The Rev. Dr. Talmage Offers You the King's Pardon.

A despatch from Washington says: Rev. Dr. Talmage preached from the following text:-"Yet doth he devise means that his banished be not expelled from him."-2 Sam. xiv. 14. last week. The wise, witty and imagmative woman of Tekoah said this in trying to persuade David to take back his beautiful but recreant son Absalom. For exquisite strategem woman has no equal in the other sex. If there had been a plain demand that Absalom be taken back it would have been ineffectual, but this woman composed a fiction which completely cap-tured David's heart. She winds up the story by asking him to imitate the Lord, saying: "Yet doth God devise means that his banished be not expelled from him."

from God. What do you mean by banshment? Well, it means being driven away and wearing fetters. It means bitter absence from home. It means in some places and on some occasions. an expatriation to Siberia to delve the mines and to be fastened in a Chain-gang. Yes, the whole race is banished; our first parents from Paradise; the recreant angels banished from heaven; the whole human family banished from peace. Where is the worldly man who has anything worthy of the name of happiness? What are those anxious looks of the brokers, of the bankers, of the merchants, of those men in the club house of that great multitude of people who tramp up and down Broadway? Banished from God. Banished from peace. Banished from heaven. Sin has. broken in, and it has snapped all the strings of the heart; it has untuned all the instruments of earthly accord; it has thrown the whole earth into a jangle. An old writer tells of two brothers who went out to take a walk in the night, and one of them looked up to the sky and said, "I wish I had a pasture field as large as the night heavens!" And the other brother boked up into the sky, and said, I wish I had as many oxen as there are stars in the sky. "Well," said the first, "how would you feed so many oxen?" Said the second, "I would turn them into your pasture." "What! whether I would or not '?' "Yes, whether you would or not." And there arose a quarrel, and when the quarrel ended one had slain the other. And so there has been a ridiculous contest in all ages of the world, sometimes about immaterial things, sometimes about supposititious things and and if that man had as many oxen the Holy Ghost?" as there are stars in the sky he would not be happy.

BANISHED FROM GOD. man." If my sermon should stop at worship; but you remember, this point it would be as though I went into a penal colony, and I should say to the slaves. "On what small limits you are kept. It is most dreadful that you are never to be allowed

ther, spiritual influences. I do not mean any influence gone up from earth and etherealized, but the Divine Spirit. Some call him the Comforter; it is best for my purpose to-That passage I never noticed until night that I call him the soul-saying power of the nations. When that influence comes upon a man how strangely he acts. He cries; he trembles; he says things and does things

that five minutes before he could not have been ocaxed or hired to say or do. The human soul and religion seem antagonistic elements; but this divine spiritualism seems the hare to comity these opposing elements.

The general mode of the Holy Spirit is in selecting means that are utter ly insignificant, and then making them the steps of Christian ascent.

At a fair in England a man stepped up to a peddler's stand and bought something. Then he took a leaf from a catechism and wrapped the article in that leaf; but one line in Indeed, then, are we all banished that catechism ushered his soul into the kingdom of God. Two men were wrestling on the green. One threw the other. A Christian man came along and said, It will be sad indeed if Satan trips up your hope and you are both eternally overthrown." That ushered both of them into the kingdom of God in due time. Oh, it is a mighty spirit. Sometimes people laugh under it. Sometimes they pray under its power. There is a soul bowed down. The Holy Spirit is bowing him down.

THERE IS/AN ANXIOUS ONE.

There is a deriding face trying to throw off religious impressions. is often the case when the Holy Spirit omes to a man's heart he acts infernally to throw off the impression. And so sometimes when the Spirit comes to a man he prays, and sometimes he blasphemes; but the Holy Spirit always comes with one dea, and that is to show man that God hath devised means that the banished be not expelled from him. That Holy Spirit is in this house to-night. You have felt strangely ever since you dame into this room. There are doors opening in your soul that to be somebody when you are not, have never been opened. You are and not keep up appearances. If you wondering where you will come out accept invitations to other people's at the last. You see that these houses you are bound by all the laws Christian people are on a road that you are not travelling, and though you may not admit the words heaven ment. All this is very nice, but what or hell in your mind, you are conscious of the fact that there must be two destinies, two careers, two conditions, two termini, two words antagonistic, and everlastingly swung apart. O, what is this suppressed agitation? What is this awful silence? The Holy Spirit! The infinite their house is very nice in all its de-Spirit! The eternal Spirit! The tails.

