# A Night-Watchman's Adventure.

BY CLARENCE F. BUILLER.

As a general rule, night-watchmen are the most sombre and uncommunicative of mon. What light there is in them is not of the sunshine, but of the aurora borealis. But we do snine, but of the aurora borealis. But we do not say this by way of disparagement, for they are just what they have to be in the natural order of things. To illustrate by a parallel case: the owl is not the gravest of birds simply because he belongs to the genus Striz, but for the further reason that he has a bud habit of turning night into day.

But when a night watchman has anything which he considers worth telling you may take

which he considers worth telling, you may take it for granted that it is something out of the

Martin Dipper was was one of the most efficlent night-watchmen I ever knew, for you could no more eatch him asleep than you could the proverbial weasel. Every hair on his head

the proverbial weasel. Every hair on his head seemed charged with electricity, and constantly on the alort; and it was very evident that stroking his hair would produce the same sound as rubbing a cat's far in the wrong direction.

The building under his nightly charge was a large silk warehouse on the outskirts of the city, and within a stone's throw of a large field, on which, at the period embraced in my story, a circus company had pitched its tent. As such exhibitions had often brought bad characters into the neighborhood, Martin was even more vigilant than usual, and, fearing that he might vigliant than usual, and, fearing that he might fall asleep, he took along a small buildog to act

The night which Martin had such terrible cause to remember was a very gusty one in the inter part of the autumn, and the old tree in front of the warehouse was showering down its erimson foliage as if the red snow that is sometimes seen in the Polar regions was falling in huge flakes.

He was a strict temperance man, and as

every night-watchman requires some stimulant, he was in the habit of taking a pint of coffee with him and warming it during the night. Between twelve and one o'clock he went up

stairs for that purpose, as the only fire-place in the building was in a small room on the second floor. After splitting up some old boxes, he made a binzing fire on the hearth, which lighted up the little room so resplendently that his lanup the little room so respiendently that his lan-torn became a mere superfluity. The warmth was so grateful to his rheumatic limbs that he kept putting on fuel long after he had drank his allowance of hot coffice. It was his custom to inspect the doors and windows on the ground-floor of the building at regular intervals; so at two o'clock he went down-stairs for that burtwo o'clock he went down-stairs for that pur ose, leaving the dog in a comfortable doze by the fire. He had completed his round of inspection, and was on his way upstairs again, when he heard a tremendous crash of glass, followed by a howl from the dog, a scuiling sound, and all was still again. Marth cocked his Colv's re-volver and rushed into the room, only to find the window-sush scattered to fragments and the

dog gone.

How was that state of things to be accounted for? The dog couldn't have jumped through the window, because the scuffling sound succeeded the crush, and furthermore, all the glass broken from the window was stawn upon the flower the room, showing conclusively that the floor of the room, showing conclusively that the window must have been broken from the out-

Martin was nonplussed for once; and the Martin was nonplussed for once; and the more he revolved the matter in his mind, the more it seemed that some supernatural agency had been at work. A glauce from the window satisfied him that no human being could reach it except by means of a ladder; for although the tree we have montioned stood directly in front of it, the intervening distance was too great for any one to use the tree as a means of necess to the window.

Martin then concluded to examine the ground immediately under the window for traces left by

Immediately under the window for truces left by the feet of a ladder, or by anything else; for he had once hunted unink and rucesons for a living, and his practised eye could even trace a musk-rat. He was aware of the risk attached to such a course, but that could not deter him from seek-ing a clue to the disappearance of his favorite dog. He was on the point of going out, when it occurred to him that his duty to his employer, which was a paramount consideration in his mind, forbude that he should take so rash a gross negligence in leaving the broken window for an instant. So he hurried back to the room from which the dog had disappeared, and prepared to watch there until morning. The fate pared to watch there until morning. The fate of the dog had warded him of the danger of having a light in the room, and thus making himse if a conspicuous target to any one or anything outside; so he extinguished the fire, covered up his lantern in one corner of the apartment, and sat in the dark with his finger on the triowar of his pistol, awaiting further developtrigger of his pistol, awaiting further develop-ments. At this juncture there was a lull in the gale, which had raged with maniacal fury for gale, which had raged with intimated tary for several hours, and Martin's acute car heard an indistinct sound below that was evidently caused by some one creeping on his hands and knees, for Martin had often heard hunters crawling in

that manner to surprise their game.

