The Serpent's Egg er and brighter until I saw the face and then the figure of Herbert irradiant with the ghostly gleam. A long, white robe hung in loose folds oversed in arms could only bow in sub-

mear Marshtown, Pa., last Wednesday ly difficult. Darkness began to set ternatural fright seized me, for I they obtained from us all that they together. sough shelter from the cold in a ca- in and I was on the point of aband- recognized the costume of the Druids sought by courtesy, the edict went entering the hut he found its occu- caught a glimmer of light down in a ish Isles. He noticed my terror, for aced the safety of the Empire. Our hand upon my head pant, an aged man, lying dead upon a spot where I was standing. I pressed "Be not afraid. I come not to do at the point of the sword, or put forgive thy distraught words," miserable bed. The room was in disforward to the locality in which I you harm, but rather to give you all to death. Those who escaped made said. But thy selfish doubts shall order, but no marks of violence were saw the welcome radiance and found of the things that men strive after their way across the channel to Brit- be removed. You say that the doom wisible on the old man's body. Hughes that it came from the cabin I was in this world. Whence my power tany, a country on the west coast of the Druid religion is close at hand, and even as you have said it so shall was investigated. In the hut was at the foot of the mountains. To it. Last night you were surprised at Emperor called Augustus, that I was til the old faith is no more. found a quantity of old gold and reach it I would have to cross a my knowledge of the dead languages born there. silver coins-some of them dating half fregen stream of water. The ice and the Druid customs. More than I "This statement terrified you. Well, and laid it upon my breast, saying: back many centuries. Some rare old would not bear my weight, consethen told you do I know, for I-Her-before I finish you will judge me more I give to you a talisman that will manuscripts and antique armor were there was no bridge crossing it. I Druids." found in the cellar.

abbreviated and incomplete state- fort. ment I made when I notified the aufor such action were good and suffi- walk." cient, and I now submit them to the public in the interest of justice.

I had secured passage on a steamer

I am not an "English tourist," as Gaelic language but also of Latin himself: the New York paper stated, nor am and Greek, and the modern languages. "At last, O Efus! thy power on tion of the holy office to which he wished, I might have become com- the monasteries of the Middle Ages, I a tourist at all. My father and He spoke of the ancient runic tongue, earth is at an end." mother died when I was very young of which so little is known at the The majesty of his mien, together priest of the Druids. That indeed, was bided my time. I ingratiated myself brighter until it outshone its former and left me a comfortable competence. present day, and astonished me by his with the simplicity and sincerity of the primary cause of my anxiety, but with the common soldiers and the radiance. I sickened of fame, I tired My early training was attended to comprehensive knowledge of the sub- his language, produced in me an in- while he thought I was overpowered masses, for I knew they were the of wealth, and wisdom only taught me by a maternal uncle who, possessed ject. Drifting from the subject of describable feeling of awe. At first I with joy, I was harassed with per-bulwarks of the empire. The Roman the hollowness of my earthly possessions. I who have lived while nashould have the best educational ad- their theology. He explained their little while after we had spoken to- me to the ceremony the more I destruction of my race; I would use it tions have been born and have passed vantages. During my college course I doctrine of the transmigration of gether, I felt (although his state- shrank from it, until, one day, there to overthrow the empire. So I waited into history-while history itself of became deeply interested in philology souls and enlightened me on many ments were beyond human reason) came a crisis that decided the mat- for many years until at last, in the the world's greatest ages has been and particularly in the history and other points that I did not know or that he had only told the truth. He ter forever. origin of the Celtic languages. Two fully understand. visit them and see the anthracite into a cup and handed it to me, say- ly boon I have craved for in vain. "Do not sorrow for me, my son, hailed by the populace as the Re- story. Until to-night no one has recoal fields before sailing for home. At ing:

Therefore, I tell you that in refusing for my choice is not for this world. deemer who had been sent from God fused my gifts, and you know what to restore them to their ancient cause I have to be joyful. To you I the earthly favors I offered to you, My race is run; I am useless and to restore them to their ancient cause I have to be joyful. To you I learned of the existence at Marsh-rest."

| Session has never yet brought perfect disease, but I would rather sleep The Jews had long chafed under the all things well reward you. I can town (a small mining village a few When I had drank the decoction he happiness to nay man. Nay," he said, peacefully knowing that I leave be-Roman yoke, and when I heard of the say no more. I am thankful. Faremiles distant from Scranton) of an extinguished the light and passed in- as I strove to speak. "I know this. hind me one more worthy than my- wonderful personage I decided that well!" old man called Herbert, a sort of to an adjoining room. to return as soon as possible to complete some business in relation to a transfer of property in which I was my reflections and I feel into a deep head as if to collect his thoughts and I stepped out of my bed I stepped ou interested. I found that I could leave dreamless sleep. New Yrok on the 12th, so I decided * to visit Herbert that afternoon.

