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Foday with quiet heart I heard The prayer, the anthem, and the psalm, And gently on my spirits fell The sweetness of the Sunday calm, Till, at the reading of the hymn With sudden tears my eyes were dim.

That old, old hymn ! Its sacred lines Had falled on my childish ears ; My life turned back, unhindered by The stretch of intervening years ; Near me my little daughter smiled, And yet I was again a ohlid.

Outside the winds were fierce and rough, The winter's chill was in the air ; But I could hear the bonny birds, And humming insects everywhere ; And feel, in spite of frost and snow, mer breeze from long ago.

To find the place I took the book, And held it in a woman's hand, With all my sonl was moved with thrills No other soul could understand : And quite unseen, with love divine, My mother's finger folded mine.

And not because the music rose Exultingly I held my breath, Lest I should lose its sweet delight— Upon her lips the hush of death For years has lain !—and yet I heard My mother's voice in every word.

Fall well I know the dead are dead, Yet sometimes at a look or tone With short releating, will the past One moment give us back her own. O happy pain ! Too quickly done— As swiftly ended as begun.

Then, tempted by an enthusiastio friend, I went to Genoa, and set up there in 'partner-ship with both ends stretched to the there-most, to make them meet, we gave that up to the toth to the tire commeet, was gave that up to the same meet of the there them meet, we gave that up to the same to the other. The charmed he, the we should have the diamond is in our possession before morning. I went back to my concertence ship with down on my luck. First it was in the usual preliminary chit-chart about the same reatiles quarter-deck constitutional os the usual preliminary chit-chart about the month of November, the rise, etc., as long took a turn for the better, and I gradually to make them an anthority is my own small circle.

him. He took voluminous notes; measured a footmark which he discovered on the floor but the footmark, on further inquiry, was found to be his own, which rather put him ort. I told him of the jewels which had been placed is my care so lately. 'Your man informed me, monsieu?, as we came, that you had diamonds of great value in your safe.' A clammy dew broke out suddenly on my forehead, as I remembered that Lady O' Connor was counting on appearing in those same jewels at the prefecture ball that night. 'On the strength of what your servant told me, monsieur,' continued the detective, 'I have already telegraphed to Marseilles, Genoa and Turin, and have directed some of my most trustworthy men to be on the alert at the reliway station and the port. I will send and let Monsieur know the moment we get any trace of the stolen property.' I made out a careful list of all I had lost, gave it to the detective, and then returned to my rooms to dress in a rather less super-focial manner. The awful business of break.

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"Then I will call for you Sir Frederick, as soon as it is dark enough," I answered. 'And allow me to suggest that we do not take Algunez into our confidence, for it will ficial manner. The awful business of break-ing the loss of the jewels to Sir Frederick and Lady O'Connor was now staring me in the face, and as I walked to their hotel I became a prey to the most paralysing ner-vousness I hope it will ever be my lot to endure. I was shown into a charming sitbe a triumph indeed to cut out the far-famed French detective in his own line of business. I left the hotel with a lighter heart than] had carried about me for some time. Though I had cautioned Sir Frederick not ting room, facing the sea, and though I did not look at anything round me, except the two people I had come to see, I remembered. to be too sanguine, I was myself convinced that we should have the diamonds in our

afterward every detail of the scene. They were at breakfast. The refreshing. that we should have the diamonds in our possession before morning. I went back to my rooms, wrote some letters, dined, and than tried to quist my excited mind by pacing up and down the sitting-room, smoking my usual post-prandial edgar, till I thought it was sufficiently dark to venture forth. The church clocks were striking 10 as I arrived at the Mediterranee Hotel, and I found Sir Frederick performing the same restless quarter-deck constitutional on

But had disappointment kept us silent; then Sur Freederick broke out into a series or execra-tions more amusing than effective. We had been befooled by our own enthu-siasmas amateur detectives, and at first were suggy, and by-and-by came to see the situa-tion in its more groterque aspect. After giving vent to our feelings in a burst of sup-pressed laughter, we put the little pet back into his play-box coffin being careful to see that everything was just as we had found it; and quickly shovelling the mould and pushing the tombstone over it, we crept out of the old cemetry. Our feelings were very different from those with which we had entered it. We were greatly cheered, however, on reaching the botel to find a line from Algunez, which had come during Sir Frederick's absence: 'I am on the right track.'' We heard no more for two days, when the detective reappeared with a captive, a valst which Sir Frederick had dismissed before leaving England, who, knowing the great value of of the jewels which Lady O'Connor was taking with her, had thought it worth his while to follow them, and being a clever hand at that sort of work, had succeeded as we have seen.

