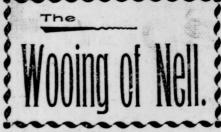
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Clifford was touched. It was only of Nell the poor little lady thought. Then surely Miss Theodora could not have the slightest suspicion that her own father had anything to do with the crimes.

colonel, meanwhile, had recovered much of his self-possession "Calm yourself, my dear," he said to his daughter, but in such a hard tone of despair that Clifford began to feel mself an intruder upon grief so eep. "If Nell Claris is arrested— He stopped. For in the middle of is speech there was a knock at the ont door. Miss Theodora, Clifford ticed, drew herself up into an at-ude of rigid attention. There was silence in the little dining-room. the knock was repeated, louder

shall go upstairs," said Miss Theo don's softly, "and see from the window who it is. But if it is the police, come

for my evidence, I will be put in prison rather than give it."

She had scarcely uttered the words when a third knock was heard at the ont door. Miss Bostal glided out of ie room and ran upstairs without

Then again there was a pause. The two men looked at each other by the light of the lamp, which gave but a dim illumination through its smoky glass. In the old colonel's face Clif-Ewritten a most pitiful history, the history of a life-long shame, of an indelible disgrace. Still, only groping at the truth, as he was, the woung man stood silent, reverent, wondering what awful thing he was next

For the fourth time the knock, louder, more imperative than before, echo-ed through the house. Then the col-onel drew a deep sigh and went slowly your head about that now. Nell will

"I am sorry you are here," he said with calm courtesy. "Whatever errand brings these people, and whoever they are, you, being here, will be subjected to some annoying interrogatories. Perhaps there may still be time for you to go out by the garden way before I have to let them in. The old man was talking, it sudden-For he made no movement in the direction of the garden way of which he spoke, but stood in an atti-tude which showed that he was lis-tening intently.

But the constable did not seem to hear. He still stood at the window, looking down.

"Hark! What was that?" he asked Clifford had heard nothing. A doubt, born of hope rather than fear, of the

colonel's complete sanity crossed his Upstairs, upstairs." went on the old man impatiently, as he at last moved with a shuffling step towards the door. "I think I heard a window

Shall I go upstairs and see?" asked Clifford. "What are you afraid

My daughter—is very determined. ne has ande up her mind—that she will not—give evidence," answered the colonel, in a shaking voice. "Yes; you can go up and see." Clifford went up the narrow stair-

case, and called gently: No answer. But he heard someone ving about softly in the room on his right. He went close to the door, and said, with his mouth so near the keyhole that she could not fail to

hear him:
"Miss Theodora! Your father has sent me."
Then he heard something—a little weak cry, followed by silence. He drew back a step, and he saw the colonel standing at the bottom of the stairs. Shall I go in?" he asked.

The colonel hesitated.
"Is the door locked?" he said. Clifford tried it and found that it

At that moment there was a thundering knock at the front door, which threatened to split the wood to frag-The colonel walked slowly along the passage, and with as much delay as possible drew the bolts and opened the door. Clifford, still on the upper floor. instable belonging to Stroan. "You have been a long time opening

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the dining-room.

The two policemen held a short and hurried consultation, in very low tones.
Then the sergeant entered the diningoom and reappeared quickly.

"He's all by himself. He takes it quite quiet," said he.

The other man had already looked

into the kitchen, and they now proceeded to search the shut-up drawing-room. Clifford heard them as they moved about, heard the noise of the piled-up furniture being displaced. And then, a moment later, one of the poemen ran up the stairs and passed Clifford, as the latter hastily came

As he reached the foot of the staircase Clifford, whom the man saluted in silence, heard a sharp rap at the or of the locked room. Then the nickly to his companion downstairs: "Bill, go outside—and wait under the window. This side of the house-

The sergeant dashed out by the door without a second's delay, while the man who had given the di-rection burst open the bedroom door vith a couple of blows with his truncheon. Clifford, in perplexity and alarm, rushed out after the sergeant He arrived nearly as soon as the man he was following, whom he found which grew so thickly under the wall of the of the old house.

