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After a time the student's attention was withdrawn from his specimens by a peculiar smell, which, being followed up by a system of selective sniffing, proved to be an emnation leaking into the stable from the alley. He opened the back duor

Across the alley was a cottage which t thrifty neighbor had built on the ear line of his lot and rented to neroes, and the fact that a negro family j was now in process of "moving in" was manifested by the presence of a thin mule and a ramshackle wagon. the latter laden with the semblance of a store and a few other unpretentious household articles.

A very small darky boy stood near the mule. In his hand was a rusty chain, and at the end of the chain the delighted Penrod perceived the source of the special smell he was tracing-a large raccoon. Duke, who had shown not the slightest interest in the rate set up a frantic barking and simulated a cavening assault upon the strange animal. It was only a bit of acting, however, for Duke was an old dog, had suffered much and desired no unnecessary sorrow, wherefore he confined his demonstrations to alarums and excursions and presently sat down at a distance and expressed himself by

intermittent threatenings in a quaver ing faisetto.

What's that coon's name?" asked Penrod, intending no discourtesy. "Aim gommo mame," said the small darky. "What?"

"Aim gommo mame." "What ?" The small darky looked annoyed. "Aim gommo mame, I hell you," he said impatiently. Penrod conceived that insult was intended: "What's the matter of you?" he demanded, advancing. "You get fresh with me and Fll"-

"Hyuh, white boy!" A colored youth Penrod's own age appeared in the doorway of the cottage. "You let 'at thuh mine alone. He ain' do nothin' to you." Well, why can't he answer?"

"He can't. He can't talk no better'n what he was talkin'. He tongue tie."



miraculous in so small and middle a dog. Benches were improvised Torennger ipectators; the rats were brought up; here!" exclaimed Penrod. "You haven't got any finger!" chute were ornamented with flags and "I mum map." said Verman, strips of bunting from Sam . Williams' egregious pride. attic. Sam returning from the excur-"He done 'at," interpreted Herman, sion wearing an old silk hat and acchuckling, "Yessuh, done chop 'er spang off long 'go. He's a playin' wif

"Lo

fine dachshund encountered on the a ax, an' I lay my finguh on de do' sill, highway. In the matter of personal an' I say, 'Verman, chop 'er off!' decoration paint was generously used; Verman he chop 'er right spang off up an interpretation of the spiral, inclin-to de roots! Yessuh." ing to whites and greens, becoming ing to whites and greens, becoming "What for?" brilliantly effective upon the dark facial backgrounds of Herman and "Jes' fo' nothin'." "He hoe me hoo." remarked Verman. Verman, while the countenances of

"Yessuh, I tole him to," said Herman, "an' he chop 'er off, an' ey ain't airy oth' one evul grow on wheres de ole one use to grow. Nosuh!" "But what'd you tell him to do it for?"

cil that no attempt be made to add "Nothin'. I jes' said it 'at way-an' Oneenie to the list of exhibits, he he jes' chop 'er off!" brothers warmly declining to act as ambassadors in that cause. They were Both brothers looked pleased and proud. Penrod's profound interest was certain Queenie would not like the flatteringly visible, a tribute to their idea, they said, and Herman picturunusualness. esquely described her activity on oc-

"Hem bow goy." suggested Verman eagerly.

brought him from the window.

"Out of where?"

him loose ag'in nex' week."

"Wif a pitchfawk."

tive

by too much attention to her appear-"Aw ri'," said Herman. "Ow sistuh ance. However, Penrod's disappoint-Queenie, she a growed up woruan; she ment was alleviated by an inspiration got a goitah.'

which came to him in a moment of "Got a what?" pondering upon the dachshund, and the "Goituh, Swellin' on her neck-grea' entire party went forth to add an enbig swellin'. She beppin' mammy riching line to the poster. move in now. You look in de front They found a group of seven, includroom winduh wheres she sweepin'; ing two adults, already gathered in the you kin see it on her." reet to read and admire this work. Penrod looked in the window and

SCHOFIELD & WILLIAMS was rewarded by a fine view of Queen-BIG SHOW le's goiter. He had never before seen ADMISSION 1 CENT oR 20 PINS one, and only the lure of further con-MUSEUM OF CURIOSITES versation on the part of Verman Now GoiNG oN

SHERMAN HERMAN & VERMAN "Verman say tell you 'bant pappy." HIER FATHERS IN JAIL STABexplained Herman, "Mammy an' ED a MAN WITH A Queenle move in town an' go git de PITCHFORK house all fix up befo' pappy git out."

mied (on account of a rope) by a

Sam and Penrod were each supplied

with the black mustache and imperial,

lacking which no professional show-

man can be esteemed conscientious.

