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"I don't care how late you are out

or what you did." said Frye, still ey-

ing Page, "so long as you were with

young Nason and kept out of the lock-

up. His father pays me a salary to

the pride of his heart. I trust you

understand my meaning. If you don't

feel like work this morning," he con-

tinued suavely, "mount your wheel

and take a run out to Winchester and

exercise soon drove away some of the

self reproaches at his own foolish con-

the time he reached town he was faint

breakfast. A good dinner restored him

to his natural self possession, and then

For a week he reproached himself

every time he thought how much his

to answer Alice's letter. When he did

he assured that innocent sister that he

send more money as soon as possible.

Frank called twice and the second time

urged him to join the club, to which

"It will serve as a place to spend onesome evening," he thought.

Several times Frye had made casual

nquiries as to the progress of his in-

timacy with young Nason, all of which

led Page to wonder what his object

was and why it concerned him. At

last, one day at closing time and after

he had told the office boy he might go. Frye let a little light into that enigma.

"Sit down a moment, Mr. Page," he

remarked as the latter was preparing

to leave. "I have a proposition of an

mpertant nature to make to you."

And then as he fixed his merciless eved

on his clerk and began to slowly rul

his hands together he continued: "You

have been nearly three months in my

employ, Mr. Page, and have fulfilled your duties satisfactorily. I think the time has come when I may safely du-

large them a little. As I told you,

John Nason pays me a yearly retained to attend to all his law business. I

have reason to feel he is not entirely

satisfied to continue that arrangement, and I am forced to find some way to

bring a little pressure to bear on him

in order that he may see it is for his

"Now, I believe John Nason is not en-

tirely happy in his home relations and that a certain young lady receives a

never seen in public together, gossip links their names. What I want is for

jou to find out through your acquaint-ance with the Nasom just what bond there is between the elder Nason and the young lidy and report to me. I do not intend to use the knowledge for any filegal purpose but merely as a leverage to retain Nason's business. I

am aware that to presecute your in quiries discreetly by means of your in

timacy with young Mason will require

more money than I am paying you

and therefore, if I can depend on you

from now on increase your salary from

The first impulse that Page felt was to absolutely rituse there and then to have anything to do with Trye's ac-farious access, but the things of his

situation, the unpaid debt at home and the certainty that a refusal would

see a way out of the dilemma, and then

"It is rather a hard task you ask; Mr. Frye, for I am not accustomed to the role of detective, but I am in your em-

pley, and as long as I am I will de the

"I must insist if you accept my of-fer," is said, "that you give me your promise to do your best to earn the

noney. It doesn't pay to be too

squeamish in this world," he continued

in a soothing tone. All business is to

a certain extent a game of extortion-

a question of do the other fellow or be will do you." Then arising and held

ing out a skinny hand to grasp Page's. he added, "I shall expect you to keep

faith with me, Mr. Page," and the in-

When Albert met Frank at the club

that evening he was preoccupied and

morose, and Frank, noticing his frame

"You look as if you had been given a facer, old man," he said. "What

is the matter? Has Frye been call-

of mind, tried to cheer him.

terview ended.

best I can for your interests,"

\$75 to \$175. What do you say?"

interest to still retain me.

duct of the night before.

he went to the office.

Page assented.

"Well," answered Frank lightly, "you are working too hard and need shaking up, so I thought I'd drop round and do it. We will dine at the club. then ge to the opera house, where there is a burlesque on and no end of pretty chorus girls. I know two or three of them, and after the show we will take them out to supper." "It's all right except the end-up," answered Albert, "and on that I think

"Oh, that's all right," responded Frank cheerfully. "I've asked you out, and it's my treat. I'll pay the shot

a diversion I can't afford. I've no

money to spare to buy wine for ballet

"I shall pay my share if I go," asserted Albert firmly, "but I would rather omit the after part. We will have the evening together, and then you can go and entertain your chorus girls, and I'll

It was a laudable resolution, but it came hard, for beneath all Albert's good resolves was lurking desire for a little excitement to break the dull monotony of his life. He had been to the theater only twice since he came to Boston, desiring to save in every way he could, and only the week before had sent Alice one-third of his first month's salary. At the club Frank introduced him to several of his friends, and of course they were asked to join them in a social glass, which did not tend to

escapade had cost and felt too ashamed theater the exhilarating music and the glitter of a stage full of pretty girls had their effect, and by the time the how was over he found it impossible to resist his friend's urging that they go around to the stage door and meet the girls he had invited to sup with them.

