ade by one of my congrega-

"I only smoke a 'pipe," I said, tretching the truth a little that he night not feel offended. Then I resident not feel offended. Then I resident my face against the window and peered out into the dismal ountry through which we were unning. Now we were plunging rough lonely stretches of dark roods: now running across wide maches of newly-cleared fields, rith here and there a log house sing above the waste of fallen rees just visible in the half light rising above the waste of fallen trees, just visible in the half light of the moon which was rising above the mountains a few miles away. Following us was a white, smooth road that glistened in the moonlight close to the track. Once in nile we lost it in the darkness we could see it at our side in, hugging us close, which, I cted, was but natural in such a

"Fine land, eh? said Dr. Buckle,
"I don't think, as my third son, a
clever lad, if there ever was one,
says. It just happens that I know
this region pretty well. There!
Did you see that place where the
road crossed a creek on a wooden
bridge. That was where they
drawned me."

"Dropped you?" I ventured, in-juiringly.

"Pardon me. I thought I had been telling you about it" returned the minister, tilting his tile further ack on his head. "What memories There were two churches, one at the village and the other back in the country some six miles, and I alternated between them. The charge was indeed a poor one, but I was a struggling young divine then, with a wife and four little ages to support and I was divine then, with a wife and four little ones to support, and I was glad enough to have a snug parsonage, a salary of \$500 per year and an average of three donation parties per annum. It was the salary question that eventually drove me away from the place—a change for the better, to be sure, as I have now a splendid church in Punkington. By the by, I wish if you ever stop there you would give us a call and see our new pulpit furniture."

Is a faint call to stop, and turning I saw a buckboard, drawn by two dashing horses, just appearing into wiew over the brow of the hill a quarter mile behind. I saw the moonlight gleam on something that savored of guns, and a cold chill crept over my frame.

"It's pa! exclaimed the bride. But go ahead, Mr. Buckle. It will do no good to let your teeth chatter."

"My teeth did chatter, and with furniture."

"Ah! there I was forgetting my tale to speak of pulpit trappings. Your pardon. The trouble was that fully four-fifths of my salary was paid by two families, both wealthy farmers, the Bunders and the Springhouses. Unfortunately for me these families had been at odds for years over a matter of a line fence. In the west there would a bullet whistled a few inches above my head, with that peculiar sound we read so much of in war history. The marriage ceremony is really very short, but performed under such conditions it seemed to me endless. But at length it was done.

"I suppose you will let me off now? I said, for I could hear clear-fence. In the west there would but this is a peaceable country, and so they contented themselves by quarreling in court and never passing a word elsewhere. To the rule, however, there was one exception—Henry Bunder and Kate

Springhouse."

The declar was exincular such secretary and the procedure of the big fellows at my side. "The marriage certificate next; and the heaviest signs first."

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rest. They sang in the same choir; they loved; you married them clandestinely; salary cut off; left you a parsonage, \$500 per year and three donation parties."

"My turn next,' said I seizing the pencil from the groom.

"Not on your life!' yells the big

stroking his long beard, "but that was not what I was going to tell you about. I proposed to relate the events as they affected me and not the young couple; to tell you how the wedding ended where the road crossed the bridge. May I go on i" the true, said the divine, fellow who held me. 'Heaviest first.'

"And with that he seized the certificate and pencil and witnessed the paper. Then he leaped off behind and disappeared in the woods. We had emerged into that clearing where you saw the bridge when a call to stop came to us again. I

But to continue. I was not aware signed and left us. There was a of this exception until one October night just about ten years ago, when a loud banging at the parsonage door awakened my wife and me from our sleep. At my request Mrs. Buckle went downstairs to see what it was.

"Who is there?" she called the continue. There was a report, and again I seemed to hear the whistling bullet intended for yoluntarily start to jump, to find my escape balked, for the bride clung fast to my blanket.

"Sign the certificate! she screamed.

"I signed a year possible signed."

Buckle pretty quick, too.'

"Believing it a matter of importance, my wife rashly called me downstairs to attend to the matter in hand, while she retired. And still more rashly I opened the door a crack and demanded to know what was wanted at each an hour time waters of the creek. My positive was wanted at each an hour time waters of the creek. My positive was wanted at each an hour time waters of the creek. My positive waters of the creek.

preacher for such a purpose,

"And then my curiosity getting the better of my discretion I unchained the door and opened wider the crack that I might obtain a good view of the party at the gate. There were three of them silting in a light spring wagon, to which were attached two lively mules. In the moonlight I could just discern the small form of Kate Springhouse, clad in white, and seated in front beside her burly lover, young Bunder. I tealized at once that this wedding was fraught with not a little danger to me, and hence decided to act cutiously.