A momentary silence ensued, and then he heard the tree violently agitated, as if some giant were ascending it; for there was no wind blowing at the time. A moment afterward, what appeared to Martin to be the leg of a burglar was thrust through the window, and he fired one harrel of his revolver at it, but was unable to fire a second, as the exploded percus-sion-cap had get wedged in behind the chamber of the pistol so as to prevent it from revolving.

But Martin meant business; so he threw the revolver at the mysterious object, and then salled in with his bowie-knife. But it soon dropped from his paralyzed hand as he was jerked through the window, and found himself in the coils of a bon-constrictor!

There was a menagerle attached to the circus. and the tent containing the former had blown down, the pole of it falling upon the serpent's cage, and so bending the iron rods as to let out

Some hours afterward the circus employees were engaged in repairing damages, when they were horrified to see the bon returning to its cage with the insensible night-watchman in its powerful folds!

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If Martin had offered the least resistance the constrictor would have crushed every bone in his body; but as he fainted immediately, it sup-posed he was dead, and was conveying him back to its cage to perform the process of deglution at its leisure, for it was already surfeited with the dog which it had swallowed. Upon being attacked by the man, the boa at once dropped its prey, and he received medical aid as promptly as possible, but remained unconscious for upwards of twenty-four hours. The morning after that memorable night,

Martin's employer was taking a horeseback ride at an early hour, when he noticed that the front window of the warehouse had been shattered to atoms; so he thoroupon entered the building with his private key, but found no cine to Martin, except the revolver with one harrel discharged lying on the floor, and the bowleknife upon the ground out-side. He forthwith made inquiries about the neighborhood, and was

informed of the singular occurrence at the cir-

"What was the color of the man's hair?" he asked, with a view to identifying him.

"White as the driven snow," was the reply.
"Then," said he, "It must have been a different man, for Martin's hair was black as a coal." "Don't be too sure he isn't the same man," observed a bystander, "for such an adventure as that would turn any man's hair white in five minutes."

The proprietor of the warehouse evidently thought the suggestion entitled to some weight, for he straightway repaired to the bedside of the wretched man, and instantly recognized him as the faithful watchman, in spite of his snow-

white hair.

Martin was ultimately restored to health, and strange to say, the order of nature is reversed in his case, and as he grows older his hair is gradually recovering its pristine blackness, so that by the time he is three score and ten his locks will be as dark as Cimmerian darkness itself.

#### GEMS OF THOUGHT.

THE weather may be dark and rainy; very well-laugh between the drops, and think cheerily of the blue sky and sunshine that will surely come to-mor-

A LADY was once asked the reason why she always came so early to church—"llocause," said she, "it is part of my religion never to disturb the religion of others."

Though sometimes small evils, like invisible in-sects, inflict pain, and a single hair may stop a vast machine, yet the chief secret of comfort lies in not suffering trifles to vex one, and in prudently cultivat-ing an undergrowth of small pleasures, since very few great ones, alsa, are let on long leases.

It is a mistake to imagine that only the violent passions, such as ambition and love, can triumph over the rest. Idioness, languid as she is, often mas-ters them all; she, indeed, influences all our designs and notions, and insensibly consumes and destroys both passions and virtues.

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Never buy anything which with propriety you can avoid buying. People are often reputed to have greater fortunes than they really possess. This is sometimes a fatal circumstance. In attempting to their reputed income, they frequently bring ruin upon themselves. The grand principle of economy is the dismission of vanity.

