The Old Clock.

Othe old, old clock, of the household Was the brightest thing and neatest;

Its hands, though old, had a touch of

Yet they lived though nations altered; And its voice, still strong, warned old and there.

When the voice of friendship faltered "Tick! tick! it said-'quick, quick to

For ten I've given warning; Up lup l and go, or else you know, You'll never rise soon in the morning!"

A friendly voice, was that old, old clock, As it stood in the corner smiling, And blessed the time with a merry chime The winter hours beguiling; But a cross old voice was that tiresome

As it called at daylight boldly; When the dawn looked gray o'er the

And the early air blew coldly; "Tick ! tick!' it said- quick out of

For five I've given warning; You'll never have health, you'll never have wealth, Unless you're up soon in the morning!"

Still hourly the sound goes round and

With a sound that ceaseth never; While tears are shed for bright days fled, And the old friends lost forever! Its heart beats on, though hearts are

Its hands still move—though hands we

Are clasped on earth no longer!
'Tick! tick!' it says—'to the church-The grave hath given warning;

Up! up! and rise, and look at the skies, And prepare for a heavenly morning!

SELECT STORY.

How I was Trapped

KNEW but little of man's wickedyears old. Born and reared in the country, miles from even a village, and having only society of boys of good habits, having Christian parents like myself, I never heard a real oath until was a book of which I had never cut the

I am going to tell you what first open-

ed my eyes. The summer that brought my sixteenth birthday also deprived me of a father. He was stricken down very suddenly, and it was only after the earth had closed over him that we could really feel our great loss. Many relatives came, and among them were two who came to stay, a sister of my mother's and a niece. They came a dis-

several months. In going home with Fred, we should pass through Pittsburg. We would have to wait from seven until nine in the evening, change cars, and then a ride of twenty miles would finish the journey.

alone, he being used to travelling,

Pittsburg, and then prepared to wear a- with red eyes and ugly face, came out say: way the time until nine o'clock. It was from behind the bar and extended a big over the city for half an hour before we greasy hand for me to take. reached it. Both of us had consider. It ar' sing'lar what things do happen able money. I think I had about twelve in this world I he exclaimed, laughing, addition to the genuine bank bills, I had nearly a score of poor counterfeits which Fred had given me, his father Fred; he ar' a mighty fine chap, he ar'; having got them in some way. Alto- says he te me as we took a glass togetained two or three hundred dollars.

time, and then my curiosity was so great my boy, an' so ye can sit down in the that Fred consented to a short walk on the streets. I had never seen a gas that he'll come in afore the bells strike the boy Jim. I was so frightened that lamp, horse-car, or many other every-day matters to the city lads, and it was a I kelieved every word of his statement rare treat for me. Fred had seen them and why shouldn't I? How should he all, and took everything as a matter of know about Fred and our journey, if The two returned in a moment with the course. After half an hour spent in Fred had not been there? I did not their light on the stand. rambling around, we returned to the stop to think that I had told the boy,

pistols, revolvers, game-bags, etc.

The band moved off after a moment,

was quite sure that I was on the street call Jimmy and tuck you away. blundered and was lost.

the place, and he had such a hungry sound. apples.

any more, I'll call the police, The boy fell back into the shadows, in his hand. depot as soon as possible, knowing that tremble,

the way.

even sorry that I had patronized the old curtained. murder which had occurred that day, the mornin'. strike ten,

soon land you right at the door,

them. It was the intention to let him must have been about half past ten when shivering like one with the ague. worse character.

oning to me.

lost. I went out, and after a few min. never even seen a book of the kind be- As soon as the street door was opened, sent to the State Prison. My fears led utes. I found the window; and for a fore, and from being interested in the a wrangle commenced, and Jimmy ran me to place the worst phase upon the long time stood and admired the guns, wood-cuts, I at length began reading down, leaving the light on the bed. My matter, and it was sometime before I A block up the street was a jewelry hero. I read page after page utterly I leaped out of bed and donned my pants and control myself to make any intellistore, displaying a window full of silver forgetting where I was. I heard men in a second. And its chime rang still the sweetest; ware, and here I had another treat. One come in and go out of the front room, heard the barkeeper moving about, but all I cared was to get out of the room. Where shall I go? I did not know; policeman held me firmly while I stamber to the occurrence.

