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In the village of Atherton lived a widow forty years old who had a head for business. She would buy an old house cheap for cash, put it in com-plete order and sell it at a profit. Sometimes she would have several houses under process of repair at the same time. The widow attended to the finances and contracts, but relegated the superintendence of the repairs to a young man not quite thirty years old, named Jack Hackstaff. One day it was announced that the

widow had married her employee. The women exchanged glances, as much as to say: "What a fool she is to the up with a man ten years younger than herself. She'll rue the day she did it." The men agreed that any young fellow of thirty who married a woman of forty for her money paid a high price for tying himself up with an old wo-

However, the Hackstaff couple seem ed to get on very well, at least till Mrs. Hackstaff got tired of repairing houses and found a better field of operation. But even then there was no cause to suspect that they were not getting on together. Nevertheless such suspicion was entertained by persons who noticed that Hackstaff, having been deprived of active occupation, showed some discontent.

"She had better have kept him busy," said the women. "He owes his living to a woman," said the men. "He'll either try to get the funds into his own hands or, if he has a proper pride, will dig out and shift for himself." When Mrs. Hackstaff stopped turning old houses into new ones it was observed that she had not sunk into

00 During the autumn the Hackstaffs hope he hasn't murdered his wife! 4 (0 But, having met Mrs. Hackstaff the day before at the bargain counter of were observed to be away a great deal. Evening London Fre. Press. 3 00 When winter came they remained at Children Cry Morning London Advertiser .. 3 00 the Beehive store, she concluded not home together and appeared to have H. Schlemmer FOR FLETCHER'S Evening London Advertiser.. 3 00 very little to do. In the spring one- to be in a hurry in announcing her CASTORIA sometimes both-started out very earsuspicions. She determined to keep ly and remained away till her own conneel and await dev Bell's, Classic With more than half of Mrs. Althea F. Grimsby of Spring-field, Ill., has been appointed deputy sheriff of Sangamon county, the first woman to fill the office in the history of (Dunnville Chronicle) Once when Mrs. Hackstaft ments, which meant confiding the stocame. Europe engaged in war, anadian makes. ry to several intimate friends, caution-ing each to say nothing about it, for bought her ticket a neighbor stood beside her and noticed that she purchassections decimated, other LOVELL'S BAKERY and especially those form ed a long string of tickets on a round if Mrs. Hackstaff was still alive she 50c a pair on the country. (Dunnville Chronicle) British Empire, will have trip through the southern states. This would appear in the flesh. I've stopped the paper, yes I have ! I didn't like to do it ; But the editor, he got too smart, And I allow he'll rue it. Providing the New Jersey State Fedthe observer reported, and it added But Mrs. Hackstaff did not appear up huge deficiencies, both eration of Women's clubs raises \$75,000 for maintenance for four years, Rutgers college has agreed to open a women's department in that institution. largely to the interest of the people because she had sailed for China. Mrs. stuffs and material. Values. Some When you spend a dollar you expect Ward, thinking that, she might have of Atherton in the Hackstaff affairs. Great Britain imported 5 to get a dollar's worth. When you get gone on one of her trips, cautioned those she had told of the buried gar-The Hackstaff place was on the outam a man who pays his debts bushels of wheat from C our bread you get your money's worth. skirts of the village and surrounded by ouse Pumps at 1913. She imported Miss Anna E. Logan, recently appoint-And will not be insulted, So when the editors get smart, I want to be consulted. woods. One day Mrs. Hackstaff. walk, ment to keep quiet till a proper time ed assistant superintendent of the public schools in Cincinnati is the first woman to receive such an appointment in that bushels from the United BREAD 6c. PER LOAF had elapsed for her return. Mean-She also imported 12,789,96 I took the paper 'leven years And helped him all I could, sir, But when it came to dunnin' me, I didn't think he would, sir, while she took a number of other per--- marked at from Russia and Central E sons into her confidence and by the MORE STRENGTH city. Great Britain imported :----: time Mrs. Hackstaff should have re-For watering trees on city streets a German