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gave Arthur their last scrap of food without a prospect of being able to obtain a
morsel more. Clothes, trinkets, easels,
chairs—everything, in short, that was
movable—had been sold or pawned; the
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that Arthur had made her, but to which
she seemed, for some sentimental reason,
to cling above the rest: perhaps for the
same reason that makes a girl prefer
her ugliest doil; perhaps because it had
in former days been a sort of fellowmartyr in the troubles that she had undergone for the giver's sake. But for the
giver's sake, though with many tears, iver's sake, though with many tears, he had had to part even with this a ay or two since, and, being a bad hand t a bargain, had pledged it at a neighoring pawnbroker's for a number of hillings that very likely represented its pparent value, but were ridiculously out of proportion to its value to her. It need

not be said that the few shillings did not remain long in her hands; and then there remained to her nothing more.

Yes, she had given Arthur their last morsel, actual or prospective, nor had she shared it with him. It was now near midnight. Her husband was tossing about in the restlessness of fever, and she herself was sitting shivering upon she herself was sitting shivering upon the floor, listening to his tossing and to his broken words, and furiously stitch-ing at a cambric shirt by the light of a single flaring tallow-candle. The atmos-phere was terribly close and yet miser-ably cold; and then the noises that are silent by day but awake when the waksilent by day but awake when the wak-ing world is silent, especially in a sick chamber, were enough to fill with terror of the unseen one whose nerves were so painfully strung to their highest pitch as hers. It was not the scrambling of the mice behind the wainscot, though that, as those who have watched like her well as those who have watched like her well know, is bad enough; but a separate ghost seemed to enter into every bare plank of the floor, into the doors, into the windows, into the chimney, till each of these took a ghastly life of its own that found expression in starts and creaks and groans. It has often been matter for wonder what is the reason creaks and groons. It has often been matter for wonder what is the reason of this peculiarity of the night in bringing into dead life inanimate things; but the reason is simple: it is that there must always be a certain amount of vitality awake in the world, and that that which leaves ourselves during the hours of darkness must seek for itself a temporary home elsewhere. Thus it is our own half-sleeping life we hear around us when we listen to these audible, though invisible wraiths of our own selves. It is that endows them with their un-

is this that endows them with their un-defined power of terrifying, which be-longs to nothing real in the world. There are many people who would face with the calmest self-possession a whole band of robbers or any actual danger, and yet are overcome with papie at their and of robbers or any actual danger, and yet are overcome with panic at their own shadow when it makes itself audible in the creaking of a chair.

For her part, however, Felicia went on stitching and stitching, wearied out, but not in the least inclined to sleep, for she had come to such a pass that chronic wakefulness was with her almost a discount of the part of the contract of ease, so that she could scarcely have slept now even if she had tried. Every now and then, in spite of her attention to her work, she gave a start when the naked boards indulged in a louder crack than usual: nor did she dare to absorb herself in her task too deeply, for, while she strained her eyes over her stitches, she had no less to cover her for, while she strained her eyes over her stitches, she had no less to strain her ears to catch the least sound that might pass through the open door of the adjoining bedroom. Her great and real fear was lest the flare of the candle should gutter down into its socket before she had finished her task, which had to be completed by the next morning. There were just two inches of candle: there was just a yard of work. She was so cold that her fingers were almost numbed, though less by reason of the weather than by hunger and fatigue. Her head was aching; but that also, like her wakefulness, was too habitual to be regarded. At last, unless her ears deceived her, a distinct sound of tapping came either from the door or from the wall. She had heard of the death-tick, and, though by no means superstitious, the

she had heard of the death-tick, and, though by no means superstitious, the sound filled her with the alarm that comes from the unseen. She was in a mood for omens of evil; and the very flame of the candle, as it flared up, and then sank down and flared up again, seemed to her to represent the last dying struggles of one whose minutes are struggles of one whose minutes are num-bered. She listened again; there was no doubt that a sound was present with her that neither belonged to a mouse nor

that neither belonged to a mouse nor was caused by the strain of her own nerves. It was, as has been said, a low tapping noise, as though some timid hand were requesting admittance. Impossible as this should be at such an hour, her eyes were led by it instinctively in the direction of the door.

