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into the pure fresh air and warm

sunlight that for days had been de-

nied him. The doctors had enjoined

that silence reign. But two and a-

half miles distant, in the town of

Paris, joy bells rang and whistles

screeched and the whole countryside

gave vent to long pent-up feelings,

Sandford want for nothing. Nor

THE RELEASE.

His rescuers had been in close

small thing was preventing the

would, the brave men struggling in

aid of their unfortunate fellow could

not work the foot free. Sandford

to quench his fevered thirst.

HOW, IT WAS DONE.

azors. Fifty feet and more it sank-

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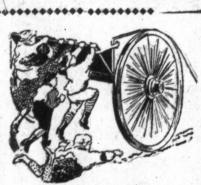
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### of Joshua Sandford from a living SANFORD RESCUED SATURDAY tomb forms the most thrilling of in-FROM HIS LIVING TOMB cidents. After a struggle lasting one bundred hours, except a few minutes, the young well digger was brought safely from his horrible prison, on the Skelly farm, near Paris, at 5.35 o'clock In a Few Weeks Will be Himself—The Terrible Experience of a Saturday afternoon.

Young Man in a Well on a Farm Near Paris Ont., the Without a cheer, or other than the Preservation of Whose Life and Final Resslightest show of emotion on the part of the assembled hundreds of people, cue was Truly Marvellous. Sandford was raised above ground,

> A Driven Pipe Served as an Air Shaft-The Imprisoned Man Worked Patiently, While Heroic Friends Labored Unceasingly to Secure His Release-Thrilling Narrative of John Carnie.

"Yes, Sandford will get better," said His feet were probably three feet

Dr. Dunton, late Sunday afternoon, lower than his nead. The men at work in the new well, He had just come from the sick room when they had found Sandford, quickat the Scott farm-house, and though ly yet with great caution, made his remark was not uttered in tones of the most perfect confidence, still it was good news. The brave Sandford is a very sick man. He requires ford is a very sick man. He requires the greatest care, and probably will for some time to come. This he will ford, and also to take hold of him. have. Mr John Penman, the Paris The story is best told by John Carnie. CARNIE, THE HERO.

woollen mill owner, has ordered that While Sandford's conduct throughout the horrible ordeal was simply would he, in any event. Trained marvellous, his was a wonderful fight nurses and the closest medical attention are constantly at hand. The patient rests in bed in the cosy guest patient rests in bed in the cosy guest face he had never seen. All the countries of the old stone farm-house chamber of the old stone farm-house, literally surrounded by loving hands and hearts, all moving on tip-toe and almost as much as of Sandford. Carspeaking in whispers, all eager to do nie is a hero in everybody's mouth.

A very modest hero is Carnie. When see him regularly; his immediate questioned he gave in graphic detail the story of the last two days, but something. Only the patient's nurses relatives have visited him once or always put in front the names of the brave men who labored with him, and he specially requested the newspaper men to say little of himself.

Mr. Carnie is a trusted employe of For more than twenty-four hours, Sandford's release had been looked John Penman, the mill owner. He is respected by everyone in Paris, and is the superintendent of one of the ouch with him. They had been talk- large Sunday schools. To the Free

ng to him and he to them, They had Press, he said:-"Between three :and four o'clock Friday morning I first went down, been slowly, and they believed, surely, effecting his release. A provok-The well had been carried down, and Sandford said he thought we were ten feet below him. George Blanshleft foot of the imprisoned man re-mained stoutly held. Try as they would, the brave men struggling in thought Sandford was above us. I thought that when we got opposite man in the other well that he himself worked at it. . But all to no would know it, and we would. a bar through into the old well and Sandford heard me. He

purpose. The thing became disheartening. Extreme measures were talk-TOLD ME TO QUIT. One was to place a harness That was the first intelligent word about Sandford and pull him up with heard him utter. We were working the power of a steam engine. Anin hard pan, and I found by putting other was to break the leg and reset my shovel in that just below us was immediately upon release being sand. This was all right. So we effected. Yet another was to perform notched some more plank into the an amputation. While some minds side of the well to brace it-you know how well digers do; I am not a well were engaged with these thoughts, digger at all. We went down five or others ran in a different and happier six feet and then I put another hole through. What little noise Sandford that brought Sandford to the top, un-injured, save from the effects of his long and terrible imprisonment. Not a bone in the man's body was broken. there was no space as when first we His face was scratched and scraped made a hole. The bar of iron did and a cut on the head had bled some. at once the rubbing in the old well a particle, though surely here was for fear of loosening the earth and cause if one's hair will turn white in causing another cave-in. So he just rabbed the pipe. The noise was shoulder high. We tore out plank a night. The man was pale and possibly a trifle wan. But he was never in the side of our well about ten the same as would have been antici-pated of one who for four days and through to see if we could see him. pated of one who for four days and We could hear Sandford's voice quite four nights had existed in the very plainly when we put a little box bowels of the earth, held as in a vice, through. His talk was like a delirious person speaking. I did not know with quicksand more plentiful than air itself, and of water not one drop the man, but called to him. 'All right, Josh; we will get you,' I said. don't need to get me. I am not in the well. I got out two days ago, To dig a second well three feet distant from the first was but the small- It was the fresh air getting to him set part of the work of rescuing that awakened him, I guess. The est part of the work of rescuing Joshua Sandford. With great speed, slow as it seemed, was the well sunk-en. Down, down it went beneath the efforts of busy men armed with well-diggers' tools that were kept sharp as

was his reply. Not many minutes afterward he spoke to us rationally. poor fellow's voice was pretty feeble. "When we got into the old well, we could see just a rick of brick. They had fallen in a heap, resting upon one another. Sandford called out that he was in pretty bad shape; that we had better get in AS QUICK AS WE COULD.

