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OF THIS GENERATION

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The Grand Hotel at Zell-am-Zee cessary shade of lilac trees contem- friend, I suppose?"

so called, of Munich. Among these, and within sound of idle, and wearing with a becoming him with shrewd, calculating eyes, indifference a most trying head cover at the time fashionable and still kindly tolerant of their ignorance of known at Cambridge as a "beast" the world. hat. He was watching the approach of a country-woman-young, wholesome, sunburnt and energetic— who had just emerged from the door of

ent nose, suggesting the frequent use early Victorian, you know. ent nose, suggesting the requestion of soap and water. The countenance He sighed, and dusted the toe of of soap and water. The country qual- his narrow boot with his glove. ity, as nearly all countenances at the portant person?" asked Miss Britnothing less than the desire to be in- ten. stantly and persistently agreeable. species of hospitality which to the discredit of his its aim the bringing together of neighbor—the surest means to sucyoung people and for its end the cess." hope that some of these may elect to Passavant rose. remain together till death do them remain together till death do them the lady who travels with you. What

On the nearer approach of his country-woman Passavant stood up, rais--she belongs to that period." ed his hat, and drew forward an iron

who were duly scandalized at this progressing. "Yes—I have fallen in love, and the great and good jourhand, "do not grow wild in this part hand, "do not grow wild in the grown wandered, away beneath the library of Mr. Pass—Close, and the great and good jourhand, "and Passayant caugh."

And the conference was delayed—
"Yes—I have fallen in love, Britten." and Passayant caugh.

Britten." and Passayant caugh. of the world. But so long as you wandered away beneath the lilac avant and Miss Britten.

is a villa just above the spot where the British Isles. you-stole those flowers."

most things—except love, bien entended. The universal young person has du. The universal young person has du. The universal young person has discontinuous description of the day. She had obviously the side of the side of the side of the chair.

The next day Passavant's servant and Lord Burdon's confidential valet "All lies," comments Miss Britton with a skill worthy of a higher ob- name another noble lord as a suit- protect his ancient head from the others. with a Skill worthy of a light of the sick man—said heat of the day. Miss Britten walked "Jeux de mots, we call them," re- "No—this is a delicate matter." tinued, "a queer thing happened to

Passavant looked gravely at her. The modern knight errant is a young woman, and she seeks adventures, for the most part, in Continental hotels or on board the great steamers. Passavant thought that Miss Britten was too good for that sort of adven- BY E. LE BRETON-MARTIN. ture, and his face, being eminently guileless, did not express that thought.

"I was mistaken for some one else,," she said; "for Miss Burdon, the Ambassador's daughter."

book-stall man, when with great preyou mistaken for Miss Burdon?"

sion that you are Miss Burdon? 'Yes," answered Miss Britten.

looked grave again.

stractedly.

intelligent and therefore inquisitive. fixed on Zell-am-Zee."

"Well, yes. He made inquiries." plative Austrians sit at small tables "Hm—yes. A man with a mild would be better on Monday." and consume the deep-colored beer, gray eye and a beautiful crop of hair speaks English well?"

'Yes, that describes him." Passavant nodded his head with an are crossroads in a man's career concealed. ment at the beauty of the prospect, quently been accounted to him for wrong turning, and Passavant had accounted to enthe Hereafter.

"Do you know this Miss Burdon-

who is cleverer than her parents and

"She is my cousin." "Then Lord Burdon is your uncle." "Precisely, and my badge of res-The Englishman was startlingly pectability. He has made me— well the Englishman with thin soft hair carefully —what you see. Irreproachable. He brushed back from a bland forehead. sort of adopted me years ago, when I His face was narrow, with a promin-was a youth-in the mahogany age,

was expressive of one dominances are if ity, as nearly all countenances are if portant and such a very im-

"Next to myself he is at once the stantly and persistently agreement hope and despair of Europe. He Ladies given to the exercise of knows so much to the discredit of hie

