burglars made a considerable haul at Sydenham, a fortnight ago. Some account of them and of their appearance was in the papers, and would naturally occur to anyone who wished to invent a story in which imaginary robbers should play a part. As a matter of fact, burglars who have done a good fact, burglars who have done a good and quiet without embarking on and quiet without embarking on another perilous undertaking. Again, it is other perilous undertaking. Again, it is unusual for burglars to operate at so the other end is not frayed. You could burglars to operate at so the other end is not frayed. You could burglars to operate at so the other end is not frayed. You could burglars to operate at so the other end is not frayed. You could burglars to operate at so the other end is not frayed. You could burglars to operate at so the other end is not frayed. You could burglars to operate at so the other end is not frayed. You could burglars to operate at so the other end is not frayed. You could burglars to operate at so the other end is not frayed. You could burglars to operate at so the other end is not frayed. You could burglars to operate at so the other end is not frayed. You could burglars to operate at so the other end is not frayed. You could burglars to operate at so the other end is not frayed. You could burglars to operate at so the other end is not frayed. You could burglars to operate at so the other end is not frayed. You could burglars to operate at so the other end is not frayed. You could burglars to operate at so the other end is not frayed. You could burglars to operate at so the other end is not frayed. You could burglars to operate at so the other end is not frayed. You could burglar to the house. There was a plond in the house. There was a being the house, "It am sorry," he said, and the house. The room in and the house, "It am sorry," he said, and whithen the house. There was a being the house, that is better him day. It all now. It was early there ever folk upon the roads, they were a fraid of

Watson, for it is evident that they must either kill her or else secure her in such a way that she could not give immediate notice of their escape. But at any rate I have shown, have I not, that there is a certain element of improbability about the lady's story?

And now, on the top of this, comes the incident of the wineglasses."

No, no; she was placed in the chair after the death of her husband. I'll with one exception. The first officer, wager that the black dress shows a corresponding mark to this. We have not yet met our Waterloo, Watson, but this is our Marengo, for it begins in incident of the wineglasses." "What about the wineglasses?"

"Can you see them in your mind's nurse Theresa. We must be wary for cared to wait for him.

"I see them clearly.
"We are told that three men drank from them. Does that strike you as "Why not? There was wine in each glass.

"Exactly, but there was beeswing only on one glass. You have noticed that fact? What does that suggest to your mind?"
"The last glass filled would be most

to contain beeswing." "Not at all. The bottle was full of it, and it is inconceivable that the first two glasses were clear and the third heavily charged with it. There are two possible explanations, and only two. One is that after the second glass was filled the bottle was violently agitated, and so the third glass received the beeswing. That does not appear probable. No, no, I am sure that I am

What, then, do you suppose? "That only two glasses were used, and that the dregs of both were poured into a third glass, so as to give the impression that three people had been there. In that way all the beeswing would be in the last glass, would it not? Yes, I am convinced that this is so. But if I have hit upon explanation of this one small phenomenon, then in an instant the case rises from the commonplace to the exceedingly remarkable, for it can only mean that Lady Brackenstall and her maid have deliberately lied to us, that not one word of their story is to be believed, that they have some very strong reason for covering the real criminal, and that we must construct our case for ourselves without any help from That is the mission which now lies before us, and here, Watson, is the Sydenham train. The household at the Abbey Grange

were much surprised at our return, but Sherlock Holmes, finding that Stanley Hopkins had gone off to report to headquarters, took possession of the diningroom, locked the door upon the inside and devoted himself for two hours to those minute and laborious investigations which form the solid basis on which his brilliant edifices of deduction were reared. Seated in a corner like an interested student who observes the demonstration of his professor, I followed every step of that remarkable research. window, the curtains, the carpet the chair, the rope - each in turn was minutely examined and duly pondered. The body of the unfortunate baronet had been removed, and all else remained as we had seen it in the morning. Finally, to my astonishment. Holmes climbed up on to the massive mantelpiece. Far above his head hung the few inches of red cord which were still attached to the wire. For a long time he gazed upwards at it, and then in an attempt to get nearer to it he rested his knee upon a wooden bracket on the wall. This brought his hand within a few inches of the broken end of the rope, but it was not this so much bracket itself which seemed to engage his attention. Finally he sprang own with an ejaculation of satisfac-

"It's all right, Watson," said he. "We have got our case—one of the most remarkable in our collection. But, dear me, how slow-witted I have been, and how nearly I have committed the blun-blunder of my lifetime! Now, I think that. her hatred for her late employer. with a few missing links, my chain is almost complete.