Divine Spirit! The lightnnig footed On the other hand, Mr. 2 rown is not and fire-winged Spirit! The armed in such a good position, but his wife Spirit! The all-conquering Spirit! would not for worlds let Mrs. Robin The omnipotent Spirit! He comes som know that, so when it is Mrs. down upon your soul with an aval Robinson's turn to visit the Browns, if this man had all the night heavens to repent; he begs you to believe; he to repent; he begs you to believe; he the lides that their new friends, the the sky view was entirely hidden by do; he has ceased from man, for he has asks you to live. Have ye received

Among the means that "God has devised that the bankshed be not expelled from him," I notice also Christian and new that. The husband does the Banished from peace. Banished from surroundings. First, there is the inheaven. Now, if my sermon should fluence of ancestral piety. Was stop just here, it would be as though there not a good man or woman in a man should look through the wic- your ancestral line? Is there not an ket of a penitentiary and say to the old Bible around the house with worn incarcerated, "What a hard time you covers and turned down leaves, giving have." What a small room. What poor you the hint that there was some one fare, what a hard pillow. Alas for you! who prayed? Was there a family No, sir, I will not go to the wicket altar at which you used to bow? The of the prison, until I can say, "Sirs, carpet may have been worn out; and do you know what this document is the chair may have been sold for old Can you read that signature at the furniture, and the knee that knelt on foot of the page? That is the gov- the one and beside the other may ernor's signature. You are a free never again be pliant in earthly

DO YOU NOT REMEMBER?

Ah! | that Christian homestead, the memory of it to-night almost swamps your soul. When the first death to go home to your families. Alas for came to the house what was it that you!" No. I will not go to that penal comforted the old, people? When colony, until I can say, "Sirs, I have good news to tell you. The queen hour what was it that gave them has taken your case into especial courage, the dear old departing soulsf clemency and in two or three weeks you are to go home to your wives and children. Give me your toiled, blistered hand in congratulation." A man with my father one day when he was who tells only half the story of the gospel might better not tell any of it.
Well, my friend, what are some of how the sweat dropped down on the the means that "God has devised that plough handles, and I remember at the bankshed be not expelled from boon hearing my mother as she stood in the first place, the foot- at the corner of the liquise far away, path up through the rifts of skull- calling us to come home, that the shaped Calvary. Constantine has table was spread, and the dining hour designated that hill as the one on had arrived. And some of you are which Jesus died. Dean Stanley says down in life, and you have a hard there are on that hill shattered fragments of lime-stone rock cleft evithere is the sweat of toil and the dently of the crucifixion earthquake. sweat of many sorrows. Do you not is why the world is such a great And, my friends, it is through that hear to-night voices from heaven, cryfisqure of the rock that our path to ing, "Come home, the table is spread, pardon lies; through the earthquake the banquet is ready. Come home?" conviction, under the dripping Is there not in your present surroundcrimson of the cross. Ah, do you not ings a Christian influence? Is there idea is to live in a nice locality, othlike the smell of blood? Neither do I; not a Christian wife, or husband, or but without the shedding of blood child, or brother, or sister? Through there is no remission. Our debts are that influence God has been calling never to be paid unless from the cloven a great while. Oh, you must have on neighbors think. The day will liquidated.

Coming up to-night through those What will you do not the work of the company of the cloven and withstood so long.

What will you do not the work of the company of the compan en arteries of Josus Christ they are liquidated.

Coming up to-night through those dissures in the rook, you going up the coming down, you will meet and there will be joy on earth and joy in beaven over your souls.

PARDONED AND FORGIVEN.