"We are observed," he said, "by Augustus Passavaot. Algernon, it is her name—Smale, is it not? I hope Augustus Passavaot. Algernas, she is not a relation. She has been appeared, made things go. Solds to watching us from her bedroom winyoung girls thought him staped, dow for some time, and now, having did not always understand his humor. They thought that he lacked pinned her veil round her hat—ought mor. They thought that he had been she not to wear bonnets at her time hair, in fact, was too thin and too of life?—she is coming down to intershort. The more elderly sirens en-rupt. She thinks I am not respectshort. The more energy states and the probably because I wear patent gaged in the pursuit of eligible junior attaches kept an eye on Pass- leather shoes. Will you tell her I do avant as a sheep dog keeps an eye it in order to save the expense of reavant as a sneep dog mistaken warding the hotel boots? Tell her I upon the snepnerd. A low and have a real lord for an uncle, and uneventful years. He had improved on the surrounding mountains, and avant, with apparent heartlessness. mamas set little traps to han, the surrounding mountains, and the made himself invariably agreeable teach in the Sunday school attached upon his slight acquaintance with in order to lose nothing of their he made himself invalidation and sat next to her at beauty carried a pair of field glasses.

To the bait without being hooked.

To the British Embassy at Vienna. Miss Britten and sat next to her at beauty carried a pair of field glasses. to the bait without being noticed.

Tell her I am respectable, Miss Britten and sat next to her at beauty carried a pair of held glasses.

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Tell her I am respectable, Miss Britten and sat next to her at beauty carried a pair of held glasses whose slung across his shoulders with all forward again?' Passavant had seen two Vienna, ten. And if you will allow me to watchfulness over her neighbor's morthe dash of a city clerk at a suburbdors come to and go hour and a third-a suggest it, you might let the German als was frequently interrupted by a an race meeting. He was in the habwhere he held office. And the best gentleman continue to think that poignant anxiety respecting her own it of sitting for hours on the vine- you were afraid of nothing. power in Europe—in bed in the grand Hotel at Zell- you are Miss Burdon. It may be ambedroom of the Grand Hotel at Zell- you are Miss Burdon. It may be ambealth, was fortunately stung by a clad slopes above the village, look- you the key of your salon?

> name, and what are her tastes?" "she eats peaches all day." gravely asked Miss Britten, with her energe-

trees.

"It is to be a raffle," explained Passavant to Miss Britten in a mo"Tell them," said Passavant to "Ignotus," and "Paterfamilias," and evening and went to get it. What are look well, I would suggest that you "I am thirty-one," he went "It is to be a raffle," explained niere than usual. ment of expansion, "a sort of lucky Miss Britten one evening. "that Lord "True Briton" wrote to the Times, you going to do?" "No-but it was there.

The girl laughed. She was no long-bag; but Lord Burdon tied up the Burdon is better and will probably naming substitutes who were either She repeated the question rather gage as you may require, and—er—now. But I am deadly poor, Miss

Miss Britten laughed, and then ooked grave again.

"Is he so very ill?"

"Very," answered Passavant ab
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"But why is his health so import- displayed an astonishing amount of more especially those of Germany, in fact, after ten o'clock that Miss silently upstairs, and Miss Britten ing some obstruction in his throat ant?" inquired Miss Britten, who was brotherly love. A German newspatook due note of these facts. They Britten sought Passavant where he followed him. per, however, with singularity little reported that Lord Burdon, attended sat under the lilac trees smoking. "No one speaks of anything else—all tact, suddenly blurted out its opin- by his devoted daughter, the Honor- For a moment he looked surprised, Lord Burdon's private salon from his ten pass up stairs to her room. Europe seems to have its attention ion that Lord Burdon's illness was a able Alice Burdon, was now conva- then noted that her face was white. pocket and open the door of that It being Sunday, the beer garden ruse to gain time, and that England lescent at Zell-am-Zee. His lordship expected important dispatches by a had, however, been forbidden to athas, as many know, a garden border- has displayed this enormous interest certain steamer which could not tend to his official duties, and did lock on the door of communication was on the threshold of the room be- window a book which could only ed by the lake, where in the very ne
in Lord Burdon's life—your

friend I suppose?"

