The Emeraid of Kandahar &

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There was no reply; nor did any come even after the lapse of many minutes that seemed like hours. She seemed to have uttered 2 vade retro of magical efficacy, or else the hateful-looking object, as to which she could not even now decide whether it was ghost or man, was suddenly struck dumb. Nor. O reader, do I decide whether this apparition was ghost or man. I have myself far too often caught myself out in mistaking for read flesh and blood what has afterwards turned out to be a mere ghost of the most ordinary kind, to be guilty of any such presumption where the experience of another is concerned. I am a manhunter, and only yesterday I flattered myself that I had at last succeeded in getting hold of a real man; but, alas! it proved to be nothing more than a mere common ghost, such as one sees every day.

Meanwhile, during those long hours that Time, the emotionless, called minutes, she dared not speak, she dared not even move, for fear of what might be the result. But, though she felt herself the result. But, though she felt herself to be sitting in the midst of nameless terrors, her expression of faith had givenher courage. She had reminded herself that, come what might, she could never be really alone. At last the utter silence endured so long that she even ventured to stir, and, the charm being once thus broken, she found the power to move. Instinctively gathering up her unfinished work, she crept on tip-toe, fearing every moment lest in the utter darkness she should come in contact with the monster, into the bedroom, closed the door and dragged against it by way of barricade the large, but, alas! empty trunk that served for table, chair and wardrobe all in one.

CHAPTER XIX.

Meanwhile Mr. Grode himself must not be altogether forgotten.

He still lived by himself in the house near Russell Square, now more dusty than ever. He had his coffee hot in the morning, his chop at half-past one, his dinner of three courses at six; he slept well, and was not more ill-tempered than he had always been, for the simple reason that any increase of what cannot be increase is a simple impossibility. He was growing very rich, people said, and was giving up attending sales, though no change in his style of living gave any support to the popular idea. His lawyer, had drawn up a will for him, by which the greater part of his money was left to found some philanthropic society—say, for the suppression of filial disobedience and French lady's-maids—and the rest to some society for the conversion of the Jews. If any should think that his own conduct toward Felicia and her husband CHAPTER XIX. Jews. If any should think that his own conduct toward Felicia and her husband gave him the faintest, the most momentary uneasiness, they are very much mis-taken. Busy men pride themselves with justice upon having no time for senti-ment, and he believed most fully in the ment, and he believed most fully in the maxim, as though it were gospel, that as a man makes his bed so must he lie. There are plenty of people who have millstones instead of hearts—far too many to make it wonderful that he should be one of them. And there are plenty of people, too, whom it is sheer waste of time and trouble to subject to any sort of psychological analysis—that one great duty of modern tale-tellers—simply because there is nothing about their psychology to analyze. I am—or ought to be—ashamed to say that I do not know of what sort of mineral substance millstones are made; but I am not know of what sort of mineral sub-stance millstones are made; but I am very sure that it is something very sim-ple, and that there is nothing about them that the eye does not see. And if anyone should insist that there is no man in the world, however hard he may be to out-ward eyes, who has not a tender place about him somewhere, let him just look

about him somewhere, let him just look around and see.

One morning—the very morning, in fact, that followed his daughter's midnight vision—while sitting after breakfast in his dusty front parlor, he was told by his man-servant that a beggar-like looking man was at the door and desired to man was at the door and desired to him.

"A beggar? I am always having beggars after me." A sort of uncomfortable feeling came over him that it might be his unlucky son-in-law. Tell him to be off this instant."

"Then tell him again."

"He said if was most important business."

"A beggar with most important business! A likely store!

"A beggar with most important business! A likely story! He didn't say what it was, I'll be bound.
"No, sir."
"Then why didn't you send him packing? You haven't let him into the hall?"
"He said if he couldn't see you now he'd wait till he could. So I shut the door and left him on the step."
"Then just go and tell him if he can't tell you what his business is, he shan't tell me. And if he won't go send for a policeman.
The man went out, but presently returned.

turned.
"He says, sir, as you'd be sure to see him if I said his name was Levi." The word seemed to act like magic upon Mr. Grode. He started and looked more like thunder than ever.
"Levi? An old Jew dwarf as ugly as sin? A thievish-looking rascal, with a hump-back and squinting eyes?"

