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So at her I gazed, and as one dazed I wandered through the game ; When she neared the stake my heart And then, to hide my shame, I moved my ball ; she saw this feat,

As she saw my trick I turned heart-sick, Yet boldly held my ground, And with haughty pride the charge Then, with a look profound

saw you move your ball. Good day. Then away she turned, as though she | time. Me as a cheat and liar ;

And I cursed the game, consumed with And my heart was filled with ire So I lost my love because I strayed From duty's path in the game I played.

LIVING TOO FAST,

Confessions of a Bank Officer.

" Leave it in the hands of Tom Flynn. He will sell the furniture and let the house. There nough who will want it." "That is not even the principal trouble. The bank will not

me off without my giving some notice, so that the officers can get unother person in my place." "It would be mean in them to keep you when you have a good chance to better your condition.

"I think I can manage it some how, Lilian; and I feel almost sure that we shall go." "O. I am so glad !"

"But, Lilian, you must not tell a single soul where you are going, or, indeed, that you are going at

" Not tell any one! Why not?" she asked, as if it would be a great hardship to deprive berself of the pleasure of telling her friends that she was going to Paris.

"I will tell you why, Lilian. It would be difficult and dangerous business. I am not sure of the position yet. Suppose I should go | cool and indifferent. I bowed and bank, find that the firm who made hours more I should be out of the without having obtained another." haven to see my mother-probably

"That's very true. I under- I had seen her for the last time on asked. place in the bank. If I am disap- this cruel manner! ani commolious Sample Rooms, Special and Picture frames kept on hand and pointed I have only to return to my present place. If it should get unguish which the thought of my ought to lose." to the ears of Mr. Bristlebach that | mother would cause me, I think it

he might fill my place in my abwho had given me being, who had C. W. HILL, sence-don't you see ?" watched over me in childhood, who " I do : it is plain enough." night, and that possibly I may ac- as the revelation of my crime would I'm prudent, I know, but I can't bank had no suspicion that anycept a position in New Orleans."

[" In New Orleans ?" "Yes; it won't do to say any could restore the thirty thousand

thing about Paris yet." "I am sorry we have to go off in | bouse and furniture I could make this way; but I would rather do it up three thousand more. I was

packing, I left the house with the lost in copper stocks. The case have my house. I found him at with the genuine peniteuce I then his lodgings. I stated my business, felt, what a wicked deed I had 140,000 and inquired if he still wished to done. She would lend me five obtain the dwelling.

"I am still open to a trade, offered your uncle three hundred bonus for the house," said he. "But I wish to sell my furni-

The gentleman and lady were fore I had raised the money. If it cies compined as cheap as most willing, and I accompanied them were, I was lost. Still, faither, if You know how much wine was and for this reason I had sacrificed Paris to call me. Bois de Verre, to Needham street. Mrs. Brent. I paid the three thousand dollars drank at your party. Never mind | my beard. If any detectives, after which means wood made of glass, bone found some fault with the fur- in my possession into the bank, I that now; we will talk of it at a few days, should be disposed to or anything of that sort. chasing it. I intimated that I another house. I should be com- owe?" should not dispose of my lease un- pelled to board, and very likely the less I could sell the furniture. circumstances would drive me back

He made me various offers, but to Mrs. Oliphant's. I shuddered as I was satisfied that he would give I considered it. my price, and I did not abate a I thought of my mother again, desperately. dollar. The trade was closed, and and had almost resolved to adopt . I had no idea you were in so

next morning. Mr. Brentbone ond and then a third glass in as you return from Abany." gave him the lease, and the bill of my mother then. I was excited, Needham street, for he was going the reach of detectives. I regarded current of her thoughts. sale of the furniture for his check. and pictured to myself the delights to the Oliphants to see Miss myself as very shrewd, and I could "Then we are really going!" to sacrifice so great a boon us health My uncle happened to come in of foreign travel. while we were doing the business. I walked up Tremont street, He offered to lend me money for any one to obtain a trace of me, leyes. I told him that my losses the day thinking of the future. The die enough to pay my debts. I could after the steamer had departed. before had induced me to accept was cast, and I refused to avail my- not borrow it of him. I could not I had given my name at the immediately." before mad induced me to accept was case, and I tensed to avail my hand at the immediately.