The many and the next," and the next," and fore the light leaped into life. She have been devotional, so stiff was her

"What is it?" he asked curtly.



FOR A MOMENT THERE WAS A DISTRESSED RAT-LIKE LOOK BEHIND THE GOLD EYEGLASSES.

bedroom of the Grand Total about using and don't let him get into wasp at this time, and retired to her ing down through his binoculars at She looked at him. The moonlight

There were, however, other ladies among the treetops.

think that it we only that the we only the the journalist sageast enough we rise above the law. There bly dividing a territory as large as over his soup spoon with such ardor longer be delayed, but must take keyhole to be deserted. You prob- Passavant bowed. that he split more potage-a-la-jardi- place on the following Monday, Lord ably never go in there at night.'

"He is only amusing himself with while a certain steamer pounded up asked."

du. The universal young person has the conference by the simple means took Lord Burdon out for a solemn one day. They had grown singularly said. blank with the current amusements of refusing to delay their sitting any promenade in the sun, with the hood familiar, as people do who possess in "But it is useless to run risks." in their due course, prosecuting them longer. They were so kind as to of the lined chair drawn over him to common some knowledge desired of said Miss Britten angrily. "Send the

"It has been drawn back." "And you did not dare to push it "No." confessed Miss Britten

"I am glad of that. I feared that Have

am-Zee, seemed at this time and receive a call to a higher court to receive a call to a higher court to receive a call to a higher court conversation with Miss Smale. Here own apartment. The wasp, it apto receive a call to a higher the comes. She is surprised and hurt pears, stung her on the nose while den. Passavant, from his window in his face to be as bland and pleasant cough. the bedroom adjoining Lord Burdon's as usual. She handed him the key. "It was certain to happen sooner private salon, looked up frequently - "If I may suggest that you go to ambulator. You cannot have seen rate," he added bluntly. "And I have "It was certain to happen soone; what is Miss Burdon's Christian or later," commented Passavant; and saw the German gentleman conname, and what are her tastes?" "she eats peaches all day." something that I have never cealed like that small man Zaccheus he said, as they walked toward the glasses from the hillside." house together "just to see how the

were not observed—

"I gathered them right up there," and swered Miss Britten with all the targetess confidence of her generation, the month of the rest and the generation of the rest a careless confidence of her generation, and cursing best and the little catch of breath, but also a pointing toward the mountains with Lord Burdon's illness was, in fact, gentleman, who was always endeaves the little catch of breath, but also a pointing toward the mountains with Lord Burdon's illness was, in fact, gentleman, who was always endeaves the little catch of breath, but also a pointing toward the mountains with Lord Burdon's illness was, in fact, gentleman, who was always endeaves the little catch of breath, but also a pointing toward the mountains with Lord Burdon's illness was, in fact, gentleman, who was always endeaves the little catch of breath, but also a pointing toward the mountains with little catch of breath, but also a pointing toward the mountains with little catch of breath, but also a pointing toward the mountains with little catch of breath, but also a pointing toward the mountains with little catch of breath, but also a pointing toward the mountains with little catch of breath, but also a pointing toward the mountains with little catch of breath, but also a pointing toward the mountains with little catch of breath, but also a pointing toward the mountains with little catch of breath, but also a pointing toward the mountains with little catch of breath, but also a pointing toward the mountains with little catch of breath, but also a pointing toward the mountains with little catch of breath, but also a pointing toward the mountains with little catch of breath little cat most ill timed. A conference of the oring to get speech with Miss Brit- tween times the slowness of the en- screwing the lock in order to effect travel, you understand." er parasol.