"At the inquest held yesterday af- ed the leap not beyond my powers astonishment, but the old man inter- bered a night of horror-the cries of sesses the power of prolonging, at ternoon the coroner stated that the and essayed it. I succeeded in reach-rupted me. condition of the internal organs had ing the opposite bank, but one of died of heart failure. The heart severely that I could hardly rise from transmigration of souls? This talis- massacre were slain by the Romans. showed no lesions, and this fact sub- the pain of it. With some difficulty 1 man" (pointing to the luminous ob- My father and mother were both kill- do, I replied. stantiated his theory that death was succeeded in reaching the hut and ject on his breast) "has preserved my ed, but my uncle, Volgisius, the archnot caused by organic cardiac weak- knocked at the door. "Enter," said a body from corruption, and instead priest, escaped with me to the moun-gone and you have placed my body

having viewed the body and careful- His hair and beard were long and my own choice, but because it is primitive man we lived in a cave, and me, at the end of four cycles (80 fied, for the words of wisdom that ly examined the premises, suspected white as snow, and his face, though ordained from eternity; and I offer four least by violence at the hands of each of each by violence at the hands of each of each by violence at the hands of each of each or of the words of wisdom that have me, at the end of four cycles (80 me, a

me on a couch in a corner of the afraid to act according to your wis- trology. The article just quoted, which I room. Then with his deft fingers he dom, for no harm shall come to found in a leading New York daily bandaged my foot, and saturated the you. a few days ago, is the reason for the bandages with liquid of peculiar odor Such an astounding proposition as never saw the face of a man other the earth, for had not the statement I now make. There are that lessened my pain and produced a this, with the uncanny surroundings, than that of Volgisius. The mountain brow and placed his hands on me in stars foreshown it? Thus light had those who will censure me for the grateful feeling of warmth and com- would be enough to unnerve a strong- is an admirable place for contempla- benediction, he closed his eyes and come to my mind and I was about

"To-morrow," I exclaimed in consternation. "I must leave to-night." which was to leave New York for if you were well darkness would mis-

ed of its reality, I feared that its he resembled a picture I had seen of one true God, and Jesus Christ, His doubts to my uncle, for I could not coast and secured passage on a Himself, the Redeemer, had been put relation would serve no good end, a venerable Druid priest. His voice and might entail upon myself endless was deep and unusually musical, for annoyance, delay and, perhaps, suspicion. Even now there are those picion. Even now there are those picion. Even now there are those picion. Even now there are those picion and might entail upon myself endless was deep and unusually musical, for what matter what name we worship the death of the marks almost completed life.

Son, my Redeemer.''

What matter what name we worship the dissipation of the vear I was engaged in casts trust, and several times I was forced men in different climes, and none rerelation would serve no good end, a venerable Druid priest. His voice Son, my Redeemer." I describe as having occurred in the old man's hut were only a dream produced by an over-wrought imagination and the draught which I had joining room, and in a few moments I say that it is my firm belief that the events, which I describe in relation to the old man, a stribe events, which I describe in relation to the old man, a servicence of both my honer red, and as evidence of both my honesty and mental soundness, I am reday to affirm, in any way the law and mental soundness, I am ready to affirm, in any way the law shock of my slight accident, I ate raved to affirm, in any way the law shock of my slight accident, I ate raved to a latent strength that contrained who many have done the bold man accident where and you give you fod; how many have done the bold man, scholing a horoscope of my life, when suddents and pearance. While I was thinking of day, though in other ways? They do day, though in other ways? They do not even bow to Efus, but they worship was the same? How many are doing it to defend myself against them. When life, when suddents and pearance. While I was thinking of these eithings he passed into an adjoining room, and in a few moments returned with a plate containing ship well at the some cold lowl, oaten cakes and a pitcher of milk, and setting them before the material things of life to be material things of life to the material things of life to the material things of life to be made and promoder the same? How many are doing the eastern sky there appeared a new star of wonderful brilloant these things he passed into an adjoining room, and in a few moments returned with a plate containing ship well as wearning and passion to the army. My learning daministion to the army. My learning daministion to the army my warring data life, they make a plate to material thing. Strange! that in all these years rever did I meet, from that fateful Night daministion to the army. My learning daministion to the army my warring data life, and they wear they wore army and assorting the measurement of the material t who will assert that the events which indicated a latent strength that con- Creator, And even did you give up of the year, I was engaged in cast- trust, and several times I was forced men in different climes, and none reates accused of the murder of Herbert meal I explained the object of my seemed to be overcome with emo- covery disheartened me beyond meas- had no fear of death, for I knew I tion of the average human life canthe truthfulness of the events set visit. While he listened his face lit tion, but whether of joy or sorrow I ure and I could neither eat nor sleep could not die; and I fought with a not understand what an awful experiforth in the subjoined deposition: up, and we carried on an animated could not tell. Then mustering him- from my mental agitation. My uncle desperation that astonished the gen- ence it is to live on with no :hope

