My excitement communicated itself to the

enough to sit still and feebly abuse him. At the end of an hour we were all feeling very much better. At the end of an hour and a half we were glad he had not re-turned when he ought to have, and were

inly curious as to what had become of him. In the evening, strolling through the village, we saw him sitting by the open door of his mother's cottage, with a shawi wrapped round him. He was looking worn and ill.
"Why, Jimmy," I said, "what's the matter?
Why didn't you come back this morning?" "I couldn't, sir," Jimmy answered. "I was

Do queer. Mother made me go to bed. You seemed all right in the morning," I

Baid, "what's made you queer?" What Mr. Jones gave me, sir; it upset

me awful.

A light broke in upon me.
"What did you say, Jimmy, when you got
to Mr. Jones' shop?" I asked. "I told 'im what you said, sir, that 'e was to give me something to counteract the life. effects of vegetable poisoning. And that it was to be very strong and enough for four.?"
"And what did he say?"

"E said that was only your nonsense, sir, and that I'd better have enough for one to begin with; and then he asked me if I'd been eating green apples again."

"And you told him?" "Yees, sir, I teld 'im I'd 'ad a few, and 'e said it served me right, an that 'e 'oped it would be a warning to me. And then 'e put something fizzy in a glass and told me to

"And you drank it?"
"Yees, sir."

"It never occurred to you, Jimmy, that there was nothing the matter with youthat you were never feeling better in your tife, and that you did not require any medi-

"Did one single scintilla of thought of any kind occur to you in connection with the matter, Jimmy, from beginning to end?"

People who never met Jimmy disbelieve this story. They argue that its premises are in discord with the known laws governing human nature, that its details do not square with the average of probability. ople who have seen and conversed with Jimmy accept it with simple faith.

There are many other anecdotes concerning Jimmy that I could relate, but the fear lest they might not be believed debars me. The advent of Jepson-which I trust the reader has not entirely forgotten, it was, he may remember, this episode that started me talking about Jimmy-cheered us up considerably. Jepson was always at his best when other things were at their worst. It was not that he struggled in Mark Tapley fashion to appear most cheerful when most depressed; it was that petty misfortunes and mishaps genuinely amused and inspired him. Most of us can recall our unpleasant experiences with amused affection; Jepson possessed the robuster philosophy that enabled him to enjoy his during their actual progress. He arrived drenched to the skin, chuckling hugely at the idea of having come down on a visit to a househoat in such

Under his warming influence the hard lines on our faces thawed, and by supper time we were, as all Englishmen and women who wish to enjoy life should be, independ-

ent of the weather.

Later on, as if disheartened by our inchairs out on the deck, and sat watching the lightning, which still played incesantly. Then, not unnaturally, the talk drifted into a sombre channel, and we began recounting stories dealing with the gloomy and mysterious side of life.

Some of these were worth remembering, and some were not. The one that left the strongest impression on my mind was a tale that Jepson told us.

I had just been relating a somewhat curious experience of my own. I met a man in the Strand one day that I knew very well, as I thought, though I had not seen him for years. We walked together to Charing Cross, and there we shook hands and parted. Next morning I spoke of this meeting to a mutual friend, and then I learnt, for the first time, that the man had died six months before.

The natural inference was that I had mistaken one man for another, an error that, not having a good memory for faces, I frequently fall into. What was remarkable about the matter, however, was that throughout our walk I had conversed with the man under the impression that he was that other dead man, and, whether by coincidence, his replies had never once suggested to me my mistake.

As soon as I finished speaking, Jepson, who had been listening very thoughtfully, asked me if I believed in spiritualism "to its fullest extent."

"That is rather a large question," I antwered. "What do you mean by spiritualism to its fullest extent?"
"Well, do you believe that the spirits of

the dead have not only the power of revisiting this earth at their will, but that, when here, they have the power of action, or, rather, of exciting to action? Let me put a definite case. A spiritualist friend of mine, a sensible and by no means imaginative man, once told me that a table, through the medium of which the spirit of a friend had medium of which the spirit of a friend had been in the habit of communicating with him, came slowly across the room towards him of its own accord one night, as he sat alone, and pinioned him against the wall. Now,

can any of you believe that, or can't you?"
"I could," Brown took it upon himself to reply: "but before doing so, I should wish for an introduction to the friend who told you the story. "Speaking generally," he continued, "it seems to me that the difference between what we call the natural and the supernatural is merely the difference hetween frequency and rarity of occurence. Having regard to the phenomena we are compelled to admit, I think it illogical to disbelieve anything that we are not able to disprove.

For my part," remarked McShaugnassy. "I can believe in the ability of our spirit friends to give the quaint entertainments credited to them much easier than I can in their desire to do so.

"You mean," added Jepson, "that you cannot understand why a spirit, not compelled as we are by the exigencies of society, should care to spend its evenings carrying on a labored and childish conversation with a room full of abnormally uninteresting

"That is precisely what I cannot understand," McShaugnassy agreed. "Nor I, either," said Jepson. "But I was thinking of something very different alto-gether. Suppose a man died with the dear-est wish of his heart unfulfilled, do you believe that his spirit might have power to return to earth and complete the interrupted

"Well," answered McShaugnassy, "if one admits the possibility of spirits retaining any interest in the affairs of this world at all, it is certainly more reasonable to imagine them engaged upon such a task as you suggest than to believe that they occupy

and disappear in the direction of the villeading up to?"

Why to this," replied Jepson, seating himself across his chair and leaning his arms reappear. No one felt sufficiently energetic upon the back, "I was told a story this to go after him. We had only just strength morning at the hospital by an old French The actual facts are few and simple; all that is known can be read in the Paris police records of 42 years ago.
"The most important part of the case,

however, is the part that is not known, and that will never be known.

"The story begins with a great wrong done by one man unto another man. What the wrong was I do not knw. I am inclined to think, however, that it was connected with a woman. I think that because he who had been wronged hated him who had wronged with a hate such as does not often burn in a man's brain unless it be fanned by the memory of a woman's breath.

"Still that is only conjecture, and the point is immaterial. The man who had done the wrong fled and the other man followed him. It became a point to point race, the first man having the advantage of a day's start. The course was the whole world and the stakes were the first man's (To be Continued.)

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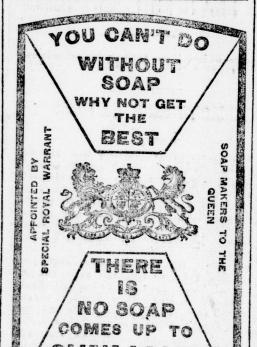
"I am most pleased to see you as Koko. but since I have nothing at the present time to say to the public through the public prints, I must refuse to meet the reporter.' Then he began to talk about the very subjects I had been detailed to interview him upon in such a manner as to rivet my attention. I had heard him many times in the House and had admired the brilliancy of his cratory, but never before had I found myself under the magic spell of his overpowering personality. He was frank, plausible, and apparently confidential. When he touched upon a particular subject, at that time exercising the public mind, his eyes became brilliant, his face flushed and his voice became particularly clear and musical. When I arose to depart he again shook hands and requested me to call upon him at Ottawa, but did not caution me not to publish the conversation just passed. I failed in my object. I did not secure an interview for my paper, but I gained a sincere respect for the man.

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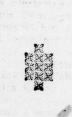
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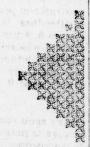
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