"As a nation we are inclined to Vienne for the world which had hitherto been summoned to meet ten and was invariably frustrated gines. Then it was decided by the his escape through the neighboring to get speech with lines of the speech with lines and was invariably frustrated gines. Then it was decided by the his escape through the neighboring to get speech with lines and was invariably frustrated gines. Then it was decided by the his escape through the neighboring to get speech with lines and was invariably frustrated gines. Then it was decided by the his escape through the neighboring to get speech with lines and was invariably frustrated gines. As a nation we are inclined to high at Vienna for the purpose of amica- just in time by Passavant, scowled Powers that the conference could no salon, which he can see through the journalist saccastically.

capability which is a characteristic of the day. She had obviously tried of the day. She had obviously tried of the moon servants see it." with a mildly speculative eve "Mine are the ways of peace,

with a deep scorn.

the week. The writer of the article pondence. Under these circumstances swered she unsteadily. However mod- saw a dark form vanish into the attitude. She was obviously conthought it likely that his lordship it was now certain that England ern, however energetic and practical room beyond-her own private salon, scious of putting to shame the whole would not be represented at the in- and scornful of mother and grand- where Passavant immediately fol- beer-drinking Austrian nation. Miss Passavant smiled as he read this ternational conference by her Ambasjournal, and then wrote out a bullesador to the court of Austria. And persons may be, they will still be She had time to think that he was quiring enterprise of her generation, tin which he posted to Vienna. There the joy of the journals was but ill hampered by a wholesome feminine brave, at all events, as she closed attended a Roman Catholic service in fear of something or other-of a the door behind her and stood with the little church near the lake. It was their sober exclamations of wonderair of abstraction which had frewhere it is woefully easy to take a lear of abstraction which had frewhere it is woefully easy to take a lear of abstraction which had frewhere it is woefully easy to take a lear of abstraction which had frewhere it is woefully easy to take a lear of abstraction which had frewhere it is woefully easy to take a lear of abstraction which had frewhere it is woefully easy to take a lear of abstraction which had frewhere it is woefully easy to take a lear of abstraction which had frewhere it is woefully easy to take a lear of abstraction which had frewhere it is woefully easy to take a lear of abstraction which had frewhere it is woefully easy to take a lear of abstraction which had acburglar, for instance, or a mouse, or lear of abstraction which had acburglar, for instance, or a mouse, or lear of abstraction which had acburglar, for instance, or a mouse, or lear of abstraction which had acburglar, for instance, or a mouse, or lear of abstraction which had acburglar, for instance, or a mouse, or lear of abstraction which had acburglar, for instance, or a mouse, or lear of abstraction which had acburglar, for instance, or a mouse, or lear of abstraction which had acburglar, for instance, or a mouse, or lear of abstraction which had acburglar, for instance, or a mouse, or lear of abstraction which had acburglar, for instance, or a mouse, or lear of abstraction which had acburglar, for instance, or a mouse, or lear of abstraction which had acburglar, for instance, or a mouse, or lear of abstraction which had acburglar, for instance, or a mouse, or lear of abstraction which had acburglar, for instance, or a mouse, or lear of abstraction which had acburglar, for instance, or a mouse, or lear of a mouse, or l liantly lighted room. His face fell After the table d'hote, which Miss when he saw the closed door with Li- Smale attended under visible com-

> "Ah." said the journalist. " Yes," answered Passavant. caught."

ing grav face.

along.

"There is no Miss Burdon in this

"Be careful," said Passavant sharp- moment. ly, and the other changed his mind. "However," the German said care- ing," he said. lessly, "Lord Burdon is ill in that room, so your purpose is frustrat-

"Pardon me. Lord Burdon is now traveling from Southampton to Vien- tunity of thanking you for your asna, where he will arrive on Monday sistance. We-we tricked Europe and morning, in time to attend the inter- that is not so easily done as one national conference."

his bath chair.' "Myself," explained Passavant suavely; "I am not strong." He paus- him, and was conscious of his steady