'You have got your men?" "Man, Watson, man. Only one, but very formidable person. Strong as a a very formidable person, offens that lion—witness the blow that bent that poker. Six feet three in height, active as a squirrel, dexterous with his fingers finally, remarkably quick-witted, for this whole ingenious story is of his concoction. Yes, Watson, we have come upon the handiwork of a very remarkable individual. And yet, in that bellrope, he has given us a clue which

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puts the lady's story out of court. If made the voyage in her. The boat was she were seated on the chair when the crime was done, how comes that mark? No, no; she was placed in the chair the chair

unusual for burglars to operate at so the other end is not frayed. You could but we are bound to do something for hot observe that from here, but if you glars to strike a lady to prevent her were on the mantelpiece you would see ond visit," said he. "I will not quite ond visit," said he. "I will not quite ond visit," said he. "I will not quite ond visit," said he. "I who would give time the silver." glars to strike a lady to prevent her screaming, since one would imagine that was the sure way to make her mark or fraying whatever. You can think our next scene of operations must

"I have given you one." "Which" "When I suggested a blind."

"But why, Mr. Holmes, why?" "Ah, that's the question, of course. But commend the idea to your mind. You defeat and ends in victory. I should at Sydenham, but he was likely to be like now to have a few words with the in that morning for instructions if we something in it. You won't stop for something in it. You won't stop for dinner. Well, good-bye, and yet us

glars to strike a lady to prevent the screaming, since one would imagine that was the sure way to make her scream, it is unusual for them to commit murder when their numbers are sufficient to overpower one man, it is musual for them to be content with a limited plunder when there was much simited plunder when there was much more within their reach, and, finally, I should say, that it was very unusual for such men to leave a bottle half-empty, wasten? "Their cumulative effect is certainly considerable, and yet each of them is quite possible in itself. The most unusual integral and yet each of them is quite possible in listelf. The most unusual integral and the list is cut clean off without any take him into my connected yet. The waste of operations must be the shipping office of the Adelaide when there was much more within their reach, and, finally, I should say, that it was very unusual for such men to leave a bottle half-empty, considerable, and yet each of them is place by at least three inches—from which I infer that he is at least three inches—from the first of the ladve should be tied to the strike that it is cut clean off without any had trod it. She was never engaged to me. She treated me as fairly as ever a woman treated a man. I have no complaint to make. It was all love on my side, and all good comradeship and friendship on hers. When we parted she was a free woman, but I coulnever again be a free man.

"Next time I came back from sea, heard of her marriage. Well, why shouldn't she marry whom she liked? Title and money-who could carry them better than she? She was born for all that is beautiful and dainty. I didn't grieve over her marriage. I was not such a selfish hound as that. I just rejoiced that good luck had come her way, and that she had not thrown herself away on a penniless sailor. That's how I loved Mary Fraser

"Well, I never thought to see her again, but last voyage I was promoted." and the new boat was not yet launched, so I had to wait for a couple of months with my people at Sydenham. One day out in a country lane I met Theresa Wright, her old maid. She told me all about her, about him, about everything. I tell you, gentlemen, it nearly drove me mad. This drunken nound, that he should dare to raise his hand to her, whose boots he was not worthy to lick! I met Theresa again. Then I met Mary herself-and met her again. Then she would meet me no But the other day I had a notice that I was to start on my voyage within a week, and I determined that I would see her once before I left. Theresa was always my friend, for she loved Mary and hated this villain al-most as much as I did. From her I earned the ways of the house. Mary used to sit up reading in her own little room downstairs. I crept round there last night and scratched at the win-At first she would not open to me -but in her heart I know that now she loves me, and she could not leave me in the frosty night. She whispered to me to come round to the big front window, and I found it open before me, so as to let me into the dining-room. Again heard from her own lips things that made my blood boil, and again I cursed this brute, who mishandled the woman l loved. Well, gentlemen, I was standing with her just inside the window, in all innocence as God is my judge, when he rushed like a madman into the room, called her the vilest name that a man across the face with the stick he had in his hand. I had sprung for the poker, and it was a fair fight between is. See here, on my arn Then it was my turn, and I went through him as if he had been a rotten pumpkin. Do you think I was sorry? Not I! It was his life or in the power of this madman? That was how I killed him. Was I wrong? Well. then, what would either of you gentlemen have done, if you had been in my position?

