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By FERGUS W. HUME.

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"An' if you wants enythin' cise, Mr. Fitsgerald," she said, going to the door, "you mows your way to the bell as easily as I do to the kitchen," and, with a final chirrup, she rackled out of the room.

Brian drank his coffee, but rushed away ie food which was before hon, and then looked through The Argus to see the latest reports about the murder case. What he ad made his cheek turn even paler than is was, and he could feel his heart beating "They've found a clew, have they?" he mut-

tered, rising and pacing restlessly up and down. "I wonder what it can be? I threw that man off the scent last night, but if he suspects me there will be no difficulty in him ding out where I live. Bah! What nonsense I am talking. I am the victim of my own morbid imagination. There is nothing to connect me with the crime, so I need not he afraid of my shadow. I've a good mind to leave town for a time, but if I am suspected that would excite suspicion. Oh, Madge! my darling," he cried, passionately, "if you only knew what I suffer, I know that you would pity me—but you must never know the truth
-'Never! Never!'" and, sinking into a chair by the window, he covered his face with his hands. After remaining in this position for some minutes, occupied with his own gloomy thoughts, he arose and rang the bell. A faint crackle in the distance announced that Mrs. Sampson had heard, and she soon came into the room, looking more like a cricket than ever. Brian had gone into his bedroom and called out to her from there:

"I am going down to St. Kilda, Mrs. Samp son," he said, "and, probably, will not b

"Which I 'opes it 'ull do you good," an swered the cricket, "for you've eaten nothin', an' the sea breezes is miraculous for makin' you take to your victuals. My mother's brother, bein' a sailor, an' wonderful for is tomach, which, when 'e 'ad done a meal, the sable looked as if a low cuss 'ad gone over it." "A what? asked Fitagerald, buttoning his

A low cuss!" replied the landlady, in surprise at his ignorance, "as I've readin 'Oly Writ, as 'ow John the Baptist was partial to em, not that I think they'd be very fillin', tho', to be sure, 'e 'ad a sweet tooth, and ate

"Oh! you mean locusts," said Brian, now "An' what else" asked Mrs. Samoson. dignantly; "which, tho' not bein a scholard, I speaks English Popes, my mother's second Cousin avin' 'ad first prize at a spellin' bee, tho' 'e died early through brain fever, 'avin' crowded 'is 'ead over much with the dictionary."

"Dear me!" answered Brian mechanically. "How unfortunate." He was not listening to Mrs. Sampson's remarks, but was think-ing of an arrangement which Madge had made, and which he had forgotten till now. "Mrs. Sampson," he said, turning round at the door, "I am going to bring Mr. Frettlby and his daughter to have a cup of afternoon tea here, so you might have some

"You 'are only to ask and to 'ave." answered Mrs. Sampson, hospitably, with a crackle of all her joints. "I'll make the tea, dr, an' also some of my own pertickler cakes, bein' a special kind I 'ave, which my mother owed me 'ow to make, 'avin' been taught by a lady as she nussed thro' the scarlet fever, o' bein' of a weak constituotion, she died soon arter, bein' in the 'abit of contractin' any disease she might chance on."

As soon as Fitzgerald had gone Mrs. S. went over to the window and watched him as he walked slowly down the street—a tall, handsome man, of whom any woman would

"What an awful thing it are to think 'e'll be a corpse some day," she chirped cheerily to herself, "tho' of course bein' a great swell n'is own place, 'e'll 'ave a nice airy vault, which ud be far more comfortable than a ose, stuffy grave, even tho' it 'as a tombtone an' villets over it. Ah, now! Who are ou, impertmence?" she broke off, as a stout nan in a light suit of clothes crossed the cad and rang the bell, "a pullin at the bell if it were a pump andle."

As the gentleman at the door, who was one other than Mr. Gorby, did not hear her, of course, did not reply, so she hurried own the stairs, crackling with anger at the ough usage her bell had received.

Mr. Gorby had seen Brian go out, and

ming it a good opportunity to prosecute quiries, had lost no time in making a start. "You nearly tored the bell down," said the ery cricket, as she presented her thin body and wrinkled face to the view of the detec-



"You nearly tored the bell down." "I'm very sorry," answered Gorby, meekly. Il knock next time."

"Oh, no you won't," said the landlady sing her head, "me not 'avin' a knocker. your 'and a-scratchin' the paint off the or, which it ain't been done over six months my sister-in-law's cousin, which 'e is a inter, with a shop in Fitzroy, an' a won-ful heye to color."

