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and was in a continual fidget. He was

so anxious for Louisa to come and so

afraid she wouldn't. Then, too, if she

did come he wanted to be the first to

Of course Sim's old neighbors were

anxious to learn the history of his

life during the four years of his ab-sence, and they plied him with eager

questions until he was forced to tell

much more than he wished. His career

as a soldier had been glorious in an

humble way, for he had fought at the front in many hard contested bat-

tles, and he had performed more than one deed of uncommon valor. But Sim was modest, and it was trying to

him to have to speak of these things,

and even when he was driven to it he

passed them over as lightly as possi-

Pap Sampson, however, was too fond and proud of Sim to allow his

withstanding his excited condition, he took time to tell the full story of how

had finished, there was a long silence

"Waal, I'll jest be doggoned!"

Sam Morgan added:

sich a way as that?"

with a thump.

me plumb tired."

"Don't that beat you?

dan't mind much 'hout it."

This broke the spell, and quickly

ever thought of Sim Banks doin any

"Lord," some one exclaimed, "I bet

he was skeered, though. Wa'n't you

"I don't know," Sim replied wearily

Pap Sampson brought his cane down

"Of co'se Sim wa'n't skeered," he

said. "A man that'll do like he done

ain't a-gwine to git skeered at nothin.

Sim Banks skeered! Lord, you make

"My land, Pap, you're plumb right

bout that. A feller fixed like Sim was

thar don't have no time to think 'bout

gittin skeered. I know jest how it are,

'cause I've been in lots of jest sich

scrapes myself. I mind doin putty

nigh jest that same thing once on a awful bloody battlefield, an I wa'n't no

more skeered than I am this minute."

taters down thar in the cellar, Ebene-

Ebenezer Sparks tossed his head

"I reckon," he said, "you think you're

pow'ful smart, allus draggin that old

mouth. But I guess you'll keep on

a-draggin it in till you've wore it

Pap Sampson, who had been out on

the street, came hurriedly in and whis-

pered something to Sim. No one heard

what he said, but whatever it was it

had a magical effect, for Sim was

transformed in an instant from a state

of listless apathy to one of eager and

excited interest. His face beamed, and

his eyes glistened, and he trembled from head to foot. He sprang up and

started out, but Sam Morgan laid his

The next moment a woman appeared in the open door. Everybody looked

up and saw it was Louisa. Then a si-

lence as still as death fell over the

She paused for an instant and gland

ed around. Her eyes wandered until they rested on Sim. Then with a cry

full of joy and pathos she tottered to-ward him. His arms opened to receive her, and the next moment she was

folded to his breast, and in silence they

Nobody spoke. It was a scene too mpressive, too sacred, to be disturbed.

Many stood with their heads bent,

their hearts full and their eyes moist

with tears. Sam Morgan drew his handkerchief from his pocket and has-

tily turned his face away, while Ebenezer Sparks stood smiling idiotically,

making heroic efforts to appear unaf

were weeping together.

hand gently on his arm to detain him.

with an air of fine scorn.

plumb out."

"Was that the time you fit Hicks'



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now that he was so near. She had never believed him guilty. That was one great comfort. No matter what his fate, that knowledge would cheer him even if she held aloof from him in his hour of trouble.

At the squire's office Sam remained

guarding his prisoner while the squire and the others went to answer the ummons of the stranger. Pap Sampson, finding himself not needed at home, came down to be with Sim.

The news of the arrest having spread, a number of people came to see Sim, a few of them out of sympathy, but the greater number out of mere curiosity. Jim Thorn and Mary Mann were among the visitors.

Thorn did not say a word to Sim, but there was a triumphant expression on his face that showed he was highly gratified at Sim's arrest. He had never forgotten that blow Sim had given him, and now, after four years, he was getting his revenge and getting it in full measure.

Mrs. Mann was equally as well pleas ed as Thorn; but, unlike him, she was not content to let the expression on her features show her feelings. Approach ing quite close to the prisoner, she "I'm glad to see you, Sim Banks, an

to see you right where you are. I hope now you're satisfied." Sim made no reply, but Sam Morgan

spoke for him. "Mis'us Mann," he said, "you ort to be ashamed. Anybody that'd talk to



"Mis'us Mann, you ort to be ashamed." Sim that a-way now ain't got as much heart as a stone. If you can't say omething comfortin, don't say

thing." "Let him look to Loueesy Banks for comfortin words. She's the one to speak 'em. An jest let him wait till she does speak 'em. He'll wait for-

ever.' Pap Sampson had been fidgeting in and out of the room ever since he came. He'd go out and look off down the street, then come in and sit down. In a few minutes he'd go through the same motions again. This he kept up

till finally Sam Morgan said: "What's the marter of you, Pap, that you've got so restless all at once?" "Nothin, Sam, nothin at all," Pap re-

But Sam Morgan knew better.

CHAPTER XXIV.

"ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL." Pap Sampson was expecting the arrival of Louisa. He had immediately after Sim's return sent her word informing her of that fact. He had not asked her to come and had made no suggestion as to what she should do. He simply told her that Sim had come home and was going to give himself up and left the rest to her.