"Yes, sir."

"Then tell him to go to hades! and if he won't, send for a constable and give him in charge. And don't bother me about him again."

"On what charge, sir?"

"Anything—on his face, if you like; it will hang him some day."

The man went on his errand, and once more returned.

"He won't go, sir. He says he's brought you—you know what."

"I know what? Yes, I do know what. Send for the constable."

But just then Nathan Levi himself entered the room. The servant had forgotten to close the street door upon him,

entered the room. The servant had forgotten to close the street door upon him, and, following him quietly, the visitor had walked in without leave.

Mr. Grode started up in a rage. "What! you dare!" he exclaimed. "Get out of my house this instant, you old scoundrel, or I'll have you kicked out before you know where you are."
The Jew made no sign of resentment.
It was as if he had said: "Kick, but

hear."
"I 'ave brought you vot you vant,
Mishter Grode," he said, humbly.
The footman, who had taken note of
the long arms, enormous fists and the
heavy feet of the intruder, and who
thought that, if any kicking had to be
done, he would rather have nothing to
do with it, went away, leaving the two
rivals alone.

"Do you hear me?" said Mr. Grode, stamping on the floor.

Nathan Levi looked at him with indescribable cunning.

"I 'ave shanged my mind," he said.
"I did not tossh 'im in, after all. 'E vosh found in the fender."

"And I've shanged my mind, too."

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"And I've shanged my mind, too," answered Mr. Grode, mocking him. "You wouldn't take me at my word, and the time's gone by. "Them as will not while they may, when they will, they'll find it too late in the day. So get out. or—"

"I 'ave brought 'im in my vaistcoatpocket. I vill let you 'ave 'im very sheap—dirt sheap. Shay two 'undred thoudirt sheap. Shay two 'undred thou-

shand."
"I don't know what you mean. You must be mad or drunk."
"Me mad?" cried out the poor old fellow. "Me drunk." Ellp me, I vish I 'ad the chanche! Vot!—not a dirty two 'undred thoushand for the big emerald that ish vorth shiksh millionsh?"
"You mean to say that you have got the big emerald? A likely story! You look like it, I must say."
"You did not believe me ven I shaid I 'ad tosshed 'im in."

I 'ad tosshed 'im in.'
"No; and I don't believe you now,
when you say you found him in the Vell, I will let you 'ave 'im for one 'undred thoushand. It is a shin and a shame," he said, with a terrible sigh, "but I am a poor old man now. I can't make no more bargainsh."

"For ninety, then?" Eighty? On my houl, I can't shay no leesh. Eighty thoushand guineash "Ah!" said Mr. Grode, with a sudden and peculiar smile, "I see. Come, now, suppose I offer you ten thousand. I'll give you a minute to think it over." give you a minute to think it over."
"Vhat! ten thoushand dirty shovereignsh for the biggest shtone in the vorldten thoushand for vhat is vorth shiksh
millonsh? Then thoushand for the
mosht beautiful, the most preshioush,
the mosht vonderful thing that anybody
ever shaw? For vhat 'ash been fought
about by the Shineshe and the Mogulsh
and the Ashteesh and everybody-for
vhat I could shell for vot I like to the
Queen hershelf tomorrow. Vhat! ten
thoushand poundsh? You are laughing
at me, mishter!"
Meanwhile Mr. Grode, without seeming

at me, mishter!"

Meanwhile Mr. Grode, without seeming to listen to him, had written something upon a scrap of paper, had rung the bell and had given the paper to the footman. Then he closed the door again and returned to his easy chair.

"Then why don't you take it to the Queen?" he asked.

"Becaushe I vant to give 'im to you; becaushe you vill give a fair prishe for 'im for the shake of old timesh."

"Very well. You say you have got the Great Emerald of Kandahar about you?"

