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Allen stretched up his head. His sight was keen as a sailor's. "Which side's he on, Jack?" whispered Poole. "I don't see him yet."

For answer John Allen put his hand quickly on Poole's arm to lower a pistol. "No good again, mates," said he. "Ralley

ain't there.' "Not there!" retorted Poole with a strong "I'm as nigh sure of it as I can be," said

Allen. "Wait till they come nearer."

It proved to be so. Ralley for some reason or other was not with the men. Denton again gave vent to a furious oath. Tramp, tramp, tramp; their regular tread sounded in the stillness of the night as they passed. Poole had cronched down again. The steps died away in the distance, and the conspirators ventured to raise their heads. Alien happened to look in the

direction of the gates. "Here he is!" burst forth Allen, with almost a suppressed scream. "Something must have kept him back. Now's our time, mates. Here's Ralley."

That ain't his hat, Jack Allen," dissented one. "Hat be smothered! it's himself," said

Ralley was coming on quickly, a dark, low-crowned hat somewhat drawn over his brows. A minute's silence, during which you might have heard their hearts beat, and

Poole fired. Rai ey gave a cry; staggered, and walked on. He was struck, no doubt, but not killed. Your boasted aim has failed, Poole,

cried Denton with a savage oath.

Not more savage than Poole, though, as he broke through the low hedge. What the bullet had not done, the pisto! itself should. Suddenly, with a startled cry, Allen broke after him, shouting to him to stay his

"It's the master, Poole; it's not Ralley. Stop you fool!—it's the master."

Too late. It was, indeed, Richard North.

And Poole had felled him by a wicked blow on the temple.

Mrs. Gass and Mary Dallory were seated at tea in a sad and sorrowful mood-for he conversation had turned on those dreadful rumors that, in spite of Richard North, would not be hushed. Mrs. Gass was stoutly asserting that she had more faith in Dr. Rane than to believe them, when some commotion in the street dawned on their ears. Mrs. Gass stopped in the midst of an emphatic sentence.

"What's that?" she cried. Fleet steps seemed to be running to and fro; voices were raised in excitement. They distinctly heard the words, "Mr. Richard, "Richard North." Mrs. Gass drew aside her crimson curtains, and opened the win-

"Smith-is that you?" she said, arresting a man who was running in the wake of others. "What's the matter?"

others. "What's the matter?"
"I don't rightly know, ma'am," he
answered. "They are saying that Mr. Richard North has been shot dead." "Lord help us!" cried Mrs. Gass. She shut down the window and brought her face

round to the light again. Every vestige of color had left it. Mary Dallory stood rigidly upright, her hands clasped, as one who had been turned to stone. "Did you hear what he said, child?"

"I heard," was the scarcely murmured

answer. Mrs. Gass caught up a bonnet, which happened to lie on a chair, and went into the street. At the entrance to North Inlet a crowd of men and women had gathered. As in all similar cases, reports varied. Some said it had taken place in the high-road to Whithorough, some at the works, others near Dallory Hall. So the mob was puzzled which way to go and not miss the excite-Thoms was talking at the top of his voice as Mrs. Gass arrived, anxious perhaps, to disclaim complicity on his own score. 'They've had it in their heads to do it, some o' them bad uns have. I could name names, but I won't. If the master had knowed all,

he'd ha' went about in fear of his life this long while past." This was enough for Mrs. Gass. Gathering her black silk skirts in her hands, and her face paler than the assemblage had ever seen it, she stood, unmindful of the rain,

and told them what she thought. "If you've shot Richard North, you have shot the best and bravest man you'll ever know in this life. You'll never find such a friend again. Ay, he was brave. Brave for good in the midst of difficulties, brave to forbear. Don't you boast, Thoms, with your ready tongue. None of you men round me now may be the one that shot him, but you've been all rowing in the same boat. You mayn't have planned out murder yourselves-and I wouldn't answer for it that you've not—but, any way, you knew that others was a-planning it, and you winked at it and kept silence. Who has been the friend to you that Richard North has been? Since you've been half starving, and your wives and children's been half starving, where has all the help come from, d'you suppose, that he kept you from starving outright? Why, from him. The most has come from him. The money I gave was his, the things I bought was mostly paid by him. A little came from me; not much; I was too angry with your folly; but he couldn't see you quite clam, and he took care you shouldn't. Lock at how you were all helped through the fever; and meat, and bread, and beer given you to get up your strength a bit, after it! Who did all that? Why, Richard North. You thought it was me; but it was h m; only he wouldn't have it known. That was his return for all the black ingratitude you'd showed him, in refusing to work for him and bringing him to ruin. Pray God he may not be dead! but if he is,

a good man has gone to his reward .- Is

that you, Ketler?

