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ome hither."

Resistance on her part was perfectly man. I hope, is more inured to exposure ure." Half fainting with terror, she was borne along and forced into another closed car-"We will drive immediately to the magistrate's, and send assistance. I will

riage, where she sank among the cushtake the box.' riage, where she sank among the cush ions, utterly overcome by terror. The carriage started, and she felt herself borne swiftly onward through the dark-nses—whither, she dared not even guess "Will you first kindly inform me to whom I am so deeply indebted?" inquirwhom I am so accept matching — ed the lady. "My name, madam, is McCarthy — Colonel McCarthy, of the Eleventh In-fantry. My companion here is Captain Roberts. I must entreat you to be so These will the result in the power of un-secting the result in the power of un-scrupulous ruffians, and she prayed for speedy death as for the least evil that could befall her. Intense terror takes no account of time. It seemed to her that she had been driven through the darkmess for an eternity of anguish.

darkness for an eternity of anguish, when suddenly the gallop of horses was heard, a pistol was fired, torches blazed around the carriage, and a sonorous

voice cried out: "Stop, villains, on your lives!"

Etheridge was partly averted when Ro berts came up. And Roberts no sooner caught a sight of her face than he start At the same moment the heads of the horses were seized, and the driver, as if ed and retreated perceptibly. "Excuse me one moment, madam," said the man who called himself MCarstruck with panic, sprang from the box

"This is deliverance! Oh, thank hean!" cried Lady Etheridge, nearly yooning under the strong reaction of ven!" rts. feeling.

The carriage door was then opened, and a tall, dark, military-looking man, holding a torch in his hand, appeared, and, bowing respectfully, hoped that the young lady was uninjured. "Oh, quite, thank you," replied Rose, still too strongly agitated to require an young lady

explanation of this unexpected deliver-"The miscreants have fled, young lady sked: even the fellow that was upon the

box; but if you will kindly tell us where you wish to be driven, I will gladly perform the duty of your coachman." "We were on our way to Windsor when we were stopped," said Lady Eth-

eridge. "Windsor! You are entirely out of the road, madam. Windsor lies some fif-teen miles off to the left, and the crossround your neck." roads are difficult and dangerous travel-ling by night."

Then where is the Magpie Inn, which my unfortunate servants thought we could reach by supper time?"

"The Magpie Inn, madam, is on the London and Windsor road, full twenty the box, first, because it will miles from this spot." "Then F have been taken very far out

of my way," said Lady Etheridge, in peron her. plexity "Durst not face her, you mean e eighteen miles, I should judge,

with anxiety of her servants and long and take you to that of your friend, the with anxiety of her servants and long-ed to reach her journey's end that she might send relief to them. In the thick-est part of this wood the carriage at length drew up before an old-fashioned, gloomy looking country house. McCarthy got down and knocked. After a little delay the door was open-ed by an old servant in a very suspici-uus state of readiness. "Well, Jones, your master has been in bed hours, of course. "With an the thick-state of readiness. "Well, Jones, your master has been in bed hours, of course.

"Yes, please your honor." "And the housekeeper, of course." "Yes, please your honor." "Yes, please your honor." "Well, show us into the most comfort-able room at hand, and then see the horses put away after which come to mee said McCarthy, and he helped Lady Eth-eridge to alight and attended her into the house.

to the horses. McCarthy seated Lady Etheridge upon a sofa, and inquired what refreshments she would be pleased to take. Rose de-clined any. Soon the old servant show-ed himself at the door, and McCarthy went out to speak with him. After a Merica a soft and the sead that is a soft and the sead that fell is very lavish in this regard. Man or demon 1 will not to the sead of the sead that fell a fraction of the sead that fell is very lavish in this regard. A year or two often the sead that is the sead that fell is very lavish in the sead that the went out to speak with him. After a few moments he returned to the draw-

ing-room, and going to Lody Etheridge, said:

bable that before this hour some passen-ger upon that frequented road has disovered and released them; indeed. I think it quite certain to be so, because a rumor was rife along the road that a carriage had been waylaid and robbed, and a lady had been carried off. It was the rumor that led us to challenge the suspicious-looking vehicle in which we found your ladyship a captive. Now, how

