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EDWARD RADFORD,
Secretary.

CHANGED OVERCOATS

TRIVIAL INCIDENT THAT BROUGHT ABOUT SERIOUS RESULTS.

A Narrative Which Goes to Show What Tremendous Influences Insignificant Happenings May Exert Over the Affairs of Life.

An accidental exchange of overcoats at a local restaurant one evening recently recalled a queer story to an old lawyer who was dining at the other side of the room. "One evening in the early seventies," he said, "a garcon hurrying through a crowded cafe not very far from here knocked down two hats that had been hanging above a couple of overcoats on a wall rack. He picked them up and restored them to the pegs and by that simple act condemned a very estimable gentleman to four years of acute mental torment and started another individual, considerably less estimable, on a road that led eventually to a suicide's grave. The funny part about it was that the garcon didn't know either man from Adam's house cat. If he had been told later on of the trouble he caused, he would probably have had a stroke of apoplexy. I remember being told that he was rather fat.

"I am something of a student of causa-tion," continued the old lawyer, "and I have frequently amused myself by trac-ing out the extraordinary consequences of some apparently trivial incident. It is nearly always the shifting of a pebble that brings down the avalanches of social life, and in this case-but I will briefly sketch the facts, and you may draw your

own conclusions. "The fat garcon, as a matter of course, hung the hats over the wrong garments, and a few minutes afterward a young fellow who had just finished his dinner got up and walked off with another man's overcoat. By an odd coincidence it was so much like his own that he wore it for a week without discovering the change. Then one day he felt in the inside pocket and pulled out several letters that were strange to him. I think I could repeat their contents even now from memory, but there are professional reasons why I cannot be very explicit. Suffice it to say that they put him in possession of certain facts, partly of a commercial and partly of a personal nature, that spelled absolute ruin for the man whom they con-

"As I have already hinted, the young person who stumbled into this information was not a very estimable character. but he had plenty of nerve and shrewdness, and he began at once to plan how he could turn his discovery inta cash. Meanwhile the other fellow, who was a quiet, middle aged business man, had failed to observe that he was wearing somebody else's coat. I may say right here that he never found it out and died in ignorance of a fact that might have

saved him an infinite deal of worry.
"The young man with the incriminating letter was afraid to act personally, because he was in rather a ticklish position himself, owing to numerous shady transactions in the past, and his victim might easily have turned the tables upon him. So he made a tool of a miserable old drunkard, who had once been a lawyer, and they proceeded to put on the screws. The business man had missed the letters, of course, but he hadn't the faintest idea of how he had lost them and imagined that they had been stolen out of his coat at his office, and that theory, by the way, resulted in the abrupt

discharge of several entirely innocent and unsuspecting employees. "When the ex-shyster approached him. he promptly flew into a panic and paid the first installment of blackmail almost without a protest. What followed was somewhat commonplace," said the old lawyer musingly, "and I will merely skeletonize it. In a year or so the exshyster succumbed to prosperity, complicated with jimjams, and the man with the letters had to get a new catspaw. He picked up a queer looking character who had been a sort of horse doctor and all around fakir. This fellow knew nothing of the facts, but merely acted as a go be tween and used to appear at intervals with a card on which a certain amount

would be scrawled in pencil. "It seems incredible, but this went on for three solid years. Then one day the victim got desperate and did what he should have done at first. He came over to my office and made a clean breast of the whole affair. I took the bull by the horns. To begin with, I quietly got out a warrant for the fake veterinary, and when he appeared I gave him 30 seconds to furnish the name of his principal. That secured. I swore out a second warrant and went after the young man myself. 'I want those documents,' I said, 'and

also your signature to this confession.' He blustered a good deal, but my blust was the stronger, and inside of 15 minutes I had what I came after. He told me he had found the letters on the floor of the postoffice, and I let it go at that. But I warned him that any future attempts at extortion would result in his

instant arrest.