"And the conference was delayed

nals contradicted each other daily, "What are you going to do?" she "I only issued bulletins of His breath. Miss Britten liked him for Lordship's health on receipt of my it. She looked, over her book, across

take from your room such light lug- "and too old to change my mind The girl laughed. She was no long to the gage as you may require, and—er—now. But I am deadly possible, and had the air of the packages, so they want to keep his take the air in a batchair to-mort open and the packages, so they want to keep his take the air in a batchair to-mort open and the packages, so they want to keep his take the air in a batchair to-mort open and the packages, so they want to keep his take the air in a batchair to-mort open and the packages, so they want to keep his take the air in a batchair to-mort open and the packages, so they want to keep his take the air in a batchair to-mort open and the packages, so they want to keep his take the air in a batchair to-mort open and the packages, so they want to keep his take the air in a batchair to-mort open and the packages, so they want to keep his take the air in a batchair to-mort open and the packages, so they want to keep his take the air in a batchair to-mort open and the packages, so they want to keep his take the air in a batchair to-mort open and the packages, so they want to keep his take the air in a batchair to-mort open and the packages, so they want to keep his take the air in a batchair to-mort open and the packages, so they want to keep his take the air in a batchair to-mort open and the packages, so they want to keep his take the air in a batchair to-mort open and the packages, so they want to keep his take the air in a batchair to-mort open and the packages are the air in a batchair to-mort open and the packages are the air in a batchair to-mort open and the packages are the air in a batchair to-mort open and the packages are the air in a batchair to-mort open and the packages are the air in a batchair to-mort open and the packages are the air in a batchair to-mort open and the packages are the air in a batchair to-mort open and the packages are the air in the packages are the air in the packages are the air in the pack

and opened it. The German passed avant. out, and Passavant followed him. "By the way," he said, at the head

"shall we agree to forget this little

And Passavant laughed softly. | affair? After all, it was with both of us merely a matter of business. He held out his hand. The German "They call it journalism," explain- looked at it, and then took the this changed formal calls at Vienna and The newspapers of Europe, and threatened to turn to drama. It was, ed Passavant. He ran swiftly and fingers in his great grasp, swallows the while. They both turned at the She saw Passavant take the key of rustle of a dress and saw Miss Brit-

> mystic apartment. She heard the was fuller than usual the next day, the room the sound of hurrying feet warmer spots in Europe than Zellbeen so affable on every occasion non Augustus Passavant smoked came stumblingly out into the bril- gloomily cigarettes in the veranda.

lian Britten standing before it. He pulsion and with a protestant appeturned on his heel-another closed tite, the visitors sought the garden. door with Passavant in front of it. Passavant took a walking-stick, call-For a moment there was a distress- ed his dog, and set off rather ostened, rat-like look behind the gold eye- tatiously for a walk. He turned back, however, before he had been gone ten minutes, and rather neatly caught Miss Britten in her favorite chair under the lilac tree nearest to the lake. The man looked from one to the Night was just falling, and a full other and bit his lip. The cruel elec- moon sailing amid fleecy clouds cast tric light shone down on his twitch- a silver shaft across the lake to the very wall of the hotel garden. Pass-"But I will let you go," said avant brought a chair, picked up in Passavant, almost kindly, "because passing, and sat quietly down beside it suits my purpose. You have suit- Miss Britten, which set more than ed my purpose most excellently all one head to wag. Miss Britten had a book in her hand, but it was now "Ah, yes!" said the journalist, too dark to read. She, however, afwith a sickly smile. "You think ter a side glance at her companion, yourself very clever-you and Miss opened the volume and fixed her eyes upon the page.

"Miss Britten." hotel. There never has been," said "Yes," answered that young lady, without any encouragement in her The German shrugged his shoulders voice. If Passavant had made a jest and looked at Miss Britten, who had then-even a mild one-she would flushed suddenly. He was about to have hated him. But Passavant was say something and had a spiteful air. not inclined to be humorous at that

"I go to Vienna to-morrow morn-

"Oh!"

"At five-thirty."

"Indeed!" "And I am glad to have the oppor would imagine. This success may "But I saw him taking the air in make a difference to my unimportant

career. She was sitting a little in front of "And Miss Britten was kind was a ring of anxiety in his voice. enough to speak to me in my- per- "I was honest with you at any

suddenly opened up a new world to shut off and around which she had bicycled and ridden, and danced, and "Considering that these rifled draw- otherwise traveled vainly all her

and gave a queer little laugh which He went toward the door, from suddenly threw open the gates of which Miss Britten now stood aside, Eden for Algernon Augustus Pass-

of the stairs, with his sudden smile, (Copyright by the S. S. McClure Company.)

e Ambassador's daughter.