New the Christian tracks the blood all around the shelving of the great martyrdom of Jesus of the you cannot the valley at the foot of this mountain; the valley at the foot of the mountain; but the Christian waitly finds the red mark of the control and you travel there is a turn just shead the party of the control of the great martyrdom of Jesus of the walley at the foot of the mountain; but the Christian waitly finds the red mark of the control and you travel there is a turn just shead the party of the control of the great martyrdom of Jesus of the walley at the foot of the mountain; but the Christian waitly finds the red mark of the control and you travel there is a turn just shead the party of the control of the great martyrdom of Jesus of the walley at the foot of the mountain; but the Christian waitly finds the red mark of the red mark of the control and you travel there is a turn just shead the party of the control of the party of the party of the control of the party of the part

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WITHIN YOUR MEANS-UP TO YOUR

d wise. A young couple, who, in their

things domestic, spent money, and en an occupation for them; they never joyed comfort to the full, perhaps analyse their expenditure, they nevfeel it a terrible hardship to measure out personal comforts in handfuls

But this is the wisest thing to do in early married days, for ancient though the old saw is there is much, common-sense in "take care of the bence and the shillings and pounds will take care of themselves."

monizing chemistry that brings inco How are you to live within your means? It can be done easily, and no matter how small your income may be, it ought to be done.

> If one's life lent itself easily to accounts registered under the headings of "Dr." and "Cr.," and if one were really honest in keeping these, accounts, it may be safely assumed that the heaviest item appearing in the books would be without a doubt Keeping up appearances."

This fatuitous custom which has dehome and dispersed from many a to spend money they cannot afford. comes. Though the future is yet far disstant for the many, provision should now, this vary day, be made for it. But unless you live within your means

it is impossible for you to PROVIDE FOR THE FUTURE. It is not logic to spend what you can earn and trust to luck for the future. It is a ruinous policy to follow, Chance, or expectation has a disagreeable knack of forgetting friends: Chance is a fickle dame who

dances to the fune of uncertainty. Of course, it is a most difficult thing to be anybody, or to pretend to be somebody when you are not, of self-respect to return the complidoes it amount to? The money spent in this way may not be much, dissected in its various individual items, but

that is not the point.
This is the trend of it Mrs. Brown has been to Mrs. Robinson's, and as Mr. Robinson is in a good position,

Browns, are well off, when they are, as a matter of fact, poorly off.

To effect this miracle young Mrs. Brown buys a new gown, new this and their 640 or \$50 a year domestic, too, if it can be managed, is changed for a \$100 girl, who will be told to wear flowing strings to her cap

LIKE THE ROBINSON GIRL. To live within your means, put by fifth of your income, even though it goes against the grain to do as the young Smiths and Browns and Robpossibly beyond them.

little house in a side street, where midable proportions. The baloon rent and rates and taxes are lowest, was flying due west at high speed, are far happier than those who are ing the wisest possible thing in respect of the future.

Living up to your means, is, par excellence, the commonest form of nauts, stinging their faces so sharply modern living.

People do this because they are not honest even with themselves. They are deceiving themselves and everybody else all round. They do not realize how many things they do because they are right or necessary, but because the Robinsons and the Joneses, and the Smiths do them.

This spending of all their money cannot afford them pleasure. The twinge of conscience must come in somewhere. It is but a passion which possesses some people to appear grand-

sham. Why start life by giving a much higher rent than can be afforded out erwise it would mean your being look-

LESSON'X SECOND QUARTER, INTER-NATIONAL SERIES, JUNE 8...." ple for whose benefit they exist. Nev ar mind what people say, don!! keep Living beyond your means is a crime cd by the Rev. D. M. Steams. still infinitely worse. If people become liable for more money than they

up of their accounts is too depressing er know how they stand, but as the various bills come in they meet them IF THEY HAVE MONEY They are, of course, spending both

capital and interest, and as such state of things cannot possibly exist for long, the day of reckoning comes round, and they are floored at

The line dividing the people who live up to their means and those who live beyond their means is very thin A stride takes you from one to the other division.