"Mind you, let me pay my share," whispered Page, and then he found himself being introduced by his first name to two highly colored queens of the ballet, and all four proceeded at once to a private supper room. Albert found the girls bright, vivacious and expressive, as far as a superficial use of slang goes. They ordered the choicest and highest priced items on the bill of fare and talked about their "mashes" in other cities in a way that made Albert grateful that he had been intro-

duced by his first name only. When in the wee small hours they escorted the two girls to their boarding place, Page was glad to be rid of them. and when he reached his room he did not feel particularly proud of himself. He felt less so the next morning when he received a letter from Alice

which read: My Darling Brother—I was so pleased when I received your loving letter and the money you sent. You do not know how it hurts me to feel we owe so much, and I have cried over it more than you will ever know. Lest week I received my first month's pay—100—and I was very proud of it for it is the first money I ever earned. I look haif and but it with the twenty-five you sent and gave it to Mr. Hobbs. I have only their, for I had to buy some hoots and gleves but that will leaf me a month for I've not the heart its spend a penny I am not obliged to until the fiebts are paid. I had to buy the boots because walking four miles a day wears them out very fast. And he had spent \$20 the night be-fere to hear a couple of ballet girls talk slang!

PAGE was a little late at the office the next morning, and Frye was there are not not him. If you was the sale lawyer bade him a rather crusty good murales, and I eventually would be to the lawyer bade him a rather crusty good murales, and I eventually "Oh, that is all right, responded Frye is an instantaneously sweetened tone. "I am glad you were and as told you, you alse wise to cultivate him. I suppose," he continued with a leer, "that you were buying wine for some of the gay girls." Page looked confined went to the theater and after that a late supper," he explained, "and it

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stead. "and the more I see of him the less I like him. At times he makes me feel as if he was a snake ready to uncoil and strike. Have you ever noticed his eyes and the way he has of rubbing his hands when talking?" "I have," was the answer, "and he has the most hideous eyes I ever saw in a human being. They look like a cat's in the dark. Dad told me once he saw Frye look at a witness he was* cross examining in such a way that the poor fellow forgot what his name was and swore black was white. Those eyes are vicious weapons, they say, and he uses them to the utmost when he wants to scare a witness."-

"They make me feel creepy every time I look at them," said Albert, and then, as if anxious to change the subject, he added: "Let's leave here, Frank, and you come with me to my room, where we can have a quiet talk together. I am in the dumps tonight and want to unbosom my troubles to CHAPTER VII.

seated in Albert's room and see if that mortgage on the Seaver were smoking fraternal estate has been satisfied. The exercise pipes. "You look as if you had lost and air will do you good." your best friend " Page was nonplused. "I did. last June, as you know," was "He has some deep laid plot in his the rather sad answer, "and on top mind," he thought as he looked at of that I hate myself for one or two Frye. He was glad to escape the office, things-for instance, the escapade we however, for his head felt full of bees, indulged in the other night, and beand, thanking his employer for the

ing Frye's slave, for another." permission, he quickly left the city be-"I am sorry for the first," responded hind him. The crisp October air and Frank. "It was my fault that you were coaxed into it. I won't do it again, I assure you. Don't worry over it, my boy. It wasn't anything serious; only The errand at Winchester was atjust a little after heater fun and hear tended to, and then he headed back for ing those sporty girls talk slang." the city, taking another course. By "Yes, and spending a lot of money for very poor fun," replied Albert. "I from hunger, for he had eaten no

ing it, do you?" "Oh, I don't think about it one way or the other," answered Frank. "I have so much time to kill, and that's no worse than any other way." "Well, of course it's all right, and as lo not think any the less of yourself for doing it there is no harm," rewas saving all he could and should

plied Albert. "Only I do, and so it is worse for me than for you. who think well of you, no doubt. How would you have felt to have had any one of them peep in that night and see My mother is in her grave, but maybe she could see where I was and with whom I was that evening, and the thought makes me feel mean. I have a sister, one of the purest and sweetest little women God ever blessed the earth with, and not for all that I can earn in one year would I have her know what a foolish thing I did. For two days I was so ashamed of myself I felt

Frank sat in stupefied silence at his friend's outburst. "If I had imagined you were going to feel that way, old man," he said at last, "I would never have urged you to go with me. I never

will again, I assure you."