And presently, slowly and silently, the door began to move. What mortal creature could be intruding thus upon her at this dead and solitary hour? The sight of the opening door was more than enough to paralyze with fascination the faculties of one whom exhaustion had rendered morbidly open to vague and undefined terrors. Heaven knows what she could expect to see. But whatever

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not have called up any object more hideous than that which met her eyes, as it stood there in the outer darkness, peering into the half-lighted room. Ever At last came the terrible day when she gave Arthur their last scrap of food without a prospect of being able to obtain a morsel more. Clothes, trinkets, easels, chairs—everything, in short, that was movable—had been sold or pawned; the last of all to go being the green stone in the hideous setting, which formed such a contrast to the other presents that Arthur had made her, but to which

hour?

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She would have screamed out, had not her tongue been as paralyzed her eyes. There was something horribly and unutterly unearthly about the whole affair. Say what one will in these charitable and tolerant days, there is still to a good Christian always something irreconcilable about a Jew; and about such a Jew as this, who was regarded by his neighbors as a wizard into the bargain—even in these enlightened days one need not go out of London to find plenty of such beliefs—there was, under such circumstances as these, something almost satanic. Though not by any means hysterical, she began to feel the rising and swelling in the throat that precedes hysteria; and all the while the form of Nathan Levi at its very worst stood motionless on the threshold, with its eyes looking she knew not where, but still fascinating hers. Suddenly, with one last leap, the flame of the candle gave a final flare, and then left her with her visitor in utter darkness, and, but for him alone. And yet, even through the darkness, she seemed to feel the light of the small squinting eyes, which were themselves so used to privation of light, that, like those of prisoners who have long been confined to their dungeons, they could see almost as well by night as by day. But, in any case, they had already had time to take in the aspect of the room and of its mistress.

"Mistresh Cranshton?" at last half grated, half squeaked out a voice, of which the almost timid and deprecating tone was in grotesque contrast with the fearful apparition from which is proceeded.

"Who are you? What do you want?" she managed to gave out always in She would have screamed out, had not

ceeded.
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she managed to gasp out, almost in-

"Ish dish vere you live? Ish Mishter Cranshton very ill?"
"This is where we live. Do you want my husband? Yes, he is very ill."
"And ish it true that you 'ave not bread?"
She was client. She was silent. The voice was not one express compassion; it seemed rather

to mock at her misery.
"We trust in God," she said, more firmly. "He who has aided us so far will not ly. "He who has and forsake us now." [To be Continued.]

THE WORLD OF SPORTS.

BASEBALL

ABOUT "TEXAS" SIEVER. Detroit Free Press: The Griswold corridors yesterday had a baseball meeting look about the time that Ban Johnson, Postal and Loftus were circulating about, saying good-day. The veteran, Sam Thompson, was much in evidence, and Scheibeck, last season with Cleveland, and Siever, of the Detroit team, were among those well-known in American circles who were in attendance. Scheibeck has not yet signed, and is here for the winter. He

pretty sure to catch on somewhere before spring. Seiver's name does not adorn a Detroit contract, and chances that it will appear to be slight now. There is a difference between him and the club on the matter of salary, each having named a figure. Between the two sums there is a wide gap. The club people have not approached the twirler since they announced \$2,100 to be the limit they would offer for his services. Seiver says that money will not do, but has declined to attempt to induce the magnates to discuss a splitting of the difference. There are several National League clubs after him, and one offer, at least, is considerable in excess of that of Detroit. Seiver is out for the money, and probably figures that with peace sighted in the

offing, it is wise to get down quickly on the fattest contract that offers. QUARRELING WILL NOT HURT THE GAME. Tom Loftus is satisfied with the American League, and he wants nothing more nor better than the present berth he occupies with the club at Washington. A friend asked him yesterday as he was eating breakfast with Fred Postal, if he thought the present row of the National League magnates would hurt the game generally.

"Not et all," replied Loftus. "People knows what the American League is, and because the National is scrapping is not reason to suppose that the public will not come to us. The old league can't Tom Loftus is satisfied with the Ameri-

will not come to suppose that the public will not come to us. The old league can't do any more to hurt the game than it has now. Its meetings have been one continual turmoil, and if it had not been for the American League they would have killed baseball in this country by this time.

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"The present trouble is not the first. Every year it is the same thing, only this time a few men seem to have the right idea and are trying to ward off the destruction that they see coming. Last year it was a wordy discussion between Brush and Col. Rogers; but it is always something. Its meetings are always long and drawn-out, with every-body trying to knife everybody else.