It begins by entertaining, perhaps, on a grander scale than your income warrants-again for the sake of appearances—going in for expensive dress, and procuring various kinds of uxuries, which, perhaps, you would not have thought of getting in, but for Mrs. Robinson, who has alle she

If all the income you have be de rived from only your salary, then be morally honest and avoid modern snobbishness, and go back to the troyed the happiness of many a starting point. Live within your means, and apply the balance to layyoung heart the seeds of domestic fe- lible for you and yours when the day licity and contentment, leads people of-perhaps your forced-retirement

> With the prospect before you of an, indowment or an annuity, so easily procurable nowadays, by exercising a little patience and thrift, you will not fear its advent. In the absence of this assistance it would go badly with

SAFE IN A THUNDERCLOUD.

The Remarkable Experience of a Preache Acronaut in England.

To be in the very heart of a thunder cloud and escape unharmed is an unusual if not a unique experience. That is what happened to Rev. John M. Bacon and some companions in one of his baloon ascensions from Newbury, England.

Mr. Bacon in telling of the experience says: "In scarcely more than twenty minutes from the start a sudden and surprising change took place in our circumstances. Our environment, which had appeared absolutely calm and clear, began changing with the rapidity of a transformation scene Below us the hundred feet which separated us from the earth began filling in with a blue haze quite transparent but growing palpably filmier, while ahead, as also right and left, the horizon at the level of our eye and higher opposed a dense fog barrier of the huge silken globe. At this time we were being swept along on our course which remained sensibly unaltered in direction, at a speed which to learn the things that have been ap-we subsequently were able to fix at pointed by God for him. If our honest ly genuing I approximately forty miles an hour. "To ourselves the full significance of these circumstances was not immediately apparent, but the onlookers at our point of departure-the

A HEAVY THUNDER PACK and, as they reasonably asserted insons do, for, after all, your neigh- coming against the wind. It towerbours may be living up to their means ed above the baloon, now seen projected plainly against its face. It The couple who live quietly in a came on rapidly and assumed for-

town gas works, now some five miles

in our wake-clearly detected the ap-

are far happier than those who are and at apparently no great distance domiciled in a house on the main road overhead the thundercloud was prowhere all the charges are approxim- gressing at a moderate velocity not ately higher. Live, then, within your accurately determined, but one means, remembering that you are do cast or directly opposed to the surface current. "And now with a whistle a blind-

ing sheet of hail attacked the aeroas to give the idea that the stones other things that the Lord in herven obwere falling from a great height, and immediately afterward from all sides and close around flashes of lightning shot out with remarkable frequency and vividness. We were, in fact, fairly embosomed in the thunder-Other and near observers cloud narrowly watched the phases of phenomena now in progress. These were the countrymen who became interested spectators and who presently ting his hand upon him that he might recame to our assistance. They seemed to have imagined that the baloon er than they are, more influential, must be infallibly struck, inasmuch better off than they are, and this as it appeared to them completely encircled with lightning. It was, indeed, the worst storm the countryside had known for many years. At Devizes, only a few miles ahead, it lasted for five hours continuously. A little way on our right a house was struck and burned to the ground, and on our left a couple of soldiers were killed on Salisbury plain;

NO DANGER.

Two brothers, grown men now, are fond of sitting down and comparing happy recollection is this :

There was an old coffee-mill in the attic which, as boys, they greatly de-sured to possess. One of them, Tom by name, sought his mother and begged per to give it to them.
(I don't believe I can. Tom; said the egratfully. Labould like to but I'm

on! use it s No we don't made

THE STATE A ESCHOOL FROM E IN SCREEN ISLE

Text of the Lesson, Acts, will, 6-16. Memory Verses, 6-8-Colden Text. Acts xxvi, 19-Commentary Prepar-

B. "Nich unto Damascus about noon suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me," We have been studying the appearances of our Lord to His disciples after His resurrection, and now in this lesson and the next we have two of His post ascension appenrances. It would be very profitable to consider His first post ascension appearance to Stephen. Let every one lay up Acts vii, 55, and may it become a constant word in our hearts. In studying his majority not long go, was at this lesson it would be very profitable to Mafeling charing the siege, and did write out in parallel columns the three good service to the defence of the accounts of this incident in chapters ix, 1-20; xxvj, 9-20, and the portion we are Sir John and Lady Doras, Ely House about to study. Paul tells us that he Wexford. was on his way to Damascus to bring the believers there to Jerusalem to be punished (verse 5), and, believing that he ought to do many things contrary to the Young Mexi name of Jesus of Nazareth he had put building at olymbus, a., provided saints in prison and helped put them to that the dition; shall agree to mainname of Jesus of Nazareth, he had put building

