only one on the bed, and to him gravely. on that mademoiselle was placed, and body. Remember, monsieur, that there are wearing now."

I ventured on a hypothesis: It's a mystery of the devil's own mak- of the chamber with it to the place tress—in the mattress! Anything is with red stripes it would not have where the night light was burning possible in the face of such a mystery. been found at all." m of a looking glass hanging on nor the vestibule bears any traces of me, begging me not to lose it. the footmarks found in the room. If He then returned to the window

> egged. "You may make an opportunity for the man in it to whether the detective h anged. It's an idea of the | "And then?" asked Rouletabille, de though he has nothing liberately laughing under the bed. I felt rather vexed and replied:

> > "The examining magistrate had the

and, as I immediately saw, partially flooring of wood-was covered with a at the idea, monsieur, as your friend

from the wound of the man who had floor plank by plank, as if there had

quivered. He remained on his hands "See-see this blood on the wall!" I and knees. Thus he made his way to

"Presbytery - lost nothing - charm, imprint on the wall the touch sought and hands along the walls, constructed teau a gendarme placed in the vestithe door, found it and then felt for the of solid brickwork. When he had bule denied us admission up the stairfinished with the walls and passed his case of the first floor. We were obliged "No doubt," interrupted Rouletabille, agile fingers over every portion of the to wait downstairs. for the second time I saw that they chuckling, "only there is no blood yellow paper covering them he reached This is what passed in the chamber to the ceiling, which he was able to of the victim while we were waiting touch by mounting on a chair placed below. zac's first anxiety showed itself when with a good sense of which I was on the toilet table, and by moving he turned his eyes in the direction of proud. "He might have opened the this ingeniously constructed stage Stangerson was much better, but fear-Daddy Jacques. But, occupied as he lock with his left hand, which would from place to place he examined ev- ing a relapse which would no longer was at another window, he had seen have been quite natural, his right hand ery foot of it. When he had finished permit of her being questioned, had his scrutiny of the ceiling, where he thought it his duty to inform the ex-"He didn't open it at all," Daddy carefully examined the hole made by amining magistrate of this, who de-Jacques again exclaimed. "We are not the second bullet, he approached the cided to proceed immediately with a During this time Rouletabille had foois, and there were four of us when window and once more examined the brief examination. At this examinairon bars and blinds, all of which tion the registrar, M. Stangerson and "What a queer hand! Look what a were solid and intact. At last he gave the doctor were present. Later I oba grunt of satisfaction and declared, tained the text of the report of the ex-

"Well, do you believe that the poor legal dryness: Jacques.

"Yes," said the young reporter, dry-"By the height of the marks on the ing his forehead; "the yellow room was as tightly shut as an iron safe." "The Bete du Bon Dieu," muttered Rouletabille had already opened the work down to the ground. No. no; it is with the mark of the bullet in the Daddy Jacques—"the Bete du Bon Dieu unusual there. herself, if she had committed the "This ball was fired straight, not crime, could not have escaped. Lis-

Daddy Jacques made us a sign to Rouletabilie went back to the door keep quiet and, stretching his arm to-

the inside of the chamber. He finally it's the Bete du Bon Dieu, and every Science of Philadelphia. When I left satisfied himself that with the key in night it goes to pray on the tomb of my chamber at half past 10 my father footmarks visible on the path! The of those fellows who think they can the lock the door could not possibly St. Genevieve, and nobody dares to was already at work in the laboratory. be opened from without with another | touch her for fear that Mother An- | We worked together till midday. We key. Having made sure of all these genoux should east an evil spell on then took half an hour's walk in the

"Nearly as big as a small retriever— After breakfast we took another walk a monster, I tell you. Ah, I have asked for half an hour and then returned to The first thing he did was to examine interesting the interest that took our poor made the laboratory. There we found my chambermaid, who had come to set my moiselle by the throat with her claws. room in order. I went into the yel-"Young feilow, you are giving your- But the Bete du Bon Dieu does not low room to give her some slight or- have been avoided. wear hobnailed boots, nor fire revolvers, nor has she a hand like that!" ex- the pavilion, and I resumed my work Rouletabille raised his head and claimed Daddy Jacques, again point- with my father. At 5 o'clock we again ing out to us the red mark on the wall. went for a walk in the park and after-"Besides, we should have seen her as | ward had tea. well as we would have seen a man."

myself whether the cat of Mother Angenoux"-

"You also!" cried Rouletabille.