Mr. Brentbone's offer for my house. He commended me for my prudence. Mr. Bristlebach also expected his approbation of the road which might have restored me pressed his approbation of the road which might have restored me in an approbation of the road which might have restored me in the immediately.

I had given my hand at the immediately.

Why, I wanted to go shopping carmine on the cheeks—but not in New York, if we were really change was to be drawn in London going."

Change was to be drawn in London going."

That's absurd! feetly understand; about as much feetly understand feetly un conomical step I had taken, and to honor and integrity. As the should be a beggar, five thousand know how I happened to select Ladies never go shopping in New as you have on now."

declared that he had more confi- events proved, it would have been in debt, instead of travelling like this name. It was a French word York, when they are on their was dence in me than before. He better, and I should have realized a lord in Europe, with over thirty which probably came back to my to Paris." liked to see a young man take more than I anticipated. I had thousand dollars at my disposal. memory from my studies at the counsel of prudence. I took advantage of his good-

"How are you, Paley?"

looks seemed to reprouch me.

replied, in some confusion

night?" he added.

"Ah, how do you do, Tom?

nature, to put in my request for leave of absence for a single day, to enable me to visit a friend Albany who was sick. The per mission was promptly granted. balanced my cash for the last time leaving it thirty-eight thousand dollars short, to account for which

And quickly said : "Stop, sir! You I altered various charges and me. credits, and made several fictitious entries. The account was left square, and if no particular invesigation was instituted, my deficit might remain concealed for some She said : " Well, then, sir, have your time. With the twenty thousand dollars which I had just appropriated I left the bank-for the last

·CHAPTER XXI.

AN EXILE FROM HOME.

I was astonished to find that I him? could commit a crime of such mag-"No: who is ho?" nitude with so little remorse. is true, the sin had become, in a and we were cronics." measure, necessary to my salvation, Whiting was a myth, but I had and that of my wife; but I was a facility for lying which helped me only excited, not burdened with through in an emergency guilt, when I did the deed. I had "I suppose you know I had sold been travelling very rapidly on the my furniture and lease?" downward road, and in a few weeks "No!" exclaimed he, opening I had acquired a facility in crime his eyes. which enabled me to rob the bank

of the difficult problem.

of thirty thousand dollars without | session to-night." considering anything but peril of being discovered. Fatal facility, to go there.' which can only be avoided by those "The fact is, I lost heavily for who refrain from taking the first | me in cappers, and I can't afford to keep that house any longer.' I had deluded myself into the "One must be prudent," said he, belief that principle was only a musing. "I was afraid you were worldly sense of honor. But I going a little too fast. Did you ated, and I did not feel right. will not anticipate the reflection lose much ?" which were forced upon me after-" Considerable, for me. wards. I did not believe I was

much worse than the majority of you out, Paley, I will, with the thing was going wrong with me, it young men. I certainly did not greatest pleasure. I never had any- was not impossible that Mr. Bristlemean to steal when I began to take thing to do with fancy stocks." money from the bank; and even . "Thank you Tom. You are equally penetrating in their obserwhen I found it necessary to flee fortunate. But I must go along." , vations. It was possible that, at from the anticipated consequences "I suppose you are in a hurry; this moment, the bank officers were of my errors, I had a certain unde- so I will walk along with you. I engaged in examining my accounts fined expectation of being able to don't know but you will think me and my cash. Any attempt to restore all I had taken. The for impertinent, Paley, but I don't verify some of my entries must tune of aunt Rachel still flitted | want to meddle with your business, | infalliably expose me. through my mind as the solution in a bad sense. I have been think-