It was regretfully decided in coun-

casions when she had been annoyed

SHERMAN THE WILD ANIMAL CAPTURED IN AFRICA "Jail. Pappy cut a man, an' de po-ERMAN THE ONE FINGERED lice done kep' him in jail evuh sense TATOOD WILD MAN VERMAN THE Chris-mus time, but dey goin' tuhn SAVAGE TATOOD WILD BOY TALKS ONLY IN HIS NAITIVE LAN-"What'd he cut the other man with?" GUAGS. Do NoT FAIL TO SEE DUKE THE INDIAN DOG ALSO Penrod began to feel that a lifetime THE MICHIGAN TRAINED RATS spent with this fascinating family A heated argument took place bewere all too short. The brothers, glowtween Sam and Penrod, the point at

ing with amiability, were as enraptur ssue being settled finally by the drawed as he. For the first time in their ing of straws, whereupon Penrod, with lives they moved in the rich glamour pardonable self importance-in the of sensationalism. Herman was prodpresence of an audience now increased igal of gesture with his right hand, nine-slowly painted the words inand Verman, chuckling with delight, spired by the dachshund: IMPORTENT Do NOT MISS THE talked fluently, though somewhat consciously. They cheerfully agreed to SOUTH AMERICAN DOG PART AL-

keep the raccoon-already beginning to LIGATOR. be mentioned as "our 'coon" by Penrod-in Mr. Schofield's empty stable. CHAPTER IX. and when the animal had been chain-The New Star.

ed to the wall near the box of rats AM, Penrod, Herman and Verand supplied with a pan of fair water man withdrew in considerable they asseuted to their new friend's state from nonpaying view and. suggestion (inspired by a fine sense of the artistic harmonies) that the hererepairing to the hay loft, detofore nameless pet be christened Sher-man, in honor of their deceased relaclared the exhibition open to the public. Oral proclamation was made by Sam, and then the loitering multitude was enticed by the seductive strains of At this juncture was heard from the a band, the two partners performing