standing in shadow, his face wearing a deeper gloom than the night could cast.
"When that child of yours died, Cissy—and many a little help did she have in life from him—who but Richard North took government of the shouldn't he having by the care that she shouldn't be buried by the parish? He met Fanny Jelly, and he put some money into her hand, and charged her to let it be thought it was hers. 'They are in distress and trouble, I know, Jelly," he said; 'let this be used in the way that's best for them.' Go and ask Jelly, if you don't believe me; I had it from her. And that's

gether to kill, Ketler!" Ketler swallowed down a groan. "I'd never have raised a hand again the master; no, nor countenanced it. If anybody has

the master you've been conspirating to-

said I would, it's a lie." "There's not one of you but knew what mischief was in the wind, or might have known it; and you've countenanced it by keeping silence," retorted Mrs. Gass. "You are a pack of cowards. First of all you ruin him by throwing up his work, and when you nigh upon it, you turn round ou him and kill him, May the Lord forgive you! I never will."

Some disturbance. A tramping of feet, and a shouting of running boys. Poole, Denton, John Allen, and one more were marching by in handcuffs, marshaled by some policemen. A hiss greeted them.
"Twas a mistake," said Jack Allen, in
answer to the hiss, reckless under his untoward fate. "Twas meant for Ralley, not

for the master." "Is he dead?" called out Mrs. Gass. But amidst the confusion she received no answer. And at that moment she became aware of a pale countenance near her, peeping out from a cloud of wool. "Good gracious, Miss Mary! You shoud

not be out here."
"I have been with you all the time." "Then, my, dear, you just betake your-self home again. I'll come in as soon as I can learn the truth of it all."

Mrs. Gass had not long to wait. Almost as she spoke, Richard North appeared; and thereupon ensued more excitement than ever. Blood was trickling from his temple, but he appeared quite sensible, and was

walking slowly, helped by two men.
"Thank God!" said Mrs. Gass aloud; and
the words were heartily echoed. "To my
house, men. Mr. Richard, sir, it is but a few steps more, and we'll soon have the doctor. A fine night's work, this is!" she concluded, leading the way to her home. Little Barrington, the druggist, came out

of his shop, and helped to place Richard on Mrs. Gass's sofa. They managed to get off his coat. The left arm was injured, as well as the temple. Barrington staunched the blood trickling from the latter; but pre-ferred not to meddle with the arm. "He ferred not to meddle with the arm. had better be kept quiet, until the surgeon comes," said the druggist.

Mrs. Gass cleared the room. A dozen xcited messengers had run to the Ham for Mr. Seeley or Dr. Rane, or both if they should be found at home. She stood at the front-door watching and waiting. Richard North, weak and faint, lay with his eyes closed. Opening them in the quiet room, he saw Mary Dallory kneeling by the

sofa, pale and sad. "Don't be alarmed," he whispered. "It might have been worse."
"I would have given my life to save yours, Richard." she impetuously exclaimed in the sorrow and terror of the moment. (To be Continued.)

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THE SECTARIAN CRY.

Injustice of It When Raised Against Canadian Statesmen.

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The connection between religion and political success is discussed by a writer in the Kincardine Review. He deals first with the late Premier, and after praising him very strongly says there was but one thing in his whole career which many regarded as a weakness-he, a Methodist, had married a Roman Catholic lady and had adopted her religion. This, it says, cansed division in the Conservative party. A secret society took root in Canada, the primary object of which was to oust him from the Premiership and prevent any other Roman Catholic from taking his place. We are told by those who ought to know that this personal antipathy to Sir John Thompson preyed upon his mind, and had not a little to do with superinducing the tragic event which granted him rest before he deired it." For the latter statement we do not vouch. Only a very confidential friend could undertake to say how far the P. P. A. agitation was a source of unhappiness to Sir John Thomp. son. "The heart knoweth its own bitterness."