7. "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou \$20,000 for Me?" He and all who were with him Association poilding for Aggrees under fell to the ground, but he alone heard the salme conditions. these words, spoken in the Hebrew language (compare the parallel accounts). The voice was for him, not for his companions. In Dan. x, 7. we read that he rect begur stor about 3 0,000./includalone saw the vision; the men who were img \$22.03 with him saw it not, but were filled with and invited fear. The vision and the words were for die sthou i Daniel, not for them. When Peter was residue of its estate of \$250,000 shall released from prison, he alone saw and be divided the half to go to the heard the angel; the guards knew noth. Frankin in ing of it. So it may be when He calls caster, P. His saints to meet Him in the air. The College, a world may see or hear nothing, but perhaps be afraid.

8. "I am Jesus of Nazsreth, whom thou persecutest." This in answer to his question, "Who art thou, Lord?" What a revelation for Saul, who had believed Jesus to be an impostor and who, sincerely wishing to do right before God, sees Coon. This in a moment that he is all wrong and wonderful that the believers in Jesus whom he had time of h been persecuting were right and that he. Saul, had been persecuting Christ in them. That Israel's Messiah had actual ly come and been rejected and crucified Miss . Com to by the rulers of the people, and that he neighbouring is, with them, guilty of His death. In a bridge, in his moment he sees his Lord, and he sees business, not tive to the

Saviour. 9. "They heard not the voice of Him that spake to me." Chapter ix, 7, says lin Societ that they heard a voice; there is no con- has ever tradiction; there can be note in Scripture. The Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, cannot contradict Himself. They heard a sound, but not the words, which were for Saul only. Compare John xii, 28, 29, where some heard words, but others only heard something like thunder. Do you hear Him speak to you personally when you read His word, or is it all

10. "And I said, What shall I do, Lord?" or, as in ix-6, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" Saul submits, he accepts the risen Christ as Israel's Messiah and as his Lord and Master, and his question is no longer what the chief last year at he shand ock-wearing priests would have him do, but what the do; he has ceased from man, for he has seen the Lord. He is sent to Damascus, as popular of in Erin. he supply of but under a very different authority from shamrocks at bovent Guens recentthat which sent him from Jerusalem, and ly was the mous-fully ten times to learn the things that have been apthat of formally cars—will it is most questions are, Where wilt Thou, Lord? lish clover. The King sent on (Luke xxii, 9) and, What wilt Thou, equerry to Corent Garden the Wednes-Lord? He will not fail to show us all day be pro S the things appointed for us and guide us chase \$30 wenth of she procks, for

11. "I could not see for the glory of that light." So those who were with him led him by the hand into Damascus, and he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink (ix, 9). Ho must have learned much as he communed with God those three days of dying to self and the world, and doubtless the made from Arnagh prison, recently, Lord wondrously and lovingly revealed An untried prisoner mained Casey, Himself to him. What a blessed experience it would be to have such a vision of the glory of God that we would no more seet the attractiveness of this

search out Saul and be a blessing and a comfort to him. Give much attention serves the street in the city on which we sojourn and the house on the street. He knows just where to find us always and just what He can do with us and those who are willing may be chosen vessels unto Him to bear His name if willing also to suffer for His name's sake/ Saul had spent much of the three days in prayer, and the Lord had grapted him a vision of a man coming to him and putcelve his sight. 14-16. Note the honors conferred upon

