### THE LIVING SKELETON.

It was Alick Robbins who named him the Living Skeleton, and probably remorse for thus having given him a title so descriptively accurate caused Robbins to make triends with the Living Skeleton, a man who seemed to have no friends.

Robbins never forgot their first conversation. It happened in this way: It was the living akeleton's habit to leave his hotel every morning at ten o'clock if the sun was shining, and to shuffle rather than to walk down the gravel street to the avenue of palms. There, picking out a seat on which the sun shone, the Living Skeleton would sit down and seem to wait patiently for some one who never came. He wore a shawl around his neck and a soft cloth cap on his skull.

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"Oh, it doesn't matter at all. You are perfectly right, and I think it a very apt term. Well, the Golden Dragon makes a great deal of money by robbing the dead. You didn't know that, did you? You thought it was the living who supported him, and goodness knows he robs them when he has a chance. Well, you are very much mistaken. When a man dies in the Golden Dragon he, or his friends, rather, have to pay very sweetly for it.

"The Dragon charges them for refurnishing the room. Every stick of furniture is charged. all the wall-paper, and so on. Lsuppose it is right to charge something, but the Dragon doesn't abate a penny of his bill on that account.

"Now, I have inquired of the turnishing man in the street behind the hotel, and he has written on his card just the cost of mattress, sheets, pillows, and all that sort of thing, and the amount comes up to about fifty francs. I have put in an envelope a fifty-franc note, and with it the card of the furniture man.

"I have written also in the letter, telling the old Dragon just what the things will cost that he needs, and have reterred him to the card of the furniture man who has given me the figures. This envelope I have addressed to the Dragon, and he will find it when I am dead. This is the yoke that old man Death and myself have put upon the Dragon, and my only regret is that I shall not be able to enjoy a look at the Dragon's countenance as he reads, my last letter to him.

"Another sum of money I have put away in good hands, where he won't have a chance to get it, for my tuneral expenses, and then, you see I am through with the world. So that is why I laugh, and that is why I come down and sit on this beach in the sunshine and enjoy the posthumous joke."

"Well, you shall have one for her."

And he requested his agent to hand to
the knowledge-seeker the requisite cards.
On reaching the lecture-room he cast a
glance over the audence to see his coloured friend but he had not arrived, nor did
did he put in an appearance.
Next morning, on getting into the same
gentleman's palanquin to go to the station,
Mr. Forbes said—
"I didn't see you at the lecture last night."
"No, sah; I wer, not dar."
"But, you know, I gave you tickets for
yourself and wife?"
"Yes, sah—I know dat' sah; but you

"man and brother" for higher intellectual culture.

On arriving at the station at West Chester, Pennsylvania, where he was to lecture, a coloured cabman offered his services to convey him to his hotel.

On arrival, Mr. Forbes asked the extent pecuniary remuneration expected for the manneuvre.

The darksy replied—

"Well, Sah, if you'd jes' gib me a ticket to de lectur', sah, I should be right glad."

This unusual request from a cabman struck him not only as singular and laudable, but as quite complimentary to him, so he said—

"Certainly. And haven't you got a missis?"

"Oh, yes, sah—l's got a missis."

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New Haven, Conn., July 26, Martin H. Chapman, of St. John, 48. St. John, 48.
Elmsdale, July 27, Alexander J, son of late James
Fraser, 35.
Beach Hill, N. B., Jmly 24, Sarah, wife of W. K.
Bowser 73.

Halifax, July 31, Sophia Ann, v Rockland, N. B., July 18, of consumption, Desco. G. W. Craigs, 42. Dartmouth, N. S., July 27, Mary, widow of late Thos. A. Hyde, 75.

Bass River, July 22, ot consumption, of James Allan, 23. mbridgeport, Mass., July 30. Peter B. Lyon, of Kingston, N. B., 82. Carleton. July 21, Emma C., daughter or Fred T. and Joanna Perry, 12. chville, N. S., July 27, Bessie, widow of late Antigonish, N. S., July 20, Sarah M. Patters of James Burnside. 89. Militown, N. B., July 13, Harriet Helen, widow o late Frank Williams, 48. Avondale, June 29, of consumption, Lizzie A., wife of Edward D. Charlton, 27. New Glagow, N. S., July 26, Hazel, daughter of F. M. and Anna Jeskins, 34.

Halifax, July 3', Rosella May, daughter of Henry and Lucy Whitney, 3 months. St. Stephen, July 22, Margaret J., daughter of Wil-lam J. and Mary A. Evans, 1. Knutsford, P.E. I., of meningits, Susan N., daughter of Isaac and Sarah J. Harris, 11. ter of Issac and Sarah J. Harris, 11.
Worcester, Mass., July 2, Catherine, daughter of
late George Mettler, of Lünenburg, N. S.
Upper Northfield, N. S., July 31, Devilla May,
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