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HIS OLD GRAY MARE.

BY SAM WALTER FOSS.

bob his bait from left to right,

mmed an' hawed, an' gulped an'

scractched an' stuttered an' grew

hen chawed out a word or two

bet his words flew thick and fast

he unhitched his tied-up tongue

then described his ol' gray mare.

nz lightnin' in the ol' man's eyes.

give him his tired natur' vim,

stung his nerves an' fired his heart

a' made 'it champ its bites an' raar,

dance 'round on its hind legs w'en-

en he described his ol' gray mare.

Jim described his ol' gray mare

when he talked about thet mare.

e mills had oughter all shet down.

Jud, "the sun sh'd stop right short

par' in the middle uv the day

en bossed aroun' by Josherway.

money's worth an' some to spare.

en he described his ol' gray mare.

camp of gittin' out of prison;

en my Silas talks to Sal

poutin' Latin to the nations

ling wen he described thet mare

give her pints and qualfycations.

walked en' wallered in it there

Jim out in the hayfield stopped

then described his ol' gray mare.

ol' gray mare fell dead last night

wn in the parsture by the brook;

went an' found her there stone dead

est stood still an shook an' shook.

mmed an' an hawed an' gulped an

-Yankee Blade,

Sissero upon the stump,

t an' soaked in elekunce,

hen began to fish for words

rse he had no use for life

he fell down in his tracks

h thet of mare a layin' there,

died beside his ol' grey mare.

his ol' unsuccessful way.

w'en a good saint talks of heaven,

stan' still, ez it used to do

all stopped work; and Cyrus Brown

icked the dull flanks uv his soul

made a bran new man of uv Jim.

battle bullets through the air

very thought of that ol' mare

in the dough uv his ol' soul

het made it bubble up an' rise ;

ginger in his lazy blood

always wished he hadn't said.

Punker hed to fish fer words

wish his pole an' line aroun'

hardly ever get a bit.

County of Victoria, as directs of Victoria, dated the Tent and every of the above pare espectively, as above set on s and costs are sooner paid) a aid County of Victoria, at P. teenth day of February, 1892

THOMAS MATCHETT County Treas

th November, 1891.

HE___

NDSAY warrant issued by the Mayor of

nthenticated by the corporate ir's 'd knock off work an' git vember, 1891, and to me dire parcels of land for the arreas stenin' to Jim Bunker spout that unless the said taxes and ten he described his of gray eenth day of February, 1892g House in the Town of Lind as much thereof as may be: arges incurred.

Town Treasu

FRED. KNOWLSON But couldn' fin' a word to say.

HE JURYMAN'S STORY.

unfailing certainty.

e recusant juror had stood out master was nowhere to be seen. the first. He acknowledged the We show you net was inexplicable. It could not as their "prisoner." The time. Eig money for work in spare tilly like time. Eig money for work in spare tilly like time. Eig money for work in spare tilly like time. Eig money for work in spare tilly like time. Eig money for work in spare tilly like time. Eig money for work in spare tilly like time. Eig money for work in spare tilly like time. Eig money for work in spare tilly like time. Eig money for work in spare tilly like time. Eig money for work in spare tilly like time. Eig money for work in spare tilly like time. Eig money for work in spare tilly like time. Eig money for work in spare tilly like time. Eig money for work in spare tilly like time. Eig money for work in spare tilly like time. Eig money for work in spare tilly like time. Eig money for work in spare tilly like time. Eig money for work in spare tilly like NEW and wonderful. Particular well chosen, and evinced ugh understanding of the case. the prospect of another night of

ess imprisonment we began to impatient, and expostulated warmly st what seemed an unreasonable ousness; and some not overkind rks were indulged in as to the priety of trifling with an oath like under which we were acting.

and yet," the man answered, as th communing with himself rather repelling the imputation, "it is ience that hinders my concurrence erdict approved by my judgment." w can that be?" queried several

But here she can know no other

nce I would have said the same." ind what changed your opinion?" speaker's manner was visibly incredulity.

ted and we waited in silence the

er prospects, and none brighter spot.

ceptance of love, no formal plight- grim pride in the position.

is much on one's self.

he came for making the final pay- my guilt. I knew they lied.

ment on the home which I had bought. It would henceforward be my own; and brief. To their verdict I paid but little in a few months, my simple dwelling, heed. It was a single hideous word, inviting, would be graced by my mis- made no impression. tress who was coming out from England.

sixty miles off, I met my old friend, might have that mercy upon me which George C---. He, too, had come to man was too just to vouchsafe, sounded seek his fortune in the new country; like the hollowest of hollow mockeries. and we were both delighted with the meeting.