I left the bank struggling to look | wrong with you." to New York, and then, after I spoke to my acquaintances as natur- little startled by this candid revel- dent might betray me. Perhaps had thrown up my situation in the ally as possible. In two or three ation. "Going wrong?" "I had an idea that you were the partial offer did not want me l city, perhaps never to see it again. losing money, or that something New York might place officers at should have lost my present place I could not even go down to Spring- serious troubled you." earth. My blood seemed like ice " If I find in New York that I as the thought came to my mind to act strangely; to be excited or bound steamer. My photograph

can have the position, it will be What a wretch, what a villain, what absent-minded. Perhaps you have or at least my description, would time enough for me to resign my an ingrate I was to strike her in lost more on coppers than you care be in the hands of all the detecto acknowledge?" "Well, I have lost more than I Could I have sooner realized the I am doing anything of this kind, might have saved me. I could you have been drinking." not make up my mind to doom her

which often vexes me." "You can tell your mother that had loved me as none else but God do it, Paley. Better suffer the But no telegram proceeded me; could love me, to such awful agony pain than fall into a bad habit detective dogged my steps; and the help it. I wouldn't have things thing was wrong with me. Was there no way to escape ? I go wrong with you for all the went to the Fifth Avenue Hotel on

world. Are you in debt ?" " Somewhat." dollars. With the proceeds of my really, then, only five thousand dolestate, I have about eight thousand on London for three thousand five is our ticket for a passage in the intention of seeing Mr. Brentbone, seemed not so desperate, after all. drink any more, and I will let you Gaspiller, whose signature I left to cheerfully. who had so long been anxious to I could go to Aunt Rachel, tell her, have money enough to help you be forwarded to the banker. I "This? 'Received of Charles

thousand dollars and I could pay

My heart leaped with delight as thought of this remedy. But man who drinks will become a married couple—whose acquain ing the thing it this sensational elegance. We could easily cite drunkard. Perhaps it is a super- tance we had made at breakfast. | way ? Lilian was all ready to start for stition, but I cannot help it, and They intended to sail in the after. Precisely so; that is the French "Very well; if it suits my wife, New York. It was possible that you know that the theory is noon for Havana. The husband for Glasswood," I replied, laughing which is to be found in absence of the deficit might be discovered be. backed up by common experience." was about my size, and not unlike as gaily as my confusion would per sunshine. But it is well night imniture, and rather objected to pur- should not have anything to furnish another time. How much do you

> " Five or six thousand." "All of that. I lost just five thousand on Bustumups," I replied

he agreed to see me at the bank the suggestion of my better nature, deep as that," he added, looking I had avoided writing my name now, and we shall have ten days ments are dear. Sunshine is conthe next day, where we were to when I was tempted to enter a bar- very serious. "But I will not go in the register of the hotel, for I of idleness as soon as the steamer mon, and can be had by the million, pass the papers. My landlord con room. I drank a glass of whiskey. | back on myself. I will lend you did not wish to leave any recorded sails. So we must not stop to dis- while the articles that cost money sented to endorse the lease over to The effect of strong drink upon me overy dollar I have rather than traces of my presence in the city. cass this matter at the present time. can only be had by the few. was to stupefy my faculties and permit the world to go wrong with It occurred to me that perhaps We must be on board at half-past Strange that we should be at so I went to the bank, as usual, the make me reckless. I drank a sec- you. We will talk it over when Lilian had told her name to her twelve, and it is after eleven now," and it is after eleven now, a came according to his promise. I many different saloons. I forgot We parted at the corner of soon be in the tropics, and out of ment in my manner to change the we enjoy in common with every-

long dreamed of seeing the wonders My pride resented his offer and I high school; but I had forgotten mother."

of doing so at once had a powerful We drove to the railway station French tolerably well. When I do that while I speak for a carriage that I had bade farewell to Boston imy case so exactly. It was Tom Flynn. His voice for ever. I had my wife, but I startled me. I would rather have had sundered all ties with every- my identity from others, I could able to use a pen. He was kind

met any one than him, for his very | body clse. come back here again next week," sity be Mrs. Gaspiller. We were said Lilian, as the train began to not at all fitted to pass ourselves "So you are going to Albany to- ) increase its speed.

