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HEN MY OLD HAT WAS

Don't laugh at my old hat, 'tis much like you and I ;

Although I've got a better one, I'm lay it by. While sitting by a cheerful fire its

wear I view, And think how swift have flown

since my old hat was new

was new. thoughts arise. Suggested by the poor old hat that before my eyes; I think how many friends 1 had that has proved untrue; What loud professions the mutual contents of the second seco at loud professions they did make---when my old hat was new.

I read of fraud on every hand-where thieve

high office hold; I read how, on elction day, men's bought and sold; This land will go to min scon, if

such a crew ; An honest man was king of men old hat was new.

Now when man slays his fello

Done in the act of self deten Then to a parlor cell he goes to stay a day o

two ; They hung such men and did it

hat was new

In many of our churches now the fich

The poor are in the byways and hovels of th

I think-if I remember tight-the poor.

wealthy too, Met, brother like, to worship God, when m old hat was new. As the nation growsth rich

As the nation growsth trends, are and pride increase. As the nation growsth stronger, war disturb the peace. Better go a little slower—for the

## FOOTPRINTS IN THE SNOW : THE VILLAGE MYSTERY

(FROM OUR FIRESIDE FRIEND.)

MILDRED.

Industriously the carpenter applied himself to his unpleasant work. A small opening was soon made through the cotr, into which a keen saw was

the old man's past career, about which village, which it lead to the upon investigation might lead to the apprehension of those who had so mys-teriously made way with him. The officer permitted me to take them with

We turned to descend the ladder Then, singular, to relate, we saw for the first time a dark corner under the rafters curtained off from the remainder of the room. If urriedly pushing it aside, we found a small bed upon the floor. It had evidently been lately occupied. The impression of a body was visible in the loose straw mattress and a corresponding indentation in the pillow, apparently made by a human head.

Some one had retired there carly on the previous evening and there were indications of that person having risen hastily. The old quilt that had covered hastily. The old quilt that had covered the bed had been thrown back against the boards that formed the side of the ilding, and one part of the curtain was ghtly torn from it fastenings as if ightly torn from it insteading against it.

when one body had hastily tripped against it. We scanned all these things closely and the officer started to descend the adder. When he was about half way and the officer started to descend the ladder. When he was about half way down, I turned and took a last look at the bed on the floor. As I did so, I caught the gleam of a small, white hand-kerehief, that had previously been con-cealed by the folds of the displaced warm and uncomfortable. I was walking ccaled by the folds of the displaced curtain. I picked it up in sudden surprise, and examined it closely. In one corner I saw traced in delicate embroidery the simple name of 'Mildred.' "Mildred?" who was "Mildred," and what was she doing in this out of the one dock and myself. no one was

way place on such a night? and what visible.

way place on such a night? and what singular combination of circumstances had brought that beautiful woman here? She had come unseen by human eyes save mine, and the missing occupants of the deserted cottage; and she had flown as suddenly and mysteriously. We left the cottage more puzzled than we were when we entered it. The excited crowd rushed in to gratify their vulgar and re-nulaize entries in and the sudden surpulsive curiosity. Everything in and about the premises was examined with the closest scrutiny, yet without discov-ering any satisfactory solution or prob-

opening was soon made through the cot-tage door, into which a keen saw was inserted and the stout oaken har which served as a fastening upon the inside was severed in twain, and its two parts fell with a crash upon the floor. The latch was lifted and the door stood ajar. I stepped into the mysterious room closely followed by one of the village constables, who took in the particular situation of every thing with one keen glance of his lynz eyes. I observed the overturned table, the broken chairs, and the dark blood-stains on the floor, but

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then stepping forth from my place of more of the matter. concesiment, I turned back and hut ied to my lodging place with the speed of the wind. I made an unsuccessful journey to New York, but for all I could learn there of such a process and the necessarily in-

"I subsequently learned that he had excaped from prison. I knew that he was upon my track, and would spare no pains nor neglect any favourite op porpains nor neglect any favourite oppor-tunity to accomplish his dark purpose. "I was a haunted man !

Perhaps this relentlesshand ton of mine was the destroyer of my wife and innocent children. Again I sought the

aid of the detectives, but though we laboured for weeks, I was baffled in every with that popular disease commonly called western fever, and closing up my attempt to regain my lost ones, or to discover the releatless monster that had business, I converted my property cash, and removed to Cincinnati.