The person named had hitherto kept in could have such a rumor have got ofloat so soon, if your servants had not been discovered and released?" inquired Mcthe background, out now advanced to the side of the carriage. "Oh! heaven grant that they may be!" said Lady Etheridge, fervently. The appearance of the housekeeper now interrupted the conversation. She It happened that the face of Lady was a tall, stout, coarse, and florid wo-

man, of fifty years of age, whose scarred face and overdressed form did not add thy, bowing and hurrying after Robto the respectability of her office. "I very much regret that your master" "Scream now, if it will be any relief is too ill to rise. I commend this lady to you, my dear; scream as much as you Lady Etheridge had seen nothing that assed in that moment in which her

ead was averted. McCarthy hurried after Roberts. comfortable." 'I shall endeavor to do so. Madam. "Roberts, what was the matter? you ran away as if from the face of a con-stable instead of that of a pretty wo-man. What was the meaning of it?" would you choose to take refreshments hefore retiring?" said Mrs. Thomas, ad-

dressing Lary Etheridge. "No, I thank you. I need rest more than anything else," replied her ladyship. Roberts was too much agitated to answer at once, but after struggling violent-ly with some strong inward emotion, he "Then I wil show you at once to oom," said Mrs. Thomas, lighting a bed-"Who is this lady whom we are en-gaged in deceiving?" "She is the Baroness Etheridge of room candle, and leading the way. Lady Etheridge bowed to Colonel Mc-Carthy, and followed the housekeeper

Swinburne, in her own right. There, now confound you, if you ever breathe that, your tongue will have tied a knot They passed up a flight of broad stairs, along several intricate passages, and finally entered a large, sombre cham-ber, with the windows and the heavy,

"The Baroness Etheridge of Swin-burne,! Whe ew!" exclaimed the man Roberts, sinking into thought. "And now we must hurry back to the four-post bedstead thickly curtained with dark damask The housekeeper set the candle upon carriage. It is uncivil to leave the lady alone for a moment; but first tell me the mantelpiece, laid out a mont dress, and wishing the guest a pleasant night's repose, withdrew from the room.

None for a naway from her." "Presently, presently, dear Mac. You must permit me to ride beside you on first, because it will not be repose, withdrew from the room. But weary and exhausted as ahe was, Lary Etheridge was still too excited to think of sleep. She needed calmly to re-view all that had happened during the night in order to understand it. So, dressed as she was, she threw herself into an armchair simply to rest. So civil to thrust me in upon the lady; and ndly, because I will not intrude up-

"Some eighteen miles, I should judge, madam." "Indeed I do not know what to do," "Unst not face her, you mean." "As you please, dear Mac. You always is a finer appreciation of nice shades of meaning than myself. At any rate, it would not only be unevise, for either of us to in-trude upon the lady. She would be watting an explanation as to how we the nearest justice of peace, if you know of one in the neighborhood." "Certainly, madam, under all the eir-cumstances, the wisest plan; it is the

from which 1 am willing to deliver you honorably, 1 can say no more." "But, oh Heaven, how shall I trust

"Ludy Etheridge, Rose Elmer, do you

remember a scene, in which you acted part, in the village church of Swinburne, on the first of July, some four years since?" said the stranger, in a low, ag

the house. The old servant preceded them into "ificant tone. "Ha, oh Heaven! who are you that tell the drawing-room, and retired to attend me of that?" gasped Rose, turning pale

day to which you allude, death has can-celled that dreadful deed; I have noth-"Ha! have you not?"

said: "Mr. Howlet is ill, and must not be ing-room, and going to Lady Etheridge, him. In the meantime the housekeeper is getting up, and will attend to all your comforts for the night." "I feel very grateful; but, oh, my poor coachma nand maid exposed to this rain storm!" exclaimed Rose, sorrowfully. "O, nothing to icar but you! I do "No; nothing to icar but you! I do "No; nothing to icar but you! I do "No; nothing to icar but you! I do to trust myself with a stranger. I shall remain where I am, and use thif if you drawing a penknife from her pocket, and opening the largest blade. "Oh, then, if you will not be saved willany need for.