A succession of feeble means, as of

a weak creature in great agony, broke upon his ear as he turned the corner of the house. And at the same moment he saw

the constable who had burst open the bedroom door leaning out of the window of Miss Theodora's room. "What! She has not fallen—thrown herself—" stammered Clifford.
But even as he spoke, the sergeant parted the bushes with his arms, and turning the full light of the he carried upon the ground beneath them, showed the little figure of poor Miss Theodora lying in a shapeless

"Oh. don't!-don't touch me!" whispered faintly, as she felt the strong light thrown on her face; "don't touch me! My leg is broken, and—and something here!" Her right hand moved feebly up to her chest, and then her head fell

She's fainted!" said Clifford. "Poor little woman! What shall we do? Shall I fetch a doctor?" "No, sir. Leave me to do that," replied the police sergeant promptly. "You stay here while I send for help. There's someone close by will go for

He went away quickly, leaving his lantern. Clifford looked down at the little withered face, and fancied he detected a flicker of the eyelids. As he bent his head to look closer, he was surprised by her faint whisper in

"I am so glad, oh, so glad," murmured, still without opening her "that this has happened. now they cannot make me give evidence against poor Nell!"
"My dear lady," said Clifford, in the

e all right; I am sure of it.' The policeman in the room above, hearing voices, looked out. "Has she come to?" he asked.
"Ye—es," said Clifford, doubtfully.

For again she lay with immovable But as he spoke an expression of intense agony came over the pinched, thin features, and he saw that with the return of full consciousness had ly occurred to Clifford, to fill up the come also the full sensitiveness to pain. "Go down and ask the colonel some brandy," called out Clifford.

Clifford repeated his words, and the man, with evident reluctance, from the window. Miss Bostal glanced up and turned her head with a quick, bird-like motion, to Clifford. 'Are any of the policemen still

about?" she asked rapidly. Clifford was about to answer in the negative, when the constable whom he had sent for the brandy, delivered his message with astonishing celerity, appeared at the corner of

"Here he comes with the brandy," But Miss Bostal's expression pain gave place at once to one of dis-

"Brandy!" she exclaimed, "I wouldn't

gust.

touch it on any account. I have been a teetotaler all my life." Her sudden bursts of energy rather disconcerted Clifford, who was much relieved when he saw that the colonel was close behind the constable. The old man came very slowly to the place where his daughter lay and peered over the bushes at her.

"Theodora! Are you hurt? Really hurt?" he asked in a dull tone, as if still too much overwhelmed by threatening misfortune to be greatly troubled about anything else.
"Hurt!" she exclaimed pettishly. "Of

ourse I am hurt. I overbalanced myself while leaning out of the window and I fell out and have broken my leg, and one of my ribs, too, I think, "Shall we take you indoors?" "No-oh, no!" with energy. "You will urt me too much! Leave me here till the doctor comes.'

The colonel turned, and so did Clif-ford and the constable, for they all ard sounds as of an altercation in men's voices, and they presently caught sight of two men, the one apparently struggling to get away from the other, and the second endeavoring to hold his companion back. In the darkness, knew that the voices were those of companion back. In the darkness, the police sergeant, and of another more than this was visible to the three men in the garden; but the newcomers were near enough for their

voices to be recognized. "Let me go, let me go, or by—" Before he had heard more than this difford was straining his eyes to pierce the gloom, full of interest, full of ex-

"Why, surely," cried he. "that's George Claris' voice!" The two men were near enough for Clifford to distinguish the man who was holding his companion back, and to recognize him as Hemming. The second constable went forward, as the struggling men. For the man whom minated.
the policeman and Hemming held was The fact may not be generally known

straggling beard and unkempt hair

But the master of the house had not waited to inquire his visitors' busi-

Hon. Geo. W. Ross Resents an Attack on His Department.

The Opposition Threaten More Long Speeches on the Budget.

Toronto, Feb. 27 .- Mr. Garrow (Hur on) will move "That this House is of the opinion that officers or clerks of the civil or public service of the province or permanent employes, who sole ly or for the most part obtain their livelihood in the public service, should not actively participate in Provincial or Dominion election campaigns, and that officers or clerks of the civil service should not become candidates or municipal councilors."