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and came in.

with fire-arms, but after running a full give him a dollar. It frightened me to garret.

evil company.

Go away, you young thief! shouted meant me evil, and had there been any ran down stairs. I suppose they made character of the deceased was so well the woman, striking the boy with a club way of escaping from the room I should a search of the lower part, as they were known that no corroboration of my teswhich it seemed she kept on hand for have made an attempt. The man gave gone fifteen or twenty minutes. When timony was required. It was a clear such cases. If you come around here a sharp whistle, and the next moment they came back they entered the room case of justifiable homicide on my part,

and the woman then directed me as best Light the young man up to bed, Jimshe could, how to reach the depot. No my, "and be sure to give him No. 17," train would go out before morning on remarked the man, and I caught a look open, and yet he's gone! my route, but I wanted to get to the passing between them which made me

Fred would be there, or be searching for If I had the courage to demand that went out. They were a long time over me. I had only passed on half a block he let me out on to the street, and back- hauling beds and closets, but at length when, the stranger boy came pattering ed up my demand by threats of police gave up the search and went down up behind me and touched my arm. and arrest, perhaps he would have let stairs. The bells struck three as they came outer the State Prison only last the stairs, to the end of another hall, position.

replied in answer to my question; I'll door. There was neither lock not bolt; termined to escape from the house. the most I could do was to place the As near as I could judge from the

he went back I should go with him. A his uncle. We were off the business remained awake until the bell struck door. change of faces and location would blunt streets, away from stores, street-cars and one, and then, having heard no one stir Oh, ho! you were up there, eh! he was a millionaire compared with our the edges of grief, and perhaps assist my health, which had not been good for my health, which had not been good for my health, which had not been good for composed of saloons and houses of still soon made myself believe that I had and his blood-shot eyes looked like the life salt was two cents a barrel, we could composed of saloons and houses of still soon made myself believe that I had and his blood-shot eyes looked like the if salt was two cents a barrel, we could been unduly suspicious, and when this eyes of the wolf. Come in a minnit, Johnny, whispered feeling got possession of me, I began to I gave a loud yell and jumped to the my guide, coming to the door and beck- feel sleepy, and it was not long before backside of the bed. As I put my hand I was fast asleep.

I will not trouble you with small par-the floor pictures of prizefighters on the ticulars, but simply say that the day of walls, and a smell of heer and tobacco and looked at my face. Another figure against a panther, our journey came: we rode safely to which made me sick. A stout, fat man, crept in, and I heard a whispered voice

o' the way!

dollars. I had a large wallet, and in as if greatly pleased. It warn't over not move and did not open my eyes, but staggered; clutched at my legs, swayed ed that there was a light in the room floor.

gether, good and bad, to look at my open ther, says he, if Frank comes round here the voice. We don't want any blood. I passed through to the street door, unwallet, one would have thought it con- do you ax him to stop until I come We'll get the big feather bed, pile it on locked it, and gained the street just back. I will take a turnabout, an' be to him, he'll be smothered in a jerk, an' as a policeman was passing. parched that I could hardly swallow; I speak coherently. The ordeal through

mile and not finding it, I knew I had think of staying there all night in such I was not a second too soon. I was the balance of my clothing, and so they softly replacing the door when I heard had to believe my story. Why, bless your soul! exclaimed an That's it. you see, he continued. The the murderers pass the bedroom. Every. An officer went to the depot and found old woman of whom I inquired the way, p'leece reg'lations den't permit any one thing was still for a moment, and then Fred, who had searched all night for me you are more'n a mile from the depot, to be out after midnight, If any of I heard a fearful oath, a suppressed yell and then we went to the office of the and your train left twenty minutes ago. the peelers caught you out arter this from the boy, and there was the sound chief of police and made our statements. The woman kept a fruit and candy time, they'd lock ye up for burglars, an' of heavy feet in the hall. The door of We were to be held as witnesses, he said, store, and while we were talking, I took it would be ten years in the State Prist the room was pushed open, and I saw but an hour after an event happened out my wallet, and made a purchase of on at the least. Ye can have a nice the light of the candle and heard the which allowed us to resume our journey. some apples. There was a boy about bed to sleep like a bug, an' afore day- excited tones of the bar-tender. He The bar-tender breathed his last, and my own age, but stouter, hanging around light ye'll be over to the depot safe and looked under the bed, jerked the clothes was beyond punishment in this world. off the bedstead, and then ran out. I A coroner's jury was summoned, and a look that I offered him a couple of There was no other way than to sub- heard him opening doors and turning verdict given in accordance with the mit, but something told me that the man things around, and at length the two facts given in my testimony. The bad Jimmy came in with a lighted candle below me, searched all around, and then and I was at liberty to depart when and I heard the bar-tender say:

The chap has got away, but I don't held that I might testify against Jimmy, know how. Not a door or window is only the police had a charge of burglary

could hear the boards shake, but they on our way.

week, an' she ar' the wust old thief in and then he opened a door and ushered I thought that I should hear other ly at precisely the same hour, and pla ness to man, when I was sixteen the world. You is a gent, you is, an' if me into No. 17. It was a lonesome people stirring in the house, and thus ing with marked emphasis close before you want to go to the depot, I'll lead you room. The floor was uncarpeted, and have a chance to give the alarm and your doorstep. the furniture consisted of a single chair, make my escape. I listened attentively Running errands for your anut, and I believed the boy's assertion, and a bed and a wash-stand. There was but not a footstep was heard, and it petting her asthmatic pug dog, in the looked upon him as a martyr. I was but one window, and that was heavily was evident that the part of the house hope that at her death you will be libthat I was in had no other occupants erally rewarded; and discovering, after I was fourteen, and the world of crime woman, and wandered at her audacity It's a nice cheery place, remarked that night. It was plain that the man all, that she has lived on an annuity, and in daring to heap such an insult upon the boy, holding the candle up so that had purposely given other guests, if died very nearly penniless. leaves. I believed all men were like the boy. He walked along beside me, I could see all around. You'll be a there were any, rooms in other parts of Putting off and putting off a call upon uncle Thompson, Grandfather Fuller, chattering like a magpie, and finally got sleep directly you strike the bed, an'ye the house, that his scheme to murder your coal-merchant in the vain and feeand other neighbors about us, steady, to telling me about a horrible case of won't know anything till I call you in me might not be interrupted by the interference of others.

> He described everything so graphically, He took out his knife, cut the candle About seven o'clock, when it was has happened exactly on the day when and so much at length, that he secured in two, so as to leave me but half an inch fully daylight, the bar-tender came up you are burning your last scuttleful, and my whole attention, and I only found and then placed the light on the stand and made another search. He finally are compelled to give an order, myself again when hearing the bells and went off. I took the light and passed down, and then I began to think looked under the bed, into an empty what I should do. I had more courage splendidly fine appetite, which you can-It's only a little way furder now, he closet, and then sought to fasten the now that daylight had come, and I de- not avoid hoping will be worthily ap-

I had told him about my getting lost, stand and the chair against it. Had I noise of vehicles passing. I was over a about Fred, that I believed Fred would sufficient light to last the night through room which fronted the street. I would wait for me, or perhaps secure assistance I should have sat up all night. But the drop down, open the window, and then balism, grows serious for once, and sold tance of a hundred miles, and my aunt's from the police, and search for me; and candle was already nearly gone, and I call a pedestrian. A moment after emply declares that for his own part "he son, a boy about my own age, came with so he laid his plans accordingly. It hastily undressed and jumped into bed, making up my mind I moved away the would go hnngry for two days rather trap door and dropped down on the bed. than eat an old personal friend." stop a few days, and then send him back he halted in front of an ill lookinn build- The light went out a moment after, As I stood there, one hand clutching ing, and asked me to wait a moment on and the darkness was so black that the head board to steady me, the brutal It was at length decided that when the walk while he went in and spoke to I could not see my hand at my nose. I face of the ber-tender appeared at the addresses his delinquent subscribers:

I went in after him and found my- I dreamed. I dreamed that some one bed-wrench hanging on a hook, and I I dunno, Casar; I gibs it up. Why, self in a saloon. There was sawdust on came up stairs, softly pushed the door clutched it as a hard-pressed hunter chile, a mouse's nest in a cats ear.