"Ah, I have twice been mistaken on the great gray clouds raced ben's plighted wife.

It was on the twenty-eighth of Augben's plighted wife.

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It was on the twenty-eighth of Augben's plighted wife. for some one else. Once it was for a sullenly across the sky; there seemed

within the memory of man. Even the on ye!" by a derinan general who had had been at the have followed me up the hill. I met have followed me up the hill. I met him when I turned back. He asked wet a period for the time of year in bound in the him when I turned back. He asked wet a period for the time of year in bound in the him when I turned back. He asked wet a period for the time of year in bound in the him when I turned back. He asked wet a period for the time of year in been drew in a long breath. He was he wept unrestrainedly. Then a shudder seemed to run through his frame.

As though Chaddle had not had prisoner, but made his way to the wery pale and there were dark circles der seemed to run through his frame. He raised his tear-stained counter-the wet a period for the time of year in bound in the counter were dark circles admit that they could not recall so the wept unrestrainedly. Then a shudder were dark circles admit that they could not recall so the wept unrestrainedly. Then a shudder were dark circles admit that they could not recall so the wept unrestrainedly. Then a shudder his way to the wept unrestrained to run through his frame. He raised his tear-stained counter-the were dark circles admit that they could not recall so the wept unrestrainedly. Then a shudder his way to the wept unrestrained to run through his frame. He was he wept unrestrainedly. Then a shudder had not had been dark circles admit that they could not recall so the wept unrestrained to run through his frame. He was he wept unrestrainedly. Then a shudder had not had been dark circles admit that they could not recall so the wept unrestrained to run through his frame. He was he wept unrestrainedly. Then a shudder had not had a drop of beer at the wept unrestrained to run through his frame. By a German gentleman who must graybeards of Lower Chaddle had to "I'm not!" protested 13-2n thickly. bed. me the way out; then asked me whethe past. Not that there was any me the way out; then asked me whether he was mistaken in supposing that I was Miss Burdon. I thought admission, seeing that all the brain
me the way out; then asked me whether he was mistaken in supposing that all the brainthere he was mistaken in supposing that all the brainthere has been the weather, then had been retained for Boulter sat. Simeon or severe mental strain. As a mattouched his forelock respectfully to the brainthere has been the weather, then had been retained for Boulter sat. Simeon or severe mental strain. As a mattouched his forelock respectfully to the brainthat I was Miss Burdon. I thought admission, seeing that all the brainthere has been the weather, then had been retained for Boulter sat. Simeon to the consolation to be derived from the announcement that I was Miss Burdon. I thought admission, seeing that all the brainthere has been the weather, then had been retained for Boulter sat. Simeon to the consolation to be derived from the announcement that I was Miss Burdon. I thought admission, seeing that all the brainthere has been the weather, then had been retained for Boulter sat. Simeon to the problem of the problem is the braintouched his forelock respectfully to the brainthere has been the weather, then had been retained for Boulter sat. Simeon or severe mental strain. As a mattouched his forelock respectfully to the brainthere has been the weather, then had been the weather, then had been the problem in the problem in the problem in the problem is the braintouched his forelock respectfully to the problem in the problem in the problem is the problem in the problem in the problem in the problem is the problem in the p I told him he was, but he seems to racking in the world could not alter if so be you are not too drunk to projected marriage between Bessie, the bench, and, to the amazement of lips for two days. I told him he was, but he seems to racking in the world could not after it so be you are not too drulk to projected marriage between beste, he were understand what I say. I've been his daughter, and Ben Boulter; then the fact that ruin stared more than understand what I say. I've been his daughter, and Ben Boulter; then world could not after it so be you are not too drulk to projected marriage between beste, everyone present, said in a clear the shop without cere-bave understand what I say. I've been his daughter, and Ben Boulter; then world could not after it so be you are not too drulk to projected marriage between beste, and Ben Boulter; then world could not after it so be you are not too drulk to projected marriage between beste, and Ben Boulter; then world could not after it so be you are not too drulk to projected marriage between beste, and Ben Boulter; then world could not after it so be you are not too drulk to projected marriage between beste, and Ben Boulter; then world could not after it so be you are not too drulk to projected marriage between beste, and Ben Boulter; then world could not after it so be you are not too drulk to projected marriage between beste, and Ben Boulter; then world could not after it so be you are not too drulk to projected marriage between beste, and Ben Boulter; then world could not after it so be you are not too drulk to projected marriage between beste, and a clear the shop without cere-based and the sould not after it so be you are not too drulk to projected marriage between beste, and the sould not after it so be you are not too drulk to projected marriage between beste, and the sould not after it so be you are not too drulk to projected marriage between beste, and the sould not after the shop without cere-based and the sould not after the shop without cere-based and the sould not after the shop without cere-based and the sould not after the shop without cere-based and the shop with the shop without cere-based and the shop without cere-based and the shop with the shop w