"He had brought with him, he said, a sum of money which he desired to invest in land, on which it was his purpose to settle. I expressed a strong cution few can imagine. wish to have him for a neighbor, and gave him a cordial invitation to accompany me home, giving it as my belief that he could nowhere make a better selection than in that vicinity.

He readily consented, and we set out together. We had not ridden many miles, when George suddenly recollected a commission he had undertaken for a friend, which would require his attendance at a public land sale on the follow- pare a home had already found one in ing day.

"Exacting a promise that he would not delay his visit longer than necesway homeward, while he turned back.

"I was about retiring to bed on the troubled spirit. night of my return when a summons without called me to the door. A stranger asked shelter for himself and his horse for the night. I invited him

strokes her hair an' calls her his'n; "Though a stranger, his face seemed not unfamiliar. He was probably one of the men I had seen at the land office, a place at that time much frequented.

> after his horse. The poor animal, as to read it. My thoughts were busied well as I could see by starlight, seemed elsewhere. to have been hardly used. His panting "The words, "full and free pardon," sides bore witness to merciless riding; were first to strike my preoccupied and a tremu:ous shrinking at the slight- senses. They affected the bystanders est touch, being a token of recent more than myself. Yet so it was; I was fright.

"On re-entering the house I found committed. the stranger was not there. His absence excited no surprise; he would doubtless needless to say, than he who had sought soon return. It was a little singular, however, that he should have left his mortally wounded in a recent affray in watch lying on the table.

"At the end of half an hour, my guest not returning, I went again to the stable, thinking he might have his way found thither to give person I attention to the wants of his horse. Before going out, from mere force of habit-for we e had been out of court twenty were as yet uninfested out in the backhours, and stood eleven to one woods by either thieves or policemenase was plain; at least we eleven I took the precaution of putting the ht so. A murder of peculiar stranger's watch in a drawer in which ty had been committed, and though I kept my own valuables. I found the e had witnessed the deed, circum- horse as I had left him, and gave him es pointed to the prisoner's guilt the food which he was now sufficiently cooled to be allowed to eat; but his

"As I approached the house a crowd at a subsequent session, and at the last ncy of the proots, confessed his of men on horseback dashed up, and I ility to reconcile the facts with the was commanded, in no gentle tones, to scaffold. ndant's innocence, and yet on every stand! In another moment I was in went steadily for acquittal. His the clutches of those who claimed me

> ask what it all meant. I did so at last, and the explanation came—it was ter-

spot at which I, but I alone, knew we

mediately instituted. The watch was found in the drawer in which I had property of the murdered man. His Russia, and this Asian territory is very horse, too, was found in my stable, for nearly as large as European Russia, and the animal I had just put there was two-thirds as large as the United States. onscience may not always dare to none other. I recognized him myself when I saw him in the light.

> fusion was taken as additional evidence. And when, at length, I did command Nyassaland, St. Helena, St. Paul and language to give an intelligible statement, it was received with sneers and

Mastering his emotion, as if in gradually grew into a clamor of vener to our looks of enquiry, he con- geance; and but for the firmness of one

n attachment, dating from child- my protector. His heart was as hard miles, (the area of the United States, inhad ripened with its object. as his office; but he represented the cluding Alaska, is 3,501,404), and a popuhad been no verbal declaration majesty of the law, and took a sort of lation of 6,235,211.

troth, but when I took my "As much under the glance of his the following:-The Cook Archipelago, ure to seek a home in Canada it eye as before the muzzle of his pistol, thing understood that when I had the cowardly clamorers drew back. Islands, New Guiana, New Zealand it and put it in order she was to Perhaps they were not sufficiently Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, numerous to feel the full effect of that Victoria, Western Australia, Auckland, women from their homes and then murwalk about, but now runsal fe in the backwoods, though mysterious reflex influence which makes y, is not necessarily lonesome. a crowd of men so much the worse, and the total of area is 3,270,532 square miles death. nd of society afforded by Nature at times so much better, than any one of them singly.

for me, I lived more in the "At the end of some months my than in the present, and hope is trial came. It could have but one re-

"The absence of the jury was very

which I had spared no pains to render but I had long anticipated it, and it A SULPHUR MOUNTAIN, AN INKY LAKE

"As little impression was made by the words of the judge which followed "At the land office, which was some it, and his solemn invocation that God

"It may be hard for the condemned criminal to meet death; it is still harder for him who is innocent.

"What I suffered in the interval before the day appointed for my exe-

"On the morning of the day fixed for carrying out the sentence I felt measurably resigned.

"I had so long stood face to face with death, had so accustomed myself the Mexican Government to make a survey to look upon it as only a momentary of the concession to Senator Gonzales of pang, that I no longer felt solicitous save that my memory should one day be vindicated.