Guod-natine is one of the most precious commodities of life, both to the possessor and to all that come in contact with him. One may own an exquisite picture, and yet, locked in his house, its beauty is sequestered, and few derive any pleasure from it. One having precious stones may flash a moment's admiration upon spectators; but good-nature brings happiness to scores and hundreds, and the best of it is, that it takes nothing from the possessor.

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Who can enjoy a chat with a man who always talks of women as foundes, and of a man as an individual; who never begins a thing, but always commonces it; who does not choose, but elects; who does not help, but facilitates; who does not supply, but caters; nor buy, but always purchases; who calls a beggar a mondicant: with whom a servant is always a domestic, where he is not a menist; who does not say anything but states it, and does not ond, but terminates it; who calls a house a residence, in which he does not live, but resides; with whom place is a locality; and things do not happen, but transpire.

Persons in love with each other quarrel about things that they would never think of quarrelling about if they were not in love. And still their love is real. Some lovers quarrel during their conteshipmarry, and continue to quarrel all through their lives. Yet they may be exceedingly fond of cosh caller, and when death separates them, the surviver is heart-broken. How strange this seems! We are consided, however to account; for it. So much is expected from those we have that we are easily disappointed by mny little laing which seems to indicate a lack of full and perfect receipercention. Although quarrels—even frequent quarrels—are not incompatible with true love, they should, nevertheless, be avoided.

# WIT AND HUMOUR.

A westran travelor came up to a log cabin and asked for a drink, which was supplied by a good looking young woman. As she was the first woman he had seen its several days, he offered her a dime for a kiss. It was duly taken and paid for, and the young hostoss who had never seen a dime before, looked at it a moment with some curiosity, then asked what she should do with it. He replied what she choose, as it was hers. "If that's the case," said she, "you may take it back and give me another kies."

# FROM " PUNCE."

FROM OUR DOMESTIC PET IDIOT.—What is the dif-forence between a Sofa and its fair occupants?— About the difference between an Ottoman and a knot-olymond.

THE CUCKOO.

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(Dr. Watts—Adapted to an uncertain Spring time.)
"Tis the voice of the Cuckoo
I heard him come, plain;
But he came here too soon,—
Shall I hear him again?

Shor!—Mrs. Maleprop has been studying what she
calls the Ali Baba Counter Case. She thinks the
title samoks a little of the shop, but she hopes the
Government will show that they mean business by

# RROW " Ritts."

TAKING HEART.—Under the alarming title of "ladies and heart-disease" a paragraph from the Heilink Medical Journal reveals the secret that the fair sex is, as compared with the male sex, almost exempt from the most sorious organic diseases of the heart. Oh, the relishness of man! This is why follows are always trying to negotiate an exchange of hearts with the dear creatures.

ANYTHING FOR A CHANGE.—The fourpenny-bits, it appears, have seen their day, and no more will be issued. We only hope that it will be our good fortune to hold plenty of the "New Threes" well known to the old lady of Threadneedle-street.

Or what does a philosopher in thread-bare gar-ments remind us?—A poor-suit of knowledge. ments remind us?—A poor-suit of knowledge.

How are they opp for Soap?—Unless we are under a grave misapprehension, one of the best nutions of the day may be found—mimbile dicu—in a music-hall programme—a marvellons "Tub-performance." This ought to be a thoroughly clean trick, and should find a host of imitators. Of course their washings could not refuse to licence the hall where such a performance takes place.

# FROM "THE HORNET."

GENERAL REV. the Spanish Minister of War, has Rey-signed. Efforts are being made to induce him to withdraw his Rey-signation and Rey-store his services to the country, but he appears to be in no hur-Rey to do so.