"Ah," he said, "and this German some, well-knit fellow, was Ben, the as he ought, then I'll give him what the thief? gentleman is still under the impres- bearer of a name that had been con- little I've saved for Bessie, and which The robbery, as I have said, took heard the proverbial pin drop. nected with Chaddle history for many is under my bed at whoam in the place on the twenty-eighth of Auga long year, and possessor of the box, so's he can tide over the lean ust. On the first of September, Ben

Without further pariety he muttered hoarsely: "Why did you lie, Mr. Pibox, so's he can tide over the lean ust. On the first of September, Ben

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Why, bless me!" he stuttered, "this per? Why did you say you'd found the form of sleet and spow. Valley Farm, which same property years. And now, instead o' settin' Boulter, hitherto apparently at his is most irregular. What d'ye want the money, when you knew I'd stolen the form of sleet and snow.

self. Miss Burdon was expected yes half-timbered inn that looked out on swills beer like a pig and shows as landed him in the Bankrutcy Court. the intense interest his speech arous thrust his hand into his capacious a half hours, and the shortest five seil. Miss burdon was expected yesterday, but did not come. She sent telegram to say that she was detelegram to say that she was detained at Vienna by the illness of her mother."

The intense interest his speech aroust the intense interest his speech aroust intense interest his sidepocket and produced a canvas bag, which he placed upon the countered in into his capacious at half hours, and the village green, tongues would be verified at line intense interest his sidepocket and produced a canvas bag, which he placed upon the countered have begun to clack finely and heads beasts. So go yer own way, Ben. You'll not marry Bessie. And that's head a half. At St. Petersburg the word in the intense interest his speech aroust intense interest his sidepocket and produced a canvas bag, which he placed upon the countered have begun to clack finely and heads beasts. So go yer own way, Ben. I found it in altogether another bag, which he placed upon the countered have begun to clack finely and heads beasts. So go yer own way, Ben. I found it in altogether another bag, which he placed upon the countered have begun to clack finely and heads beasts. So go yer own way, Be

********* livelihood. And the weather to Chad- shame that flooded his soul - shame wheeler to Blewsham, the nearest tamely as far as the general public news of your disgrace that laid her dle was as briefs to a barrister. that he knew well enough was right-county town, in the company of was concerned, and Blewsham was low on a bed of sickness. She begged The rain swept into Ben's face as ly earned.

much difference now. I'm done for, he? He would see about that. for any charitable thoughts.

It was Simeon Piper, the old sad-The rain drove relentlessly over the dler, who lived just outside the vil-

nett, I never ascertained which, while on which the farmers pin their trust I'd not believe it. Says I: Bo; Len bility of the thing being true.

