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He tried, as he made his way under the trees of the park, to see whether his disappearance had encouraged any lurking figures to come forth; but he that time, being rather shortsighted, too far off to distinguish anything at the library window. When, however, he had made his way cautiously round to the principal entrance again, and thence to the corner of the house, where, concealed behind a fir tree, he had a good view of the facade of the building, his patience was re-warded not only by the sight of three men crouching under the library win-dow, one of whom appeared to be looking in, but by hearing some of

For the first few minutes he could not make out anything intelligible, nor could he understand how a man could see through a linen blind. Growing bold as he became accustomed to his position and felt his security, Reginald pressed himself so closely into the fir tree as to be within a few yards of the three men—for the library was the first room on this side of the house and then he recognized the man near-est to him, one of the two who were crouching down and not looking in, by voice and figure as Lindley Field-And, as he kept quite still, and held his breath, he heard the man furthest from him, the second crouch-"How long were you warder while he was there?"

"Two years or thereabout." "Not exactly."

"Then you are satisfied?" whispered

"Then your work is done; and yours"—to the other man—"is all before you."
"Yes, sir; but it is pretty plain sailing now." "Then come away, where there is

less risk of being seen."
Lindley raised himself softly, carefully hid the traces of his visit by digging up with a piece of stick the mold his feet had pressed down, and, stepping on the path, made his way toward the back of the house, followed by his two companions. ed by his two companio

As soon as they had turned the corner and were out of sight, Reginald stepped quickly to the library window. A slit recently made with a pen-knife in the white blind, and enlarged just enough to have a good view for one eye into the room, showed the means by which the warder had recognized the escaped corvict. The window was not fastened; and this fact suggested to Reginald that the slit for observation had been cleverly made from the outside. He looked in and saw that, as he had expected, James Otway was the only occupant of the room. He had evidently been writing at the bureau, for he was standing before it, fastening down an envelope, and Reginald's eyes, calmly observant even at that exciting mo-ment, noticed, from the rapidity with which he snatched up a pen and scrawled something on it, that the letter was not intended to go by the And the next guess he was the name written on it, for James pressed his lips to it as he strode hur-

riedly across the room to the door.
The few moments' pause which Reginald had made was not the result of curiosity, but of consternation at the young man's appearance and mansequent hesitation as to the best way of making the startling announcement the latter had to hear. For James' face was flushed, his eyes were heavy, his hands trembled as they held the pen; he was evidently they prey of some strong excitement. Reginald wondered whether he had been forestalled in his warning. His momentary delay had lost him his chance of speaking, for James left the room so quickly that his friend's sharp tap at the window was lost in the opening and shutting of the door. "James!" he called: but it was too

He went back quickly to the en-trance, rang the bell, and while waiting tore off the blank half sheet of a letter he found in one of his pockets, and wrote upon it, in such French as first came into his head, to the follow-

have just seen three men crouching down near the library window, watching your movements through a hole in the blind. One of them was your worthless cousin. I don't know whether you have any reason to be alarmed by this; but as the occur-rence is rather unusual, I think it better to acquaint you with it. They have disappeared; but they have not gone away, for, from what I heard them say, they have gone to hide themselves in another place near the house. They don't know they have been seen, for I was in hiding. If can be of any use to you, you know I am at your service. I am going to smoke a cigar in the park before returning home, so you will know where to find me in case you want me.

He was still engaged in writing this with a pencil by the light of the hall lamp, when Johnson opened the door. "Will you give this to Sir James mediately, please, Johnson?" asked he, impressively, of the old servant. Yes, sir, I will certainly do so if I

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an see Sir James," answered the butr, gravely.
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the peacefulness of his evening hours Your master has not yet gone to bed, I know. You are an old friend of the family, Johnson, and, as you value the peace and safety of its members, on't fail to deliver this at once."

As he said these words in a very ow voice, a creaking door was heard open inside the house. Johnson, stantly mollified by the well-judged speech, promised to take the note to his master, and Reginald retired into the park, keeping watch on the house while he smoked a cigar.

As he sauntered down the drive for about the sixth time, preferring, with his habitual prudence, the gravel to the wet grass, he heard the sound of a gate opening near the house, and a but with Mr. J. K. Macdonald, of To-noise of wheels and hoos. He turned ronto, to defend it, the fund came of and quickened his pace toward the house; before he got very near, he heard James Otway's voice say "All right," and, just as the phaeton turned the corner of the house and came Sawers, Westminster; J. G. Stuart Sawers, Westminster; J. G. Stuart in sight, Reginald saw a man's figure knox, London; John Currie, J. Shields, crossing the garden quickly toward it from the other end of the house. It was a mail-phaeton, and the hood was was a mail-phaeton, and the hood was crossing the garden quickly toward it from the other end of the house. It half up, so that its occupants could not Hugh Brown, Delaware; W. J. Clark, be distinctly seen. The horses were whipping up sharply at that moment, and the pursuing figure, altering its course, made straight for the lodge. But Reginald guessed the object, and throwing away his cigar, turned and

ran in the same direction He was not a particularly good runner, being indolent and without much staying power; but he was lightly built, long of limb, and had a good start of the other man. He reached the gates a hundred yards ahead of his competitor, unfastened them, panting, and flung them wide, just in time for the phaeton to dash through, while James, who was driving, said: "Thanks, old fellow. Good-bye!" as the man in pursuit ran up just too