"Am I glad to be out of it? Well, I should say so. The only reason I ever went to Chicago was because the towns I had been getting in the minor league were dead ones. Columbus didn't pay, and Grand Rapids is no place for a man to expect to make much money. No more National League for me. I'm right where I want to be now, and I'm going to stick mighty close."—Detroit News.

FISTIC.

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DETROIT A DEAD ONE. There will be no more boxing contests or prize fights in Detroit under the management of the Twentieth Century Athletic Club this winter, says the Detroit News. This decision was reached last night, after Messrs, McMullen and Osborne had gone over the receipts of the Cherry-Carroll fight and found that they were about \$100 to the bad. The promoters think Detroit is a dead one as far as the fighting game is concerned, and will call off the negotiations that were under way for a return match between Art Simms and Martin Duffy, the fast little light-weights who forght for ten rounds in the opening show of the season. Matchmaker Osborne has also sent word to the managers of the McGovern-Sullivan bout that this city is no longer open for the little fighter. There will be no more boxing contests or prize fights in Detroit under the

TURF.

AT NEW ORLEANS. New Orleans, Dec. 20.—Favorites won four of the races on yesterday's card. Garter Ban won the third race at the long price of 50 to 1, without backing. Weather clear, track fast. Summary: First race, selling. 24 furlongs—Boom-

erack 1, Death 2, Little Jack Horner 3. Time, 1:21. Second race, 5 furlengs, selling-Marc Belle 1, Ladylike 2, Lady Brockway 3. Time, 1:01%.

Third race, 1½ miles, selling-Garter
Ban 1, Monos 2, Janowood 3. Time, 1:55.

Fourth race, 7 furlongs-Semicolon 1,
Fleuron 2, Johnnie McCarthy 3. Time,

Fifth race, 11-16 miles, selling, Trebor King Steele 2, Gov. Boyd 3. Time, Sixth race, 1 mile—Imp Mint Sauce 1, Piederich 2, Free Pass 3. Time, 1:40. YACHTING.

THE KING AND LIPTON.

London, Dec. 19.—Sir Thomas Lipton, in the long interview which he had with King Edward yesterday, at which the America's cup races were minutely discussed, unfolded his plans for the future. His Majesty exhibited the keenest interest in them, and at times offered suggestions. He expressed the opinion that it would be very hard to get a boat to beat the Americans, to which Sir Thomas replied that he was at least confident that he could secure a yacht a good deal better than the Shamrock II. When Sir Thomas had finished explaining his reasons for this belief, the King appeared to be satisfied, and heartily wished him success. Sir Thomas Lipton also conveyed to King Edward a recapitulation of President Roosevelt's friendly comments on the King and on England which formed the gift for each THE KING AND LIPTON. a recapitulation of President Roosevelt's friendly comments on the King and on England, which formed the gist of a conversation between Sir Thomas and Mr. Roosevelt while the former was in the United States. The King was evidently much pleased. In turn he told Sir Thomas how greatly he admired President Roosevelt's personality, which, unfortunately, he only knew by hearsay. The King takes great interest in the preparations for building another challenger for the cup, which are believed to be already on foot.

HOCKEY.

PRACTICE GAME. The Tecumsehs and the London W. O. H. A. team will hold a practice tonight at 6:30 o'clock, at which it is hoped there will be a large attendance. A game with an outside team is being arranged, and a meeting will be held soon to elect a delegate to the next meeting of the W. O. H. A.

#### Happenings of the Hour.

Cleveland firemen rescued seven persons from a burning boarding-house at 104 Brownell street.

The Atlantic Rubber Shoe Company, capital \$10,000,000, was incorporated at Trenton, N. J., on Thursday.

Hon. A. G. Blair, was too ill to be able to be present at Tuesday's meeting of the railway committee of the Privy Council at Ottawa.

The board of geographic nomenclature met at Ottawa yesterday and decided upon the correct spelling of a number of place names in Canada. The National Bank of North Ameri-

ca, New York City, is to absorb the Bank of the State of New York. Phenix National may be included. The Christmas examinations of the Law Society opened today at Toronto.

The number of candidates is 47 on the first year, and 55 on the third year. The diaries, letters and manuscripts of James K. Polk, comprising all the known writings, have been purchased by the Chicago Historical Society for

The Christmas examinations of the Law Society opened today. The number of candidates are 47 on the first year, 40 on the second year and 55 on the third year.

