

EARLY DAYS IN CHATHAM

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I had only been a short time in
The Planet office when I had the
very unpleasant experience of being
arrested, much to the surprise of my employers and to my own horror as well. On this particular day at about 11 a. m. the office became uncomfortably warm, and Mr. Miller asked me to open the door at the top of the stair and as 1 did so I saw Mr. John Goodyear (what "old bear"). The the well as a second of the stair and so I saw Mr. John Goodyear (what "old bear"). saw Mr. John (cooquear (what one poyr) of Chatham does not remember this corpulent old limb of the law) against the prisoner was, to use an coming up the stair followed by Mr. American expression, as clear as ice boy" of Chatham does not remember this corpulent old limb of the law) coming up the stair followed by Mr. Wm. Kichardson, tailor, and as soon as these gentlemen reached the top step this officious individual laid h.s hand on my shoulder, saying as he did so, in a quiet but stern voice, "is your name Frederick VanAllen?" to which, I replied in a very subdued tone, "Yes, sir," then said he, "You are my prisoner—get on your coat." I can't possibly tell your readers how I looked, but I thought I ought to have had a box of Dr-Williams Pink Pills for Pale People or a few doses of Paine's Celery Compound for palpitation of the heart. I had nothing to do, however, but follow the "cop" along with my fellow prisoner. Mr. "Gouger," as the boys were pleased to nickname him, was looking for his third victim and, as we crossed the street he captured his bird in the person of Cornelius Holmes, the young man whom I succeeded in the ofice. The same routine was gone through with Cornelius as with myself and when informed that he was a prisoner the poor boy stammered, "Well, w-a-it till I take this milk home," "all right, my boy," said the Chief, "I'll go with you," and we all entered Alex. McPherson's saloon, and we didn't get a "smile" either. It all happened in this wise: The day before (Sunday) we were enjoying a quiet walk and, as we saw the religious portion of the people wending their way to church, we concended that, probably, it was the wise thing to do and to the Methodist church we went. Old Henry Verrall, one of Chatham's old Vets, showed us to a seat well to the front, feeling, no doubt, that it was well to place us where the parson's spe would have no difficulty in detecting anything that was unbecoming. In us during service and also that we might better to do (it would have been much more to his credit had he gone to sleep) got out his lead pencil and began carieaturing some of Chatham's leading citizens and, in order that they be (more readily identified, wrote their names in a very legible hand undernetth, beside coming up the stair followed by Mr. Wm. Richardson, tailor, and as soon

which he generously gave to the public when announcing a sale, and he always insisted that he was a "Royal always insisted that he was a "Royal object," instead of a loyal subject of H. M. Queen Victoria. Well, I thought, "What can the matter be," old Lewis can't be having a sale on at this hour, and I hurriedly stepped to the open window when I distinctly heard, the old crier calling upon the citizens to "Wake up, there's a mob at the jail," and, at that moment, I heard two or three random shets fired which told me that there was mischief brewing over in that quarter of the town. I was not long in reaching the street and on my way to the Court House, when I met a party who told me that it my way to the Court House, when I met a party who told me that it was a part of the McDougall gang of horse thieves and highwaymen who had planned to release Miles McDougall. He had just been convicted of horse-stealing, house-breaking and other misdemeanors, and sentenced to 14 years in Kingston penitentiary. There were four or five counts in the indictment and the prisoner had been tried and found guilty of all but one, and that one was the most serious of them all, viz., Sharp's robbery at or near Dawn Mills. The Judge told the prisoner that if found guilty of this it would be his duty to pronounce the death sentence, as fire arms had been used with intent to, kill. The trial proceeded and the evidence trial proceeded and the evidence against the prisoner was, to use an American expression, as clear as ice and as sharp at the point as "No" from your sweetheart. The Judge's charge to the jury was very strong for conviction and just as they were about to go out, a lady friend, or relative, of the prisoner's, stepped over to him, threw her arms about his neck and embraced him and, at the same time, gave him an orange. Now, whether this little act of sympathy on the part of this lady had any effect on the feelings of these twelve jurymen, or whether they had made up their minds that the prisoner at the bar would get all the punishment he was deserving of, it is impossible to say, but they were not long in deciding upon their verdict, and, in answer to the question, "guilty or not guilty," the forman replied "not guilty, my Lord." The verdict seemed to please the large crowd who had assembled to hear the end of this interesting trial, especially the ladies, who had crowded the gallaries of the court room from the first day of the trial until its finish. Now, it so happened that on a certain afternoon, a few days before Miles McDougall would say "good bye" to old Mr. R. K. Paine and wife, that this lady who had played her part so well at the close of the trial, came, ostensibly, to pay a farewell visit to the prisoner, but really to inform him that "the boys" were coming for him that night and to be all ready, and to locate his cell and the most direct

Happy at Last



thony Fiala, which is profusely ilustrated.

"Reminiscences of a Long Life," by Carl Schurz, and "Railroads on Trial," by Ray Stanward Baker, are continued,

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Vanity, Saith the Preacher, press photographer asked Goldwin ith, the well-known author, to pose for a number of pictures. Mr. Smith

eclined to pose. Such things, he said smacked of vanity, and vanity was a fault that he desired to avoid. "Yet it will crop out," he added, "ir the most unexpected places. It is, ineed, rather like a microbe-so universal that wherever we look for it there it is surely to be found.

"During the French Revolution a priest rode in a tumbril to the guillo-tine with two persons—one a marquis the other a common thief. "As the cart joited through the crowded streets the citizens shouted maledictions on its occupants.

"Down with you, beasts of the arise

"The marquis smiled proudly, but the

riminal was vexed."
"'My good friends,' he cried, 'I am o aristocrat. I am a thief.'
"Then the priest touched his arm gently, murmuring: "'Ah, my son, this is no time for vanity."

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And already we see that we didn't guess a bit too boldly -the sales during the first few hours of the day prove that this is to be the most phenomenal of sales.

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"The Bey," which was termed "the show with music," holds the record at the La Salle Theatre, Chicago, for length of run.

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There is not a dull moment in the piece from the rise to the fall of the final curtain, and Chatham theatre-goers will have an opportunity on the above date of enjoying a splendid performance.

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