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"Did Henry and Kate get away safely, doctor?" I asked.

"Yes, they did," was the reply.

"That was why I got away too.

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I said to the man outside. For self that they refused to contribute

"Buckle, sir—Rev. Dr. Buckle," he said leaning over the back of the seat before me and grasping my had heartly.

"Blad to know you," I replied. "Indeed, I've been longing for some one to talk to, for it seems to me that this journey is interminable."

"Slow train—bad road," said my newwade friend, throwing his high hat on the back of his head and biting the end off of a cigar. "Oh, I see you smoke. Don't fill your pips. Take one of my congrega
"Backle, sir—Rev. Dr. Buckle," "Before I had finished my objection the girl screamed: "They're coming! The big fellow on the backward to the floor with such violence that I small man as I am, flew backward to the floor with such force as to partially stun me. When I recovered my sense I found myself on the hind seat of the wagon, with a man at either side, and Henry Bunder, his sweeheart clinging to him, before me, madly lashing the mules.

"The big fellow on the brakesman, banging the door open I did not hear the verse from my companion, for it was lost in the clanging of bells, scrape of brakes and the skuffle of passengers' feet. "Tve enjoyed meeting you immensely, sir," said the divine, seizing my hand. I hope we will see you smoke. Don't fill your pips. Take one of these—excellent—made by one of my congrega
"Hak beg cover the mountains to Brother—'

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And he was gone. I sighed and relighted my pipe.—N. Y. Evening Star.

"He has come to, one of the men whispered.

"Kate Springhouse gave a little scream of joy, which was followed by another of fear, and an involun-

tary seizure of her lover's arm.
"'I hear them,' he said, 'but we will be married before they catch

will be married before they catch us."

"As I sat there in that rough, rushing, bounding wagon, hatless, with no protection from the autumn winds other than a light horse blanket my kidnappers had thrown about me, the words of an old sermon of mine came back to me, bringing endless comfort. It was from the first clause of Proverbs 1:17—'Better is a dry morsel.' In that discourse I made a point of the fact that anything is better than nothing, that as we are is better than not being; that better is a dry morsel than no morsel. Now if you refer back to First Kings 2:"

"Excuse me for interrupting, doctor," I exclaimed. "But I shall certainly attend church in Punktical and the state of the same and blood troubles. For sale by all dealers. Price 25 cents. One pill a dose: one cent adose. Edmanson, Bates & Co., manufacturers, Toronto.

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"Pardon, pardon," said the minister, relighting his cigar. "I was wandering, to be sure. The young people lost no time in explaining what was wanted, and I, realizing that the quicker it was done the closer to home they would leave me, was not unwilling to begin. We had by this time struck into this road that we are following the sight of that place engenders.
You see, sir, some ten years ago I had charge in this very locality—at Poleville, five miles down the culty in retaining my feet when I culty in retaining my feet when I stood up to perform the ceremony. The bride and groom remained seated, for the latter was busy

Scarcely had the first words left my mouth when we heard behind us a faint call to stop, and turning

cause, for beside the scantiness of "But your story," I interrupted, for I saw that he was prone to wander from the subject of his discourse.

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fence. In the west there would have been some lead exchanged, feet behind us, and knew that our

The doctor was evincing such pocket the needed paper. Mary Springhouse put her name in the proper place and the syoung Bunder signed. The rattle of the wheels came louder, but we were

"True, true," said the divine, fellow who held me. Heaviest

call to stop came to us again. I "By all means. Your pardon; I dered not look back, but I saw the whip fall on the mules, and they plunged forward with a lightened load, for the second witness had second witness had load, for the second witness had

through the keyhole.

"I signed—a very peculiar signature, to be sure, but it satisfied her answer, and he wants Preacher and she expressed her satisfaction

what was wanted at such an hour.
"It's John Bunder and Kate body could not have been seen from Springheuse wants you to marry 'em, preacher,' said the big fellow whom I saw stamping to and fro on the porch. 'And you'll have to do it quick.' And you'll have to do it quick.' And you'll have to do it quick.' Indeed, says I, 'and this is a honest was badly cut; my back and honest handsome and commodious in town.

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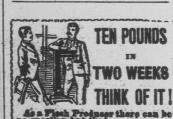
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