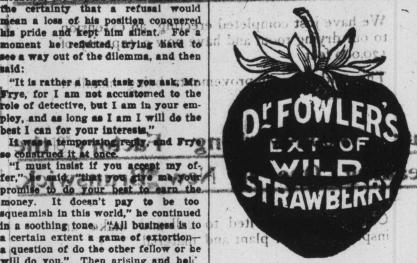
"Oh, I am as much to blame as you,"
observed albert." I went willingly, but after it was all over I was sorry I did. L'am no prude. I enjoy a little excitement and don't mind a social evening with a few friends, but it doesn't pay to do things you despise your of for the next day,"

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ing you down for something?"
Page looked at his friend a moment, and the impulse to make a clean breast of it and relieve his feelings

OLD ENGLISH LAWS. e Curious Ones That No One Even Heeds-The Price of Beer-Forbidding Bignmy.

The Briton is considered to be the most law-abiding citizen in the world. And yet they all break the law—unconsciously, of course—nearly every day of their lives.

To begin with the church, the bishops of the Church of England wear a short apron, which, strictly speaking, is not an apron at all but a short cassock without collar or sleeves. It should be worn by all ranks of the clergy from the bishop to the deacon, and a hundred years ago this was so. The law has never been repealed, although it is practically obsolete except, as already stated, as regards the bishops. Then we have the laws for the due observance of Sunday, which still remain in the statute books. Charles

day, the penalty being twenty shil-It is a moot point-which we do HAT ails you, old man?" asked Frank after they were not believe has been tested-whether this law would not suffice to stop the railway companies' Sunday traf-fic. They are carriers in every sense of the word, and had they been in existence prior to 1627 would almost certainly have been mentioned

I. and his Parliament were respon-

sible for an act which forbids any

carrier to travel on business that

in the act. brought before the courts, the only result would be that a bill would be hurriedly drafted by the Railway Companies' Association in order to repeal the out-of-date law at the earliest possible moment.

There was another curious act passed in "1 Caroli I.," as the statnte book calls it, by which it was declared illegal to play any games on a Sunday. The penalty-still enforcable-is 3s. 4d. for each offence; the alternative is to spend three hours in don't think any better of myself for do-

A still more remarkable law remains unrepealed, dating from the time of "1 Jacobi I."-i.e., the arst year of the reign of James I., which was 1603. By this it is illegal to charge more than one penny a quart for the best ale or beer, and one light table beer, as we call it. The

bidden for any man or woman to marry until their former wife of husband should be dead. This is what manner of company you were in? | merely their quaint way of forbidding bigamy. Of course, it will always be a serious thing—in more senses than one—for a man to have two wives, but it was much more serious in "1 Jacobi I.," for the penalty was death for each offence. Official receivers frequently express indignant opinion that a bankrupt during his examination has committed perjury. But scolding is of no use in such cases, and vague threats as to the public prosecutor

are frequently little better.

What the receiver should do is to invoke the aid of our old friend "1 Jacobi I," and order the offender to be nailed by one ear to the pillory for two hours for each offence, the ear to be cut off when the man is released. The only difficulty would be that many bankrupts would not have ears enough.

The sumptuary laws have never been properly withdrawn. The repeal of certain of these enactments—also in 1603 does not appear to cover several curious acts passed in the reign of good King Hal. This worthy gentleman regulated the dress of every person in his kingdom. Nobody under the rank of a knight or a knight's lady or off-

spring was allowed to wear crimson or blue velvet or embroidered appar-el. Damask and satin were forbidden to people whose income did not ex-Persons with fewer than 200 marks a year that is, about £140 were not allowed to wear velvet sowns,

jackets or coats, or gold ornaments. of any kind. This law, if it were taken from the shelves and dusted ready for every-day use again, would do away with the velvet jacket of the gamekeeper and the possher. The plea that thes velveteen than velvet would only make the case worse, by bringing up The velvet collar on the overcoats of many of our readers, and the skull cap of the same material would have to be abandoned. The wives of some of us would have to sell or give

away their silk dresses, gold bangles and rings, and their fur jackets. Even a narrow edging of tur around the wristbands and the collar would be forbidden by this terrible act.

The only consolation is that the woman of those days simply refused to obey the sumptuary laws, and and probably their descendants of to-day would be equally heroic in the Queen Elizabeth, being a woman

erself, appreciated this difficulty tude. When it was reported to her that a certain law regulating the length of cloaks and the quantity of material they were to contain was being disregarded she stationed men at the city gates, armed with huge scissors, and if anybody passed with a cloak that was over long, out came the scissors and remorselessly snip-ped a piece away.

The laws of the good old times regulated everything. The wages to be paid by farmers to their overseers

and men, the prices of various ar-ticles of merchandise, the dress to be worn by each rank of society. When it was reported that gluttony was increasing in all classes it was promptly enacted that servants should have only one meal of meat or fish daily, and their masters two, the appetite to be stayed during the remainder of the day by milk, butter, cheese, bread and beer. As for bluff King Hal, who was

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