front yard the sound of that yodeling "Oh!" said Penrod, mollified; then, upon combs and paper. Herman and which is the peculiar accomplishment obeying an impulse so universally erman upon tin pans with sticks. of those whose voices have not aroused in the human breast under The effect was immediate. Visitors like circumstances that It has become "changed." Penrod yodeled a response, appeared upon the stairway and sought and Samuel Williams appeared, a large a quip, he turned to the afflicted one. admission, Herman and Verman took bundle under his arm. "Talk some more," he begged eagerly. position among the exhibits, near the "Yay. Penrod!" was his greeting, cas-"I hoe you ackoom aim gommo wall: Sam stood at the entrance offiual enough from without; but. having mame," was the prompt response, in ciating as barker and ticket seller, entered, he stopped short and emitted while Penrod, with debonair suavity, prodigious whistle. "Ya-a-ay!" he St HANN & MAN acted as curator, master of cer A THE AND ANUTA AND AND A then shouted. "Look at the "coop!" and lecturer. He greeted the first to "I guess you better say, "Look at the "hter with a courtly bow. They con-'coon!"" Penrod returned proudly. sisted of Miss Rennsdale and her nurs-"They's a good deal more'n him to look er; governess, and they paid spot cash at too. Talk some, Verman." Verman for their admission. complied. "Walk in, lay-deeze: walk right in Sam was warmly interested. "What'd Pray do not obstruck the passageway," 6) you say his name was?" he asked. said Penrod in a remarkable voice. "Verman." "Pray be seated. There is room for "How d'you spell it?" each and all." "V-e-r-m-a-n," replied Penrod, having Miss Rennsdale and governess were previously received this information followed by Mr. Georgie Basset and from Herman. baby sister (which proves the perfec-"Oh!" said Sam tion of Georgie's character) and six or "Point to sumpthing, Herman." Peneven other neignbornood culldren, a eloquence mmanded, and sam's excitement, most satisfactory audience, although, ubsequent to Miss Rennsdale and govwhen Herman pointed was sufficient to the occasion. rness, admission was wholly by pin. Penrod. the discoverer, continued his "Gen-til-mun and lay-deeze," shouted exploitation of the manifold wonders Penrod, "I will first call your at-tainof the Sherman, Herman and Verman shon to our genuine South American dog, part alligator!" He pointed to the collection. With the air of a proprie tor he escorted Sam into the alley for dachshund, and added, in his ordinary tone, "That's him." Straightway rea good look at Queenie (who see not to care for her increasing celebrity) assiming the character of showman d proceeded to a dramatic climaxhe bellowed: "Next, you see Duke, the genuine, full blooded Indian dog from the far western plains and Bocky fork and its consequences. cumulative effect was enormed tains. Next, the trained Michi gan rate, captured way up there and trained to jump and run all dround the box at the at the at the alightest SUP The normal boy is always at least one half Barnum. "Let's get up a SHOWP" text?' He paused, partly sto take Pearod and Same both cisimed to have said it first) a question feft un th and partly to enjoy his own surprised discovery, that this places was in his vocabulary, "Mat the slightest pre-text!" he repeat, ed, and continued, suiting the action to wave said it first/a question fert un-settled in the extension of furthed prev-aration." The bindle under Same arm, brought with no definite purpose, proved to have been an inspiration. It consists of bread sheets of light yel-low apping paper, discanded by Same mother in her sping house. Car ne ye the word: "I will now hammer upon box, and each and all may eet as genuine full blooded Michigan sperform at the slightest protecti the slight ostentation ,was mant instakable tokens of vanity have! (There's all they do how, but I There were half filed the and Sam are goli to train 'en lors mire before this atternoon () Gen ch mun and lay detre d will kindly now "What's he mean?" Dasked Penrod the carringe house and pres-"He my he tole you 'at com ain' got information upon the passelur from call your at tain shon to Shermin, the wild animal from Africa Costing the no name. Altan off of soil "What's your name?" "Publicity," primal requisite of all matrical and amphibientrical enterlives of the wild trapper and many of chestrical and smiththest siT'm mas his companions. Next let, me study intervolous Herman and Verman, Their father got mud and stuck his pitchfork "What's his name?", Pearod pointes at to the tongue fied boy. bides thus magements proceeded with a fury of ingshients processed with a transfermed the end inergy which transfermed the end hayleft "True, it is impossible to" just, what the hayloft was transfe "Verman. Was three us boys in ow fam'ly. Ol'est one name Sherman. "N 'en come me; I'm Herman. 'N 'en. come him; he Verman. Sherman dead. right inside of another man, exactly as promised upon the all verifisements out side the big sent, and got put in jail Look at them well, ged fit mun field lay,deeze. There is no artic charge, and re-member you are each and all now looking at two wild tattooed men which the father of is in juil. Point, Herifan. Each and all house her in the pros. What the nayhot war transform ad into, but alstory warrantably clings to the statistical that it was trans-formed. Dike and Sherman were so cured to the rear wall at a considerable Nerman, we'de littles one You goin' to alve here reach a mort "Umhuelit. Done move in fin way distance from each other after an on-hibition of rejuctance on the part of 1 Duke, ducing, which he displayed at wrten on a fahm." ted to the north with his hibition hand, and Penrod's eyes opened to have a Point to to the Berman. This is the only renuine Linissey Depres

one fingered tattoged wild man. on the program, gen-til-mun and lay deeze, we have Verman, the savage After this, perhaps because of sated curiosity, perhaps on account of a pin tattooed wild boy, that can't speak famine, the attendance began to tan his native foreign languages some, Verman." only Talk guish. Unly four responded to the next call of the band. The four dwin-Verman obliged and made an instan dled to three; finally the entertainment taneous hit. He was encored raptur was given for one blase auditor, and Schofield & Williams looked depressously again and again, and, thrilling with the unique pleasure of being aped. Then followed an interval when reciated and misunderstood at the the band played in vain.