"There is little danger of that," "Yes; poor Whiting is quite I replied "Whiting; don't you know back by an officer, with irons on Lilian knew still less of it. I knew my wrists, within a week. I had that double I in French had "I know him in the city here, condemn me to the State Prison for Gas-pee-ay. It would be singular

> go to Europe, Paley 1" "I have hardly a doubt of it. "Then why didn't you let me

tell mother, and not make her "Yes. Brentbone takes pos- think I was going to New Orleans? "I told you the reasons, my dear, "I am sorry for that, for I liked and I hope you will be satisfied with them," I answered, rather

"Don't be cross, Paley. "I'm not cross. But the fumes of the whiskey

had drank were nearly evapor could not help dreading something which I tried to define. If Tom "If I can do anything to help Flynn had suspected that somebach, or Mr. Heavyside, had been

Even without any suspicion ing that something was going me, they might, in looking over my accounts, discover thealtered figures "With me?" I demanded, not a or the fictitious items. An acci track. Telegraphic dispatches

the detectives were already on my the station in that city ready to "What makes you thing so?" I arrest me when I arrived. . If my deficit was exposed, it would "I hardly know; but you seem impossible for me to take a foreign-

All these reflections, all these fears and misgivings, are the pen-"And-excuse me, Paley-but alty of crime. I was called to endure them, as thousands of others "Only a nipper or two for a pain | have been; and those who commit crimes must remember that these "It's a dangerous practice-don't | things are "nominated in the bond,"

our arrival in the city. I hastened down town after "Let me help you out. With breakfast, engaged a state-room in asked, blankly. "I don't underwhat I have saved myself, and with the steamer which sailed at one o'- stand it,' what came to me from my father's clock, and procured a letter of credit dollars. Promise me that you won't hundred pounds, payable to Charles steamer to Liverpool," I replied with it?" I asked, rather vexed at off. When I entered the parlor of spelled.

ascertain what had become of me, name is Gas pee-ay, and not Gasthey would be as likely to follow pill-er." him to Havana arme to Liverpool. advantage of circumstances.

CHAPTER XXII. CHARLES GASPILLER.

of the old world, and the prospect did not give it another thought. its meaning, though I could read

influence upon me. Within twen- with our two heavy trunks. It came to ascertain its signification, and pay the bill." ty-four hours I should be on board | was fortunate that neither Tom I was not a little surprised to find I procured note paper and enof a steamer bound for Europe; but Flynn nor any one but the Oli- that it exactly fitted my case, for velopes for her, and went down to at the same time I should be an phants took it into his head to it means "to waste, to squander, settle my account at the office. exile from home, from honor and "see us off," or the quantity of to lavish." It was entirely by The polite book-keeper asked me to integrity, leaving a rained name baggage we carried might have pro- accident that I chose this word, and indicate the name on the register. and a blasted reputation behind voked inquiry. The train moved I certainly should not have done I told him I had not written it. I out of the station house, and I felt so had I been aware that it covered had wound my handkerchief around

> not hide it from my wife. If I was enough to conder me the service "I hope we shall not have to Mr. Gaspiller, she must of neces himself. off as French people, for my pronunciation had been so neglected at school, that I could hardly speak I was obliged to admit to myself a word of the language with which that I might possibly be brought I was tolerably familiar by the eye. committed a crime which would liquid sound, and I called the word more than the regular charge. a long term of years, if discovered that I should have a French name, ing no trace of myself here. A -and it could not be long conceal- pronounced with a French accent, carriage was ordered for me, and and yet not be able to speak the my trunks were loaded. I went

"Do you really think we shall language! I was afraid I had made up for Lilian, and found that she Paris to master the language.

How could I have the assurance to tell Lilian that her name was Guspiller, and not Glasswood. might convince her that the latter was too commonnlace to travel in Europe upon-indeed she was already convinced of that, for she often, in her lively manner, made fun of the cognomen. I could assure her that, while I was not to blame for my name, the word was so inconsistent, absurd and contradictory, that it would subject me to ridicule. It was no part of my purpose to tell her I was a defaulter. an exile from home, a fugitive from justice. It would break her gentle Yet I was not sure that it

would not come to this. After I had completed all my preparations, I was in her presence with my bill of exchange and my passage receipt in my pocket. She was talking with the lady who was going to Havana when I entered she recognized me, she commented merrily upon the change which the loss of my whiskers made in my chair, but her friend talked so fast that she could not at once leave her. knew how auxious she was to know the final answer of the great banking bouse to which I had alluded. Upon that depended the could decently do so, she tore

" Are you going, Paley, or not ?"

she asked with breathless eagerfor the passage money, which constituted the ticket. I did not the moment think that it ran favor of " Charles Guspiller," for was not quite ready to tall her that I had changed my name.