In the Legislature yesterday Mr Matheson moved for an order of the House for a return, giving the names of all high school teachers who have received specialists' certificates since The names of such teachers who re- following exclusive statement to the ceived specialists' certificates on any other ground, stating the year in Associated Press: "The people of India which certificate was granted, on of all classes and the mother country, what ground, and the university stand- from her Majesty downward, are much applicants for such certific is who touched with the sympathy and the have been refused them, and in what liberality shown by Canada and the grounds such refusal was based. Mr. United States toward's the Queen's veto is a regular system of terrorizing was in vogue. Certificates, he was told, had been granted by the department to men who had a political pull, and had never really granted by the department to men who had a political pull, and here promised from the United States. had never really qualified by passing the necessary examinations. other hand, he was informed that cer- to be contemplated. tain men were marked men, as far as the passing of these examinations was dia report that they can make better concerned. He could give names, but and more prompt use of gifts of money would not, because publicity might in- than of contributions of grain, valujure the persons concerned.

Hon. Ged. W. Ross, in reply, said he now receiving relief to start afresh at would be happy to comply with the the end of the famine, which is one request of his honorable friend re- of the avowed objects of the relief garding the information desired in fund. Money is essential to the central connection with the certificates or local committee, on which serve philanything else. If his honorable friend anthropic men of all races and faiths, thought that he (Mr. Ross) feared any scrutiny he could set on foot in the House, he was quite mistaken. If he House, he was quite mistaken. If he charges and diligence in making the moneys desired to proceed with the charges and diligence in making the moneys of terrorism he could cite the names received go as far as possible in relief and let the House hear what they had and help outside of the bare subsisto say. The honorable gentleman had tence wage or dole which the Govern-been-unwittingly, no doubt-imposed ment is dispensing to those who would

all examinations by those who failed, ers more exacting than they expected. The examinations of the School of Pedagogy were intended to serve a the relief committees, and great good useful purpose, namely, to protect high has already been done in this direction schools from the influence of men who, since the committees were formed. perhaps, without experience and train- "Since January there have be perhaps, without experience and trainand not give the best value in return. The same objections might as well have to the favorable winter raintan, to the Normal school, because man to the Normal school, because of the southern districts; but in some of the northwest provinces and ed States of America the question oc-cupled much attention, and throughout than were anticipated. In some dis-Germany, Britain, and other great edweational countries, normal schools and relief, and the proportion may ulti-schools of pedagogy were to be found. He could read, by the score, the opin-lions of people are now receiving daily of pedagogical training. Mr. Ross read must reach higher totals. several such opinions, and, continumust reach higher totals.

"After June, if the rainy season is propilious, the chief object of the Government relief and of the relief committee will be to get people back to their homes and place them as far as possible in a position to earn their own living in the usual way. The monthly to see the Cubans have complete and to see the Cubans have complete and to see the Cubans have complete and the propilious, the chief object of the Government relief and of the relief committee will be to get people back to their homes and place them as far as possible in a position to earn their own living in the usual way. The monthly relief expenditures cannot much abate to see the Cubans have complete and the propilious. mal College alone had accomplished

He did not claim that the Norsuch a satisfactory change, but it ous relief exertions will was certainly responsible in no small the end of September. degree. It was not true that teachers "The complained, nor was it true in any itable the course of training which they had undergone fitted them eminently for their work. He repudiated the charge that certificates were given through

Whitney said there was altogether too much cramming in the schools Mr. Whitney asked about the business for Monday.

Mr. Hardy replied informal business only would be taken up, and that the debate on the budget would be resumed on Tuesday, and finished on that

day. Mr. Whitney—I don't know about

Railway Rumblings.

Increased Earnings of the Grand

Trunk Road. Fast Running-Novel Locomotive Tested

and Proved Successful. The Grand Trunk took 7,957 tons of freight out of Chicago last week. Yardmaster McKenzie has been pronoted to be chief yardmaster at the Sarnia Tunnel. Besides naving control of the yards, he will have control

of all the clerks and checkers.