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same time, would have talked all day About 3 o'clock Schoffeld & Wilbut too gladly. Sam Williams, how liams were gloomily discussing variever, with a true showman's foresight ous unpromising devices for startling the public into a renewal of interest. whispered to Penrod, who rang down when another patron unexpectedly ap-"Gen-til-mun and lay-deeze, peared and paid a cent for bis admisthis sion. News of the Big Show and Mu-

THE SAVAGE

TATOOD WILP BOY

NOTE PONT GET

TO CLOSE

closes our pufformance. Pray pass out uletly and with as little jostling as ossible. As soon as you are all out there's goin' to be a new pufformance, and each and all are welcome at the same and simple price of admission. Pray pass out quietly and with as little jostling as possible. Re-mem-bur the price is only 1 cent, the tenth part of a dime, or twenty pins, no bent ones taken. Pray pass out quietly and with as little jostling as possible. The Schofield & Williams military band will play before each pufformance, and each and all are welcome for the same and simple price of admission. Pray pass out quietly and with as little jostling as possible. Forthwith the Schofield & Williams

on the monologue.

ilitary band began a second overture. which something vaguely like a tune was at times distinguishable, and all of the first audience returned, most of them having occupied the interval in hasty excursions for more pins. Miss Rennsdale and governess, however, again paying coin of the republic and receiving deference and the best seats accordingly. And when a third performance found all of the same inveterate patrons once, more crowding the auditorium and seven recrnits added the pleasurable excitement of the part-ners in their venture will be understood by any one who has seen a metropolitan manager strolling about the foyer of his theater some evening during the earlier stages of an assured "phenomenal mm" m the first there was no question

which feature of the entertainment was the attraction extraordinary. Verman-Verman, the savage tattooed wild boy, speaking only his native foreign

languages-Verman was a triumph Beaming, wreathed in smiles, melodi ous, incredibly fluent, he had but to open his lips and a dead hush fell upon the audience. Breathless, they leaned forward, hanging upon his every semisyllable, and, when Penrod checked the flow, burst into thunders of applause, reoccupation. which Verman received with happy

