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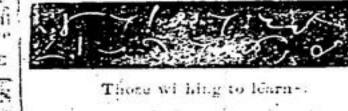
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A curious dinner was lately given at one of the principal Parisian restaurbut to the surprise of the waiters, only | thom a single guest made his appearance. The mystery was afterwards explained. Many years before, thirteen friends line together every year, on the same painter of some repute, aged 84."Canadian Illustrated News.

THE SOLITARY GUEST,

At Paris, in a sumptuous room. The lamps were lit one autumn night; The air was fragrant with periume, And all was luxury and light. A princely feast the table graced,

Rich wines dashed, bager to be pour'd And velvet-enshioned seats were placed For thirteen guests around the board. liveried crowil with noiseless foot, Just touched a flower, or turned a frait Each to the other whisp'ring low :

" Tis time the banquet should begin Hush! The door opens -- they are here An old man feebly tottered in. He took his place and bowed his face In mute but reverential prayer;

Extre que ces Messieurs vont chuirit"

Then glanced all round as though A phantom in each vacant chair. The Lickey's gazed appalled, amazed With awe that momently increased-They couldn't guess the wretchedness That racked the Master of the Feast.

Full forty years have passed away Since, in that same luxurious shrine octs and painters, young and gay, Thirteen in number met to dine : And when the festal hours had sped, They vowed each coming year to meet And, as each brother joined the dead, Still to retain his ghost a seat.'

Herosat De Musset-Murger there-And here Sainte-Beuve-but where fore dwell On the great names of those who were Those names are still a potent spell. Last year two met-to meet no more-Since then, bright Theophile has

Rubelles, whose years are eighty four Survives the last, and dines alone ! He sits and dreams! his eyes are blind

To flowers and fruits and dainty fare lis soul is with the twelve-his mind Is busied with each empty chair. her, only once he called for wine; They filled his glass -- and then he

In hollow tones -- "O, comrades mine, I drink the memory of the Dead !" Ah! who can tell the thoughts tha

The lonely chambe is of his brain As, graing round, he almost longed Enough, my friends: The heavier

Fate flings of Man's devoted head s when, grey-haired, he sits alone, And dreams of all his comrades dead

OUT OF THE TOMB.

A Legend of Hillarney.

(Continued)

The gloomy crypt into which he had now penetrated was about twenty feet square, and in the centre-occupying, as it were, the place of honor-stood the leaden case which enclosed the coffin of the Lady Eva. To a less determined animal than-the wolf, this massive lead casing would have proved a formidable obstacle, but he had forseen everything and was provided with the-means of overcoming all difficultier. Producing from his capacious pockets a sharp dead in the sound -he speedily cut

away the upper edges of the casing, along nearly its whole length, and then removed the top plate without methodically, to unscrew the fas of wild, delirious terror.

tenings, and in a very short time

The treasure for which he had sold his eternal welfare was now striding toward her, "have you within his reach. The Lady Eva gone mad ?" rested calm and motionless in her and rubies sparkling brightly about

cription, and is prepared to provide read testimonials from his patrons, fatal cup in the midnight hour he and she has come for me !" first-class accommodation to the public. some of whom you may know. Ad- so well remembered—he was as- Leaving her there groveling on from the treatle-work upon the ice, "Why," replied O'Leary, "he not attempting a similar dissection The present proprietor has received a dress DANIEL F. BEATTY, Wash - tonished to find that it was flexible, the floor in terror, he strode out of twenty-five feet below. Hurrying would not be a Jew, for, you know, of the trillion and quadrillion. and even retained a slight warmth. the door and down the turret stair- | back for assistance, on his return he would not retain his passion for These latter numbers, indeed, as call a hanging in Aikansas. supplied with the very best of liquors and cigars. The stabling is large and well-fitted up; also ample shed-room.