ingly, you must by force. There is no more time to be lost in persuasion," said the intruder , and while he spoke he took off his cloak and throwing it over her head as quick as lightning, stifled her cries, muffled her form, and raising her in his powerful arms, bore her from the room, through the intricate passages, down the stairs, and to the great front door, which it seemed he had already un barred and unlocked in readiness for his egress.

A cab stood in the deep shadow of the trees before the house. He forced his half sufficiented burden into the vehicle jumped in by her side, and immediately gave the order to drive on. They drove swiftly through the woods. When they had reached the heath beyond, the stranger threw the cloak a little back from the face of Rose, to give her air, at the same time saying: "Scream now, if it will be any relief

to your care, and hope you will make her comfortable."

the carriage, crying: "Cabman; cabman. Stop, stop! command you! You are committing felony, for which you will be transport

You the helping a ruffian in a case ed! of abduction! The cabman at the first sound of the

bise, stopped the carriage and listened; but when he distinguished the words, he replied in a soothing voice: "Yes, mum; in course; just so, mum

compose your narves, mum, do," and frove on. And though Rose continued to beat up

on the front of the carriage, and to call loudly, she could make no further im-pression upon the obtuse senses of the man, who continued stolidly silept and man, who continued stolidly silert and swiftly driving on. "Scream and bang my dear. It re-lieves you, and does me no harm," ob-served her companion, in smooth irony. Rose sank back exhausted, and burst into a reassion of tears.

into an armchair simply to rest. Soon the disturbed household seemed to have sunk into perfect repose. The stillness of the hour was profound, and the sil-ence and the strangeness seemed to af-fect her with an undefinable apprehenent with the dawn of away, the earliest had not come. The road before them stretched silent and he lady. She would be fect her with an undefinable apprehen-solitary over the murky shadows of tastened the door of her chamber after the housekeeper, and she arose to lock it, and then returned to her chair. The

A FOLEST'S HISTORY.

Many Trees Start, But Few Survive-The Survival of the Fittest Well Illustrated.

In all forestry work it is very neces- | tinues to grow in diameter, however, for some years after the main growth in height ceases; and that too, at a pretty rapid rate. Sooner or later, however, this rapid growth in diameter falls off, though the tree continues to increase in diameter fat how some to be a sary to bear in mind the history of a typical forest. The way in which nature, starts a forest may sometimes be observed on an area that has some years before been visited by a fire which burned all the trees, or by a severe wind-

though the tree continues to increase in diameter (at a less rate, however) to a very old age. It is contrary to forestry principles to allow the tree to grow too old. Very old trees, when cut down, are often found to be more or less rotten at the storm, which blew them all down. Then seed from near-by trees fell on this area; some of this seed germanated, but only stump, so that the best timber is ob-tained by cutting down the tree before a fraction of the seed that fell, for nature

A year or two after the fire or wind-A year or two after the fire or wind-storm, if the tract is visited, many little seedling trees will be found. For a few years every one of these little seedlings will have a chance to grow as much as it likes. It will have to most most descent t likes. It will have to meet many dan-

It likes. It will have to meet many dan-gers—from frost, for instance, or from drought, or from too much moisture—and naturally many of the little trees will die from such causes. After overcoming these, however, each little tree is free the such table to table or some time to grow at its best rate for some time, with all the soil, space and light it has

Crowding Begins.