"What is that. Paley ?" she

then went to a barber, and had my [Gas-pill-er !" said she, reading just

It was well to be prudent and take the receipt is given to you under

this name ?" called Glasswood in Europe. But, cheap; venetian blinds, beautiful my dear, we have no time to spare curtains, carpets, and parlor ornanew-made friends, but they would I continued, with sufficient excite- ourselves of priceless blessings that

not exactly see how it was possible exclaimed she, opening her bright for the sake of ostentatious show .-"Certainly we are; and going

"But I must write a letter to " Certainly; you have time to

my right hand, which I held up to But if I succeeded in concealing him, and declared that I was un-

> he was ready to write. " What is it, sir ?".

"C. Gaspiller." He wrote "C. Gaspeare," and I was entirely satisfied. "Three dollars, Mr. Gaspearo," said he; and I gave him the

amount, though it was one dollar I was confident that I was leavan unpleasant bed for myself. But had finished her letter. She gave I determined as soon as I reached it to me to be stamped and mailed. I took a stamp from my pertemonnaie, carefully adjusted it upon the envelope, and put the letter in my pocket. Of course I was not stupid enough to mail it, since is would betray my secret to those who could not see the necessity of

"This is very sudden, Paley," said Lilian as the carriage drove

"Sudden? Why, I told you this was the way it would have to be done, if it was done at all," I re-

"I know you did. Won't dear ma be astonished when she reads "Probably she will be." I answered; but I thought she would be astonished, long before

she read it.

(To be continued.) Excessive Shade. There can be little doubt that many dwelling houses are rendered unlicalthy by excessive shade. Man is strangely prone to extremes. While some houses look bare and naked for want of tree surroundings, there are others that are buried in dense masses of foliage. that admit no ray of sunshine. To make matters worse, wide verandalis are added to the thick shrubbery, so that the dwelling is never voyage to Europe. -As soon as she penetrated by the cheerful. health: diffusing sunlight. Not unfrequentherself away from her companion. ly there are dark green venitian and sat down on the sofa at my blinds, and thus by a triple guard of trees, verandahs and blinds, the sun is effectually excluded.

The same sunshine that is necessary to vegetable life is just as in-In answer to this inquiry I in- disponsable to animal life. Without question, the chronic unhealthiness of some families is mainly attributable to lack of sunshine. At great expense, arrangements have been made to keep out of the house as an enemy that . which is one of the best friends of the inmates. The custom is a very common one of closing doors and windows on hot days, keeping outside blinds shut, and inside ones down under the plea of thus inducing coolness. But it is the coolness of a prison or a cellar, fatal to life and liberty. Sometimes it is urged that sunshine fades the carbets, or mars the fancy-work orng-"What has the drinking to do beard, except my moustache, shaved what the letters my new name ments in which tasteful housekeepers delight. But better be the manner in which he put the the hotel, Lilian did not at first | How stupid I was! Why had I healthy and cheerful with hare recognize me. She was talking to not told her, in so many words, floors and three-legged stools than "I am always afraid that any a lady and gentleman-a young | that we were to go, instead of do- sickly in the midst of splender and cases of habitual delicacy and des-"I didn't mean that, Paley. me. He were only a monetache, mit. I don't want Frenchmen in possible to convince people of the truth in regard to this matter. What is cheap is undervalued, and what is costly is overrated. It is very much as Baron Rothschild explained by an unintended bun. "But how does it happen that the reason why people hanker after venison, although mutton is better meat. "People prefer vat is " Because I don't want to be dear to vat is sheap." Sanshine is

body, and that we should be willing London Advertiser.

Lady: " And put just a tint of

eason.

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