"She had screamed when he struck her, and that brought old Theresa down from the room above. There was a bottle on the sideboard, and I opened it and poured a little between Mary's lips, for she was half-dead with shock. Then I took a drop myself. Theresa was as cool as ice, and it was her plot as much as mine. We must make it fydil, I love thee still an-never appear that burglars had done the thing. Theresa kept on repeating our story to her mistress, while I swarmed up and cut the rope of the bell. Then lashed her in her chair, and frayed out the end of the rope to make it look natural, else they would wonder how in the world a burglar could have got up slippered feet to the cheerful blaze of the fire. Suddenly he looked at his watch.

"I expect developments, Watson."

there to cut it Then I gathered up a few plates and pots of silver, to carry out the idea of the robbery, and there I left them, with orders to give the alarm left them. there to cut it Then I gathered up a when I had a quarter of an hour's start. I dropped the silver into the start. pond and made off for Sydenham, feeling that for once in my life I had done a good night's work. And that's the truth and the whole truth, Mr. Holmes,

if it costs me my neck." shook our visitor by the hand morning, but I know very well that he as we re-entered our room. "Once they come from a stab with a hatpin, that warrant was made out nothing on mind is clear upon the matter."

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The strength of the complete that warrant was made out nothing on the matter." he chair. Only once had this lady been I and our door was opened to admit as that was on her voyage, and it was one of your sons made a certain resomeone of her own class of life, since mark, to whip out my gun and let go she was trying to shield him, and so "Oh, don't you worry about that step, which showed that the huge frame

closed the door behind him, and then seen through our dodge." -to the best of my belief. Now, look here, Captain Crocker, this is a very "Sit down, Captain Crocker. You serious matter, though I am willing to our visitor sank into an arm-chair, admit that you acted under the most ease a man can indulge in. Perhaps cause there is less of it.

No news is good news. and looked from one to the other of us could be subjected. I am not sure that from the races. in defense of your own life your action "I got your telegram and I came at the hour you said. I heard that you had been down to the office. There was no getting away from you. Let's hear the way for you that if you choose to Meanwhile, I have so much What sort of burglars are they who with me? Arrest me? Speak out many with me? Arrest me? Speak out, man! You can't sit there and play with me hours I will promise that no one will hinder you.'

"And then it will all come out?" "Certainly it will come out.

The sailor flushed with anger. "What sort of proposal is that to make a man? I know enough of law to understand that Mary would be held as accomplice. Do you think I would leave her alone to face the music while I slunk away? No, sir; let them do their worst upon me, but for heaven's sake, Mr. Holmes, find some way of keeping my poor Mary out of the courts. Holmes for a second time held out his hand to the sailor.

"I was only testing you, and you ring true every time. Well, it is a great responsibility that I take upon myself. but I have given Hopkins an excellent hint, and if he can't avail himself of it I can do no more. See here, Captain Crocker, we'll do this in due form of aw. You are the prisoner. Watson. you are a British jury, and I never med man who was more eminently fitted to represent one. I am the judge. Now,

"Not guilty, my lord," said I. "Vox populi, vox Dei. You are acquitted, Captain Crocker. So long as the law does not find some other victim relief and unfailing cure is guaranteed.

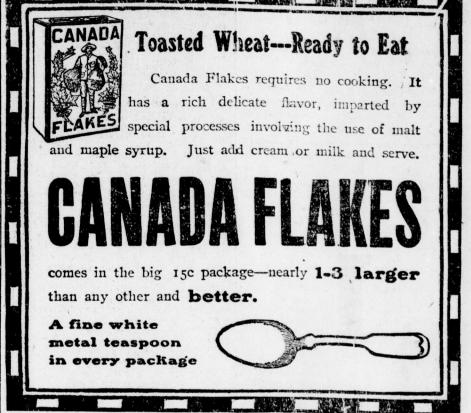
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"You say the prisoner was singing. Did you notice the song?"
"Yes, your honor. He repeated it so many times that it impressed itself upcalled her the vilest name that a man on my memory. It was something could use to a woman, and welted her about a daffydill." "A new song?"
"I had never heard it before, your

nonor. It was a sentimental song. Something in the popular line. No doubt your honor knows the sort." "Perhaps I do. Can you sing it, offi-