months ago I went to New York to It was past midnight when our con- closer to my bedside and continued: found Volgisius still on his bed, his 'From the province of Judea came live, did as He does all things, in visit Prof. M-, a man who has de- versation ended. I did not feel the "Time presses and I cannot, tarry aged cheeks flushed with a fever. All news that caused a stir at the capi- wisdom and mercy. I travelled amvoted his life to research in the stud- time pass and gladly would I have long. The hours-nay, even the mo- that my art could do I did to ease tal. A man, one of the people; of most ong all and they are dead while I ies which I am pursuing. When about continued, but he rose from his seat, ments of my life are numbered and his sufferings, but my herbs seemed wonderful simplicity of life, of most still survive—but everywhere I found to return I remembered that some saying, "You need rest," and walked will soon have passed away. I say to have lost their potency, and I extraordinary attractiveness of men the same. My time is short and distant relatives of mine resided at to a hearth where a liquid was brew- this, not with sorrew, but rather was filled with grief. Perceiving my speech, manifesting power over na- you need rest. I will not weary you Scranton, Pa., and I concluded to ing in a copper vessel. He poured it with exultation, for death is the on- mental trouble my unce said:

its and, in talking of my hobby, I from your hurt and cause you to you have done well; for their pos- feeble. If I choose I could baffle this glory and deliver them from bondage. owe much. May the God who does

hermit, who was said to be a master | That this man of evidently superior in me, and never till to-night did I faith." of all the Gaelic tongues. I decided education and refinement, who could find one who valued conscience above to visit this strange personage, but fill a university professorship with the things of life. For these things ing whom I then knew, and never Rome's empire. The army would folthe hospitality of the Scrantonians distinction, should choose to bury that I have told you, you are the one since have I met his equal in human- low where I led-the Jews would fol- turmoil with the marve, lous things I pressed upon me so many social obli- himself in this out-of-the-way place, ordained to relieve me of my earthly ity and kindliness; so, when I heard low their young prophet; let our had witnessed and the weird tales I gations that I postponed the visit was incomprehensible to me; and I bondage. Standing as I am on the him speak in this way I could no forces be combined and we would be had listened to. For several hours I from day to day. On the morning of felt that there must be some mystery threshold of eternity, I leave in your longer restrain my grief and I com- irresistible. For the first time in my lay awake waiting for the dawn, but Dec. 10 I received a cablegram from surrounding his early life. The events care the account of my doings that menced to weep. My sorrow pained twenty years of Roman service I ask- tired nature, overtaxed by the strain my attorneys at Cardiff requesting me of the day passed before my puzzled men may profit by them. Do with him and he rose from his couch, and ed the emperor for leave of absence. of the events of the night, claimed its

