# The Strange

Metamorphosis.

Mr. Bultitude felt powerless among all these young wolves. He had no knowledge of boys, nor any notion of acquiring an influence over them, having hitherto regarded them as neces-sary nuisances, to be rather repressed than studied. He could only stare hopelessly at them in fascinated sil-

"You see he hasn't a word to say for himself!" said Tipping. "Look here, what shall we do with him? Chall we try tossing in a blanket? I've never tried tossing a fellow in one myself, but as long as you don't jerk him too high, or out on the floor, you can't hurt him dangerously."

"No, I say, don't toss him in a blanket," pleaded Biddlecomb, and Paul felt gratefully toward him for the words; "anyone coming up would see what was going on. I vote we flick him with towels."
"Now just you understand this clear-

ly," said Paul, thinking, not without reason, that this course of treatment was likely to prove painful; "I refuse to allow myself to be flicked at with towels. No one has ever offered me such an indignity in my life! On, do you think I've not enough on my mind as it is without the barbarities of a set of young brutes like you!"

As this appeal was not of a very conciliatory nature, they at once pro-ceeded to form a circle around him and, judging their distances with great accuracy, jerked towels at his person with such diabolical dexterity that the wet corners cut him at all points like so may fine thongs, and he spun round like a top, dancing, and, I regret to add, swearing violently, at the pain. When he was worked up almost to a

frenzy pitch, Biddlecomb's sweet, low voice cried, "Cave, you fellows! I hear Grim. Let him undress now, and we can lam it into him afterward with

At this they all cast off such of their clothes as they still wore, and slipped modestly and peacefully into bed, just as Dr. Grimstone's large form appeared at the door-way. Mr. Bultitude made as much haste as he could, but did not escape a reprimand from the doctor as he turned the gas out; and, as soon as he had made the round of the bedrooms and his heavy tread had died away down the stair-case, the light-hearted occupants of No. 6 "lammed" it into the unhappy
Paul until they were tired of the exercise, and left him to creep, sore and
trembling with rage and fright, into
his cold, hard bed.

Then, after a little desultory conversation, one by one sank from incoher-ence into silence, and rose from silence to snores, while Paul alone lay sleepless, listening to the creeping tinkle of the dying fire, drearily wondering at the marvelous change that had come over his life and fortunes during the last few hours and feverishly compos-ing impassioned appeals which were to touch the doctor's heart and convince

CHAPTER V. Sleep came at last, and brought too brief forgetfullness. It was not till the dull gray light of Morning was gllm-meling through the blinds that Mr. Bultitude awoke to his troubles. The room was bitterly cold, and he

remained shivering in bed for some time, trying to realize and prepare for his altered condition.

He was the only one awake. Now and then from one of the beds around a boy would be heard talking in his sleep, or laughing with holiday gleeat the drolleries possibly of some pantomime performed for his amusement in the Theater Royal, Dreamland—a theater mercifully open to all boys, free of charge, long after the holi-days have come to an end, the enly drawbacks being a certain want of definiteness in the plot and scenery, and a liability to premature termination of the vaguely splendid perform-

Once Kiffin, the new boy, awoke with start and a heavy sigh, but he cried himself to sleep again almost imme-

Mr. Bultitude could bear being inactive no longer. He thought, if he got up, he might perhaps see his misfortunes shrink to a more bearable, less hopeless scale, and besides, he judged it prudent, for many reasons, to finish his toilet before the sleepers began

Very stealthily, dreading to rouse any one and attract attention in the form of slippers, he troke the cling-ing crust of ice in one of the basins and shuddering from the shock, bathed face and hands in the biting water. He parted his hair, which from naturcauses he had been unable to accomplish for some years, and now found an awkwardness in accomplishing neatly, and then stole down the dark, creaking staircase just as the butler in the hall began swinging the big railway bell which was to din stern reality into the sleepy ears above. In the schoolroom a yawning mald had just lighted the fire, from which tunbid yellow clouds of sulphurous smoke were pouring into the room, making it necessary to open the windows and lower a temperature that was far from high originally.

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Paul stood shaking by the mantel-piece in a very bad temper for some minutes. If the doctor had come in then he might have been spurred by indignation to utter his woes, and even claim and obtain his freedom.

But that was not to be. The door did open presently, how-ever, and a little girl appeared; a very charming little maiden, indeed, in a neat dark costume, relieved by a fresh white pinafore. She had deep gray eyes and glossy brown hair falling over her forehead and down her back in soft straight masses, her face was oval rather than round, and slightly serious though her smile was slightly serious, though her smile was pretty and gay.