Does Mr. Witzgarald live here? asked Mr.

the do," replied Mrs. Sampson, "but we see out, an' won's be back till the arter-

poor, which any months will be delivered in present on 'to strivial'.

"For ghet he's not he," mid Mr. Gorby.
"Would you allow me to here a few monents conversation."

"I'll tell you when we get inside," answered Mr. Gorby.

The cricket looked at him with her sharp little eyes, and seeing nothing disreputable in him, led the way upstairs, crackling loudly like whole time. This se astimizing for Gorby that he castabout in his own mindfur an explanation of the phenomena.

"Wante elling about the joints," was his somelusion, "but I never heard anything like it, and she looks as if she'd snap in two, she's that brittle."

that brittle."

Mrs. Sampson took Gorby into Brian's sit-ting, and, having closed the door, sat down and prepared to hear what he had to say for

"I 'ope it ain't bills," she said. "Mr. Pita-gerald 'avin' money in the bank, and every-thin' respectable like a gentleman as 'e-is, tho', to be sure, your bill might come down an him unbeknown, 'e not 'avin' kept it in mind, which it ain't everybody as 'ave sich a good memory as my aunt on my mother's side, she 'avin' bin famous for 'er dates like a

ide, she 'avin' bin famous for 'er dates like a 'istory, not to speak of 'er multiplication tables and the sumbers of people's 'euses."

"I am an insurance agent," he mid rapidly, so as to prevent any interruption by the sricket; "and Mr. Fitzgerald wants to insure his life in our company. Before doing so I want to find out if he is a good life to insure; does he live temperately? keep early hours? and, in fact, all about him."

"I shall he 'appy to answer any insuring

"I shall be 'appy to answer any inquiries which may be of use to you, sir," replied firs. Sampson; "knowing as I do 'ew good a insurance is to a family should the 'ead of it be taken off unexpected, leavin' a widder, which, as I know, Mr. Fitzgerald is a goin' to be married soon, an' I 'opes 'e'll be 'appy, tho' thro' it I loses a lodger as 'as allays paid regler, an' be'aved like a gentleman." "Does he keep good hours?" said Mr.

"Allays in afore the clock strikes twelve," answered the landlady; "tho' to be sure, I uses it as a figger of speech, none of the clocks in the 'ouse strikin' but one, which is bein' mended, 'avin' broke through over-

"Is he always in before 127" asked Mr. Gorby, keenly disappointed at this answer.

Mrs. Sampson eyed him waggishly, and mile crept over her wrinkled little face. "Young men, not bein' old men," she replied, cautiously, "and sinners not bein's saints, it's not natural as latch keys should be made for ornament instead of use, and Mr. Fitzgerald bein' one of the 'andsomest men in Melbourne, it ain't to be expected as 'e should let 's latch key git rusty, tho', 'avin' a good moral character, 'e uses it with moder-

"But I suppose you are generally aslesp when he comes in late?" said the detective; so you can't tell what hour he comes

"Not as a rule," assented Mrs. Sampson "bein' a 'eavy sleeper, and much disposed for bed, but I 'ave 'eard 'im come in arter 12, the last time bein' Thursday week."

"Bein' troubled with my 'end," said Mrs. Sampson, "thro' 'avin' been out in the sun all day a-washin', I did not feel so partial to my bed that night as in general, so went down to the kitchen with the intent of getting a miseed positive to put at the Back of my 'ead, it being calculated to remove pain, as was told to me, when a nuss, by a doctor in the horspital, 'e now being in business for hisself, at Geelang, with a large family, 'avin' married early. Just as I was leavin' the kitchen I 'eard Mr. Fitzgerald a-comin' in, and, turnin' round, looked at the clock, that 'avin' been my custom when my late 'usband came in the early mornin', I bein' a reparin' 'is meal."

"And the time wasp asked Mr. Gorby, breathlessly. "Five minutes to 2 o'clock," replied Mrs

Mr. Gorby thought for a moment.

Cab was hailed at 1 o'clock-started for St. Kilda about ten minutes past—reached grammar school, say at twenty-five minutes past— Fitzgerald talks five minutes to cabman making it half-past—say, he waited ten min-utes for other cab to turn up, makes it twenty minutes to 2—it would take another twenty minutes to get to East Melbourne—and five minutes to walk up here—that makes it five minutes past 2 instead of before—confound it! "Was your clock in the kitchen right?" he

ssked, aloud.
"West, I think so," answered Mrs. Sampson. "It does get a little slow sometimes, not 'avin' bin cleaned for some time, which my nevy bein' a watchmaker I allays 'ands it over to 'im."