A noise as of some person moving need not be told the glories of our in my hand. I was little mindful of was received with equal honors. I took the train to Marshtown and about the room aroused me and in an ancient nation. The motions of the the ceremony, for in my anguish the "Truly, rumor had spoken aright, it was with no small anxiety that I smiled at my belief in what must after receiving some very complicated instant I was awake. I arose to a planets; the curative powers of medi-doubts that had tortured me for so for from all Galilee and Judea came opened the door leading to the ad-have been a hallucination; but as I directions there, set out beyond the sitting posture and peered into the cines; the studies of philosophy and long assailed me with redoubled force throngs to see and hear the wonder- joining chamber. It was a small, advanced towards the bed the smile limits of the village to find the mysterious hermit's cabin. It was about the conjectured the entrance to died on my face. His eyes were closured the new that I exprisely darkness. In the direction in the corner on a rude priesthood. Guided by just and simple the room to lie, I noticed a luminous there, set the bed the smile through the room. In the corner on a rude priesthood. Guided by just and simple through the room to lie, I noticed a luminous there, set the bed the smile through the room. In the corner on a rude priesthood. Guided by just and simple through the room to lie, I noticed a luminous the bed the smile full speaker. When I saw that I exprise the set the smile through the room. In the corner on a rude priesthood. Guided by just and simple through the room to lie, I noticed a luminous the bed the smile through the room. In the corner on a rude priesthood. Guided by just and simple through the room to lie, I noticed a luminous the bed the smile through the room. In the corner on a rude priesthood. Guided by just and simple through the room to lie, I noticed a luminous the same through the room to lie stanted to wards the bed the smile through the room. In the corner on a rude priesthood. Guided by just and simple through the room to lie, I noticed a luminous the room to lie stanted to wards the seather through the room to lie stanted to wards the seather through the room to lie stanted to wards the seather through the room to lie stanted to wards the seather through the room to lie stanted to wards the room to lie stanted to wards the seather through the room to lie stanted to wards the seather through the room to lie stanted to wards the seather through the room to lie stanted to wards the room to lie stanted to wards the room to lie st

ness, but that heart paralysis was brought about by means of some drug—probably chloroform. The jury sat an old man of gigantic stature.

In the total probably the door open.

In the total probably the ground, go out into the ground gro

"Now," said, he, "lie quietly, and a time I could not collect my er heaven there; however, I went paid the last duties to the dead. thorities, but I feel that my reasons by to-morrow you will be able to thoughts or frame a reply. Herbert farther in my reasoning than my "Half crazed with grief and lone- when I thought of my promise to

Liverpool the day following the dis- lead you. Be content where you are. me-so great that I fear I could not or punishment; notwithstanding, I Roman camp. A great hatred rose up will not be long, for He teaches men covery of the body of the old man People say I am a skillful leech, and use them even if I desired them. As felt that there was something un- within me against the Romans, for I to 'be not solicitous for the things Herbert, by which name he was deem it a favor if I will but try to for wealth I have enough to satisfy satisfactory, something lacking in the attributed to them all my sufferings. of life.' known, for I had been called home on heal them.'' whole. The destruction of our religious not the talisman give me powurgent business. I told the authori- He said this with a pleasing smile am a student. Power has no charm ion by the Romans had a depressing er?' I said. I would go amongst them to Rome and tendered my resignation ties then all that the ends of jus- that dispelled any doubts I might for me. I would rather teach than effect upon me, and, again and learn their ways and use that as commander, urging age and ill ties then all that the ends of justice demander, urging age and ill tice demanded; for at that time there was no suspicion of foul play. Be-his welcome; and as I realized the his welcome; and as I realized the his welcome; and as I realized the hopes that I realized the hopes t sides, what I had seen was so strange what I had seen was so incomprewhat I had heard was so incomprehis hospitality.

Therefore, I cannot ligion were divine it would not be with him I fancied that I will not abandon my God, the only eternity. I dared not confess my ed for years, I made my way to the that the Son of Man, as He called

My name is Thomas Hughes; my conversation in which he showed a self by a powerful effort, he raised noticed my gloomy state of mind erals and won for me many imperial of rest. I lived in the broad light of permanent residence Cardiff, Wales. wonderful knowledge of not only the his sphinx-like face and said, half to but attributed it to the excitement favors. The new emperor, Tiberius, ancient civilization. I saw it fade un-

seemed to know this, for he moved "That morning, when I arose, I the time was ripe for action.