He seated himself? without parley, laughter. and the pufformance was offered for Alas, he delayed not o'er long to dishis entertainment with admirable conplay all the egregiousness of a new star, but for a time there was no scientiousness. True to the Lady Clara raste and training, Roderick's pale, fat caprice of his too eccentric to be forface expressed nothing except an im given. During Penrod's lecture upon pervious superiority and, as he sat, the other curios the tattgoed wild boy cold and unimpressed upon the fron continually stamped his foot, grinned bench, like a large, white lump, it must be said that he made a discouraging and gesticulated, tapping his tiny chest and pointing to himself as it were to audience "to play to." He was not. say, "Wait for me; I am the big show." however, unresponsive-far from it. So soon they learn; so soon they learn! He offered comment very chilling to And (again alas) this spoiled darling of the warm grandiloquence of the orator. public favor, like many another, was "That's my Uncle Ethelbert's dachsfated to know in good time the fickleyours?" ound." he remarked at the beginning ness of that favor se cue secture. "You better take him But during all the morning performback if you don't want to get arrestances he was the idol of his audience ed." And when Penrod, rather uneasiand looked it. The climax of his poply ignoring the interruption, proceeded ularity came during the fifth overture to the exploitation of the genuine, of the Schofield & Williams military full blooded Indian and, when the music was quite drowndon't you try to give that old dog ed in the agitated clamors of Miss away?" asked Roderick. "You couldn't Rennsdale, who was endeavoring to sell him." ascend the stairs in spite of the phys-"My papa would buy me a lots better ical dissuasion of her governess. coon than that," was the information "I won't go home to lunch!" scream volunteered a little later, "only ed Miss Rennsdale, her voice accompawouldn't want the nasty old thing!" nied by a sound of ripping. "I will Herman of the missing finger obtainhear the tatooed wild boy talk some ed no greater induigence. "Pooh!" more! It's lovely-I will hear him talk! said Roderick. "We have two for ter will! I will! I want to listen to riers in our stables that took prizes at erman-I want to-I want to"_ the kennel show, and their tails were Wailing, she was borne away, of her bit off. There's a man that always sex not the first to be fascinated by bites fox terriers' tails off." obscurity nor the last to champion its "Oh. my gosh, what a lie!" exclaim ed Sam Williams ignorantly. "Go on Verman was almost unendurable aftwith the show, whether he likes it or er this, but, like many, many other man-agers, Scholleld & Williams restrained not, Penrod. He's paid his money." Verman, confident in his own singu-lar powers, chuckled openly at the their choler and even laughed fulsome hoarsely. ly when their principal attraction es-sayed the role of a comedian in private failure of the other attractions to charm the frosty visitor, and when his and capered and squawked in sheer. turn came poured forth a torrent of fatuous vanity. conversation which was straightway The first performance of the afterdamm noon rivaled the successes of the morn-ing, and, although Miss Rennsdale was "Rotten!" said Mr. Bitts languidly. "Anybody could talk like that. I could do it if I wanted to." detained at home, thus drying up the single source of cash income devel-oped before lunch, Maurice Levy ap-Verman paused suddenly. "Tes, you could!" exclaimed Penn nung. "Let's hear you do it then." eared, escorting Marjorie Jones, and aid coin for two admissions, dropping "Yessir" the other partner money into Sam's hand with "Let's just hear you do it!" at the stand careless nay, a contemptious gesture At sight of Marjorie, Penrod Schofield ded, Roderick. "I didn't say 1 hed under his new mustache (reantice, since uson) and lectured as he hid never lectured before. A new "Yay! Knows he can't!" speered The never recurses percent a never grace invested his every gesture, a new sonorcounces rang in his voice, a simple and manly pomposity marsed this very walk as he passed from curlo to runtil, and when he further handlast "I can, too, if I try." "Well, let's hear you try." So challenged, the visitor did try, but in the absence of an impartial jury his effort was considered so pro nounced a failure that he was howed the box of rats and hanimered upon the first time in his life, a puri of all his mative gift and natural right of the lown, decided and mocked with great ation was pleasant. He had often semation was pleasant. He must often been treated with effusion by grownon of callers and by acquaintances of his mother and sisters. He had heard is-dies speak of him as "charming" and "that delightrut child," and little girls had sometimes shown him deterence. "Anyway," shid Boderick when things hid quieted down, "if I couldn't get up a better show than this I'd sell out and leave town." Not having enough presence of mind miration eddying in Marjorie's lovely eye, a certain softening of that eye. And then Verman spake and Penred. was forgetten. Manjorie's eye restad upon him no more. A heavily equipped chauffeur ascendto inquire what he would sell out, his but until this moment no boy had ever allowed him for one moment to pre-shing even to equality. Now has crice ed the stairway, bearing the mes adversaries replied with mere formles that Mrs. Levy awaited her son and veils of score triarriation hid lady. Theseupon, having devoured the last sound permitted (by the man-"I could get up a better show, than he was not only admitted to comrade this with my left hand," Roderick asagers) to issue from Verman, Mr. Levy and Miss Jones departed to a real matiship, but patently valued as something rate and sacred, to be acclaimed and pedestaled. In fact, the very first thing that Schofield & Williams did was to find a box for him to stand. serted. "Well, what would you have in your is show?" asked Pentod, condescendace at a real theater, the limpid eyes ing to language. of Marjorie looking back soful ove That's all right what I'd have. I'd her shoulder-but only at the fattaoet have enough. wild boy. Nearly always it is The missivings roused in Roderick's couldn't get Herman and

"No, and I wouldn't want 'em. "Well, what would you have?" insist

ed Penzod derisively. "You'd have to have sumpthing. You couldn't be a show yourself." "How do you know?" This was but meandering while waiting for ideas and evoked another sell.