forester has invented a perfor-ated metal ring to be buried above their bushels of barley in 1913 turned from an ordinary trip all Ather-NEILSONS' BULK ton was agog. When a month more But that he did, and you can bet, sia, Roumania, Turkey. It made me hot as thunder ; says, "I'll stop the sheet, I will, FOR OLD PEOPLE roots, with an opening projecting above their the ground to receive water. CHOCOLATES had passed Mrs. Ward was sure Mrs. and Austria. From Canad: Hackstaff had been murdered; many 5,977,533 bushels, or les If the doggone thing goes under." TTH "THE KIND THAT ARE DIFFERENT" of those she had told of her boy's dis fourth. I hunted up the editor, And for his cunnin' caper, I paid him 'leven years and quit ! Yes, sir, I stopped the paper. covery felt that it was highly prob-Great Britain took na-a-naable, while a few poohpoohed the whole Mrs. Hutchison-Eighty-One Years Old-Uses No Othbushels of oats from Germa matter. sia and Roumania in 1913, For LOVELL'S BAKERY Many believed that the authorities For Cuts, Bruises, Swellings, Wounds, Sprains, Neuralgia and one-half was from her bitt er Tonic but Vinol and Recshould be given the evidence of the Simple and Sure.-Dr. Thomas^{*} Eclectric Oil is so simple in application most savage enemy of to-da buried dress, but they all considered PHONE 73. much attention was ommends It to Friends. Great Britain imported that it was the duty of some one else than themselves to bring forth the inthat a child can understand the instruc-tions. 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Meanwhile Hackmania 45,643,000 bushel Sarnia, March 2.-Private Thomas Creighton, who died of pneumonia while in training at Guelph, was laid to rest with military honors this morning. The Stat Proved (interior same time. How far is C An electric pen that carbonizes paper over which it is passed has been patented by a native of India. staff began to show worriment. When ing to help to make up Cures Relieves asked about what was troubling him LINIME FOR Man and Ba ency. Now all defects of with military honors this morning, body was borne on a gun carriage from his late residence to the Roman Catholic church, where services were held, and from there to Lakeview Cemetery. from there to many with arms reversed, led he said that his wife was absent and Sore by a native of India. There was no celebration of Paarde-burg victory at London on Saturday as had been planned. Col Shannon, com-manding officer of the divisional area, holding that such would be decidedly imprudent in view of the fact that the Boers of South Africa are rendering such able assistance to the Empire in the present conflict. Lame Great Britain imported remedied by optical lenses. Come here he had not heard from her since her Cula Brumen Throat 1, 1913, to July 31, 1914, Back departure. Then he was asked where Greenville, S. C. Such cases as the above are constantly coming to our attention. If people in this vicinity only realized how Vinol in-vigorates old people we would not be able to supply the demand. It is the tissue building, curative ele-ments of the cod's livers, aided by the blood making strengthening properties of tonic iron contained in Vinol, that makes it so successful in building up strength for old people, delicate chil-dren and for all run-down conditions. Vinol is also a most successful remedy for chronic coughs, colds and bronchitis. 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It had been written in his own handwritlion bushels ? present conflict. Relief from Asthma. Who can de-scribe the complete relief from suffering which follows the use of Dr. J. D. Kel-logg's Asthma Remedy? Who can ex-press the feeling of joy that comes when its soft and gentle influence relieves the tightened, choking air 'tubes! It has made asthmatic affliction a thing of the past for thonsands. It uever fails, Good druggists everywhere have sold it for years. m British Army ing and bore his wife's signature. The only tend to make paying teller had heard the whisper-ings about Mrs. Hackstaff's suspicious The vacuum principle has b to a jar to keep a substantial r cold for many hours. Liniment Let us do your optical done right. disappearance and, asking Hackstaff Also Useful in the Stable to wait a moment, took the check to the cashier, who carried it to the pres-ident. After a conference it was de-Children (CLASS ceremony FOR FLETCHER' The Turner Co. Limited Toronto OF MARRIAGE LICENSES The most obstinate corns and warts fail to resist Holloway's Corn Cure. Try m cided to pay it, but this had no sooner CASTOR been done than a message was sent to an expert who came, examined the T. B. Taylor & Sons, Druggists, Watford.