Saul and take them to yourseld as far as your faith will allow, remembering that all things are yours but yourself, and you, if redeemed, should be we apart for Himself (I Cor. tii, 21; vi, 12, 20; Ps. iv, 3). "Chosen to know His will." See II Pet. iii, 9; John vi, 38 40; xvii, 24; Luke exil, 42, and cousider how fully you are living in the will of God. "See that Just One." "They naw no man any more save Jesus only with themselves." "Run with patience looking un o Jesus" (Mark ix, 8; Heb. xii, 1, 2). "Hear the voice of His month." "This is my two loyed Son; hear Him? (Matt. zvii. 5), cigarett stup. He made a pre-Let our determination be. "I will hear tence of near hing his sockets for a Let our determination be, "I will hear what (God the Lord will speak" (Ps. past experiences. One particularly lxxxv, 8); not the opinions of men but only the voice of God "Then shalt be His witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard." Compare Acts iv. 20. I John i. 3, and say before God how and where you stand. Are you the Lord's servant living to turn people income a good ime for to buy. I got now's a good ime for to buy. I got from darkness to light, from stan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness and inheritance by faith in Christ by declaring because you cannot hilp it that which you have seen for yourself in the sold two boxes.

Show the state of the sold two boxes. Christ and heard with your own cars from Him? (Chapter xxvl 16 18.) The the privilege of every almost who has ever heard the goinel to receiv the Lord head in he year. English people 1402 Jeans and he sovied; it is the grivilege of mid Dutch to zero expenses of sink and by a constitute of the and resting on lead others to an doubt the and resting on lead others to all of Society in the constantly in privon, and constantly in privo

WHAT I G IN ON IN RELAND AT THE PRESENT TAME. Basy Perple I the Enternel Inic-Occup

renoca art o wall Interest Irish-Cana Lady limition has firwarded to Lady Dupr en a cheque for three hundred by lifty pound as the result of hamrock Hague collection in add of the Soldiers' and Sail-ors' Familia Arsociation

Sir Chira and Lady Gibbons, of Stamwell hace, near Stains, have been perpared by the death of their youngest so in South frica. He is the vetil W. Gibbons, who attained town. The docased was a nephewol George For Brabody has offered

to give 65,000 for the rection of a Christian Association tain the in tution. He has offered The will of Bornard Wolff, jr., win died recently in Pittsbufg, makes dior benevolant purposes, hat if his Children shall

Matshall follege, Lange of Lourth to Catawba wpcart, N.C., and encodered ard of Lome Missione of the Relorded Church Two de the of centerarians have lately ak lace in the County Carlow. On Has Monday the funeral

of Mrs tennan, wook place at lads has attained the wonderfull of 109, den up to the ath was in the possessemental saculties, besion of a gularly tale in body. Very short offore, it death of a d took place in the Leighlin-105th year. She was in amained keen and ao!

bw of the Royal Dub perhaps the best it set. Under the cattle of the new Department of Ag alture a number of premiums given to bulls, and this in itself like a large Fathering of animali. at show khe good old Shorth rn co tiques to hold its own against al mers, as the entries in The next most s the Abbritoen-Angus. popula brie Her fords do not seem to g: o popular is with Irish

The Rate agen's vista to Ireland on the participal spint's day a good filip. Patrick's day, to purdecorating the royal table on the 17th of Marth. The Countes of Limerick sold a very fire quantity in aid of the Soulie's and Sailogs Fund, and got orders from all sees and con-

ditions of min A clover and amusing escaps was while dut for exercise to the prison yard managed to slip a vay from the others unper served. He scaled a wall more seet the attractiveness of this world's vanities because of the glory of that light! Eyes and ears for Him!

12, 13. "Brother Saul, receive thy sight." Thus said Ananias, a disciple, having been commissioned by the Lord to search out Saul and be a blessing and a was in brown tell here no his Lustness, when by stated in the most innecent and staral martier that he had been sat by a genfleman for some flower He then asked was if Mr. Accessment's house he was in and being to not, he indicately apole gized for having made the mistake of going to the wrong house, and was shown out withe front por without any funther duestion. The prisoner was later refirmested.

A SMAIL BUSINESS BOY.