"She for whom I had gone to preheaven. The tidings of my calamity had broken her heart. She alone, of all the world, believed me innocent; and sary, and having given minute direct lips that the truth might be brought to light. All this I had heard, and it had soothed as with sweet incense my

"Death, however unwelcome the shape, was now a portal beyond which I could see one angel waiting to receive me. I heard the sound of approaching footsteps, and nerved myself to meet the expected summons.

"The door of my cell opened, and the sheriff and his attendants entered. He held in his hand a paper. It was "Offering him a seat I went to look doubtless my death-warrant. He began

pardoned for an offence I had never

"The real culprit, none other, it is and abused my hospitality, had been a distant city, but had lived long enough to make a disclosure, which had been laid before the governor barely in time | The earthquake and the change from salt to save me from a shameful death, and condemn me to a cheerless and burdensome life. This is my experience.

before us leads to but one conclusion, that of the prisoner's guilt; but not less confident and apparently unerring was the judgment that talsely pronounced rock, and a red mineral. Then others an-We no longer importuned our fellow

juror, but patiently awaited our discharge, on the ground of inability to agree, which came at last. The prisoner was tried and convicted

Extent of Britain's Empire.

extert of empire the Duke of Clarence might have been the constitutional sovereign of had his life been spared. "My friend, with whom I had so the empire in Europe includes Gibraltar, lately set out in company, had been Malta, and Gozo, with a total population found murdered and robbed near the of 184,879. In Asia its possessions consist of Aden, Brunei, Ceylon, Cyprus, Hong had separated. I was the last person the Keeling Islands, the Kuria Muria increases towards the center of the known to be with him, and I was Islands, Labuan, North Borneo, Perins, black pool, the thermometer registering now arrested on suspicion of his murder. Sarawak, and the Straits Settlements. The 150°. "A search of the premises was im- total population of these lands is 261,564,-000 souls, and the total area 1,903,800 square miles. This Asian population is more than twice as large as the population placed it, and was identified as the of all the lands ruled over by the Czar of

In Africa, Britain possesses Ascension Island, Basutoland, Bechuanaland, Berbera British East Africa, Cape Colony, Gambia, "What I said I know not. My con- the Gold Coast, Lagos, Metabeleland, Mauritius, Natal, the Niger Districts, Amsterdam, Sierra Leone, Socotra, Tongaland, Zambesia, Zanzibar and Pemba, Ibea, and thence to the Egyptian frontier, the northern Lomal coast, Tristan "As the proofs of my guilt, one after d'Acunha, and Zululand. The total area the total population 39,836,600.

man—the officer who had me in charge Bahama Islands, Barbados, Bermudas, Britain's possessions are these :- The wenty years ago I was a young -I would doubtless have paid the Canada, Falkland Islands, Guiana, Honjust beginning life. Few had penalty of my supposed offence on the duras, Jamaica, Turk's Island, Leeward Islands, Newfoundland, South Georgia, "It was not sympathy that actuated Trinidad, Tobago, and the Windward

> In Australasia the British Empire claims the Fiji and Rotumah islands, the Kermadec islands, New South Wales and Norfolk and of population 3,675,811.-Times.

proposed to erect a railway station.

AND STREAMS OF MILK,

Are Some of the Phenomena of Lower California-Exact Information of Them Furnished by an Editor and Civil Engineer-A Haggard Wanted.

The lake of ink, the streams of milk, and the mountains of sulphur have been measured and explored.

The truthful relation of careful investigation is more marvelous than the strange stories of the Indians who have told tales of the wonders of the land where one vol cano becomes silent and 100 new ones send out stones, seaweed, and sulphur. The exact information comes from Col.

D. K. Allen, editor of the Arizona Sentinel, a civil engineer, who was commissioned by about 200,000 acres of mineral, timber, agricultural and grazing land in Lower With his party of sixteen men in four

boats he left Yuma Sept. 12, and in four days, two of which were spent on the Colcrado and two on Hardy's Colorado, a branch of the main river, reached Lake Mejor, where the survey began.

In an intense heat of 115 in the daytime and 95° at night the surveying party advanced until before them stood the sulphur mountain, rising in pure yellow from a spur of the Cocopah Mountains. The cone that sends back the sun's blazing rays in their are not smooth, great bowlders of clear sul- called up. phur, tons in weight, resting on others.

While near this luminous peak no smoking was permitted and no matches were lighted, for a single spark would set on fire ever expects to be called upon to pay. the whole mountain and send a cloud smoke heavenward that would do for a signal to the people of Mars.

Near the sulphur mountain were found thousands of acres of deposit of alum, and two miles north of the alum was discovered a vast bed of nitre of great purity. This deposit is easily accessible from tide water and the value is incalculable.