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Interesting Torpedo Experiment.

Dominion cabinet. The Chambly contest heard the changes rung time and again to the same tune. Mr. Prefontaine re-echoed his Champ de Mars speech that the French-Canadians should unite because their rights had been intruded on and that justice had (London Post, 28rd ult.) For the first time on record a live Whitehead torpedo was yesterday fired at a vessel of the British navy, and the experiments been denied them. Mr. Laurier ories out : of the British havy, and the experiments which was regarded with exceptional inter-est, goes to prove that against such a destructive missile the present system of net defence is inadequate. The event took place is Portemonth harbor in the anon reach defence is inadequate. The event took place in Portsmouth harbor, in the open reach known as Porchester Creek, and was watched by Admiral Sir George Willes, Rear-Admiral Sir Claude Buckle, and other distinguished naval officers, with General Sir George Willis. The ship operated upon was the ebsolete ironciad Resistance, which has un-armored ends with only 4½ inches of armor amidships. She has alreach been tested as to the penetrative powers of certain breach. brother, the Metis leader." But, it may be said, Chambly was a Do-minion contest, and it was legitimate to make the administration of the Northwest a matter of discussion. It was. But the Rouges, by their after conduct, showed that they regarded it as a blow as much at the local as at the federal administration. They halled it as a presure of victory in the

local as at the federal administration. They halled it as a precursor of victory in the provincial lists, and gave free expression to their joy over what they fondly hoped would prove a victory over the government of Mr. Ross. And they have steadily pursued the same tactics in the present campaign. In the meeting to select an opponent to Mr. Taillon, Senator Thibaudeau, their chief ad-viser in the Montreal district, declared : "The chiefe of the meeting chard the amidships. She has already been tested as to the penetrative powers of certain breech-loading and quick-firing guns, in what re-spects indiarubber and asbestos would furnish protection against the inrush of water after the entry of a shell, and still further the however of a shell, and still which consisted of cotton laid 10 feet from the surfaces of the water at 30 feet from the surfaces of the water at 30 feet from the surfaces of the water at 30 feet from the

"The choice of the meeting should be a nationalist. It does not matter so much as to his profession, but before all and above all he

He carefully examined the sate, the window and the door. Nothing seemed to escape him. He took voluminous note; measured a footmark, on further inquiry, was found to be his own, which rather put him out. I told him of the jewels which had been placed is my care so lately. Your man informed me, monsient, as we' value in your sate.' A degrive statement that you had diamonds of great. A degrive statement that you had diamonds of great. A degrive statement that you had diamonds of great. A degrive statement they have found an uncom-walue in your sate.' A degrive statement they have found an uncom-walue in your sate.'

a punishment for the refusal of Home Rule to Ireland. This is the platform and these the "patriots" that are now stumping the country against the Ross Government, who had neither to do with the suppression of the rebellion nor the punishment of those who incited it. Even after Mr. Joly had reitred in disgust from the Legislature, after Mr. Watts had fol-lowed him, Mr. Cameron had shaken off his allegiance, and Mr. Stephens and Mr. Whyte had skulked away rather than go counter to the known sentiment of their onstituents, the leaders of the factionists would not learn. The defections from their ranks only served to make them more deter-mined in their unpatriotic centre. The Drummond and Arthabaska and the Lotbi-niere elections were fought out by them on the straight issue of condemning the provin-dal because it was of the same party as the Dominion cabinet. The Chambly contest heard the changes rung time and again to the same tune, Mr. Prefontaine re-eched his Champ de Mars speech that the French-

The driver and Beebe tried various ex-periments in the hope of getting the beast out, but without success, until at length they hit upon the plan of putting a big leather mail bag near him with a piece of meat in it, the idea being that he would dash into the the meabeing that he would dash into the bag for the meat and they could then close it quickly and thus have him securely done up for his long journey. The plan worked to perfection, and a few minutes later the crowd in front had the pleasure of seeing the

driver and Beebe emerge, carrying the bag containing the compliments of the citizens of Guntown. To simplify matters Beebe had attached to the bag a card on which the mail carrier had written :

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When the bag had been deposited in the wagon and the driver had whipped up his horses and vanished, the citizens called on Beebe and congratulated him on his success in his new place. Then all hands went away and awaited developments. These came today, when a special agent arrived, deposed Heebe, and commissioned Daff as postmaster. He said it was a choice of evils, but that in a town like this it was necessary to have a may who know the dif-

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