"Of course it was slow on that night," said Corby, triumphantly. "He must have come in at five minutes past 2—which makes it

"Makes what right?" asked the landlady. sharply. "And 'ow do you know my clock

was ten minutes wrong?"

"Oh, it was, was it?" asked Gorby, eagerly. "I'm not denyin' that it wasn't," replied Mrs. Sampson; "clocks ain't allays to be relied on more than men an' women; but it won't be anythin' agin 'is insurance, will it, as in general 'e's in afore 12?"

"Oh, all that will be quite safe," answered the detective, delighted at having obtained the required information. "Is this Mr. Fitzgerald's room?"

'Yes, it is," replied the landlady; "but 'e furnished it 'imself, bein' of a luxurus turn of mind, set but what 'is taste is good, tho' far be it from me to deny I elped im to select; but 'avin' another room of the same to let, any friends as you might 'ave in search of a 'ome 'ud be well looked arter, my references bein' very 'igh an' m/ cookin' tasty, an' if"___

Here a ring at the front door bell called Mrs. Sampson away, so with a hurried word to Gorby she crackled down stairs. Left to himself, Mr. Gorby arose and looked around the room. It was excellently furnished, and the pictures on the wall were all in good taste. There was a writing table at one end of the room under the window, which was

covered with papers. "It's no good looking for the papers he took out of Whyte's pocket, I suppose," said the detective to himself, as he turned over some letters, "as I don't know what they are, and couldn't tell them if I saw them; but I'd like to find that missing glove and the bottle that held the chloroform—unless he's done away with them. There doesn't seem any sign of hem here, so I'll have a look in his bedroom.

There was no time to lose, as Mrs. San might return at any moment, so Mr. Garby walked quickly into the bedroom, which opened off the sitting room. The first thing that caught the detective's eye was a large photograph of Madge Frettlby in a plush frame, which stood on the dressing table. It was the same kind he had already seen in Whyte's album, and he took it up with a

Whyte's album, and he took it up with a laugh.

"You're a pretty girl," he said, apostrophising the picture, "but you give your photograph to two young men, both in love with you, and both hot tempered. The result is that one is dead, and the other wen't survive him long. That's what you've done."

He put it down again, and looking round the room, caught sight of a light covert cost hanging behind the door, and also a soft hat, "Ah," said the detective, going up to the door, "here is the very cost you wore when you killed that poor fellow. I wonder what you have in the pockets," and he plunged his hand into them in turn. There was an old thestre programme and a pair of brown stre programme and a pair of brown

(Continued next week.)

PARM AND PIRESIDE.

imental farm by the farmers of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories for the

The wheat varied in germinating power from 21 to 99 per cent. Thirteen of those of lower grade were found to produce so feeble a growth in the soil ss to be unfit for seed, no matter how large the quantity sown. Five samples, which showed over 90 per cent. of vitality, have been returned as good for seed, when sown in the usual quantity and the resown in the usual quantity, and the re- ashes answers well. maining 23, which range in vitality from 66 to 89 per cent., have received a qualithree-feurths of the plants produced from these latter samples made fair growth,

the other fourth weak growth. The use of such seed is not without risk, but, should the season be favorable, it is likely that in the fertile soil of the western prairies many of the weakly plants would eventually become strong. It would however, be wise in using such seed to sow a larger quantity per acre than is customary, to compensate for the lack of vitality.

Of the five samples of frozen barley tested, two germinated in the proportion of 15 per cent. only, the others 47, 65 and 97; the last named was a good sample for seed, and the only one of the five which it would be safe to use. The two of lowest grade were worthless for this purpose, that which germinated in the proportion of 47 per cent. had about onefifth of the plants very feeble, while that which showed 65 per cent. produced only

25 plants which made fair growth, and 40 weakly one. The four samples of oets ranged in germinating power as follows:—9, 53, 67 and 70. The two of lower grade were found to be quite unfit for seed, the other two showed a fair growth, with but few feeble plants, and would be likely to produce good results with a favorable season

if thickly sown. It is probable that these samples fairly represent the quality of the seed held for next year's sowing by the farmers in those districts in Manitoba and the North-What is west Territories which have suffered from

early frosts. If this be so, then nearly ore-third of the farmers settled in those localities are unprovided with seed fit for sowing. Many additional samples are now undergoing test, and every mail adds to their number. It is hoped that all those who number. It is hoped that all those who propose to send samples to be tested will forward them soon, so that returns may in plant food of various kinds, and be sent before the time for so wing begins.

