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M. QUAD'S SKETCHES.

How \$75,000 Got Out of a Barrel and a Robber Got In. [Copyright, 1892 by Charles B. Lewis.] My Uncle Ben was a singular man—so singular that in this day and age everybody would have called him a crank of the first grade.

down the bar and shot back the bolts as rapidly as possible. As the door opened a strange man walked in, and his first move was to turn around and make things secure. I had retreated to the other end of the room, and all the light he had was from a single candle. The man was so cool and quiet that I was surprised instead of being frightened. When he turned to me, however, my heart jumped into my mouth. He was a tall, solid fellow, with a dark skin and coal black eyes and hair. I knew little of men at that time, but I could see that this man was a villain.

A TASTE OF SIBERIA. How Julius Germand, the Hungarian Exile, Made His Escape to Victoria. Convicted Without Trial and Banished to the Wilderness—Memories of the Jeannette Party. From River to River, Onward to the Sea—A Journey of Untold Suffering. Thirty-seven years ago there was born in the quaint old Hungarian city of Grassweden a boy who, had America been his birthplace, might now be filling a statesman's place, high in the councils of his native land.

torment of the month of the Lena, and not far from the spot where the survivors of the Jeannette expedition landed. "I lodged there with the very man, Yakout, who saved the Jeannette's people and our party of exiles was there broken up. The people saw that I was not used to their life here, when I was asked to give money and sent me up the river. I was then an exile—not a prisoner. I could go as I pleased and die as I pleased, so long as I made no effort to leave the country. Of course, could not write or know how my people fared, nor could the people who lived thereabouts give me a— I was in Siberia, an exile under surveillance for life.

DRIVING THE HERDS of cattle towards the Amor, and with the cattle came to the city of Blagovestchenok. There I met with a spravnik (officer), who befriended me, and bought the gold I had washed from the stream. He gave me paper money and forwarded me to Nikolai, only 100 versts from Vladivostok. The same good spravnik got papers with which I passed safely the officers' posts, and was taken by the steamer to Kobe and Yokohama. And now I am here.

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THE PACIFIC CABLE.

History of the Project—What it is Possible for it to Accomplish. (From the Canadian Gazette.) At Ottawa, last week, Sir George Dillibee reported to have testified most emphatically to the value of direct telegraphic communication between Australia and Canada, and his remarks may fairly be taken, we hope, to represent a growing feeling as the Antipodes. It is matter for regret that this subject, though finding a place on the agenda paper, did not come up for practical discussion at the recent Congress of Chambers of Commerce of the Empire.

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BALTIMORE, Sept. 8. In Berlin yesterday today. Yesterday Hospital. Owing peror has counter military manoeuvre been held in Wurte HAMBURG, Sept hurricane and a fa two o'clock this slight abatement This afternoon the between 65 and 60 there has been a been 897 fresh case than yesterday, day, and 82 day. This morning the cholera by the cholera is losing deaths, to-day, has than yesterday, and 52 fresh cases yesterday. Thereas are still for lea cholera, and 450 bod ing in the mortuar all the burials to harbor district, an been left to keep. The inadequacy of despite the hiring by the authorities due to the cons drivers. After of the men refuse, for any wages. T suffice to replace Oldford cemetery fast as the bodies last night, 30 coffin the open air. The stock of co Monday, and on families in has been obliged rough board box were brought to the depot and Frank up an Undertaker "omed. Today H be imported. due to the closing which has thrown ple of the city put thousand men who hands, longshore houses, are said to. They are without living, and are for to be taken work. Their fam ports of the relief in a few days the buy anything. comparatively mild children is growi quence of the lack them. Two week well be aware of the forward to increased commercial telegraphic rates between the two are almost prohibitive; with a cable across the Pacific they would be reduced to the lowest possible figure. The benefits conferred by such a cable would, however, not be confined to Canada and Australia. In 1857 Mr. Sandford Fleming showed that the Pacific line offered a much cheaper service for messages between Great Britain and Australasia than is afforded by any existing route. True, the rates by the eastern routes have since been reduced fifty per cent—a reduction which has been profited followed by a great increase in the volume of business. Yet, Mr. Sandford Fleming's calculations, which have never, we believe, been seriously disputed, give a rate per word of little more than one-half of the present reduced rates. Scarcely less important—as we have again seen recently—would be the value of a Pacific cable in connection with TRADE PROTECTION in times of war. In any such national emergency all authorities agree that the telegraph would be one of the most effective means of giving security to the commerce of the empire. But the effectiveness of this help would largely depend upon the completeness and safety of the telegraphic service itself. And it is obvious that a Pacific cable would be far removed from the "political storm centre" of the European continent, would have land connections passing entirely over British soil, and would pass for the most part through seas whose depth would render its destruction extremely difficult. The strategic value of such a line of communication was indeed amply recognized at the Colonial Conference in 1887, and in itself forms strong ground for the aid sought for from both the Imperial and Colonial governments. Since 1887, the practicability of the route has been tested and proved by the nautical survey that the Admiralty was induced to undertake. The one thing now essential is cordial co-operation on the part of the respective governments. Canada, as our readers are well aware, has on her part indicated her willingness to extend substantial support to the scheme; and in other ways she has done so much towards Imperial consolidation that she may fairly claim some right to press forward this matter of cable extension. It is unfortunate that circumstances have caused the postponement of the projected mission from the Dominion to the Australasian Colonies for the discussion of this and kindred subjects. But Mr. Sandford Fleming's pamphlet should certainly assist in keeping before the public mind, alike in this—Canada, and Australia, the need for an across-ocean telegraph system, which would fill a great and serious gap, and would do much towards bringing every part of the Empire within easy electric touch.