She ran toward Mr. Bultitude with a glad little cry, stretching out her pretty hands.

"Dick! dear Dick!" she said, "I am so glad! I thought you'd be down early; as you used to be. I wanted to sit up last night so very much, but mamma wouldn't let me."

Some old gentlemen might have been very glad to be welcomed in this way, even vicariously, and have seized the opportunity to pet and pay court to her. As for boys, it must have been a very bad school indeed which Dulcie Grimstone could not have robbed of much of its terrors.

Mr. Bultitude, however, as has been explained, did not appreciate children—being a family man himself. When one sees their petty squabbles and jealousies, hears their cruel din, and pays for their monkeyish mischief, perhaps the daintiest children seem but an earthly order of cherubim. He was only annoyed and embarrassed by the interruption, though he endured

"Ah," he said, with condescension, "and you're Dr. Grimstone's little girl, are you? How d'ye do, my dear?"
Dulcie stopped and looked at him, with drawn eyebrows, and her soft

mouth quivering. "What makes you talk like that?" she asked.
"How ought I to lalk?" said Paul.
"You didn't talk like that before," said Dulcie, plaintively. 'I—I thought perhaps you'd be glad to see me. You were once. And—and—when you went away last you cand. away last you asked me to-to-kiss you, and I did, and I wish I hadn't. you gave me a ginger lozenge with your name written on it in lead pencil, and I gave you a cough-lozenge with mine; and you said it was to

with mine; and you said it was to sow that you were my sweetheart and I was yours. But I suppose you have eaten the one I gave you?"

"This is dreadful," thought Mr. Bultitude. "What shall I do now? The child evidently takes me for that little scoundrel Dick." "Tut-tut," he said aloud, "little girls like you are too young for such nonsense. You ought to think about—about your dolls, and to think about—about your dolls, and —ah, your needlework—not sweet-hearts!"

"You say that now," said Dulcie indignantly. "You know I'm not a little girl, and I've left off playing with dolls—almost. Oh, Dick, don't be unkind! You haven't changed your mind, have you?" have you?"

said Paul, dismally, I've changed my body. But there—you wouldn't understand. Run away and play somewhere, like a good little

girl!"
I know what it is," said Dulcie. 'You've been out to parties or some-

where, and seen some horrid girl...

you like ... better than me!"

"This is absurd, you know," said Mr.
Bultitude. "You can't think how absurd it is! Now, you'll be a foolish little girl if you cry. You're making a mistake. I'm not the Dick you used to know!"

"I know you're not " which Dick"

I know you're not," wobbed Dulcie. "But oh, Dick, you will be. Promise me you will be!" And to Paul's horror and alarm, she put her arms around his neck, and cried piteously on his

"Good gracious!" he cried, "let me b. Don't do that, for heaven's sake! I can hear someone coming. If it's your father it will ruln me!"

But it was too late. Over her head he saw Tipping enter the room, and stand glaring at them menacingly. Dulcie saw him, too, and sprang away to the window, where she tried to dry her eyes unperceived, and then ran past him with a hurried good morning, and escaped, leaving Paul alone with the formidable Tipping.

There was an awkward silence at first, which Tipping broke by saying, "What have you been saying to make

"What's that to you, sir?" said Paul, trying to keep his voice firm. (To be Continued.)

George A. Brown, traffic manager of he Richelieu and Ontario Navigation

Company, is dead. Among the passengers who arrived at New York Monday per steamer La Normandie from Havre were Maurice Grau and his opera company, among the members of which is Mme. Emma

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Baser Instincts of Humanity in the Scotsman Disaster.

A Poor Class of Men Who Will Take Strikers' Places.

