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culent vegetable by spreading at the nose. Consequently, when it has spread and become large, it tears a hole through my amiable carcass to the size of Monsieur le Marquis's fist. Eh, bien?"

The presence mopped his noble forehead. Happily he was of an intelligence. He reasoned. He arrived upon conclusions. They were axiomatic. If this bullet with a nose could perforate the amiable carcass of the Mister Thurston, thus causing a gory cavity to the dimensions of one's clenched hand, might not its brother slug, of an also, take liberties with the sacred person of M. Foufalle? But yes!

"Quelle horreur!" he murmured-with a simplicity. Was there else for him to do? But no! Could a man of aesthetic nature bring reason to a soulless animal? How, then, should this mad vulgarian understand? Most certainly it was a straight, plain case of quelle horreur.

"You see," continued Clink, now flushed with anticipatory pleasure, and pacing jauntily up and down, "I desire to excel in the courtesies of your glor-ious France. Therefore will I not deny the right of M. Foufalle to butcher me. I will stand before his gun. Honor has demanded it. He shall slay me. Of course I may slay him first, but that is a detail. In the end, he shall have wiped away the stain from the cloth of his worshipful pantaloons. And I-Clink Thurston-shall cast away my life in sacrifice before the gun of this so great worm. Great Scott! Can a man do more? Not so! The meeting will be—how shall we say?—amusing."

The Marquis committed a breach of French etiquette. He absorbed four fingers of absinthe without the sugges-tion of his host. His host continued:

"You will say to M. Foufalle that this honor done me has ravished my soul with a gratitude. He has chirked me up. He has taken away my gloom. Since arriving upon his France, no one has shot at me. Not once! I was getting lone-some." He paused to display his splen-did teeth. "Ah, my dear Monsieur le Marquis, your divine land suffers from an overdose of civilized inertia. At home it is otherwise. We quarrel. We kill-on the spot, you understand. If 'e haven't a gun handy, we take a hatchet. Why not? We are a hurried people. Our engagements are many. Your health, mon ami! Here's wishing that M. Foufalle may set a new example for his cultured countrymen. Eh, bien?"

The moist presence rose weakly.

"Sair," said he, "I shall do myself the honor in conferring at my principal. Permit me-au revoir!"

He tottered to the door and tottered down the stairs. He tottered to his waiting coupe, fell in it, and was driven furiously to the offices of La Moutarde.

The Mister Thurston lay down upon his hearth rug, amusing himself with

"Sair, permit me, I send to you a carriage at the time of six. Of an also, I have the service engage of M. Rochelle -a surgeon with the so great name." "A surgeon!" exclaimed the Arizonian,

'What for?" The Marquis explained, in disgusting detail. The Mister Thurston laughed.

"Look here," said he, displaying his wisdom teeth. "It's nonesense! We don't want a surgeon. Get a coroner!"

The Marquis tried to bow. He failed. He went downstairs-backward-on his hands and knees, and once more fell into his waiting equipage. "Sacre nom de tonnerre mille Di-

ables!" he gurgled-with a faintness.

It was evening. Mr. Chub Peters returned from being lost. He returned with much experience and no bank roll. Also his cuffs and collar were attached to his shirt with pins. But what have we to do with these so youthful discretions? Sapristi! "Say, Chub," remarked Thurston, cas-

ually, "I've got a duel on in the morning with the editor of La Mustard Plas-

"That so?" inquired his friend. "What time?'

"Six of the clock, old sport." "Gee!" commented Chub. "That's mighty early, ain't it?"

Whereupon these mad Americans went peacefully to sleep.

The morning arrived at France. "A carriage" arrived at the Mister Clink Thurston. The two friends got into it and were driven to a very distant spot of a most happy seclusion. The friends got out. Through the mists they descried the dark-cloaked figures of M. Foufalle and his several friends. The Marquis de Gaufre advanced and bowed. He looked like a wan little ghost, yet he bore himself with pride up. The Marquis de Gaufre was presented

to Monsieur Chub Peters. They bowed. Then everybody bowed to everybody. Clink and Chub bowed to each other, and tried manfully to bow to themselves. It was perfect, this etiquette of the code-charmante!

The details of meeting were brought to a conclusion by the spirituel Marquis and M. Chub. Their principals would engage at ten paces. Attends! At the



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earthquakes. He had a strange humor, this American. He was inartistic-a barbarian. He refrained from his gross laughing only because of pains in his ribs. The garcon knew and told of it. To ease himself the animal then lighted a black pipe and waited the return of Monsieur le Marquis de Gaufre. The presence came of himself back presently. He stood once more before the Mister Thurston. He bowed. "What luck?" asked Clink, the pipe

stem clasped between his beautiful teeth. "Does your sublime principal still thirst for my humble gore?

"Sair," said that troubled second. leaning against the doorjamb, "at M. Foufalle I deliver words of you, even to these pistols with a nose. I expound, also, of those mushrooms . Dieu vous garde! He is much enrage. He spik for you a curse. He—" The chiv-alrous Marqius hesitated. "Shall I say the words outrance of M. Foufalle?" "Sure," and Clink. "I reckon I'll sur-

vive. Heave ahead!"

The Marquis bowed.

"'Emil,' he spik, 'go other time to this revolting beast from the barbarous island of Arizone, and say at him that I-Raoul Foufalle-shall meet him in manner whatsoany of his own desiring. Dam!'

"Bully!" commented Clink, in genuine admiration of this blind, unreasoning. stupendous grit. "Your principal is a little brick! I have the honor to take off to him my hat." The Marquis bowed.

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