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struggling pair came within the gar-den gate, to the assistance of the de-has written to the silver plate manutective. At the same moment Col. facturers who recently complained of Bostal thrust his hand through Clif- the action of Mr. George Chillas, the

indeed no other than George Claris, that the Lenigh Valley express on the wild-eyed, fierce, crazy-looking, with Chicago and Grand Trunk is one of the fastest railway trains in the State. "Why, the poor fellow thinks you've got his niece her?" cried Clifford, who seemed to understand in a moment to seemed to understand in a moment the mystery of the nocturnal knockings the rush to the Canadian Northwest,

snow is off the ground hundreds will leave for Manitoba and farther west. The Hardle compressed air locomotive, to be used on the Manhadaa Rev-vated Railroad, in New York, is com-pleted, except as to some minor de-tails, and has been tested during the past two days and worked admirably. It pushed re dily a train of ten heav-ily-loaded freight cars on the N. Y. C. tracks, and made twenty trips, cover ing eight miles, with twenty stope without using one-half of the power it stores. It is under perfect control and

The Great Famine.

Three Millions of People in India Receiving Help.

And the Number Needing It Is Increasing.

Liberality of Canada and the United States Appreciated.

received specialists certificates since 1885 as the result of examinations. Of State for India, has furnished the the professor, "who reside opposite Detroit, and those small towns opposite ceived specialists' certificates on any Associated Press: "The people of India Matheson charges irregularity upon the Department of Education. He said On the and further assistance is understood

"The central relief committee of In-

Complaints were made about otherwise starve.

aminations by those who failed, "In every famine district is a large than seek publicly for Government aid. To these help can only come through might draw considerable salaries changes in the famine outlook. The Province of Punjaub, in parts of which tion is already receiving Government

before the beginning of June, and

"The alleviation of misery by charperiod during which help will be need-ed, and I feel confident that the people Constantinopie political influence, and, concluding, of Canada and the United States, having never been slow to reply to appeals holy Moslem war. If the Turkish for help for this country, will, when exercised a rule of terrorism as being the above facts are known to them, respond with their accustomed gener-

A COMING SPEAKER.

Mrs. Wright on John G. Wooley, the Noted Lecturer.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

filling the vacancy caused by the death do not wish to get into a war with of John B. Gough, he being unanieach other." living temperance orator, taking front rope did not know what they were rank among all orators when heard doing and he called Gladstone's war upon any subject. For some time past utterances the talk of an old man in we have coveted for London the great privilege of hearing John G. Wooley. Innumerable obstacles have intervened Grand Trunk return of traffic week ment has almost arrived, for on Tuesended Feb. 21, 1897: until now, when the opportune mochampion of Christian Endeavor and Epworth League work will deliver his world-renowned lecture on "Christian Citizenship." Mr. Wooley is a man of education and culture, for years district attorney for the city of 2 nneapolis, the idol of its best peo-ple, and one of the most brilliant members of the legal profession. later years he refused the nomination for the Presidency at the Pittsburg convention, on the ground that he ford's arm, as if for support. The support of watches, in using unfair convention, on the ground that he young man hardly noticed this action, so deeply absorbed was he in the problem presented by the sight of the ment with Mr. Chillas has been terorator, the following tribute from Dr. Gunsaulus, himself one of the leading orators of the day, will tell its own story. Dr. Gunsaulus, in referring to John G. Wooley's graduation speech, says: "Like a tradition, a memory, And he was crying out still, with all it is not an infrequent thing for this that oration lingered about our university and as year after year new and tween Port Huron and Chicago, while this rate of speed is an almost every-this rate of speed is an almost every-the result of the state. Says: Like a tradition, a memory, that oration lingered about our university, and as year after year new and promising voices spoke with rhythmic this rate of speed is an almost every-this rate of speed is an almost every-this rate. sity, and as year after year new and promising voices spoke with rhythmic strength and beauty, someone would say, 'Yes, but you did not hear Woolel's graduation speech.' Better than the past of this orator, however prom-ising and splendid it was, is the fact seemed to understand in a moment the mystery of the nocturnal knockings and disturbances of which the coionel and his daughter had complained.

Col. Bostal made no answer, but he threw one rapid glance behind him.

Clifford followed his example instinctively, and an involuntary exclamation escaped his lips.

Miss Theodora had disappeared!

(To be Continued.)

fiting in the passenger department that the canadian Northwest, that today these energies, mature and that today these that today

An Absurd Law.

Professor Goldwin Smith on the Alien Labor Bill.

Why Canadians Are Irritated Over It.