"I can make the attempt, your henor. mine, but far more than that, it was his The air is simple, but the words are life or hers, for how could I leave her trifle hard. Do you want me to sing it "Yes. Silence in the court." "One moment, your honor. Will your nonor kindly recollect that the priso

vas intoxicated at the time and that t was not altogether easy to catch the exact words? "Proceed with the song." "Yes, your honor. It was like this 'By sha-ty noog an' gug-gling rill I sawed for thee, my Daffydili. I bat my heart bees till, bees till, an' cried alloud for Daffydil. Oh, Daffydil, my Daf-The days zat go are all zo slow. I miz

zee zo, my Daffydil!' "You say the prisoner sang that?" "Yes, your honor." "Six months at hard labor. Next ease."-Cleveland Plaindealer.

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A well-to-do farmer once invited an equaintance from a neighboring town to dine with him. The recipient of this courtesy was a man well known in that region for his general crankiness and Holmes smoked for some time in sil-least evidence of what he considered ence. Then he crossed the room and an affront. The farmer, well aware of the touchiness of his guest, with whom "That's what I think," said he. "I for business reasons, he desired to re-"No, I couldn't do it, Watson," said in so painful a position, and so I re"No, I couldn't do it, Watson," said in so painful a position, and so I re"No, I couldn't do it, Watson," said in so painful a position, and so I rehave hardly said a word which I did wary eye on the visitor.

"But when will that be?"

"The time has come. You will now a sailor could have made the knots ings and impulses that come over me with which the cord was fastened to at times. Do you know, the first time took dinner here I had as much as prought into contact with sailors, and I could do to master the impulse, when she was trying to shield him, and so "Oh, don't you worry about that," showing that she loved him. You see said the farmer, "I know all about your how easy it was for me to lay my little failing in that line. My son Jake burned by tropical suns, and a springy hands upon you when once I had start- was standin' in the hallway just back flesh; both are tiresom of you with a shotgun. You did well-"I thought the police could never have to change your mind. At the first moseen through our dodge." "And the police haven't, nor will they Jake had instructions to blow daylight through you!"-Harper's Weekly.

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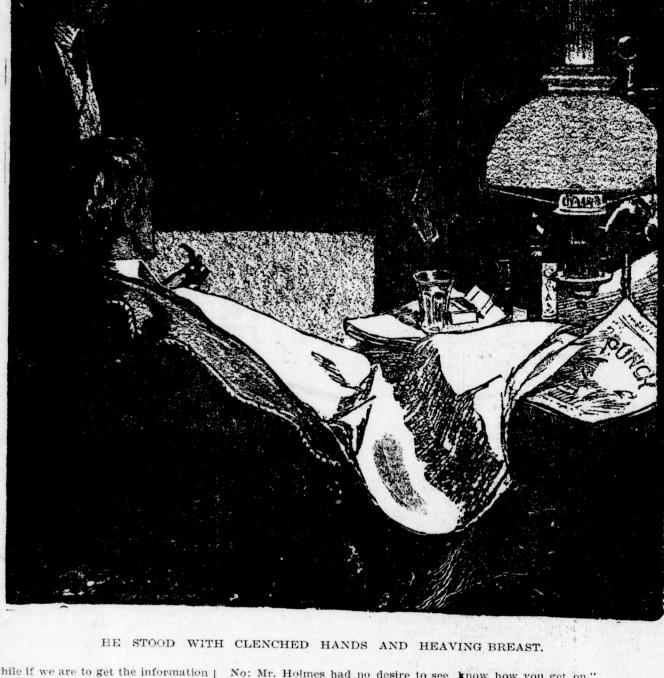
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"Yes, sir, it is true that he threw the he threw it at me. He might have thrown a dozen if he had but left my bonny bird alone. He was forever ill- egraph office, sent off a message, and but he has none. He must disclose all treating her, and she too proud to then, at last, we made for Baker or he is a traitor to the service, complain. She never told me of those street once more. marks on her arm that you saw this The sly devil-God forgive me that I earth would save him. Once or twice dead! But a devil he was, if ever one more real harm by my discovery of the walked the earth. He was all honey criminal than ever he had done by his markable little drama. months ago, and we both feel as if it I had rather play tricks with the law arrived in London. Yes, it was her science. Let us know a little more befirst voyage—she had never been from for we act."

passed through it. He was a very tall young man, golden-mustached, nome before. He won her with his all that flesh and blood will stand.

tell you it was just after we arrived. We arrived in June, and it was July. hey were married in January of last year. Yes, she is down in the morningm again, and I have no doubt she will see you, but you must not ask too much of her, for she has gone through Lady Brackenstall was reclining on the same couch, but looked brighter than before. The maid had entered with us, and began once more to foment the bruise upon her mistress'

"I hope," said the lady, "that you nearest pond?" have not come to cross-examine me "No," said Holmes in his gentlest oice, "I will not cause you any unnecessary trouble, Lady Brackenstall, and my whole desire is to make things easy for you, for I am convinced that you are a much-tried woman. If you will treat me as a friend and trust me.

you may find that I will justify your "What do you want me to do?" "To tell me the truth."