It was the afternoon of a bright sum "I grew nervous and wretched. became tormented by a morbid fear wherever I went. I knew not at what mer day, that I found myself standing mer day, that I found myself standing upon the broad levee of that rapidly growing town, with all my available effects in my well filled pocket-book, and the carpet sack which I carried in my st. Pierre Miquelon..... moment the knife of my would be-assassin would be raised over me. In my distress I determined to leave the

country. I shipped on hoard this vessel under an assumed name. I leave this statement, beseeching the one into Leaving the steamboat landing, sauntered up the nearest street into the city. A walk of a few minutes and waited, and they were evidently this statement, beseeching the one into determined that the opportunity should whore hands it may fall to leave no the city. A walk of a few minutes brought me to that part of the town abouts of my wife and children, and to began to yield to the superior see that justice is meted out to the one for the interest street into the better portion of its inhabitants.

A Den wirter mary yest befor, I the New York das my de autor de service de la construction of province de la construction of the service de la construction de la construction of the service de la construction de la construct I still retained the papers in my possibly be realized all suggested the make it the work of my life to fathom the great, mystery that most men were has recommended, and his successor will already beginning to forget. West ward the star of empire was be ginning to take its way. After many months of hesitation, I became infected

> CANADIAN LUMBER TRAFFIC. The following table shows the extent

ad direction of the Canadian lumber traffic during last year :---603,007

15.745 4.016 Spain ..... 43.707 39,101 6,376 Foreign Ladies ..... St. Domingo ..... 9,812

have reason to show, but in their own Ganada Central Railway last evening. He represented bimself as agent for the Pacific Steamships and several Railway lines. He insisted on smoking in the first class car. Conductor Boome order-ed him to stop it. He refused and the conductor motion it. He refused and the

conductor snatched the eigar out of his mouth. Glen then undertock to thrash The articles forming the convention or treaty between the Khan and the Governor General of Turkestin, acting for the Char, have been published, and it the conductor, but he was forced back in

the conductor, but he was forced back in his scat. The conductor then left for another car and Glen went to the door and smashed at the glass in the window. He then sat down, took off his diamond ring and loosened his pistol-pooket, in which he stated he had a revolver. A ohum interfered to prevent a row and paid the damages. The passengers regarded them as two dangerous charac-ters and people in Merrickville and Smiths Falls are on the look ont for their valuables, as they got off at Irish Creek. for the Char, have been published, and it is now clear that while the Russians have observed the letter they have broken the spirit of Count Schouvaloff's promise not to annex Khiva. They have not annex-ed the country, indeed, but they have established themselves is lords para-mount. They have taken a goodly slice of territory, and forced the, Turcoman ohief to be the vassal—"the obedient "servant of the Emperor of all the "Russias." Henceforth he is no more than a subject. His sourceinety is only valuables, as they got off at Irish Creek.

DISTRESSING BHIPWRECE ON THE IRISH COAST.—The Knight of Kerry, writing from Valentia on the 23rd ult., gives the following account of a sad case of shipwreck in that neighborhood. He

A WEDDING PRISENT ITO OTHE

A WINDING PARSENT IV ITTE CHINESE EXPENSE. The project of a wedding gift to the Emperor of China, to take the form of a short milway com-plete with carriages and focomotives, has been finally set at rest, in the only way which could have been anticipated by those practically acquainted with the Chinese. We confidently predicted when the first anouncement of the scheme was made that its un cartain to scheme was made that it was certain to be declined, and it is fortainte for the enthusistic projectors that warning voices deterred them from rabbing into useless expenditars. The hyster of the

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and fifty resident students of both seres. The Christian Guardian says: "We believe, as did the projectors of this collegiate entarprise, that a thorough collegiate entarprise, the training required will offer instruction is permanaship book-keeping, banking and commercial department will offer instruction is permanaship book-keeping, banking and commercial department for ladies; and a collegiate department for ladies; in which is is intended that natural science, the collegiate department for ladies; in which distated a tentative may research of the is only congratulated on the good (judgment which distated a tentative may research on arrival." The argumers of the fullity of any efforts not have on actual knowledge of the Chinese character and ituation to devise plans of prograss for them. They will advance, and are per ceptibly advance, and are educating them.

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