"In my vaishtcoat." And he laid both in which the soul is said to be placed by the Chinese.

"And you offer it to me for ten thou-sand."

"Eighty thoushand."
"Well, then, I will give you five. Not penny more."
The Jew lifted up his hands in un-The Jew lifted up his hands in unaffected horror.

"Help me, Moshesh!" he said. "You
are sheating me, mishter; you are taking
advantageshesh of me."

"Five thousand pounds."

"No, I vill not shell him—not for five
thoushand—not for five 'undred thoushand. I vill take him to Mynheer van

"As you please. And when Mynheer van Weemwoude begins to ask you a few questions—how you came by it, for few questions—how you came by it, for example—"

"Ah. Mishter Grode, be mershiful! It would be a shin to shell him to you for what you shay."

Mr. Grode sat in silence, gloating on the struggle that was going on in the heart of Nathan Levi. He thought it was a struggle between need and greed. But, in truth, it was a harder, deeper struggle than he could conceive.

[To be Continued.]

LONDON IS A HEALTHY CITY.

Number of Deaths Just the Same as Last Year.

Fewer Cases of Consumption and of Infectious and Preventible Diseases.

The Medical Health Officer Condemns the Police Cells as Unsanitary-The Sewer System.

Following is the annual report of the medical health officer presented at yesterday's meeting of the board:

To the Chairman and Board of Health: Gentlemen,-I have the honor to submit my annual report upon the saniyear ending Nov. 15, 1901, and other matters affecting the public health.

The number of deaths during the year was the same as last, viz., 510. It is also a singular fact that the number of stillborn and premature births was also the same as last year, e., 18 and 12 respectively.

The death rate for the city during

the year was 12.5. There is a very satisfactory decrease in the number of deaths from preventible and infectious diseases. There were 36 cases of typhoid fever, with only 5 deaths. Of diphtheria there were 70 cases reported and 8 deaths. Scarlet fever 50 cases, with 4 deaths. This is the lowest number of deaths from typhoid fever, scarlet fever and diphtheria the city has had for many

Cancer caused the death of 30 persons, as compared with 17 last year. This disease is becoming more and more prevalent every year. There were 13 deaths caused by vio-

lence, of which 5 were due to railway accidents and 1 to poison. Four persons reached the ages of 92, 99, 102 and 104 respectively.

LESS CONSUMPTION. There is also a very satisfactory reduction in the number of deaths from consumption, namely, 48 as compared with 60 last year. This is perhaps due to the better understanding by the people of its contagious character, and the adoption of more careful sanitary precautions and isolation. The number of deaths from consumption in Ontario last year was 2,360. That is about person in every 9 dies of consumption. The greater number of these die during the bread-winning period, or between the ages of 15 and 65. Economists place the value to the state of each life at from \$750 to \$1,000. Taking it at the lowest figure, this represents an annual loss to Ontario of \$1,777,000. Add to this the loss of wages and expenses by sickness and the total sum Consumption becomes enormous. among the Jews is comparatively rare, they having about 1 death from this disease where we Gentiles have 5. This their dwellings are never dry-swept, but always cleaned by wet cloths. Contrast this excellent sanitary practice with the unsightly trailing skirt, dragged through tuberculous sputa and all kinds of filth, then carefully hung up in closets or bedrooms to dry and the dust disseminated by means of brooms through the dwelling for the inhalation

of the inmates. UNSANITARY POLICE CELLS. I have for the third time to call the attention of the board of health to the insanitary and disgraceful condition of the police cells. In rainy weather the surface water from the streets comes over the lower floors, the roof leaks, the building is dilapidated, rotten, has long survived its usefulness, and is entirely unfit for

further occupation. The basement of the Covent Garden Market is in very bad condition. The floor being of brick, it is impossible to keep it clean. Filth finds good holding ground in spite of all that can be Fortify the system against disease by purifying and enriching the blood—in other words, take Hood's Sarsaparilla. done, and the stalls are badly lighted. The floor should be of non-absorbent material, such as asphaltum, which

could be readily washed. If this can-not be done the basement should be closed, for in its present condition it is unfit for the storage of food. SMALLPOX INVASION.