ten feet too low aff it proved. Sand-ford was located higher up, and the real, work then begun. John Carnie Blanshard got in first through the box, and he saw that we had to do was the first man, to eatch a glimpse of the prisoner in his fearful tomb. It was an elbow of the wretched man there. We could see Sandford's elbow that met the gaze of Carnie as it appeared against an aperture in the disordered bricks of the old well. The label to rub the pipe just over his ordered bricks of the old well. The question at once was the position in which Sandford was held. If he were in an upright position the difficulty attending his release was increased an account of the position of the posit undred fold.

"I was satisfied we would never get not tell where his head was; could "I was satisfied we would never get him out if we did not find Sandford in something of a reclining position," said John Carnie yesterday, in relating the story of the rescue to the Free Press.

But fortune favored the brave, as it Sud for the satisfied we would not feel it. With his own hand he handed back the cap, with the remark. "Well, you must have an awful small head." We got a towel down from the too. It was a big one, and I said to Blanshard that he had better the said to Blanshard the said to Blanshard that he had better the said to Blanshard that he had better the said the said to Blanshard that he had better the said the said that he had better the said that the said the said that he had better the said that he had better the said the said the said that he had better the said th proved. Sandford's position was akin ter tear it. We wanted to put to that of a man in a reclining chair. towel over his face to keep off

dirt while we worked. 'No don't tear

NEARLY ONE HUNDRED HOURS

the towel,' Sandford spoke up. "The man's body was completely buried. His head lay in sand, and only from his lower lip running at an angle above his ears was he free. With the free hand he was able to rap on the pipe, and also to keep brushing the sand away from his nose and mouth. He had just a very small space above his nostrils in which to breathe. He told me he was choking. The sand was TRICKLING DOWN ON HIS FACE,

I cleaned his face and eyes. He was trying to spit out sand. But his lungs would not work. I put my hand in and cleaned out the sand beneath his shirt collar. Then I put the towel over his face and told him if a little stuff fell I would take it off. I had to uncover his face three times, because of the sand that fell on the towel. "Well, we found there was a piece of board sticking on the brick at the side of the well. to help to support This had kept the mass above from crushing the life out of Sandford. We put through a support to the other sideof the well, to help to support the roof and make it safe for him while we worked. We wanted to hold the brickwork up. I held a light in to see where he was. I thought perhaps he was upright, and if he was, I did not see how we would ever get him out. He said the pressure be-tween his back and his lungs was catching him worst. I managed to pull a brick from under his back, and he gave a sigh as of relief. I got another brick out, and he said, "My, that's all right.' He began to help himself with his right hand. Then as straightened up he came

We pulled out a pair of overails he had around his neck, and also a smock he had with him." Mr. Carnie said he did not know how it happened, but Sandford worked himself up probably ten or twelve feet after the first cave-in and so had brought down the second load of

in front of the hole we had made

When the second cave-in occurred

Sandford was in a stooping position.

gravel, hardpan and sand. "He must have worked like a ground hog around that iron easing." he said. "I think he had been sleeping and the stuff came down from

behind him. GOT A ROPE AROUND HIM.

The brave rescuer described how, est some fresh danger should occur, they had placed a rope around Sand-ford's body, so as to hold him and in the event of a fresh cave-in, to keep in touch with him. He told of the handing in to Sandford of a chisel with which to work in removing the debris that held him. Once Sandford handed the tool back with instructions that it be sent to the top as it was not sharp enough. Blanshard, one of the men in the well, wanted to go in to the old well to help Sandford, but he would not allow him, remarking that it was enough to have one man buried there.

And so the efforts were continued. Every moment it was hoped to effect Sanford's release. Finally, one foot remained to be freed. To do so seemed impossible. Two bricks were securely wedged across the instep with a third just behind the heel, forming

a terrible vise. Another rope was placed around Sandford, and the rescuers pulled hard but in vain.

About this time an incident occurred to vary the excitement. William Thompson had gone down into the well to give assistance, but found he could not withstand the changed temperature and gasses at the bottom.

temperature and gasses at the bottom of the well. He told Carnie of his trouble and called to those at the top of the well, "Send some one down to take my place." Immediately the quit-witted Sanford called out "Send

a man down to take my place."

Thompson said he felt like fainting and Carnie told him he had better faint in the well than in the bucket. Thompson was anxious to get up, however, and got into the bucket. Carnie was standing on the timbers of the well, ten feet from the bottom, and as Thompson was raised saw the man keel over. In an instant he would have fallen head first to the bottom of the well, probably with bers, and in place of avoiding a shock braced himself for it and Thompson alighted on Carnie's neck and should-

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