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> ing in these woods, encountered a skunk and received the contents of its odor bag on her dress. Returning to the house, she took off the dress, put on another and, giving the first to her husband, asked him to take it to the woods and bury it for the pur-puse of deodorizing it. This he did. A few days later the wife conceived

a business scheme of importance, and both she and Hackstaff forgot all about the buried dress. For several days she was busy arranging her financial affairs, making arrangements for the honoring of numerous drafts proposed to make on her bankers. she

Having arranged for a prolonged absence, she and her husband talked over matters of domestic nature. Sufficient means were locked in a safe in their house for his use until her return, and to provide for any contingency she signed checks in blank that he might fill in to any amount he chose. These minor affairs having been arranged, Mr. Hackstaff took up a New York newspaper that he had bought that day for the purpose of learning the sailing dates of outgoing steamers and learned that a steamer would sail via the Mediterranean and the Suez canal for China the next afternoon.

An examination of a railroad time table indicated that the only train by which Mrs. Hackstaff could catch that steamer passed through and stopped at Atherton at 1 o'clock in the morning. It was decided that she should take this train. Her luggage was sent to the station, and Mr. Hackstaff purchased a ticket to New York and checked the trunk early in the evening. When the train passed Mr. and Mrs. Hackstaff said goodby to each other on the station platform, and Mrs. Hackstaff entered the train without any citizen of Atherton having witnessed her departure. She was driven up to the dock from which the steam er sailed just as the gangplank was being withdrawn and without having engaged passage.

Many of these details could have been held back for effect at the end of the story or left out entirely. They have been given in order and explicitly that they may the better show how. when fuel is dry and in a fine condition to ignite, a conflagration may be started that will swcep everything before it.

wife's dress a small boy was in a tree above the spot where he put it in the ground, about to grasp a birds' nest. The little fellow's curiosity was sed to know what the man beneath him was going to do, so he kept still till the dress had been buried; then, having captured the birds' nest. he went home and told his mother what he had seen. As a hound who has just caught the scent of game will start and sniff the air, so did the lady throw up her hands at scenting a trag-

she could control. difficulty. "Great heavens!" she exclaimed. "I

check and pronounced it a forgery. A match had been touched to these various items of kindling, and a brisk blaze started. A suspicion of forgeryother experts disagreed with the firstbrought out the story of the burled dress, which brought out the fact that no one could be found who had seen Mrs. Hackstaff leave Atherton, that Hackstaff had looked quite as uneasy, as if he had committed murder, and various other incidents, all of which combined, warranted a grand jury in finding an indictment against him, though the preponderance of evidence of the experts being that the signature to the check was genuine caused the

charge of forgery to be dropped. Hackstaff told his story as it has been told here, with a few additions not bearing on the case. This was that his wife was a cotton speculator and used, with his occasional assistance, to examine the crops in the south, where they were grown. A condition of the cotton market had occasioned a visit to Bombay, and she had gone there, expecting to buy largely. What had worried him was that the steamer on which she had sailed had not been reported since issuing from the Red sea into the gulf of Aden.

There were several missing links in his explanations. His wife's dress, which had been exhumed had become deodorized: the ticket agent at Atherton, who knew Mrs. Hackstaff well, had no remembrance of having sold her a ticket on the date claimed, and owing to her catching the steamer at the last moment her name did not appear on the passenger list.

Opinion which had long been grow ing against the accused and the fact that the prosecuting attorney was showing great energy in convicting criminals previous to'a campaign he was about to make for an important judgeship prevailed over this filmsy evidence, and Hackstaff was given a death sentence. Mrs. Hackstaff, meanwhile having

ed the Atlantic and traversed the Mediterranean and the Red sea, was wrecked on the Persian coast. She reached the shore with no money and, being penniless in a strange land, went through various adventures before meeting a fellow countryman who helped her out and enabled her to reach Bombay.

Bombay. The information contained was genuine and then only after he had

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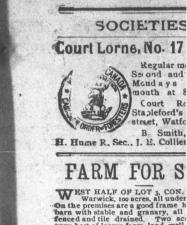


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