"Confound you!" he exclaimed angrily. "Who was that?" "Then you couldn't make a misReginald made no answer, but turned to saunter back toward the vicarage just as the lodge-keeper came out sleepily to see what was the matter. A moment after, however, the man, whom Reginald then recognized as the one who had looked through the library dow, and whom he understood to be a warder of the prison where James

confined, came up, and, touching his hat very civilly, said: "I beg your pardon, sir. I am sure no gentleman of your stamp would willingly impede an officer of the law in the execution of his duty."

"I don't know," returned Reginald, thoughtfully, "when it is a question of saving another gentleman of my stamp from being impeded in the execution

"Would you oblige me, sir, by telling me the name of the gentleman who drove out just now?' 'Upon my word, I didn't see him." 'But you know who it was, sir."

"Well, and if so—?"
"Then I should be much obliged if ou would tell me his name. You see he is gone, no harm could happen to him, even if harm was intended." "I am sorry I don't feel justified in

"Thank you, sir. May I trouble you "My name is Bamber; I am staying at the vicarage here."

"Thank you, sir. Good night, sir." Reginald returned home, sincerely glad to have been the means of help-ing his imprudent and unlucky friend to evade the hand of justice, but good-naturedly sorry for the bitter disappointment his guilty flight would cause to poor Geraldine. With this latter feeling, however, was mingled a little natural satisfaction at the confirmation of his own prediction, and at the provident removal from her neighbormost contamination for a being like

would not look at the matter in a prop-er light. She cried herself to sleep that night over the ne'er-do-weel's well-deserved misfortunes, and was on thorns next day until the afternoon, when, escorted by Miss Gretton's most trusted servant, who combined the du-ties of lady's-maid and upper housemaid, she started by train for Goldborough, where she took a cab to War-

She had been wily enough not only to refrain from defending James from Miss Gretton's attacks, but to join in disparaging him in favor of Reginald Bamber. For all that, she sat well back in the cab, that she might not have to delay her arrival at the hall in order to stop and speak to Reginald, when she caught sight of him walking slowly along the road just outside the park gates. But he was not so nearsighted as to fail to see her; and, while her heart beat fast and her eyes sparkled with impatience, he stopped the cab and came up to the window She was too much excited by thoughts of someone else to notice that he did not look so calmly superior to human emotions as usual

To be Continued. KILLED BY HAIL.

Furious Storm Sweeps . Valley Mexico-41 Persons Perished.

St. Louis, Mo., April 29.—A special dispatch from San Luis Potosti, Mexico, to the Globe-Democrat says: The Riceverde Valley in this State has been visited by a terrific hail storm, which not only ruined the growing crops, but caused great loss

Reports have been received here of the killing of 41 persons by hailstones. On one hacienda alone 12 farm hands were killed. Some of the hailstones weighed over three pounds.

A GREAT GATHERING. Big Liberal Demonstration in Montreal.

Montreal, April 29 .- In enthusiasm and almost in numbers the demonstra-tion Tuesday in honor of Hon. F. G. Marchand equaled those ovations which preceded Mr. Laurier's great victory last June. The Liberal wave shows no sign of receding. In fact, taking all the circumstances into consideration, it seems to be rising still, and there is every reason to believe that on May 11, a fortnight from to-morrow, the Liberals of Quebec will follow the example of Nova Scotia and sweep the province. Many hundreds f torch-bearers walked in procession head of the Liberal leader from the St. Lawrence Hall to the Auditorium at Sohmer Park, where nearly 7,000 persons crowded to hear the speakers. The utmost enthusiasm prevailed.

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The Presbyterians.

The Synods of Hamilton and London Conclude Their Session.

The Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund Dealt With-To Meet Next Year in St. Catharines.