> We've got his money, an' now we bed he made a grab at me. In my must croak him, an' put the body out fright I leaped right at him, screaming loudly, and struck him a heavy blow As I dreamed this I awoke. I did on the temple with the wrench. He two kinds of handkerchiefs as a blower I fully awoke, and in an instant realize this way and that, and finally fell to the

In an instant I was off the bed and Put up your knife, Jim, continued running down stairs. Without a halt

We sat down in the depot for a short back in an hour, that's what he said, the doctors won't know what killed him! Here! what does this mean? he ex-As they moved softly away, I opened claimed, seizing my arm. What have

my limbs were numb; my throat was so I was so excited that I could not bed and placed it on the floor, and sat the hands of the police. I was so unsophisticated, and in a strange city depot, and at eight o'clock Fred was Jimmy, all about it, and that he could on the deer below his seat being the deer below th asleep in his seat, being tired out.

My curiosity was not half satisfied.

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The was a great display of fire arms into the best of the be There was a great display of fire arms in a window three or four blocks away, and I longed for another look. I saw that it lacked an hour of train time, and I determined to take a walk on my own account. I had only to step out of the account. I had onl

the wonderful adventures of the robber numbness disappeared in an instant, and could sufficiently collect my thoughts gent statement of the occurrence. The at the silver, and of course I ran down narrative until the man opened the door other bedroom further down the hall; discovered also, from my manner, that the door stood open, and the light shone I was a stranger, and evidently unused Well, Mister Frank, it's after mid- in so that I could see quite plainly, to the ways of a large city. He told me and I followed for a block or two, until night ! he exclaimed, an' your friend There was no closet, no place to hide, that I should not be harmed, and asked seeing by a jeweler's clock that it only hasn't come back yet. But, it ar' all and I had turned to go out when my me to tell a straight story of the affair. lacked a quarter of nine o'clock, I'd have right. I promised him to wait until eye rested on a small trap door in the A crowd gathered, and I finally manno more than time to reach the depot. midnight, an' then if he didn't come ceiling over the bed, being the means aged to state my case. A dozen men Turning around, I started off on a run back I war to put you all nicely away of communication with the garret. I rushed up the stairs, and the proofs rather frightened, and somewhat bewil- to bed, and send you over to the depot leaped on the bed just as the door be- were there. The bar-tender unconscious dered. I made two or three turns, and at five o'clock in the morning, So I'll low was slammed shut. Catching hold lay on the floor, and in his pocket was of a hook in the wall, I climbed on the my wallet, every bill in it which I could leading to the depot. I expected every But-but I'll go to the depot. I re- top of the bedstead, pushed up the trap identify. The rooms were in confusion. moment to come to the window filled plied. If the boy will go with me I'll and in another moment was in the the bed under which they had planned to smother me, was on the floor, with

> where I choose. I would have been against him which would certainly send I trembled so that I believed they him to prison, and so Fred and I went

Pleasures of Hope.

Giving sixpence to an organ-grinder, Never you mind what the old woman | me go. But I had not the courage, and | went down, and for four long hours I | when you are hard at head-work, in the said back there! he whispered. She followed the boy through the hall, up bardly moved an inch from my first illusive hope of purchasing his silence; and find him repeating his call regular-

finding in the end that the greatest rise

Hurrying home to dinner with a peased; and alas! discovering that the 'piece de resistance' is cold mutton.

MARK TWAIN, in speaking of cani-

An unfortunate Kentucky editor thus 'Friends we are penniless, Job's turkey not buy enough to pickle a jay-bird."

SAMBO, what is dar dat nebber was, up to the wall it encountered a heavy nebber can be, and nebber will be?

I like to hear a child cry, jocosely The man crept slowly up, his hands said an old bachellor. Why? Because outstretched, and as he reached the there is some hopes of its being sent

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