"Didn't you?" I asked. "Not for a moment. After reading the article in the Matin I knew that under the bed. When you went out a cat had nothing to do with the matter. But I swear now that a frightful tragedy has been enacted here. You say nothing about the Basque cap or the handkerchief found here, Daddy and you? A. About an hour.

"Of course the magistrate has taken The next day the examining moiselle worked late-far into the hobnails. When you entered, all four them," the old man answered hesitatingly.

"I haven't seen either the handkerchief or the cap, yet I can tell you how they are made," the reporter said

"Oh, you are very clever," said Dadtraces of a man's footmarks. Since was in it was spilled when the table M. Stangerson and the concierge im- dy Jacques, coughing and embar-

could not conceal anything or any- an old Basque cap, like the one you

were four of us, and we couldn't fail "You are a wizard!" said Daddy But there's no hole, neither in the ceil- oratory, closed the shutters of the to see everything, the chamber is so Jacques, trying to laugh and not quite the handkerchief is blue with red stripes?"

"Perhaps he got away with the mat- "Because if it had not been blue

In their distress of mind M. Stanger- Without giving any further atten-Daddy Jacques, who was in his son and the concierge may not have tion to Daddy Jacques my friend took stockings-he usually left his sabots noticed they were bearing a double a piece of paper from his pocket and, own on the floor, a bed in one cor- explains many things and particularly cut. In a short time he had made a thing else on that account. er and in front of us to the left the the fact that neither the laboratory perfect pattern, which he handed to

> tress from the laboratory they rested eric Larsan, who had not qui self, been working in the

"No," replied Robert since Rouletabille had h piece of scorched pape tered a word. "He pre ot need to exan roor He says that ; escape from i and that he v w he did it.

discovered many things." "Moral or material?" I asked. "Several moral, one material. This,

And rapidly he drew from his waistcoat pocket a piece of paper in which | "Q. Did Daddy Jacques enter the Rouletabille thoughtfully. he had placed a light colored hair from 'yellow room in the course of the evena woman's head.

CHAPTER VIII.

The Examining Magistrate Questions Mile. Stangerson.

WO minutes later, as Rouletabille was bending over the foot- have no doubt of that. prints discovered in the park,

"Keep that for us, M. Darzac," he many hands in the world of that sort, standing on four legs. There was M. Darzac uttered a muttered ex-It is big and strong, and the fingers nothing about it by which it could cuse to us and set off running toward

tinued, "we see that after leaving its Rouletabille literally passed his nose drew me with him. But at the cha-

amination, and I give it here in all its

"Question. Are you able, mademoitails of the frightful attack of which you have been the victim? Answer. I feel much better, monsieur, and I will tell you all I know. When I entered my chamber I did not notice anything

"Q. What did you do on that day? I want you to be as minute and precise as possible. I wish to know all you did that day if it is not asking too much of you. A. I rose late, at 10 ously, having been to dinner at the re park, as we were accustomed to do. "How big is the Bete du Bon Dieu?" | before breakfasting at the chateau. directly afterward left

"Q. Before leaving the pavilion at a "Evidently," I said. "Before we had o'clock did you go into your chamber? seen this yellow room I had also asked | A. No, monsieur. My father went into it, at my request, to bring me my hat. "Q. And he found nothing suspicious

there. A. Evidently no, monsieur. "Q. It is, then, almost certain that the murderer was not yet concealed was the door of the room locked? A. No; there was no reason for locking it "Q. You were absent from the pavil-

ion some length of time, M. Stangerson "Q. It was during that hour, no doubt, that the murderer got into the pavilion. But how? Nobody knows. Footmarks have been found in the park leading away from the window of the vestibule, but none has been found going toward it. Did you notice whether the vestibule window was open when you went out? A. I don't

emember. "M. Stangerson-It was closed.

"Q. And when you returned? "Mlle. Stangerson -I did not notice. "M. Stangerson-It was still closed. remember remarking aloud. 'Daddy Jacques must surely have opened it while we were away.'

"Q. Strange! Do you recollect, M. Stangerson, if during your absence and before going out he had opened it? You returned to the laboratory at 6 clock and resumed work?