The Colonial Brewing Company, of New York, made an assignment today for the benefit of creditors. The company was incorporated in 1897 with a capital of \$1,200,000. The sale of a New York Stock Ex-change seat for \$73,000 is reported to

have been made yesterday. This is the highest price on record, the last two sales having been \$71,000. Dr. G. Carlton Jones, surgeon-major of Halifax, has been appointed second in command of Hospital Field Corps

going to South Africa. He is a son of Lieutenant-Governor Jones. Peter Craig, who escaped from the Windsor police station, was brought back from Ann Arbor, Mich., Wednesday night by Sergt. Nash, and is now.

confined in the Sandwich jail. The Presbytery of Lindsay yesterday accepted the resignation of Rev. J. M. Duncan, B. D., of Woolville, recently appointed associate editor of the Presbyterian Sunday school publications. The new Victoria Asylum for the Insane at Cobourg will be ready for oc-cupation immediately after Christmas.

In the following week about 75 patients will be transferred to the new

asylum Michigan men have decided on the incorporation of a \$250,000 company to absolutely control the hardwood lumin the state and all the mills on the Michigan side of the great

Delegations representing the Gardeners' Associations of Ontario and Quebec met at Ottawa and waited on Messrs. Paterson and Fielding, asking for higher duties on importations from the United States.

Joseph Kaufman, the professional shoplifter, who operates in large stores in Toronto and Hamilton, and dis-



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posed of his goods in Buffalo, was sentenced by Judge Snider, at Montreal, to three years in the penitentiary. John Duncan, son of the leader of the New Eve Colony, Windsor, who ran away from the colony about two months ago, was married on Wed-nesday to Louisa Courts, daughter of Eliza Courts, consort of Prince Mike.

The suit of Thomas Standing, a C. P. R. employe, who is claiming damages for injuries received in an accident near Claremont, in which a hand car of which he was an occupant was run down, was settled out of court, for \$500.

A new York syndicate, headed by Dr. William Seward Webb, son-in-law W. H. Vanderbilt, will build the finest hotel in the city on the south-west corner of Fifth avenue and Forty-fourth street. It will have 400 guest rooms.

Toronto police are taking action against "Dr." Ezra Glassco, 15 Ann street, and Mrs. J. Loveday, 493 Clinton street, Toronto, on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses It is stated that they have been soliciting the payment of a dollar to join the Radiant Business Success Circle or

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the Radiant Health Circle. Circulars, which, it is alleged, they sent out to boom these "circles," contain extraor-dinary statements as to the benefits to be obtained by a magie "word," which Glassco was possessed.

The director of colonization at To-ronto has received word from the Ontario immigration agent at Liverpool, to the effect that many English girls are anxious to come to the Dominion as domestic servants. Many young English farmers are also desirous of settling here.

Leonard Dean, contractor of the Hartford, Boston, Belton and Wilsonville mail route, had in his employ a young man named Nove Jackson, aged 18, who has driven the mail between these places for some time past, Lately he has been suspected of robbing the mails. He was arrested, confessed, convicted on his own evidence, and was sentenced to three years in King-ston Penitentiary.

At Toronto, Justice Lount ordered the winding up of the Decca Chemical Consolidated, Mining Company of Ontario, with its head office at Ottawa. The mines of the company are in the

Rainy River district. James Martin, who was on Wednesday, at Ottawa, sentenced to eight years in Kingston for burglary, has confessed that he was implicated in a big robbery in Paris, France, last summer, and he has told where a large amount of the booty is hidden. The information was given to a Pinkerton detective.

LOST A \$5,000 DOG. Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 20 .- V. H. G. Pickering, of Minnedosa, lost his fam-ous deer hound, "Scamp," while the dog was on its way to a Philadelphia dog show. Through some mistake the dog kennel was placed under a pile of trunks, and the animal starved to

NEW STEEL WORKS. NEW STEEL WORKS.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—It is announced that the Canadian Steel and Wire Company, capital \$200,000, will start operations in Hamilton. The incorporators are L. F. Heyd, K.C.. Toronto; John Herbert Couch, Toronto; George D. Heyd and Robert F. Schell, Brantford, and Harriet McVean, Toronto. American capitalists are also concerned. The company will make patent wire fencing, and about 100 men are to be employed, starting about Jan. 15.

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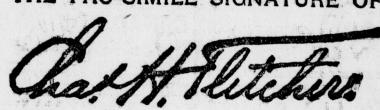
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