What is the sambler's Paradise? Echo responds,—a pair-o'-dico. More than a thousand schocks of carthquake have recently been felt in California within the space of two days. What a shocking place California

# FROM "JUDY."

Tur Spendthrift's Prayer-Leave me a-lean, will

EXTRAORDINARY Phenomenon-A feat of arms. Wny is it dangerous to take a sap when travelling?
-Beenuse the train runs over sleepers. A CATASTROPHE.—A party of Americans wont hunting, and, after three days' sport, returned with nought but a cat, as trophy.

Extraordinary Mildress of the Season. — The married man who stopped out into the other night found a flea in his ear when he got home.

A CRETAIN celebrated sculptor's talents are said to be so infectious, that even the people who sit to him make fuces. Ir's very odd that a sovereign should be under a

PERSONS who cannot stick to their onths ought to

#### HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

#### THE HEARTHSTONE SPHINX.

150. SQUARE WORDS.

1. Menns bitter: existing; a volume of water; to keen off: an English county.
2. A bird; exasting; faults; consequence; habitations.
3. A country in Europe: a woman's name: large take in Switzerland; an animal; is found by the sea-shore.

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#### 152. CHARADES.

Transpose my first, and add to it my second,
A pretty name you'll have,—my children reckon'd:
An animal perthirty, the little, yet were.
Who will it ho's vexed, with his teeth your flesh
pieres.
And now for my lest, it's between you and me;
Or, if you like it, the oblique case of we
My whole is requir'd for those employ'd in trade:
I have made this too plain, I'm rather afraid.

I'm a word of six letters—a curious fact:
Whoe'er can find me, will exhibit much tact.
My 6, 4, a number, which, if you transpace.
My 1, 4, and 6 will give you another:
None of those three are at all like each other.
My 1, 3, 4, 5 is one part of a man.
My 2, 4, and 6 is a sort of a inii.
Add my whole new exhibits this little tale.

Laws 64. Persy

153. DIAMOND PUZZLE. A vowel : an edged tool : the unopened bad of a flower : a reptile : a contentions against: the matters of mirchief : a consenant. The centrals, down and across, name a reptile found in Mexico.

ANSWERS TO CHARADES, &c., IN NO. 19. 142.—CHARADE.—Shipwreck. 143.—PCZZLES.—I. Snow. 2. Vinc. 144.—CROSS PCZZLE.—Mississippi thus

# MARKET REPORT.

HEARTHSTONE OFFICE.

Market dull. Wheat was quoted 3c to 4c dearer in the West this morning. Liverpool prices are un-

lunged, as per latest Chole Annexed :				
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roported by G. T. R., 2,500 bris; by Luchine Canal, 2,137 bris.

F(.OUR.—Per harrel of 196 lbs.—Superior Extra. \$0.00: Extra. \$7.20 to \$7.30: Faney, \$7.00 to \$7.10; Fresh Supers (Western Wheat) nonlinal, Ordinary Supers, (Canada Wheat.) \$6.30 to \$0.00: Strong Sakers' Flour \$6.90 to \$7.20; Supers from Western Wheat (Welland Canal) \$6.50 to 0.00. Super City brands (from Western Wheat) fresh ground \$6.80 to \$6.80 to

Cargoos.

Prast, & bush of 66 lbs.—Offered at 91c to 921c.

PERSE, 4° bush of 96 lbs.—Offered at 91c to 92je.
according to qualify.
OATS, 4° bush of 32 lbs.—Firm at 34c to 37c.
BARLEN, 4° bush of 48 lbs.—Quotations are 45c to 50c.
according to quality.
BUTTER, per lb.—In limited request for retail purposes at 14c to 18c for new.
CHERSE, 4° lb.—Firm at 14c to 15c for Factory Fine.
PORE, per lb., of 200 lbs.—Market quiet. New
Mess, \$15.00 to \$15.50; Thin Mess, \$14.