"Mlle. Stangerson-Yes, monsieur. "Q. And you did not leave the laboratory from that hour up to the moment when you entered your chamber? "M. Stangerson-Neither my daugher nor i monsieur. We were engag-

"Q. Did you dine in the laboratory? A. For that reason. "Q. Are you accustomed to dine in the laboratory? A. We rarely dine docility still surprised m

there. Q. Could the murderer have known reproduce almost text;

> ngerson—Good heavens! I ing employ It was only when we re- young friend rilion at 6 o'clock that | refuse him a

murmured. "He is very clever-very oratory. He left me to execute the clever-and I admire him. Yet I have errand, and I rejoined my daughter, come to know it.

who was already at work. you go to your chamber while your, the problem much."

ing? A. To shut the blinds and light the night light.

"Q. He saw nothing suspicious? A. He would have told us if he had seen. Daddy Jacques is an honest man and greatly attached to me.

"Q. You affirm, M. Stangerson, that Daddy Jacques remained with you all the time you were in the laboratory? "M. Stangerson-I am sure of it.

"Q. When you entered your chamunder the window of the vesti- ber, mademoiselle, you immediately the chimney, put his fingers into one who pressed his hand so heavily upon speak, sniffing and going around evof the crucibles. Suddenly he drew it in the darkness must certainly have erything—everything that we could chateau, came toward us rapidly and it? Was not that taking unusual prehimself up and held up a piece of half thought that he was pushing at a door. see, which was not much, and every-called out to M. Darzac, then coming cautions, knowing that your father and your servant were there? Were you in fear of something? A. My father would be returning to the chateau, and Daddy Jacques would be going to his bed. And, in fact, I did fear something.

Jacques' revolver without telling him villon, since no traces of his steps have you had done so? A. That is true. I been found on the soft ground. The did not wish to alarm anybody, the man didn't have wings; he walked, proved to have been foolish.

ter' for the academy. I did not wish | tered the vestibule.' that that important work, which was to have been finished in the course of change in our daily habit. You can

of my night table. have? A. None.

to cause surprise?

I had been uneasy for two nights,

being very tired, I at once went to fetch his daughter's hat."

"Q. The night light was still burn- bille.

awoke and uttered a loud cry.

"M. Stangerson-Yes, a horrible cry, 'Murder.' It still rings in my ears.

was able to reach the drawer of my growing at that spot." my head a sort of mace. But I had "I'll explain all to you later on, monfired. He immediately struck a terri- sieur, when I think the moment to be ble blow at my head. All that, mon- ripe for doing so. But I don't think sieur, passed more rapidly than I can I have anything of more importance

tell it, and I know nothing more. "Q. Nothing? Have you no idea as is justified."

when one is unconscious. "Q. Was the man you saw tall or pothesis."

"Q. You cannot give us any indica- the murderer is. But don't be afraid, tion? A. I know nothing more, mon- M. Robert Darzac. I shall know." sieur, than that a man threw himself | I could not but observe that M. Dar-

know nothing more." gerson concluded.

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Rouletabille waited patiently for M. ed, was he helping the reporter to find Robert Darzac, who soon appeared. From a room near the chamb of have received the same impression, Mile. Stangerson he had heard terrogatory and now came to it to my friend with great e aided by an excellent mer

The iks my o

alle to son' to hasty pencil notes, b Could the murderer have known reproduct the answers tions and the answers to would dine there that evenhe ques- ar

etary of and I, to dine | under a comp The fact of t

As he listened to what M. Darzac cided to thin. I put this off until the and he had it repeated to him three had to say Rouletabille turned pale. , next day and begged him as he was | times. He also wanted to be sure that "Has Frederic Larsan found out the going by the chateau to tell the stew- the forest keeper knew that the protruth, which I can only guess at?" he ard that we should ding in the lab- fessor and his daughter were going to

When M. Darzac had finished I said. "Q. At what hour, mademoiselle, did "The examination has not advanced

father continued to work there? A. At "It has put it back," said M. Darzac. midnight "It has thrown light upon it," said

CHAPTER IX.

Reporter and Detective.

OULETABILLE, Darzac and I went back toward the pavilion. At some distance from the building the reporter made us stop and pointing to a small clump of trees to the right of us, said:

"That's where the murderer came from to get into the pavilion.