You think you could be a show all by yourself?" demanded Penrod. "How do you know I couldn't?" Two white boys and two black boys

ricked their scorn of the boaster "I could too!" Roderick raised his oice to a sudden howl, obtaining a hearing.

"Well, why don't you tell us how?" "Well, I know how, all right." said Roderick. "If anybody asks you you can just tell him I know how, all right."

"Why. you can't do anything," Sam began argumentatively. "You talk about being a show all by yourself. What could you try to do? Show us sumpthing you can do." "I didn't say I was going to do any-

thing." returned the badgered one. still evading "Well, then, how'd you be a show?"

Penrod demanded. "We got a show here, even if Herman didn't point or Verman dign't talk. Their father stab bed a man with a pitchfork, I guess, didn't he?

"Well, I guess he's in jail, ain't he?" "Well, what if their father is in jail?

didn't say he wasn't, did 1?" "Well, your father ain't in jail, in he?

"Well, I never said he was, did 1?" "Well, then," continued Penrod, "hos could you be a"- He stopped abruptly. staring at Roderick, the birth of an iden plaints visible in his attared or. pression. He had suddenly remembered his intention to ask Roderick Mags. worth Bitts, Jr., about Rena Mags worth and his recollection collided in his mind with the irritation produced by Roderick's claiming some mysteri ous attainment which would warrant his setting up as a show in his sin gle person Penrod's whole manner changed instantly. "Roddy he asked, atmost over

whetmed by a prescience of something ast and magnificent. "Roddy, are you ing colution of Rena Magsworth?" Roderick had never heard of Rena Magsworth, although a concentration of the sentence yesterday pronounced upon her had burned, black and hor-

rific, upon the face of every newspaper in the country. He was not allowed to read the journals of the day, and his family's indignation over the sacrilegious coincidence of the name had not been expressed in his presence. But he saw that it was an awesome name to Penrod Schofield and Samuel Williams. Even Herman and Verman, though lacking many educational advantages on account of a long residence in the country, were informed on the subject of Rena Magsworth through hearsay, and they joined in the portentous silence.

"Roddy," repeated Penrod, "honest, is Rena Magsworth some relation of There is no obsession more dangerous

The Therma than a CONVICTION-espeartistic jealousy. cially an inherited one-of superiority; this world is so full of Missourians. The second audience contained a cash paying adult, a spectacled young man And from his earliest years Roderick Magsworth Bitts, Jr., had been trained whose poignant attention was very believe in the importance of the flattering. He remained after the led Magsworth family. At every meal he ture and put a few questions to Roddy, which were answered rather conabsorbed a sense of Magsworth greatfusedly upon promptings from Penrod. ness, and yet in his infrequent meet-The young man went away without ings with persons of his own age and having stated the object of his interresex he was treated as negligible. Now gations, but it became quite plain late dimly he perceived that there was Magsworth claim of some sort which was impressive, even to the boys. in the day. This same object caused the spectacled young man to make several brief but stimulating calls di-Magsworth blood was the essential of all true distinction in the world, he rectly after leaving the Schofield Williams Big Show, and the conse knew. Consequently, having been quences thereof loitered not by the driven into a cul-de-sac as a result of wayside. flagrant and unfounded boasting, he The Big Show was at high tide. Not was ready to take advantage of what only was the auditorium filled, and appeared to be a triumphal way out. Roddy," said Penrod again, with throbbing; there was an immense line, by no means wholly juvenile, waiting solemnity, "is Rena Magsworth some for admission to the next puffermance. relation of yours?" "Is she, Roddy ?" asked Sam, almost A group stood in the street examining the poster earnestly as it glowed in the long, slanting rays of the west "She's my aunt!" shouted Roddy. ward sun, and people in auto and other vehicles had halted wheel in CHAPTER X. the street to read the message so Retiring From the Show Busine piquantly given to the world. These ILENCE followed. Sam and Penwere the conditions when a creste rod, spellbound, gazed upon Roderick Magsworth Bitts, Jr. victoria arrived at a gallop, and large, chastely magnificent and highly flushed woman descended and pro-gressed across the yard with an air of violence. So did Herman and Verman! Roddy's staggering lie had changed the face of things utterly. I questioned it; no one realized No one At sight of her the adults of the was much too good to be true. waiting line hastly disappeared; and most of the pausing vehicles moved in-stantly on their way. She was follow-ed by a stricken man in livery. "Roddy." said Penrod in a remulous with hope, "Roddy, will you ur show?' Roddy joined a antibarted stirally Wen he could see that the offer imed by a stricken man in livery. The stairs to the auditorium were narrow and steep. Mrs. Rederick Magsworth Bitts was of a stout favor, and the voice of Penrod was audible during the ascent. "Re-mem-bur, gentlimun and lay-deese, each and all are now gazing upon Roderick Magsworth Bitts, Jr., the only living nephew of the great Remit Magsworth. She stuck ars he the mile of each anarrate and dispalled his being started as the para-mount attraction of a new order of things. It was obvious that he had swelled out suddenly, in the estimation of the other boys, to that important which he had been taught to bellieve