Earth Closets-For Farm Houses

doew not receivs proper attention. There is altogether insufficient regard for health, precautions are neglected. The ordinary pit may become a fruitful cause of disease. contaminating wells and breeding pestilence. The dry earth system should be generally adopted, "An old reader sends a sensible paper to the Country Gentleman from which we make some extracts:

I am very glad to see that Mr. Terry has taken up a subject in a late number of the Country Gentleman, which has at large, and which deserves to be often urged upon the public. Bad drainage, impure water and carelessly constructed earth closets are the cause of a great than fifty years ago, a leading physician of the city of London gave his opinion that four-fifths of the cases of typhoid fever were caused by foul drains, and the construction and use of vaults all through the country is a fruitful cause of fevers and diphtheria, which instead of being ascribed to the real cause, is charged as the work of "a mysteeious Providence."

If Mr. Terry's plans for preventing the use of impure air and impure water were universally adopted, there is no question that much of the sickness which now prevails in the country at large, with its frequent and fatal terminations, would e avoided.

But I think Mr. Terry's cl set arrange mente are rather more costly and complex than they might be, and for this reason many farmers will be deterred from adopting them. I have used a mode now for forty years which I think possesses all his advantages, which costs less and is never out of order. I saw, eighteen years ago, at one of our colleges, a box for holding road dust and sifted ashes, precisely like his "muck-box" in shape and position, from which the discharge of the absorbent into the vault was effected by pulling a knob or button. But this contrivance was liable to get out of order, and the method which I have employed is simpler and cheaper, and the necessity of carying the sails out for emptying is avoided. Besides the building, the entire cost of my arrange-ment has not been more than one dollar, instead of Mr. Terry's twenty five dollars.

Instead of Mr. Terry's twenty ave country.

It is simply the following:

The common small building, placed at a short distance from the dwelling, or connected directly with its rear, stands where the ground is slightly descending from the rear, so that access may be had from the rear, so that access may be had to the vanit once or twice a year by lifting up a closely fitting swing door, which is partly hid by shrubbery. In the common room over this containing the seats, is a box, cack or berrel, containing the mask or read dust, with a long handled in front of the visitor with the words, "Throw down a dipper of sakes every time, and shut down the cover." Properly instructed, every visitor will do it, but it is well for the ewast to examine oxasionally to see if enough is thrown

Testing Freuen Grain as Seed.

Mr. Wu. Saunders, director of the experimental farm at Ottawa, writes to the papers:

Sir,—I desire to submit to your readers a summary of the first fifty tests of frozen grain sent to the central experimental farm by the farmers of Manitoba expense. From this box a dipperfuse used in two or three seconds, an

purpose of ascertaining the suitability of the samples for seed.

These consisted of wheat, 41; barley, 5; and oats, 4.

The wheat varied in germinating power from 03 to 00 and one of the seconds, and with about as little labor as to pull the button. The machinery is as simple as it can be, and can never get out of order.

There is an objection to the use of much, in that it is rarely dry enough for its best effect. When taken from the

door, is cleaned out twice a year by shov-eling into a wagon or sled. Everything being dry and odorless, my men tell me they would as willingly shovel out the

contents as to shovel sand.

Rotation of Crops.

Subjoined is the paper read by John the soil. "Tis true, some soils with good cultivation will for many years yield paying crops of the different cereals grown alternately, but unless some method of returning plant food is practised, failure and loss will result sooner

What is meant by proper rotation in relation to cropping is the systematic varying of crops in every field year by year so as to get the largest possible re-turns and at the same time to have the land's productiveness maintained or increased. This system can be practised wheat its principal production, farmers did not find it absolutely necessary to consider much regarding rotation or anything else further than ploughing, sowing and reaping—once the bush was cleared off—as wheat after wheat could be grown many years in succession. In

the northwestern province and territories be met, and among them the failure of convenience and comfort in connection a similar mode of farming is carried on with schools and farm houses. Sanitary with the result of its being found, even now, necessary to summer-fallow in order to obtain satisfactory returns from land that seven or eight years ago was under prairie grass. As wheat growing became unprofitable

the growing of barley has so increased in steps by which we approach the nearer this district that the time is not far off to real and lasting success in our busiwhen the food required by the barley ness, viz., larger incomes and increased planter will be so scarce in the soil of fertility. These thoughts are not given many farms that it also will cease being a remunerative crop. However, when special attention is given to stock raising, been greatly neglected by the community barns with comfortable stables underneath, we may take it for granted that that will of itself compel one kind or another of rotation.