But after some years, as the trees be-come taller and spread out more, a time comes when the crowns of the trees begin to touch one another. (The term "crown" is a general word, meaning the branches and foliage of the trees.) This branches and foliage of the trees.) This tends, by shading the soil, to keep the light and heat away from it, and is bene-ficial; the moisture is kept from evapor-ating, and, moreover, the soil is made richer now by the leaves and twig: which fall from the trees, and, decaying, form new leaf-mould or humus. The effect on the trees is very notice-able. They begin to grow in height much

able. They begin to grow in height much more rapidly. Growth sidewise is, of course, hindered, and the entire strength of the tree is centred on growing up-ward. Besides, the trees are forced to grow upward in order to keep alive, and the tree that can grow fastest in height is the one that finally survives the rest. The reason for this is that a tree, like every other plant, absolutely needs light for its healthy growth, for without light it cannot make food for itself. is of no use for the tree to grow out horizontally, in trying to get to the light, for there it is cut off by its neighbors. So it must grow upwards, and, if it falls behind the other trees, these latter shade it, and so keep it back, and, perhaps, kill it out altogether. The same effect can be noticed on the lower branches of any of the trees, from which the light is cut off by the upper parts of the tree. These, after a few years, die, and are finally blown off by the wind, knocked off by other branches, or

are broken off in some other way. The Fastest Growers Survive.

As the fastest growing trees get the most light, they have the best chance for development. First they grow above their neighbors, and so they get the chance to spread out sideways at the top. So they shade these neighbors and keep them back-perhaps finally killing them altogether. This process goes on for years and years, and in the end only a small proportion of the trees which or iginally started in the race will be alive

Examples From Nature.

A good example of this is seen in the case of the poplar in the Turtle Mountain forest reserve in Manitoba. Study of this tree by officers of the Dominion Forestry Branch showed that, while, at Forestry Branch showed that, while, at the age of ten years, the average number of poplar trees per agre is four thousand (4,000), at eighty years of age their number has been reduced to three hun-dred (300.) At forty years of age there had been 850 left, and at sixty years of are 405 required. age 425 remained. The white pine in New England was

it attains such an age.

SPRING ADVICE.

Do Not Dose With Purgatives and Weakening Medicines-What People Need at This Season is a Tonic

Not exactly sick — but not feeling quite well. That's the spring feeling, You are easily tired, appetite vari-able, sometimes, headaches and a feeling of depression. Or perhaps aches and Or not perhaps on the

facing of and sruptions appear on the face, or you have twinges of theuma-tism or neuralgia. Any of these in-dicate that the blood is out of ordec, that the blood is out of or-der, that the blood is out of or-has left its mark upon you, and may easily develop into more serious trouble. Don't does yourself with purgative medicines in the hope that

bronce. Bon't dose yoursen what purgative medicines in the hope that you can put your blood right. Pur-gatives gallop through the system, and weaken instead of giving strength. What you need is a tonio medicine that will make new, rich, red blood, build up the weakened nerves and thus give you new health and strength. And the one medicine to do this speedily and surely is Dr. Williams' Pink Files. Every dose of medicine that makes new, rich blood which makes weak, easily tired and ailing men and women feel bright, active and strong. If you need a medicine this spring, try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and you will never regret it. This medicine has cured thousands in every part of the world, and what it has done for others it can easily do for you.

done for others it can easily do hat you. The headquarters for the genuine Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People in Canada is Brockville, Ont. So-called pink pills offered by com-panies located at other places in Canada are fraudulent imitations intended to deceive. If your dealer does not keep the genuine Dr. Wil-liams' Pink Pills for Pale People, send to Brockville, Ont., and The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co. will mail the pills to you at 50 cents a box or six pills to you at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50.

POWER FROM THE PLANETS.

Stellar Influence Measuerd by Scientists of the Naval Observatory.

Among the earliest ideas of mankind Among the earliest ideas of mankind concerning the stars was the popular be-lief that they exercised come mysterious power over the inhabitants of the earth. This notion gave rice to astrology, whose superstitious practices still find votarics even at this late day. The cduance of science long ago put an email be astrological fancies in the minds of well-informed people, while in place of the old notions about the influences of the stars new conceptions, not less wonderful stars new conceptions, not less wonderful many respects, have been for

We know, for instance, that if the law of gravitation prevails. as we have a rea-son to believe it does, among the stars then every star in proportion to its mass and its distance exercises an attractive influence upon the earth and, of on every inhabitant of the earth.

cumstances, the wisest plan; it is th very advice I should have offered had I dared to counsel," said the stranger. "You know of one, then?" gladly in-

quired Rose.

