

MARY THE MAID OF THE INN... A Story of the Romantic Age in England. By JOSEPH HATTON.

CHAPTER II.—(Continued.) "Then lay it to heart," said Foster; "is likely to be my last!" "You're beginning to weary me with your growls and threats."

out to be very worthy and very loyal persons. After supper Dick asked the landlord if he and his friends might crack another bottle of Madeira in his snugery, or smoke a pipe, or otherwise make themselves at home, being travelers who had not seen England for some years owing to the wars breaking out in countries with which they were trading as British merchants.

because he is a good man, and has no reason to; if you mean that he makes no account of highwaymen and the like, if you mean that he is ready to back his opinion with his money on any question—why 'Squire Bellingham is a brave man; but if you agree with me in thinking that to be properly brave you should also be cautious, then I think we shall come to the conclusion that the 'Squire is not brave in the right way, but rash—rash, sir, reckless, decidedly reckless."

ILLINOIS ITEMS

The four-story apartment building, known as the Olinger flats, at the corner of Indiana avenue and Thirty-fifth street, Chicago, was burned early Sunday morning. The sixty tenants, most of whom were asleep, were aroused by the dense smoke, and many narrow escapes from death were spectacular and exciting.

Old "Billy," the rheumatic jaguar at Lincoln park, Chicago, is undergoing Christian Science treatment for his rheumatism—an "absent" treatment at that. The jaguar, which for three years has suffered every winter with sharp twinges that made him grunt, is being visited regularly by a mysterious white-haired woman, who is supposed to be an earnest Christian Scientist, and is said to be a member of the Second Church of Christ, at Pine Grove and Wrightwood avenues.

A 5 per cent rate in the valuation of Cook county real estate is contemplated by the state equalization board at Springfield. The Cook county assessors are fighting against any rate that has little hope of success. If the rate is imposed it will mean that every Chicago owner of real property will have to pay a twentieth more than the actual value of the property.