"There the story proper ends, but there is one thing to add—namely, how I found out the truth about the overcoats. It was very simple. My blackmailing gentleman had become a good deal of a wreck during his years of successful operand not long after I put a period ation, and not long after I put a period to his little game his former victim died. That destroyed any lingering hopes he may have had of renewing the squeeze, and he came to my office one day and offered to tell me exactly how he secured the letters if I would give him enough money to go to Chicago. For the sake of clearing the matter up I accepted the proposition, and he related the incident of the cafe. It is undoubtedly true. He of the cafe. It is undoubtedly true. He drifted north with the money-I gave him, got on a tremendous spree and killed him-self by jumping out of a window."

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THE WOLF. the woif pame milling at my door

dut the wolf had provided on my track before, And his snill, sniff, at my ledge doorsill And joyed my soul at my ingle nook. His snif and his snarl were always there

I cursed the beast and drove him away But he came with the fall of night each day, And his sniff, sniff, sniff the whole wight throug I could hear between the winds that blew. And the time came when I laughed no more,

But glanced with fear at my frail lods For now I knew that the woll at bay Sooner or later would have his way. About my life a net was spun. My soul grew faint in the deadly snare,

A crash, and my door flew open wide; My strength was not as the beast's at my side. That night on my hearthstone cold and bare

He licked his paw and made his lair

THE PARTITION OF MR. HYKES. "Studiums" of the South and How

They Become Doctors. Della, our southern importation, was at her duties when I went into the kitchen. A married friene living in New York at what Della called "One Hundred and Fifthy-seventh avenue" had invited our cook to pay her a visit. She accosted me with a shake of her woolly head: "Miss Rufe, w'ile Ah'm in Noo Yawk

bout mah teef."
"Well, Della," said I, "why not? You have been planning to have them pulled. Suddenly a gloomy black face was turned upon me. "Ah don' know." She ed upon me. "Ah don' know." She gazed across the table, uncertain as to whether she should proceed. "Ah don' Art. A door under the throat was open-know. Ye see, Miss Rufe"—another ad when it was desirable to descend and pause and appealing glance—"they's doc- a door on top of the neck when the opertahs 'n they's studiums. Ah might git in ator wished to go higher. There was ma-

studium's office."
"A studium?" I repeated dully. "Yhas'm. Donche know? Ye has to be studium 'fore ye kin be a doctah."

"Oh," I assented.
"An ye cain't tell 'em. Looks jes' like octabs. Acts jes' like doctabs. Got bottles round an chairs an tables, jes' like octahs. But, Miss Rufe"-in a burst of horror-"ef they's studiums they kills ye." "Oh, no," I feebly gasped.

'Gusta, they cut Mr. William Hykes all up."

"Well." I urged, "wasn't Mr. William Hykes dead?"

"Yaas'm," somewhat reluctantly. "An othah times they kills 'em. Once they was a studium, an he was fixin t' kill a man 'at was goin ovah a bridge. An th' man, he says"—in a sepulchral chant—"Be suah ye kill me dead. Be suah ye kill me dead. An th' studium, he was seairt, an he run away. Mos' times"—in and disappeared. The Bird of Art did the same and had no trouble in keeping up with the iron horse without pulling on the rope.

The "professor" concluded his remarks by saying he needed a little more money to make birds enough to destroy Grant's army and asked the old soldiers to contribute \$1 each to the cause. Many of them did, and the "professor" moved on and disappeared. scairt, an he run away. Mos' times"-in and disappeared.

'Gusta,' said she. "It's this way, Miss him: Rufe: They has t' kill 'em, or less they cain't be a doctah. They kills 'em an He

So was revealed to me the medical test of courage. If they cannot "cut 'em up.' they show too poor a spirit for a future Against ignorance the gods fight in

ments that should convince. "But, Della." I finally repeated, "don't you know that would be murder? And murderers would be hanged." She extended a pitying smile to my in

"Not down t' my home," the soft drawl persisted: "not down the Gusta. The cut Mr. William Hykes all up." I was dumb. I had no powers of per suasion to controvert the fact of the dis memberment of Mr. William Hykes.