"Yes, my lady; there is Squire How-let, of Howlet's Close, about a mile from this spot: he is a very zealous magis-trate, and will not mind being knocked up in the night to receive such import. nt information as of this daring violence

"I am the more anxious to see a ma gistrate as soon as possible, that I may send assistance to my unfortunate ser-vants," said Lady Etheridge. "And-pardon me, where were they left, madam ?"

"In a thick wood, about the middle of

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thick wood, about the middle of th, and half way between lloun-otel and the Magpie Inn, as near-can judge." dangerously wounded, I hope, y?" the carriage dive off, YS theridge caught a glimpse of two men leading away the horses that had brought these deliverers; and with a pang of undefinable, dread, she thought they had very much the air of the ruf-fians who had first attacked her car-riage the heath, and half way between lloun-slow Hotel and the Magpie Inn, as near-I can judge.

my lady ?" guite unhurt, I believe, but | riage.

The carriage rolled rapidly on, and soon Sound and gagged, and desperately frightened; besides being exposed to of itself overclouded all night and now the rain damp night air that may woman. The coach- began to fall. Lady Etheridge thought

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There is some truth in what you ad-it, and then returned to ner chan, and candle burned low, and the shadows of vance, so you may as well mount by my side. Well, here we are at the carriage, I her exist room grew darker and darker. said McCarthy. Roberts pulled his collar up and his

hat down, to obscure his face, and keep-ing out of the range of view from the carriage windows, went round and ounted upon the box.

she shuddered with a vague fear, and kept her eyes fixed upon the door. It

McCarthy went up to the carriage win-dow, bowed, and said: "Captain Roberts will not intrude up-on your ladyship; he will ride on the box beside me." might have been caused by the wind, yet her heart stood still in doubt and terror -only for a moment, when the figure of "I thank him very much," replied Lady a tall, stout man, wrapped in the volum-inous folds of a black cloak, and having

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Etheridge, very glad to be left alone. McCarthy then mounted the box, and the carriage drove off. As they left the his face covered with a black mast merged from the closet, and advanced into the room. Lady Etheridge shricked, and started

oward the door with the impulse of flying .

"Be not frightened; I will not harm you," said the intruder, in a low whis-per, as he glided to the door, and stand-ing before it, intercepted her passage.

"Ingo before interference interpassage. "Asi-wat inded here fillsoge buosgfoychos, "Iam betrayed!" gasped Lady Ether-idge, in a dying voice, as she dropped, half-fainting, into her chair. "You are betrayed; but not by me, who would save you," said the stranger, in the same low whiener. the most popular childhood medicine in Canada. Any mother using Boby's Own Tablets has the guarantee of a Government analyst that this medicine does not contain one particle of opiate or harmful drug. Sold by medicine dealers or by in the same low whisper. drug. Sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from the Dr. Wil-liams Medicing Co., Brockville, Ont. "In the name of Heaven, who are

"A friend, who would rescue you from a danger worse than death." "W.y do you intrude upon my pri-vacy at this hour?"

"To warh you as I must; to save you, if I may!" said the stranger, in the same low, impressive whisper in which he nad spoken from the first. "I am in the bouse of a magistrate-

I will summon assistance!" cried Rose, in terror, as she rushed from her chair. "This chamber is provided with Po be!! ropes; and it is, besides, far removed from the inhabited part of the house. But do not be alarmed; I will advance no nearer to you than I am now. Listen

to me: You said that you were in the house of a magistrate. You are de-ceived. You are in a house which no honorable woman ever entered and re parted without leaving her honor be-

"Oh, Heaven of heavens! what shall I do? where can I turn? whom can i trust?" exclaimed Rose, in the extrem-"Trust me. We are nearer Lond."