Passavant's attention, which had been centred on a free-hand design been centred on a free-hand design executed in gravel with a walking execu

he turned his steps toward the road With an oath he pulled himself to- Blewsham police court was packed to share with Lower Chaddle. that led down the village homeward. gether and staggered onward. Si- on the moring of Ben's appearance A bitter laugh left his lips. "Rain meon's words vaguely stirring within before the local bench. The Mayor of on!" he muttered. "Can't make his mind. He had lost Bessie, had Blewsham himself, Joseph Clupping,

Farm.

mother."
Then you know the Ambassador?"
The persistent bad when conversing with a collage of in telligence burst over the village and set every tongue agallop the when the can. In the no

phlegmatic sergeant of police.

est colleague. "I don't see 'ow we're breathlessly:

face. The saddler never looked at the Ben drew in a long breath. He was he wept unrestrainedly. Then a shud-"Ye're a liar as well as a drunk- there has been the weather, then had town clerk and a solicitor who had of either a prolonged drinking bout ance, and Simeon's calm old eyes had a bad time o' late like the other rapidly down the hill in more ways withdraw this charge. There's been within the dim, dark old room sew-

was so intense that you might have The young farmer hesitated. Then ly constant rainfall. The same may

balked of the sensation it had hoped me to save you. I did, and now

the draper, was in the chair, sup- The doctor's trap was outside the drink is a bad friend to such as you. Rain on!" And he lurched morosely And it was in no enviable frame of ported by three or four pompous jus- saddler's house, and Dr. Finn himself You're going to promise me never to **** onward in a mood that left no room mind that he reached the Valley tices. Simeon Piper was not there, was drawing on his gloves at the touch another drop of alcoholic lia fact that seemed odd to more than door as Ben Boulter came to a halt quor in all your life, and then you're one. The Mayor turned to his near- in front of the dwelling to inquire goin' to promise, too, as you'll*mar-

"How is she, sir? How is she?" ust that something happened which he said audibly, "if the prosecutor It was the morning after the abor-pledge. If a man ain't got enough "Then it's true, Ben Boulter," the convulsed Power Chaddle from one himself is absent. Contempt of court, tive trial. Dr Finn looked curiously moral courage to keep his word wia touch of Autumn in the cold wind old man said steadfastly; "it's true end to the other—an event so rare, I call it; contempt of court," and he at the young farmer before he an-out puttin his hand to paper, he sence of mind I sold a penny news that moaned across the woods.

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What folks do be sayin' concernin' ye so unheard of, that for a little while assumed as fierce an expression as swered: "Round the corner, Ben; do this?" paper. The second time I was mist like the corner was capable round the corner she his mild, rubicund face was capable round the corner. She's had a good ain't worth troublin' about. Will you taken for Mr. Lincoln or Mr. Ben- And it was August, the month up- that ye've taken to evil ways o' late. night, and all she wants now is care- For a moment Ben stared dazedly nett, I never ascertained which, while on which the fall size wants now is care—and all sne wants now is care—and size wants now is care—and all sne wants now is care—and size wants now is care—and siz no matter how hard times may be containing nearly five hundred pounds and Simeon Piper, hat in hand, ap- but apparently thought better of it, he was a child—he put his head in ed. I took it as a compriment. They make excellent hats. By whom were Never had there been such a month Ye'redrunk, Ben; ye're drunk. Shane in notes and gold abstracted from peared. Ben drew in a deep breath, and, jumping into the trap, drove off his hands and burst out into a pasits hiding place under the old m'an's and a dull wave of color flooded his on the continuance of his round. sion of weeping. For a few moments

without further parley he muttered be said of the islands and mainland Passavant renected, with his light eyes fixed on a small girl half concealed behind a huge mug of beer.

"At Your boxes were marked of the Boult- of knucklin' down after the money, when you knew I'd broken into with a longest to withdraw it for?"

At Hamburg, Germany, the longest to withdraw it for?"

"Because," said Simeon very disjoint for months ago, had Chad- box from under your bed, when you knew I'd broken into withdraw it for?"

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you've got to hear me. Ben. You've got to turn over a new leaf. You ain't bad at heart I know that. But you got into bad ways. Ben, and the ry Bessie as soon as she's well enough. I don't believe in signin' no