During the year the city had an invasion of smallpox, the first three cases appearing on Jan. 4 in men who worked in a cigar factory. The factory was promptly closed for three days, while being thoroughly disin-fected with formaldehyde gas, and no more cases occurred in this place. About the same time a young wo-man, also a cigarmaker, returned to the city from a visit to the neighborhood of a Michigan lumber camp. She escaped, but three persons where she boarded took the disease. There were in all 16 cases, 15 of these occurred during the winter, 3 of the semi-confluent type, 5 of a less degree of severity and 8 comparatively mild. One of the vere cases was that of a farm laborer who came in from a neighboring township with the disease well developed, and sat himself down in a physician's residence. The doctor was out. He said he had plenty of time, and would wait—and he waited. On the 9th of November a young man, coming from west of Brandon, Manitoba, became so ill, that on reaching this city he got off the train to consult a physician. The disease was smallpox. He was taken to the isolation hospital, and discharged in five tary condition of the city during the weeks. Of the above 16 cases not one had been successfully vaccinated; there were no deaths. Three cases were traced to cigar factories, 1 to Michigan, 1 to Cleveland, 1 to Chicago, the last one coming from Manitoba. In addition to the above 16 cases, 15 more were discovered scattered through the city; these were of a very mild type, many not having any medical attendance. The source of infection in the majority of these could not be traced, neither could any marks or other evidence of vaccination be found. To these 31 cases the neglect of vaccination brought its own pun-ishment; every unvaccinated person is a center of danger to his neighbor, and emphasizes the necessity of a rigid enforcement of the act relating

to public vaccination. SEWER SYSTEM.

The new sewer system of the city is not yet completed; one filter bed is in operation, and does its work thoroughly, the effluent discharged into the river being clear, and, it is believed, a bacteriological examination would show it to be innocuous. The system is entirely successful, and will, as far as London is concerned, put an end to the unsanitary medieval practice of turning sewerage into the river. All of which I respectfully sub-

V. HUTCHINSON, Medical Health Officer.

CHRISTMAS **EXERCISES**

Closing Entertainments Provided by the School Children.

The Christmas closing exercises in Aberdeen school were attended by a large number of the pupils' parents it allows light to pass through it, in and friends. In grade 7 the prohas been ascribed to the fact that gramme was as follows: Song, class; recitation, P. Graham; recitation, D. Fishbein; song, P. Atkinson; dialogue, M. Chapman and A. Brimacombe; recitation, G. Murray; song, class; recitation, A. Hopkins; song, Irene Patten; recitation, V. Sanborn; recitation, P. Graham; song, V. Sanborn; dialogue, B. McLarty; E. Graydon, I. Wyatt, T. Terry, D. Fishbein, C. Read, O. Boath, P. Atkinson; song, six girls, E. Graydon, M. Avery, G. Murray, V. Secord, P. Atkinson, A. Brimacombe; recitation, V. Secord; song, Thelma Secord; recitation, B. Patten; dialogue, Read, O. Boath, P. Graham G. Linfoot, H. Gregory; recitation, A. Hop-kins; recitation, V. Sanborn; dialogue, M. Avery, V. Secord, I. Wyatt, M. Chapman, B. Fletcher, P. Atkinson, P. Graham C. Read, E. Graydon, B. Patten, V. Sanborn; song, V. Sanborn;

song, class; God Save the King.
After making little stockings and filling them with candies and nuts for less fortunate children, the pupils of grade 6 carried out a short programme: Recitation, Jessie Northey; recitation, William Palmer; reading, Amy Dibsdale; song, W. Burleigh and H. Gregory; recitation, Alice Pugsley;

recitation. Eva Brunton. Grade 4 enjoyed the following programme: Chorus, class; recitation, Laura Brady; recitation, Hugh Lewis; German solo, Nellie Risler; recitation, May Lillie; recitation, Roy Woollatt; chorus, class; recitation, Daisy Biggs; dialogue, Pearl Oliver, Carrie Daniels, Annie Miller and Nellie Read; solo, Anthony Adair; recitation, Effie Mor-den; recitation, Willie Hundretmark; solo, Annie Miller; recitation, Orville Muxworthy; duet, Willie Hundretmark and Ray Woollatt; recitation, Tillie Boath; chorus, class; solo, Anthony Adair; German solo, Willie Hundret-