tive organs. Some men are so versatile that they than you have been led to suppose. 1 ¹ Some men are oo versatile that will conduct you safely from this house, never know which side they are on.

candle burned low, and the shadows of the vast room grew darker and darker them. Her companion, sitting quietly, In her excited reverie, her eyes were fix-had not seen the approaching vehicle. ed absently upon the door of a closet on the left of the fireplace. While gazing Rose took her resolution, and acted upon

it instantly. Dashing open the window nearest to her, she thrust her head out, abstractedly upon this door, it seemed to move a little outward, and though she believed that her senses had deceived her

The stranger started up with a half suppressed oath, seized and dragged her years four hundred (400).

swung half open; she hoped the motion and muffling her head in cloak stifled her cries.

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Civilization Needs a Muffler.

(Detroit Free Press.)

Silver Ear Drums.

(To be continued.) **HELPING MOTHERS.**

"I always tell my neighbors who have

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studied similarly by the United States forest service. They found that wrere there were twenty-two hundred (2,200) These attractions, however, are necessarily so slight that we have as yet means of detecting them. In some other respects, however, the

trees per acre at ten years of age, there influence of the stars can be me nearest to her, she thrust her head out, and cried: "Help, help help, help, for the love of heaven!" The stranger started up with a half suppressed onth seized and dragged her Vers four hundred (400)

Close Planting. Foresters, in planting trees, take a lesson from the foregoing facts. The trees are planted very close together—five feet apart each way, for instance. In a few years—six to eight, probably—the ground. The great majority of these ground. The great majority of these trees die, of course; the forester knew they would do so. But such close plant-ing is far the cheapest way of preserv

"I always tell my neighbors who have children how good I have found-Baby's Own Tablets," says Mrs. L. Revtle, Ga-was, nOt. Mrs. Reville further says: "I would not be without the Tablets in the house, for I know of no medicine that can equal them in curing the ills from which children so often suffer." It is the enthusiastic mease of motions who ing is far the cheapest way of preserv-ing the moisture in the soil and of fur-the renriching it through the formation of new humus. Besides, trees grown so closely as this will be far taller and is the enthusiastic praise of mothers who have usd the Tablets that makes them straighter than if they had more space.

The Beginning of the End. Trees that tower above their neighbors are known as "dominant" trees, while those which are killed out or badly which are known as "suppressed" trees. Those between these two extremes, which manage to live on in pretty good health, though they do not keep up to the dominant trees, are known as "sub-dominant" trees.

lominant" trees. Finally, however, growth in height omes to an end; the chief reason for this is that the tree is no longer able to



stars and planets. To Venus, for instance, they ascribe a force of about seventeen one hundredtha of a volt, and to Jupiter a force of at least three one hundredths of a volt. In the case of Jupiter only a part of the planet's light fell upon the electrometer, so that the experimenters infer that its

Of late years, experiments have been

entire electric influence must be much greater than that stated. Sirius, which appears to us as the brightest of the fixed stars, showed a force amounting to two one hundredths of a volt.

Carelessness About Firearms.

A few days ago at Brockton, Mass., 6 year-old child blew a man's head off with a shot-gun; at Bangor, Me, a small boy killed his infant sister with a load of shot, and similar occurrences have re-of shot, and similar occurrences have reently been reported from other places. cently been reported from other places. Ninety-nine percent, of gun accidents might have been avoided by the exer-cise of a small symptom of common sense. The children referred to in the house is next to criminal carelessness. To keep a loaded gun in the house where there are children is idiotic.--Washington Star.

Raising the Mile of Pennies.

Raising the Mile of Fennies. The congregation of the Presbyterian church at Sayre, Bradford county, is try-ing to collect a 'mile of pennies' as a part of the church's building fund. The members of the congregation have narrow strips of paper, just a foot in length. The length is divided in inches and one side is covered with glue. These to whom the strips of paper are presented are requested to moistan the glue and cause spare pennies to athare to the strips. Each foot will hold exactly siz-teen pennies. Thus a mile of these strips completely filled will add §844.80 to the build-ing fund.



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