"Mr. Holmes!" "No, no, Lady Brackenstall-it is of use. You may have heard of any little reputation which I possess. I will stake it all on the fact that your story is an absolute fabrication. Mistress and maid were both star-ng at Holmes with pale faces and

frightened eyes. "You are an impudent fellow!" cried Theresa. "Do you mean to say that ny mistress has told a lie!" Holmes rose from his chair.

Have you nothing to tell me?" "I have told you everything." "Think once more, Lady Brackenstall. Would it not be better to be frank?" For an instant there was hesitation in her beautiful face. Then some

mask. "I have told you all I know."

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Holmes took his hat and shrugged his from the system.

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No: Mr. Holmes had no desire to see know how you get on." Dinner was over, and the table cleared before Holmes alluded to the matter

His record was magnificent. There picious, sagacious, it took some time was not an officer in the fleet to touch slippered feet to the cheerful blaze of before Holmes' pleasant manner and him. As to his character, he was re-frank acceptance of all that she said liable on duty, but a wild, desperate felthawed her into a corresponding amia-bility. She did not attempt to conceal her hatred for her late employer. low off the deck of his ship—hot-headed, excitable, but loyal, honest and kind-hearted. That was the pith of the information with which Holmes left the decanter at me. I heard him call my office of the Adelaide-Southampton mistress a name, and I told him that he would not dare to speak so if her bro- Yard, but instead of entering, he sat ther had been here. Then it was that in his cab with his brows drawn down, must look at it this way; what I know lost in profound thought. Finally he is unofficial, what he knows is official. drove round to the Charing Cross tel- I have the right to private judgment,

should speak of him so, now that he is in my career I feel that I have done when we first met him-only eighteen crime. I have learned caution now, and were eighteen years. She had only just of England than with my own con-

Before evening, we had a visit from title and his money and his false Lon- Inspector Stanley Hopkins. Things lon ways. If she made a mistake she were not going very well with him. was paid for it, if ever a woman did. "I believe that you are a wizard, Mr. What month did we meet him? Well, Holmes. I really do sometimes think that you have powers that are not hu-Now, how on earth could you know that the stolen silver was at the mastering emotion

bottom of that pond? "I didn't know it." "But you told me to examine it." it, then?' 'Yes, I got it.'

"I am very glad if I have helped "But you haven't helped me. You have made the affair far more difficult. steal silver and then throw it into the

"It was certainly rather eccentric behavior. I was merely going on the idea that if the silver had been taken by persons who did not want it-who took it merely for a blind, as it were, they if I should not sit here smoking with would naturally be anxious to get rid if I thought that you were a commindation of the state of "But why should such an idea cross

Well, I thought it was possible. When they came out through the French window there was the pond with one tempting hole in the ice, right in front of their noses. Could there be

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off. I know so much already that if you go one inch off the straight line I'll blow this whistle from my window and the affair goes out of my hands The sailor thought for a little. Then Danger in Whooping Cough

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again. He had lit his pipe and held his

"Now-within a few minutes. I dare

"A very sensible reply, Watson, You

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There was a sound upon the stairs,

fine a specimen of manhod as ever

blue-eyed, with a skin which had been

he stood with clenched hands and heav-

ing breast, choking down some over-

"Give him a cigar," said Holmes.

"Bite on that, Captain Crocker, and do

not let your nerves run away with you.

I should not sit here smoking with you

criminal, you may be sure of that.

good. Play tricks with me and I'll

"To give me a true account of all

that happened at the Abbey Grange

last night-a true account, mind you,

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Be frank with me and we may do

"What do you wish me to do?"

was as active as it was strong.

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with questioning eyes.

like a cat with a mouse.

crush you.

say you thought I acted rather badly

to Stanley Hopkins just now?"

"I trust your judgment."

"When?"