In grade 3 the programme took the following form: Recitation, Ruby Reid; recitation, Florence Henry; recitation, Fred Biggs; song, Annie Hall; recitation, Edith Johnston; recitation, Jimmie Allan; recitation, George Vroman; song, Winnie Allan; recitation, Annie Hall; recitation. Annie Druker: recitation Frank Pugsley; recitation, Elsie Read song, Jimmie Allan; recitation, Ethel Bowman: recitation, Edith Johnson; song, Elsie Read; recitation, Frank Pugsley; reading, George Vroman; recitation, Ethel Bowman.

The programme of grade 1 B and 2, which follows, was short, but very interesting: Chorus, class; recitation, Rosa Jen-kins; recitation, Willie Carswell; recitation, Mabel Demmerey; recitation, Bessie Fishbein; chorus, class; recitation, Harry Vroman; recitation, Grace Older; recitation, Edna Cook;

cantata, "The Story of the Christ In grades 1 A and 2 the entertainment took the following form:

Chorus, class; recitation, Clara Lane; recitation, Clifford Morden; Lane; recitation, chorus, class; recitation, Gladys Phil-McKay; song, J. and G. Duckworth; recitation, Rosie Bull; chorus, class; recitation, Rosie Bull; chorus, class; recitation, Willie Demmerey; songs, Arthur Pace and Gladys Pinch; reci-tation, Lillie Bassett; chorus, class; recitation, Clifford Morden; song, Mabel Wells, V. Kennedy; recitation, Velma Duckworth; chorus, class. God Save the King.'

WORTLEY ROAD SCHOOL. The closing exercises in the Wortley Road School were of a pleasing and interesting character. The different rooms were profusely decorated with evergreen, flags and drapings. After the several programmes had been carried out the children received their annual treat of oranges and candies. The pupils of the principal's room en-

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joyed in addition a bounteous repast,

which was spread in the adjoining kindergarten. The following was the

Richards; recitation, Laura Brazier; Lillie Gardiner; song, the school; read-ing, Mr. Gibbs; instrumental, Mary

Mitchell; recitation, Alice Moore; reading, Pearl McIntyre; instrumental,

Gracie Toon; concert recitation, five

girls; recitation, Rosey Williams; song,

the school; recitation, Ethel Ralph; recitation, Gracie Toon; dialogue, three

boys; song, Myrtle Cave; recitation,

Russel Howe; recitation, R. Thompson; instrumental, M. Wheeler; reci-

tation. Leslie Nicholls; recitation,

Frank Spencer; song, the school; reci-

Ethel Mcintyre and Gracie Toon; recitation, Russel Howie; song, Gertie

WORTLEY ROAD KINDERGARTEN

A very pleasant time was spent Thursday afternoon, the occasion be-

ing the closing exercises in connection

with the Wortley road kindergarten. The room was tastefully decorated,

and the children were in good spirits

over the thought of a couple of weeks' respite, together with the fact that Christmas is near at hand. Miss C.

Henderson has resigned her position as

director, which is a mater of regret t;

all directly interested in Miss Hender-

son's work. She has, during her ca-

reer as teacher, proved herself a very able kindergarten instructor, and her services will be greatly missed, not only in the Wortley road school, but likewise in the city, for she was iden-

tified with the advancement of all lines

of kindergarten work. As a slight token of the esteem in which Miss Hen-

derson was held, she was given a hand-some present by the other teachers of

the school a day or so prior to sever-

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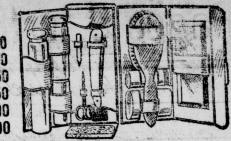
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