[Toronto Globe.] The baser instincts of humanity have again come to the surface in a marine disaster, and the public are shocked at the conduct of another ocean liner's crew. On the Scotsman it was not a panicky rush for life, such as made the French sailors beat off the women who clung to the lifeboats, but the pillaging of the vessel and passengers when disaster brought discipline to an end. All reports agree that the crew made a rush for the liquor and valuables, that they were bent on piliage rather than on helping the passengers to disembark, and that they indulged in a drunken orgy instead of caring for those left, with scant clothing, exposed to the cold, on the rocky island. The most charitable explanation of this outrage is the not uncommon feeling of justification in carrying away valuables from a sinking ship, and the liquor will go a long way toward explaining, though nothing can justify, the conduct of the crew. But it is charged that the pillagers did not even wait for the passengers to abandon their valuables, but robbed them before they were were ready to quit the ship. The ves-sel did not leave the rock, and as some of the passengers returned for their property they found trunks and valises torn open and general evidence of hasty pillage. Evidently it would have been more profitable to pay the wages demanded by a competent and disciplined crew. At the present time it is a decidedly poor class of men who will take the places of strikers. As a rule they are such men as the employers do not want, except for the purpose of cutting down or keeping down wages. There are many decent, self-respecting and competent workmen who do not believe in unions nor in unionism, but they are not the men who fill strikers' places. They generally have steady work, and are quite as determined, in their way, to maintain the rate of wages in their callings as the union members and organizers. But the men who are proof against the obloquy that attaches to working in a striker's place are generally of a decidedly inferior type. Under the rigid discipline of shipboard such men may, within the limits of their capacity, serve the purposes of their employers, but the experience of the Scotsman shows how uncertain that discipline must always be. Where it is most needed it is most likely to break down. A few cents an hour or the recognition of a union should not be weighed against efficiency where so much is at stake. Whether time was lost through incompetent stokers and whether the risk of undue speed in a whether the risk of undue speed in a fog was taken to make it up, are questions that will no doubt be cleared up before impartial tribunals. It was in the launching of the first lifeboat that the fatal disaster occurred, and it is but fair to assume that no blame attaches to the officers for the course they pursued. The vessel threatened to leave the rocks and sink, and the removal of the passengers in the boats

# PRESBYTERIAN

"Higher Criticism" Given a Severe Scoring - Next Conference To Be Held in Liverpool.

seemed the safest and wisest thing

Washington, Oct. 3 .- At the Pan-Presbyterian Alliance Rev. J. A. Mac-Donald, editor of the Westminster, of Toronto, Canada, criticised severely the programme of the council. The alliance ratified the action of the committee in selecting Liverpool, Eng-

land, as the place, and 1904 as the time, of the next council. The Synod of Brazil and the Reformed Church of Pittsburg and Ontario were admitted to membership in the

alliance. Interest at the first session yesterday centered in the discussion of two pa-pers, one by Rev. Dr. J. W. Beards-lee, of Holland, Mich., on "Recent Apologetic Methods and Tendencies. and the other by Rev. Principal Stew-art, of St. Andrew's, Scotland, on The Bible and the Recent Archaeological Discoveries." The discussion de-veloped into an attack on the so-called

'higher criticism." Hon, Samuel Smith, a member of the British Parliament, held that it ought to be well understood that the higher criticism "made only for atheism and sacerdotalism."

Rev. Dr. Laws, of Columbia, S. C., said: "All this higher criticism is to my mind an emanation from the Darwinian theory of the evolution of man. It is not possible to baptize that theory into Christianity." into Christianity."

## RIVALS KLONDIKE

Discovery of a New Gold Region Rich in the Coveted Metal.

Minneapolis, Oct. 3. - The Times publishes a letter from a correspondent at Fort Francis, Ont., under date of Sept. 20, which says: Ungavaland, a region as desolate and unknown as the Klondike was four years ago, has just been penetrated by a party of prospectors, headed by a news-paper man of this region, and consisting for the most part of men representing a wealthy Boston syndicate. From their representations and from statements made by a member of the Canadian geological survey, whom they found in that region, they have run into a new Klondike, and one richer in diversified minerals of large extent and easy to reach as compared to the ice deserts of the Yukon. About a year ago, J. Osborne, an editor of this region, became the possessor of a diary that had been the records of an old employe of the Hudson Bay Company. He was astonished to find that it told circumstantially of the discovery of mineral deposits on the eastern shores of Hudson Bay, north from the Whale River, which is known as Ungavaland, one of the last remaining unexplored tracts of the American continent. Mr. Osborne had no difficulty in inducing Boston capitalists to provide funds to equip an expedition to explore for the mineral fields. Before returning the party found large and valuable deposits of gold, silver, copper, iron, anthracite, lithnite, gypand cippahar. On what treats sum and cinnabar. On what tracts the party discovered mineral they have now filed claims at the Dominion offices in Ottawa.

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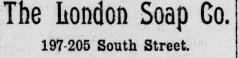
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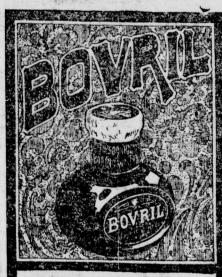
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