amount of bad health and sickness. More ing of those which will give the more ting rid of many bad pests, as mustard, opinion has been corroborated by many wild oats, etc., but on moderately clean physicians since. Carelessness in the farms it is not in favor with the most

ing the preparation for the crop and af er tillage must therefore be part of a profit-able rotation. Their cultivation gives during the slack season between seed time and harvest besides being so valuable in carrying stock through the winter, fitting the fattening animals for the market, making with hay, straw and coarse grains fed large quantities of rich manure to be returned to the soil.

years would be; leading possible to lead year possible of year on the parties of year on the parties of year, water or

This arrangement prevents all odor, and the air in the closet is as pure as in fied recommendation. On an average sible at the rear by raising the swing

A closet should never be situated where visitors would have to pass through snow-drifts in winter to reach it. If at a little distance from the dwelling, the path should be flanked on both sides and covered overhead with evergreen trees. But as no effluvium ever comes from it, it may with propriety be connected with the rear of the house. I greatly prefer this mode to a common water-closet for two reasons. It is not liable to get out of order by the freezing of the pipes; and there is no danger of contaminating water by the discharge.

Campbell, jr., at the farmer's institute recently held at Woodville: What do we understand by rotation. It is not the varying of crops at random, without any regard to preserving the fertility of the

A good system will have for its aim not larger crops alone, but also the growconstant employment to men and teams, and the opportunity for a periodical clearing of the land-fallowing in summer would be the most effectual means of getpractical farmers of our day as part of a rotation, being it involves the loss of a crop. The growing of roots being the next best, as weeds can be destroyed dur-

employment to farm hands and teams

It is well known all crops do not yield equally well succeeding others. For instance, we would never think of sowing wheat on newly turned sod, nor peas or oats after roots. All these things have to be carefully considered wh n planning our system; also what markets To F-, are available. A rotation which would be the rest in one place might be a failure under different circumstances and with other conditions. The chief aim in all our operations should be to produce that which will give us the largest cash income with the least expenditure of our farmer's resources, and I believe a judi-cious system will enable us to attain it. The rotation most practiced is one ex-

let rotation most practised is one of tending over five years as follows:

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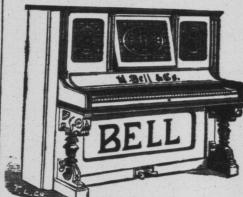


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The Collingwood Enterprise records the death of a little boy, son of Mr. T. J. Crawford. The boy was apparently in very good health up to Tuesday night, when he was attacked by what is called black diphtheria and was dead on Wednesday morn-

The receipts for auctioneers' and pedlers' licenses in Simcoe county during the past year amounted to \$544; the first half year the receipts were \$267, making a total for the year of \$768, the largest sum with the exception of last year yet received from the same source.

-Fatal diphtheria still prevails in the vicinity of Kingsville, Ont. A reporter tells of a poor family, consisting of six persons, all attacked by the disease. A daughter seventeen years of age, another sixteen, another eleven and a son six years of age have died, and the death of the two remaining is expected.

-Mr. Herbert Coulson of Yo-Ho, Tay, met with rather a serious accident last week. While at work in his father's mill he attempted to rectify something that was going wrong with the machinery of the drag saw. He took a monkey wrench, thinking to remedy the trouble when suddenly the wrench was jerked out of his hand, and the end of his thumb taken off.

A Poetical Rabbit "Shootist." The subjoined poetical correspondence was intercepted while in transit, and tells its own

When next you his into the woods, Bold rabbits for to slew, Pray don't forget to call for me And let me go with you. And there I'll stand with loaded gun, And eke with eagle eye, And shoot and skin at every shot A rabbit on the fly.

An European Was Cloud.

Mr. Edward Stanhope, secretary of state for war, speaking at Horncastle, Lincolnshire, last Monday eveing, said a thunder cloud was hanging over Europe, and that coner or later, probably sconer, it would st, bringing the flercest and most horrible war ever known. It was impossible to view the preparations for war now being made throughout Europe without feeling that a war was approaching. He ing made throughout Europe without testing that a war was approaching. He hoped however that the wisdom of England's statesmen would prevent that as then from becoming involved.

The Pall Mail Gasette, commenting upon the speech, denounces the folly of such utternaces, and says they are calculated to do much mischief. It declares that Mr. Sinnhope's heedless rhetoric is quite un-

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