the firm were not bothersome enough o make him forego his prominence as Exhibit A. He was not a "quick minded" boy, and it was long and much happened before he thoroughly comprehended the causes of his new celebrity. He had a shadowy feeling that if the affair came to be heard of at home it might not be liked, but, intoxicated by the glamour and bustle which surround a public character, he made no protest. On the contrary, he entered whole heartedly into the preparations for the new show. Assuming, with Sam's assistance, a blue mustache and "sideburns." be helped in the painting of a new postor, where planting the old one on the wall of the stable facing the cross street, screamed bloody murder at the passers in that rather populous thoroughfare: SCHOFIELD & WILLIAMS

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NEW BIG SHOW RODERICK MAGSWORTH BITTS JE ONLY LIVING NEPHEW

RENA MAGSWORTH

THE FAMOS MUDERESS GOING TO BE HUNG NEXT JULY KILED EIGHT PEO-PLE

PUT ARSINECK IN THIER MILK ALSO SHERMAN HERMAN AND VERMAN THE MICHIGAN RATS DOG PART ALLIGATOR DUKE THE GENUINE INDIAN DOG ADMISSION 1 CENT OF 20 PINS SAME AS BEFORE DO NOT MISS THIS CHANSE TO SEE RoD. ERICK

ONLY LIVING NEPHEW OF RENA MAGSWORTH THE GREAT FAMOS MUDERESS GoiNG To BE

HUNG

Megaphones were constructed out of heavy wrapping paper, and Penred, Sam and Herman set out in different directions, delivering vocally the indammatory proclamation of the poster to a large section of the residential quarter and leaving Roderick Magsworth Bitts, Jr., with Verman in the loft, shielded from all deadhead eyes. Upon the return of the heralds the Schofield & Williams military band played deafeningly, and an awakened public once more thronged to fill the

coffers of the firm Prosperity smiled again. The very first audience after the acquisition of Roderick was larger than the largest

of the morning. Master Bitts, the only exhibit placed upon a box, was a sapercurio. All eyes fastened upon him and remained, hungrily feasting, throughout Penrod's luminous oration.

But the glory of one light must ever be the dimming of another. We dwell in a vale of seesaws, and cobwebs spin fastest upon laurel. Verman, the tattooed wild boy, speaking only in his native foreign languages, Verman the gay, Verman the caperer, capered no more, he chuckled no more, he beckoned no more nor tapped his chest no wreathed his idolatrous face in smiles. Gone, all gone, were his little artificer for attracting the general attention to himself. Gone was every engaging mannerism which had endeared him to the mercurial public. He squatter against the wall and glowered at the new sensation. It was the old storythe old, old story-of too much temper

ament. Verman was suffering from

st night on both The French troppe seven miles north two-thirds surro and may be force of Regneville und ertillery fire the G repeated efforts It is known that sand more men l the German force the Verdun offens morrow or Frida pagne, the French

portion of the tre day. TURKS ABANDO PETROGRAD, ian Black Se orce the Turks was. The Ra

now close to Riza, trebizond. AUSTRALIANS D

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FRENCH MAY

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