A Domestic Disagreement. They had been married three months and were having their thirteenth quarrel -always an unlucky number. "You only married me for my money,"

he said. "I didn't do anything of the kind," she retorted. "Well, you didn't marry me because you loved me. "I know I didn't."

"In heaven's name what did you marry

me for then?" "Just to make that hateful Susan Mil ler you were engaged to cry her eyes out because she had to give you up. He fell down on the white bear skir rug at her feet and rolled over in it till he looked like a huge snowball.
"Great Cæsar, woman," he shrieked, "what have you done? Didn't you know

I married you just because she threw me By the time dinner was ready their lov ing young hearts were once more so full of sunshine that amnings were absolutely necessary.

An Artist's Excuse. Lady (who has pestered artist with questions for hours)-All your marine pictures represent the sea as being calm. Why don't you paint a storm once in

Artist-We painters in oil can't paint storm. I have often outlined a storm on the canvas, but as soon as I begin to spread on the oil colors the waves subside, and the sea becomes as calm as a

Lady-Yes, I've read about the effect oil has in calming the waves, but I had no idea it was so effective as all that.

Strategy. Smarte-I don't suppose you want to borrow \$5 or \$10?

Lamb—No; fact is I'm unusually flush just at present.
Smarte—Isn't that nice? By the way. suppose you can accommodate with a twenty? Awfully gled to have met you.

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Beggar-Well, then, give the a nickel.

Umbrellas are rarely seen in Poyta, Peru. It is the driest spot on earth. The average interval between two show-

gowns out of flour sacks? - A

A CONFEDERATE AIRSHIP.

The Artis Avis, Which Was to Destroy Grant's Army. Traveling in the air by means of bal-loons is not of very remote date. The first successful experiments in this line were made in France about 1783, when the balloon sailed across the Seine and a part of Paris, remaining in the air 25 minutes. A balloon was used for mili-tary observation at the battle of Fleurus,

fought in 1794. A great deal concerning aerostation can be found in books and newspapers, but there is one experiment that seems to have escaped the notice of the curious. In the winter of 1864-5 General Robert E. Lee and his army were defending Petersburg, Va. The troops were stretched out along the lines perhaps at the rate of one to every 100 yards.

McGowan's brigade held the works not far from battery 45 (or the star fort), and near where the great dam was built. One cold, raw day the brigade was called out, without arms, to hear a speech from scientific personage who was introduced as Professor Blank. The old soldiers crowded around and took their seats on the cold ground, and he unfolded his scheme for demoralizing and driving away Grant's army. He had just in-

vented an airship.

In shape it was something like a bird, and for that reason he had called it Artis Avis, or the Bird of Art, which was the meaning of the two Latin words. The frame was made of hoop iron and wire. It was covered with white oak splits. Ma'y she wants Ah should go t' a doctah It was to be run by a one horsepower engine, and one man to each bird would be sufficient. The engine was to be in the body of the bird and to furnish power for keeping the wings in motion. A small loor at the shoulder was opened or closed to control the direction of the Bird of chinery by which the tail could be spread out or closed. In the body of the bird there was room for a number of shells and the operator by touching a spring with his foot could drop them upon the

enemy from a safe distance.

The "professor" said that he had completed one bird and made a test of its speed and how it would work. He tied it to a flat car, which was coupled to a fast engine. It was attached to the flat "Yaas'm. Down t' my home, down t' car with a long, strong rope. The word 'Gusta, they cut Mr. William Hykes all was given, and the railroad engine start-

"Oh, no," I foolishly insisted. "Why, no. If they did, Della, they would be hanged."

"Not down t' my home; not down t' Great and disappeared.

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No doubt many of the survivors have forgotten this incident, but not long ago the writer met John W. Butler, a commercial traveler, who belonged to the Fourteenth S. C. V. in 1864, and asked

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