This writer begins by saying that Sir John Thompson was pointed to as "the most spotless man in the Cabinet, and, withal, the strongest, firmest and most statesmanlike"; that there was "not a man in Canada who held a higher reputation for fairness and probity than he." Next he describes the prejudice against him and the conspiracy which was formed to give it effect. Then he mentions and virtually accepts the opinion that this movement embittered and shortened the Premier's life. Whither is this train of reflection tending? Surely its conclusion will be that every Canadian, every patriot, every fair-minded man ought to contend with all his strength against the prejudice that sought to oust from the Premiership "the most spotless man in the Cabinet, and, withal, the strongest, firmest and most statesmanlike." This is what would be expected. What is actually said we give in the writer's own words:

"If there be any consistency in the P. P. A. their primary object now should be to see to it that Mr. Laurier does not by

any means become Premier." Returning to the subject of Sir John Thompson, reference is made to those who feel "regret that they did not say in his life, when it might have cheered his path, the nice things they are saying of him now, when 'praise or blame counts just the same.' Here again the lesson stands out so plain that it is inconceivable that it could have escaped a man whose writing gives evidence of thought and intelligence. "You have been unjust to the dead; as you cannot make amends for that, be just to the living," is the reflection that forces itself upon the mind, but it is conspicuously absent here, and its place is filled by a calculation of the improved prospects of the Conservative party under the leader-

ship of Mr. Bowell. ance, and when its attack was apparently directed mainly against Sir John Thomp. son, the Globe opposed it with every argument it could command, and declared that in Federal affairs and elsewhere such an agitation was utterly uncalled for, that it would needlessly and wantonly provoke strife, bitterness and unhappiness, and that its success would mean the doing of gross njustice and the destruction of the hope of Canadian nationality. Today it has neither more or less to say.

The assertion by which it is sought to

justify the agitation, namely, that the power of the Roman Catholic Church in Canada is increasing, is untrue. Whatever movement there is in the contrary direction. By reason of the settlement of the prairie country the center of political power is moving westward and must continue to do so; and the west is Protestant, of Provincial rights is a guarantee against the establishment there of any form of connection between church and state, except Sir John Thompson and Wilfrid Laurier. throat and lungs, coughs, colds, bronchitis, of these, owing his position to high character and signal ability, thoroughly fit for the first place in Canadian politics, is attacked because of his faith, it is vain, it is unreasonable, to expect them to work cordially with the majority for the comcures Incipient Consumption. It is the best Cough Cure. Only one cent a dose; 25c, 50c and \$i per bottle. Sold by W. T. Strong. fail. If the Catholies of Canada were only l per cent instead of 40 it would be equally true that the exclusion of their leading men from the highest posts of honor would be an outrageous denial of justice. Such an act cannot be perpetrated under the forms of the law, but the reproach of it will rest upon every man who uses, in public or in private, the sectarian argument against a fellow-citizen. The season which brings to memory the message of peace and goodwill to all mankind would be a fitting time to resolve once and forever to have done with sectarianism in politics; to pay no heed to the cry of no Popery against Mr. Laurier in Ontario, or the cry of Orangiste against Mr. Bowell in Quebec, and to judge of these and all others by their public acts and declarations alone .- [Toronto Globe.

HOW PENNOYER PUTS IT. The Governor's Protest Against President

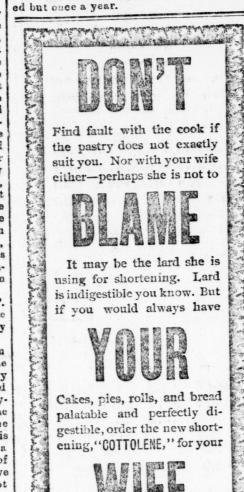
Cleveland's Policy. PORTLAND, Oregon, Dec. 26 .- The follow. ing letter was sent to President Cleveland yesterday by Gov. Pennoyer: "Christmas has again visited our stricken land with its prostrated industries and its idle throng, willing to work, but forced to beg. Your panaces, a change in the Sherman law and tariff, has been tested, but there is no change in the sad condition of the unfortunate country. After two years of ruincus delay and mismanagement you have, thank heaven, at last discovered the real trouble, although you have not proposed the proper remedy, as you will concede the country needs more money, but it does not want the worthless stuff you proffer. It needs gold and silver money with which to pay debts, and it does not want bond rags with which it cannot pay debts. Sixty years ago the Democratic party had a President who defied the banks in the interest of the people. It has now a President who defies the people in the interest of the banks. All the traditions of the party which elected you are for gold and silver money and against bank currency. Do you aspire to furnish an example of treason to the cause intrusted to your care, which will be with. out any parallel except one in all the annals of American history? Your party in both Houses favor the restoration of sliver as stundard money; the reople, actual y

business, favor it; and will you stand with them in overturning the monometallic policy of the British money eligarchy which is fast degrading our fair country to the condition of a subjugated province and our hitherto free people to a condition of finan-cial serfdom? I pray that God may give you light and strength to do right."

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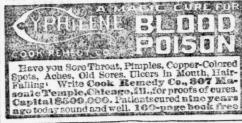
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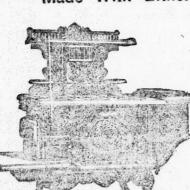
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