#### THE HEARTHSTONE" IS SOLD AT THE FOLLOWING STORES IN MONTREAL'

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	As the summer senson is now rapidly approaching	Adams
	we give this week a number of receipts for refreshing	Adams Direct.
•	summer drinks :	Adams
•	Manufica and affirm and the angeles of of	Boil
,	Take five pounds of lump sugar two ounces of ci-	Boucher
,	trio soid, one gallon boiling water; when cold add	Bonnett
•	half a drachm of essence of lemon, and half a drachm	Brennan 19 "
•	of spirits of wine: stir it well, and bottle it. About	Chaplezu174 Notre Dame.
	two teaspoonfuls to a glass of cold water.	Clarke222 St. James.
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	LEMONADE AU LAIT.—The juice of seven lemons,	Cinrke 17 Ot Antonio.
,	which will produce about halfa pint; the same quan-	Chisholmu Bonaventuro Depot.
	tity of wine, three-quarters of a pound of loaf-sugar,	Cockburn119 Wellington.
,	and a quart of boiling water; mix, and when sold,	Cooks 10 Radegondo.
3	add a pint of boiling milk ; lot it stand twelve hours,	Collins
	ALER STREET DOUGHING HITTE , TOUR IS BEARING SWOLLD HOUSE,	Carvallo
•	thon pour through a jelly-bag.	Carvallo
-	Two tablespoonfuls of Scotch catment put into a	Carvallo
	large tumbler, or small jug, and filled up with clear,	Carslako 192 Bonaventure.
	cold water, well stirred up and allowed to settle only	Dawson & BrothersSt. James.
	until the large particles of meal fall to the bottom.	Dawes
1	mutit the large particles of mout that to the portour	Dorion
	forms a most retreshing drink in hot wonther, and it	Dawes394 " "
•	quenches thirst more than any liquid.	Doutro
Ŀ	TAKR one pound finely-powdered lonf-sugar, one	Douted Dane.
	TARNOUS POURS INTERSTRUCTED TOMI-BURNT, ONC	Damarais
•	ounce of turturie or citric acid, and twenty drops of	Elliott
	essence of tomon. Mix immediately, and keep very	Elliott
	dry. Two or three speemfuls of this, stirred briskly	Galt 107 St. Peters Hill
	in a tumbler of water, will make a very pleasant glass	Holland 512 Sto. Mario.
	of lemonade.	Hills Library
		Humphroys 861 Ste. Cathorine.
	CHERRY EFFERTESCING DRINKTake a pint of	Humphroys doi ote. Cathorine.
	the juice of bruised cherries, filter until clear, and	Kelly
	make into syrup, with a half pound of sugar; then	Kirby Notre Dame.
	add one ounce of tartario soid. bottle and ourk well.	Lavell
	To a tumbier three parts full of water add two table-	Mare
	To be tulinoler target parts that of water and exchange of	MaIntosh
•	spoonfuls of the syrup, and a scruple of carbonate of	Murray
•	soda ; stir well, and drink while effervoseing.	Oppenholmer
	IMPERIAL.—Another receipt for a refreshing and	O'Mealea Public Market 912 Ste. Catherine.
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:	wholesome beverage, if either heated from the	O'Mealea
÷	weather or feverish from indisposition; Put into a	Porry Cor. Main and Craig.
	jug that will contain three pints, half an ounce of	Payette141 Notro Dame.
	cream of tartur, the juice of a lomon, and the rind,	Pickup Francois Xavior.
	pared very thin : pour boiling water over these, and	Panze
,	add sugar to taste. When cold, it is fit for uso.	Proux
•		Roay
•	GINGER-Por Take three-quarters of a pound of	Res
•	white sugar, one ounce of cream of tar-tar, the juice	KR8
٠,	and rind of a lemon, one ounce of bruised ginger, put	Stafford
	the whole into a pan, and pour over it four quarts of	Sinck
. 1	boiling water; let it stand till lukewarm, and then	Smith415 Wellington.
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