As there were other patches of trees of the same sort between the great oaks, I asked why the murderer had chosen that one rather than any of the others. Rouletabille answered me by pointing to the path which ran quite close to the thicket to the door of the

"That path is, as you see, topped "Q. You were so much in fear of with gravel," he said. "The man must something that you borrowed Daddy have passed along it going to the pamore because my fears might have but he walked on the gravel, which left no impression of his tread. The "Q. What was it you feared? A. I hardly know how to tell you. For several nights I seemed to hear, both in the park and out of the park." in the park and out of the park, and the chateau. As to the thicket, around the pavilion, unusual sounds, made of the sort of shrubs that don't sometimes footsteps, at other times flourish in the rough season—laurels the cracking of branches. The night before the attack on me, when I did a sufficient hiding place until it was not get to bed before 3 o'clock in the time for him to make his way to the morning, on our return from the Ely-pavilion. It was while hiding in that see I stood for a moment refore my clump of trees that he saw M. and window, and I felt sure I saw shad-Mile. Stangerson and then Daddy Jacques leave the pavilion. Gravel "Q. How many? A. Two. They has been spread nearly, very nearly, moved round the lake. Then the moon up to the windows of the pavilion. The became clouded, and I lost sight of footprints of a man parallel with the them. At this time of the season every wall, marks which we will examine year I have generally returned to my presently and which I have already apartment in the chateau for the win- seen, prove that he only needed to ter, but this year I said to myself that | make one stride to find himself in I would not quit the pavilion before front of the vestibule window, left. my father had finished the resume of open by Daddy Jacques. The man his works on the 'Dissociation of Mat-drew himself up by his hards and en-

"After all, it is very possible," I said. "If I did not reason as I do in rea few days, should be delayed by a gard to this gravel," Rouletabille went change in our daily habit. You can on, "I should have to assume a balwell understand that I did not wish to loon. So don't say a thing is possiblespeak of my childish fears to my fa- when it could not be otherwise. Wether, nor did I say anything to Daddy know now how the man entered by Jacques, who, I knew, would not have the window, and we also know the been able to hold his tongue. Know- moment at which he entered-during ing that he had a revolver in his room, the 5 o'clock walk of the professor I took advantage of his absence and and his daughter. The fact of the borrowed it, placing it in the drawer presence of the chambermaid, who had come to clean up the yellow room, in "Q. You know of no enemies you the laboratory when M. Stangerson and his Aaughter returned from their "Q. You understand, mademoiselle, walk at half past 1 permits us to afthat these precautions are calculated firm that at half past 1 the murderer was not in the chamber under the bed "M. Stangerson Evidently, my child, such precaution for very surprising.

"A. No, because I have told you that

Darzac?"

was not in the chamber that the beautiles he was in collusion with the chambermaid. What do you say, M.

Darzac?" M. Darzac shook his head and said "M. Stangerson-You ought to have he was sure of the chambermaid's told me of that. This misfortune would fidelity and that she was a thorough-

"Q. The door of the yellow room "Besides," he added, "at 5 o'clock locked, did you go to bed? A. Yes, and, M. Stangerson went into the room to

"There is that also," said Rouletaing? A. Yes, but it gave a very feeble | "That the man entered by the window at the time you say, I admit," I "Q. Then, mademoiselle, tell us what said, "but why did he shut the winhappened. A. I do not know whether I dow? It was an act which would nechad been long asleep, but suddenly I essarily draw the attention of those who had left it open."

at once," replied the young reporter. "Q. You uttered a loud cry? A. A "But if he did shut the window it was man was in my chamber. He sprang | because of the bend in the gravel path at me and tried to strangle me. I a dozen yards from the pavilion and was nearly stifled when suddenly I on account of the three oaks that are

"It may be the window was not shut.

night table and grasp the revolver "What do you mean by that?" asked which I had placed in it. At that mo- M. Darzac, who had followed us and ment the man had forced me to the listened with almost breathless attenfoot of my bed and brandished over tion to all that Rouletabille had said.

to say on this affair if my hypothesis to the assassin could escape from your chamber? A. None whatever. I "And what is your hypothesis?"
"You will never know if it does not know nothing more. One does not turn out to be the truth. It is of much know what is passing around one too grave a nature to speak of it so

long as it continues to be only a hyshort, little or big? A. I saw only a | "Have you at least some idea as to shadow which appeared to me formid- who the murderer is?"

"No, monsieur, I don't know who upon me and that I fired at him. I zac was deeply moved, and I suspected that Rouletabille's confident asser-Here the interrogation of Mile. Stan- tion was not pleasing to him. Why, I asked myself, if he was really afraid that the murderer should be discover-

> in- for he said bluntly: "M. Darzac, don't you want me tofind out who the murderer was?" "Oh, I should like to kill him with

him? My young friend seemed to

and?" cried Mlle. Stangerwith a vehemence that. ' said Rouletabille

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