He was a very small boy, and very ragged, but here was look in his eyes of shread intelligence beyond his years. His less hand the field belind his back, but his right hand was extended, and stween two grimy fin-gers was a half-smoked stump of a cigarette. Half had his edwon a welldressed man tho was walking juntily along the tar et awinging his cane. I say, mister, said the low, gimmen match, will than, please and amilect when he saw the dirty

match, and f. ally said:

The Man W

CHAPTER IV. Contany "But you surely are not going to pay! I thought we were going to try to catch the rascals without letting any money change hands. you will only glance at these notes

you will see that they are dumphies. every one of them. They are for me to exhibit to the man in the woat; In the dark they'll pass master, never. fear." . "Very good undeed," I said with

laugh. By the time they can be properly .. examined we shall have the police at hand ready to capture him. "I believe we shall," the old gentleman cried, rubbing his hands together in his delight-"I believe we shall. And a nice example we'll make of the rescales Nikola thinks he can beat me I'll show him how mistaken

And for some time the old gentleman continued in this strain, confidently believing that he would have his daughter with him again by the time, morning, came. Nor was I far behind him in confidence. Since Nikola had not spurited her but of the country my plot seemed the one of all others to enable us to regain possess sion of hear; and not only that, but wo droped at would give us an opportunity of punishing those who had so schemed against her. Suddenly an idea was born in my brain, and instantly I acted on it.

"Mr. Wetherell," I said, "supposing, when your daughter is safe with you again, I presume so far as pince more to offer myself for your son-in-

law, what will you say?"
"What will I say?" he cried. "Why will tell you that you shall have her, my boy, with ten thousand blessings on your head. I know you now and simes I've treated you so badly and you've taken such a noble revenge, why, I'll make it up to you or my name's not Wetherell. we won't talk any more about /that till we have got possession of her; we have other and more danperant thongs to think of ... What time ought

we to start to night?" "The letter fixes the meeting for ten o'clock; we had better be in the bout by half-past more. In the meantime I should advise you to tike n little rest. By the way, do you think your footman realizes that

He ought to, for he carried it up to this room for me; and, what's more he has applied, for a holiday this afternoon. That's to conty, the information.

Very good; everything is working excellently. Now I'm, off to jest

for a little while."
"I'll follow your example. In the meantime The give, orders for an Wo dinged at seven o'clock shared early dinger.

and at half-past eight I went off to bidding the Marquis good-bre-much to the young gentleman's disgust, e for he was most anxious to accompany ws-I slipped quietly out of mywindow, crossed the garden-I hoped unobserved-and then went down to the harbour side, where the boat I y had chartered was waiting for me A quarter of an hour later Wetherell's f carriage drove up, and on seeing it I p went across and oppned the door. My, f isguise was so perject that for a moment the old gentleman seemed unpecided whether to trust me or not. But my voice, when I spoker reassured him, and then we set to work ! darrying the bags of spurious money for down to the boat. As soon as the exras accomplished we stopped in. fated myself amidships and got out

shoved off, and made our way out into the harbour It was a dull cloudy night, with v lardly a sign of a star in the whole stringth and breadth of heaven, while to every few minutes a cold, obseries wind swept across the water. So chilly indeed was it that before we had gone very far I began to wish had added an overcont to my other disguises. We hardly spoke that pulled slowly down - towards the and mentioned in the letter. The strain on our nerves was intense, and I must exinfess to feeling decided! nervous as I wondered what would

the dars, Mr. Wetherell taking the

appen if the police boat did not pull up to meet us, as we had hat morning arranged. A quarter to ten chimed from dme charch ashore as we approached within a hundred yards of cu destination. Then I rested on my on and waited. All round us were the lights of bigger craft, but no rawing-boat could I see. About fire minutes before the hour I whisp- ed ered to Wetherell to make ready, and in answer the old gentlemin took a matchbox from his pocket. Exactly as w. town chooks struck the hour he Wit a vesta; it flared a little and then out of the darkness to port. He the struck a second, and then a third. As ste

the last one burned up and then died bot have just referred to struck a light. then another, then another, in rapid who Buccesson. Having finished his dis- Am by took up his oars and propelled ma his bont towards us. When he was cab within talking distance he said in a wit Bruff voice

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