It Would be a Mistake for the States to Annex Cuba-The Cretan Trouble,

New York, Feb. 28 .- Prof. Goldwin Smith, of Toronto, Canada, was at the Fifth Avenue. Hotel going to the banquet of the Alumnae of Cornell University Saturday night at the Waldorf Hotel. To a reporter he said that the people of Canada were greatly irritated by Congressman Corliss' clause in the Immigration Bill now before President Cleveland for signature. Congressman Corliss lives in Detroit, and the clause he did insert prohibits aliens from residing in Can-ada and doing business daily in this

"It prevents those Canadians," added ing over daily and working. It is not only an absurd law, if it becomes law, but it is the veriest clap-trap imagin-able. Congressman Corliss is evidently endeavoring to make political capital by it and I hope the President will

UTTERLY ABSURD. "I understand that the President has sent the bill to Secretary Olney to hear his report on it. As I said, it is clap-trap, and I will show how utterly absurd and uncalled for such legislation It is true many Canadians living in these small towns, the suburbs of Detroit, Buffalo, and Niagara Falls, have employment in the latter cities. They take out of these places a little money. In fact, I suppose they do their trading and their wives do their shopping in the larger cities. But say they do take much of their money into Canada, why, the entire amount would not equal the sum spent by a United States millionaire in one European summer crip. But I do not believe they save as much in Canada as they spend in the cities where they are employed."

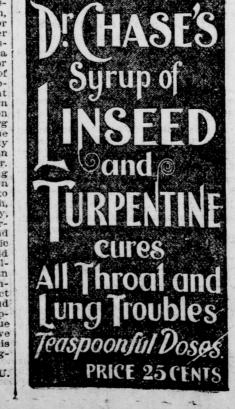
CANADA WILL RETALIATE. "What will Canada do if the bill be "Canada will pass retaliatory measures, of course, and much irritation and unkind feeling will be engendered. Already there is much feeling on the because the questions were beyond number of respectable persons who subject and the Canadians who are their expectations or the examin- fear losing caste and would die rather anti-United States are not slow in expressing their opinions and making the best of the situation. What must the friends of this country in Canada think, if such a bill becomes law? I am not attacking the bill generally but the clause that Congressman Cor-liss had inserted. It is unjust discrimination against a friendly and The same objections might as well have famine was apprehended, will, thanks neighborly nation, and is inspired by been applied by the honorable gentleto the favorable winter rainfall, espolitics alone. I hope the papers of politics alone. I hope the papers of this country will point out the absurdman to the Normal school schoo held also with regard to the training in the central provinces, and possibly "Have you any idea what kind of public school teachers. In the Unitaliso in one of two districts of Bengal retaliatory laws Canada would enact?" That is for the future. But why

should not Canada resent anything so MISTAKE TO ANNEX CUBA. The professor talked about the Cuban question and the situation in Crete schools of pedagogy were to be found. He could read, by the score, the opinions of some very distinguished educationists who were warm in their praise tionists who were warm in their praise fore the end of May these numbers of the could be a serious mistake for the United States to annex Cuba. "It would give," he added, "great trouble

even if the season is favorable, strenu- In regard to Crete, he did not antious relief exertions will be required to cipate a war in Europe in the settle-"Greece," he added, "must certainly complained, nor was it true in any case that the examiners showed favor to examinees. The examiners might not all hold honor degrees, but the course of training which they had tions in full efficiency for the whole period during which help will be need- and she still has her eyes fixed on

> that would mean a general uprising in India and massacres of all the Christians in Asia Minor and other Turkish provinces. England has only about 30,000 soldiers to oppose the 700,000 soldiers of the Sultan. True, the Turkish soldiers are badly officered, but they are good soldiers, fearless and fatalists. They fight well. As for a sea fight with another great power, there is much speculation about the outcor There is no glory, as there used to be in sea fights, when the vessels came In view of the approaching visit of near each other and often grapple John G. Wooley to our city, and by request of the W. C. T. U. plebiscite decks. It is all long range, and the brave marines and officers go down in committees, we furnish a few items an iron case to the bottom of the sea in regard to one whose more than con-him to leave his wooden ship for an tinental fame renders such a course iron one, remarked something to the almost unnecessary. The consensus effect that he did not care to go to of opinion in regard to this man "with hades in an iron pot. Naval warfare tongue of fire, and pen as sharp as a now means great destruction and much two-edged sword," is that he is the uncertainty as to the outcome. The only one who has ever come near to great powers are of course careful and

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