Paris, Ont., April 28 .- Contrary to expectations, the Synod of Hamilton and London concluded its labors last night The aged and infirm ministers' fund was the bone of the main discussion but with Mr. J. K. Macdonald, of Towith flying colors. The representa tives of the Presbytery of London were: G. Sutherland, P. Stevenson London; M. P. Talling, London; A. Wilson, Wardsville; W. H. Anderson, Aylmer; J. Scott, Lobo; J. H. Barnett, Kintyre; J. N. Courtenay, Port

McMillan, Dutton. Alberton was transferred from Paris to Hamilton Presbytery, and united with Ancaster, the stipend of the paster of the two congregations being

Presbyterian Church. A motion commending the augmentation scheme to the synod for increased

liberality was passed. The Paris Presbytery presented this overture: "Whereas the committee or the aged and infirm ministers' fund, western section, in their report to the General Assembly, June, 1893, report a falling off in congregational contributions to said funds of \$602 66, as compared with the previous year, and a falling off of \$1,043 46, as compared with 1890 and 1891; and further, that 250 congregations had not given anything to said fund. The continual falling off is comme ted upon with the deepest regret, and only a minority in the western section are connected with the fund by paying rates, and the interests of ministers who do pay are jeopardized by the method of adminstration of said fund. The overture asked an investigation of the state of the fund, including investments made, securities held, losses incurred, if any, view of holding out greater induce-ments to ministers to become con-

nected with it, and secure generous support from congregations."
The overture elicited a warm debate, as it existed in 1892-93, that is, prior t being put on the present reorgand basis. There had never been any breach of faith by the committee. Ther was a majority, not a minority, of western ministers members of the fund. At present there were 400 on the roll. A deficit of \$4,000 had to be faced when the Rev. Dr. Burns took charge. So effectually did Mr. Macdonald answe his critics that the overture was drop For six years the case of Mrs. Carvin in a finish contest.

against the Presbytery of Huron has been on the tapis, and the end not yet. Mrs. Ross resides in Hens and in consequence of certain refi tions said to have been made ! fused, and the Presbytery upheld M Henderson. Protest followed protes and at the last session of the synod in Presbytery of Huron was instructed t cite the session of Hensall before and the deliverance was before the health.

Make you

eat three

meals a day,

enjoy them

and sleep

nights.

Job's Birthday

-the date be cursed!" So a tiredout and exasperated woman speaks of Monday-wash-day. And so, probably, would every woman who celebrates it so often in the old fashioned, wearing way. Though why they do it, when there's a better way that can't be found fault with, is a

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synod today. Mr. Rankin, a lawyer, of Chatham, appeared for Mrs. Ross, but the result was that the delivernett, Kintyre; J. N. Courtenay, Port ance was laid on the table. Mrs. Ross Stanley; R. W. Ross, Giencoe; W. M. Kay, Dorchester; D. A. Drummond, St. Thomas; P. Whillan, Vanneck; R. S. McMillan, Dutton. Rev. Wm. Henderson. Interesting reports on Sabbath schools and Young People's Societies

were presented. Catharines was chosen as the \$600, of which Ancaster pays \$325.

Rev. Dr. Cochrane read the report of the Brantford Young Ladies' College, urging a loyal support of the institution, so closely affiliated with the Presbyterian Church.

Trolley Disasters.

A Florida Car Crushed by a Train

At Portland, Oregon-Several Persons Were Killed and Many Injured.

Tampa, Fla., April 29. - A loaded street car was crashed into by a train at a crossing in this city. Three passengers were killed and half a dozen badly hurt. The dead are: John Fore-paw, the circus man; Arseno Garcia, Joaquin Sierra, two prominent Spaniards of this place.

The motorman was engaged in a fight with four of his passengers on the rear of his car, and was thus unable to heed the signal of the approaching cost of administration, and rules and regulations of administrations, with a regulations of administrations, with a has not been seen since Portland, Oregon, April 29.—The total number of killed in Tuesday's disaster,

when a street car plunged through bridge, will probably never be known the course of which Mr. J. K. Maconald said the framers of the overture from the slough below, and several ar had in their addresses regarding this fund shown themselves badly in need gers in the car. W. W. Blanchard gers in the car. W. W. Blanchard. of information. They were apparently Newton Hanson and an unknown we speaking of the condition of the fund

FASTING CONTEST.

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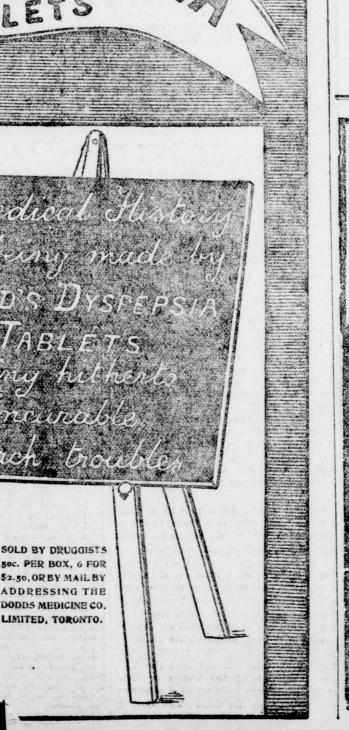
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