When the surveyors reached Lake Julullee another surprise startled them. The waters of the lake formerly were salt; now they were pure and fresh, and during a part of the survey in the arid regions twenty Indians were constantly employed carrying water from the lake over rugged peaks for the use of the surveyors.

The change from salt to fresh is attributed to the great overflow of the Colorado

But another change, equally remarkable, is attributed to the violent earthquakes during last July. This change is an increase in the area of the lake. It was five miles long and half a mile wide. It is twenty five miles long and twenty miles wide, and the depth is greatly increased. to fresh water have nearly cleared the lake From the shores of this beautiful lake

may be watched the volcanoes, some silent "My judgment, as yours in the case | and inactive, others at times violently active. At no time during the day or night are all the velcanoes at rest. First one, with a sudden rour and a burst of smoke, shoots high into the air volumes of mud, swer with a resounding detonation, and again a dozen unite in a chorus of weird and appalling sounds and a spectacle of

With great caution was the approach made to the Great Chief and Gianta volcanoes. The sulphur-like crust would break beneath the weight of man and jets of stream shoot menacingly along his trousers, moment confessed his crime on the as though giving a warning that the blast furnaces of the demons is no place for a man to tread.

The warning was heeded, but the expiorers went far enough to take photographic views. Then they returned to Lake Julullee and thence to Mejor Lake, the beauty of which tempted them to remain.

With six of his men Col. Allen viewed the lake of ink, the waters of which are covered by sulphur and iron. With-Besides England, Scotland and Ireland, in three or four inches of the bank the stygian water lies not quietly, but fretted as though anxious to be clear. Near the banks the water is ten feet deep and the temperature is 110°. Ten yards from the shore the bottom is far beyond the

To the touch the water feels oily. To the taste it is warm, salty, and bitter. In calm weather the surface of the water is covered from three to six inches with an ash-like substance. Millions of bubbles agitate the center, and sometimes the boiling makes waves that break blackly against the shore. The black pigment in the water

does not discolor the skin. Just a few yards from the north side of the lake are the streams of milk. Several springs of boiling water are there, and from two of them flow large streams of milky whiteness which color the soil as they course along. A hasty examination indicated that lime in solution colors the

The survey was ended, but the wonders of the trip were not over, Col. Allen discovered a waterway hitherto unexplored in the nation which he seemed ready to another, came to light, low mutterings for Africa is 2,462,436 square miles, and to within fifteen miles of Yuma without delta of the Colorado, on which he traveled entering the main Colorado. He finally On the American side of the globe reached the main river by Carter's River. The Cocopah country is waiting for a Clarence King or a Rider Haggard in composite to tell of its wonders. - San Francisco

> All the hospitals of Paris are so crowded with patients, as a result of the epidemic of influenza, that there is no room for new sufferers, and the municipal authorities have been compelled to ask the government to permit the use of vacant barracks as temporary hospitals for the large number of affected persons seeking relief.

Frank Schneider and his wife Rosalie, who have been undergoing their trial in Vienna for having decoyed eight young and several small islands. For this region, dering them, were sentenced Saturday to

The cemetery at Chatham, where the remains of many soldiers and sailors of A despatch from Winnipeg states that the Napoleonic wars were buried, it is to cheerful companion. At length sult. Circumstances too plainly declared heart of the city, on the site of which it is this has evoked many expressions of grati-I tude from the French.

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The latest Blue Book shows that after providing for all liabilities the surplus of the ROYAL CANADIAN for the protection of its policy holders at the close of last year own hue is about 150 feet high. The sides was \$509,074, besides stock to the amount of another \$100,000 subscribed but not

> The same Blue Book shows that the surplus of the London Mutual was \$67,176 composed entirely of the unassessed portion of premium notes which no policy holde

> The following table shows at a glance how the affairs of the London Mutual have been going during the last few years :-

Year.	Losses unpaid at close of each year.	Cash available for paying losses at close of each year.	Money Borrowed	Surplus reckoning premium notes at full face yalue.	Investments each year.
1885	\$6,047	\$63,963	None	\$101,816	None
1886	9,878	50,686	None	115,955	\$6,500
1887	12.455	22,701	\$20,000	97,268	8,000
1888	23.014	20,721	40,000	75,334	None
1889	20,436	13,911	40,000	74,068	9,028
1890	26,182	1,403	60,000	67,176	11,797

It should be borne in mind that during the last three years the London Mutual collected in heavy assessments over \$30,000 more than usual, and yet at the close of last year, after collecting a full year's income, they had only \$1,403 with which to pay \$26,182 of unsettled losses. In regard to security no one should hesitate as to which company to select.

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