He believed she would come. He cellar in ever time I dast to open my felt confident of it, but he didn't know. He said nothing to Sim of what he had done for fear of encouraging false hopes. If Louisa came, it would be all right, but if she didn't it would be better for Sim to think she didn't

So it was that Pap Sampson was all on edge with expectancy and doubt

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elaborated jokes was the way in which he worked up to them. He pretended to have accidentally discovered that he possessed the gift of the born rentriloquist and arranged an experiment on the occasion of a supper party given in his honor at a pleasant house in a London suburb. There was a foolish kind of hanger on of Sothern's who loved to boast of his intimacy with the famous comedian. He had often said, "I wish you would let me help you in one of your practical jokes, Mr. Sothern." Sothern humored his desire. Mr. Edgar Pemberton tells the story in his "Memoir of Sothern."

The comedy must for my purpose be

story in his "Memoir of Sothern."

The comedy must for my purpose be reduced to a paragraph. You know how fond the professional ventriloquist is of talking up the chimney to an imaginary man on the roof. Sothern had arranged for his slavish confederate to mount the roof by a ladder and play the part of the voice on the roof, which he did to perfection, and Sothern's success as a ventriloquist was voted nothing short of marvelous. Supper being over, the party adjourned to another room, at which point Sothern said "Good night" to his friend above, at which cue it had been arranged that the seance should be concluded.

Sothern had, however, plotted against

Sothern had, however, plotted agains his man, who when he wished to descend found that the ladder was gone. By hook or crook the deceived confederate found his way to the chimney of the smoking room, where the supper party were settling down for a long evening. Presently a voice was heard calling down the chimney: "Sothern, Sothern! For heaven's sake, come and help me! I can't get down, and it's raining like

A Wasted Effort.

heroism to remain unknown. So, not-"Yes, sir, I did my best to train my daughter up as an accomplished parliamentarian. I took her to meetings to give her a chance to listen to the rulings of able chairmen, and I had her learn the textbooks on the subject by heart. I thought I had her perfect in the business but I was mistaken. She attend-Sim had saved Thompson by bravely rescuing him from the field of battle in a rain of shot and shell. Pap told it all as Thompson had told it, giving Sim his full meed of credit. When he during which everybody sat with open soon she had a chance to appeal from a decidedly unjust ruling of the chair, and how do you suppose she did it?"
"Well?" mouth, staring at Sim in astonishment. It was a full minute before any one spoke, and even then some one merely

> In reply to his hail an old white headed man came to the door, and the following conversation took place:

> asked the traveler. "Saitinly I kin, sar," replied the darky.
> "You follow dis here road till jist before you gits in sight ob de next house, and den you turns to de right, and dar ain't

A Whist Story. When Lord Thanet was imprisoned 'We shall be turned out if you make

An Easy Matter.

thing and always let her have her own The Sponge and Its Uses.

window of a Third avenue drug score yesterday afternoon.

"My!" said one. "Look at the sponges! "Most a thousand of 'em. What d'yes s'pose they use 'em all for? I didn't think they was so many slates in the world." The other little girl looked at her companion with withering scorn.

"Don't yer know," she snifted contemptuous's "that windows has to be washed?"

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by Sothern's Confederate One of the peculiarities of Sothern's elaborated jokes was the way in which

Sothern was taken aback for a moment, but only to be in ecstasies the next at the exclamations of his friends, who considered the voice only another example of Sothern's skill. "You said you could do no more, your voice was tired, and here it is stronger than ever." Sothern, accepting the compliments of his friends, managed in a short conversation with the voice on the roof to let his unhappy confederate understand that as soon as possible he would go out and help him down.

After a time, just when Sothern was Sothern was taken aback for a mo

him down.

After a time, just when Sothern was about to slip out and release his friend, his host went to the chimney and, all the more to emphasize Sothern's success, as he thought, called out, "Are you still there?" This was the last straw upon the rain drenched back of the sufferer. "Oh, go to blazes!" came the angry reply and with it a piece of mortar that rattled in the grate. "You're a beast!"

aess, but I was mistaken. She attended a convention not long ago, and pretty

"She was excited, you know, and this is what she said. 'You are a mean old fright, and I just hate you! So there!' And then she burst into tears and sat down. No, sir, woman's nature will have to change before come a parliamentarian."

Just When to Turn. A Memphis gentleman who has just returned from an overland trip through Mississippi says that one day he stopped at a negro cabin to ask the way to the village for which he was bound.

"Can you tell me how to get to B.

no odder road to put you off from dar on till you gits to whar you is a-goin." in the Tower of London for the O'Connor riot, three of his friends, the Duke

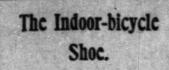
of Bedford, the Duke of Laval and Captain Smith, were admitted to play whist with him and remain till the lock up hour of 11. Early in the sitting Captain Smith fell back in a fit of apoplexy, and one of the party rose to call for help. "Stop!" cried another. a noise. Let our friend alone until 11. We can play dummy, and he'll be none the worse, for I can read death in his

"The reason some men don't get along happily," said Mr. Meekton, "is that they don't know how to manage a

"You know this?" was the skeptical "Certainly. It is the simplest thing in the world. All you have to do is to say 'yes' whenever she wants any-

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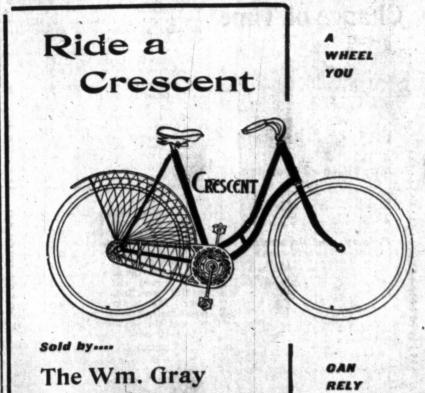
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