Therefore, I tell you that in refusing for my choice is not for this world. deemer who had been sent from God fused my gifts, and you know what

then continued:

through the woods for nearly two spot of a pale opalescent color. As I groves of sacred oak, and lived at need to sacrifice yourself and leave cr, in the person of such an ally. My the white robe I had expected to find. locks rested a few faded oak leaves. He appeared to be sleeping, and I The old man was dead.

about him; on his head was a chaplet mission. The Romans found among seek to preserve it against the will JOHN A. FOOTE IN THE RCSARY MAGAZINE of green oak leaves and in his hand us a civilization in some respects su- of heaven? I am not fit to do the "Was it murder?" An English tour- of my search, I began to think that diance that enveloped him was dif- ers came to our isle and found that possess the talisman of life keep it ist who gave his name as Thomas I had lost my way, or had been defused from an oval object suspended the fused from an oval object suspended their astronomers and physicians my life to you, and when my time sleety snow and walking was extreme as I took note of these things a pre- sought us for our learning. But when comes we may depart from this world "Volgisius smiled, a beautiful, pitybin which he found in a clearing. On oning my search, when my eyes -the prehistoric dwellers of the Brit- forth that the Droff priesthood men- ing smile, it seemed, and laid

priests were driven from the island "For thy great love for me I will

in a small clearing in a pine forest ficient for you to know that I possess gration and during the reign of the you witness it, for you shall live un-

am not very athletic, yet I consider- "The last of the Druids!" I cried in spot near the ocean. Then I remem- that is the least it can do. It posmy countrymen, the clash of swords will, the life of its human possessor. "You would say that the Druids and afterwards a long journey in the Take it then, mark well what I say,

"'It is well,' he said. 'When I am were seen in the neighborhood have been placed under arrest. The police expect to have a clear case in a few worthy, and it is to be hoped that the miscreants who are guilty of the miscreant with the though I were a mere child and laid "I await your answere; be not to the study of astronomy and as- gifts. This, then, is my legacy to yet so sublime, I felt a horror of my "From my childhood, until I left to love wealth, wisdom and power the poral conquest or revenge would be a the mountain in my twentfeth year, I dominion of Efus shall not end upon sacrilege. His teaching would prevail

ture itself, had risen up, and was further. This, then, is my pitiful

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for there remained only the casiest part of my scheme—the winning to To accomplish this purpose I followed the throng one morning out of the city, to the mountain, whither He had gone for rest with a few of His quently I must leap the stream, as bert of Britain-am the last of the deserving of pity than of terror. My bring wealth, power and fame at the chosen followers. The people followearliest recollection is of a pleasant will of him who doth possess it. But ed Him everywhere; and when I reached the place, I found Him addressing a multitude so vast that I marvelled how all could thear Him, but His voice- had a soft, vibrant condition of the internal organs had my feet slipped on the icy ground and convinced him that the old man had some one on horseback. That and refuse me not what I ask of like music, and, though I stood afar "Whatever you ask of me I " will off, I lost none of the discourse. He spoke as I had never heard man

man speak. As I listened my pas-

sion and hatred melted away. you; and remember, until men cease mission. To speak to Him of tem-

er man than I professed to be, so for tion and study—perhaps we are near- his spirit passed away. Reverently I to throw myself at His feet and ask Zoronto. watched me intently, and after a few uncle taught me. The religion of the liness I longed for death and cursed Volgisius. Until men should cease to moments his deep, dark eyes seemed Druids seemed to me to be incom- the hated talisman that gave me life. love wisdom, wealth and power I to exercise a soothing influence over plete. Thus, we worshipped by one I know not how long I wandered was fated to roam the earth. Sad-"You cannot leave to-night. Even me, for I answered him saying:
"You were well darkness would mis"You offer great things indeed to the soul and a future state of reward day while near the coast I espied a forting myself with this reflection: It

confirm them, and I did not wish to Phoenician trading vessel bound for to death by the Jews whom He had

and worry induced by the anticipa- advanced me still further, and, had I til its faint gleam shone only through intended to ordain me-to make me a mander-in-chief of his armies, but I and I watched its flickering rays grow height of my popularity, I jelt that made-know all to well that the God, who allotted man a certain time to

I sought until my soul was sick with- self to perpetuate the glories of my from Judea, the weakest point, should The luminous halo grew fainter and come the first trumpet blast that fainter, until at last the figure of then seated on its side bade me bring It was granted with much favor, and due, and day dawned before I realized

him he invested me with the pricatly empire could bestow upon a favorite, found that I could use my injured "You who have studied history robes, and placed the golden wand and on my arrival at Jerusalem I foot as well as ever. "It must have been a dream," I said to myself. Yet Educational

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