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The stabling is large and dispel the mad woman's delusion gazed tremblingly on the placid of the light world on the li face in awe. But the wolf was a was to disprove it utterly. He wounded, on the ice with all his would cut meat on Friday. What adequately impressing themselves learned man in his way and he reached the turret portal and threw plunder, and the man was soon in religion then, could be become but on the human intellect,"—London

read certain sudden deaths leave ing on the door-stone, was the Novel Application of the Telethe bodies without rigidity, and spectre of his dead wife, drapped that many hours sometimes clapsed in a satin shroud, a bloody fold of ants. Thirteen covers had been laid; before warmth entirely leaves which was wrapped about her

This reassured him, and smiling Only for an instant did he con- hands of dead-beats, and has rack- Staunch to her principles, she when "little Billy " was about six a horrible, ghastly grin at his own tinue to believe her a spirit. True ed his brain for a remedy. It would take no one to board who years old, the barber of Maiden Many years before, thirteen friends a norther, grantly grant and again love burst the bonds of superstitions does not pay to knock a man down did not hold to the eternal punish- lane went to a certain Mr. Tomand Theophile Gaurier), met at the and endeavored to remove the ring. awe, and at the sound of her be- because he has no money, and ment of a large portion of the race. kinson's to dress that gentleman's restaurant in question, and agreed to After several efforts he found this loved voice murmuring, "Fredrick harsh words collect a crowd and But the people were more intent on hair. The boy was allowed so acwas impossible, as the finger was -husband!" he knew her for his give a place a hard name. The carnal comforts than spiritual company his father on this occasion, day and in the same place. The soli-tary guest present was M. Rubelles, a swollen, but now grown savagely lost treasure in the flesh—alive, other day the saloonist got the idea health, so that in time her house and one can imagine him strotting reckless by his success so far, he at alive, and miraculously restored to he had been struggling after. He became empty, much to her grief along, grand with the responsibility once determined that this portion him! of the plunder should not escape | For a brief space his brain reel and other parts of a telephone, and After some time, a bluff old sea or curling tongs. Mr. Tomkinson bim. Laying down the hand, he ed and his strong limbs bent be- was ready for the first case. It captain knocked at the door, and was a rich silversmith, whose

> gan to cut off the finger on which snatched her to his breast, bearing and softly said : looked only at the finger, and the lamb that had straved in the knife had already divided the flesh | tempest. to the bone. Blood followed the With a heart almost bursting to the mouth-piece and called out gash, but he did not notice this with gratitude, staying to ask no

bleed-but now a wonderful, ter- content was he with the actual struggle in the coffin, a low cry, as gently down upon a couch, never of pain, followed, and the dead heeding the guilty, wretch who still Lady Eva sat bolt upright in her crouched in the centre of the floor.

werrow couch and stared at him | And she !- the murderess in with eager, questioning eyes, full intent, if not in deed-she saw three seconds, and the saloonist frozen with horror at the foot of mocking laugh, and, starting to overcoat-black-

then the Luly Eva spoke: "You hart me!" she said in a From that time forth she never replaintive voice, and drew a portion | covered her reason, and died within | in my vest pocket !" of the silken shroud toward her to the year the victim of a just rewrap about her wounded hand.

ed the villain's every faculty. But Doctor McDevin's "boy." Not vault like the cry of a lost spirit, customer of whom he knew so

the main entrance of the mansion finger, by inciting the circulation ing in the alleyway with his overof Heronschiffe, the lord of that fair of the blood, had restored her. coat on, and smoking a cigar, and domain sat, with bowed head and After the robber fled she had rethe parlor was all lighted up. This In soldering and repairing St. tearful eyes, dreaming of his lost covered sufficiently to climb out of struck them as rather singular, but treasure and cursing the fate that the vault and make her way to the leader grabbed the door knob, Cleaning and ornamenting the had severed her from him. It was the mansion. The rest is known, and they rushed hilariously in. long after midnight and the storm and through God's mercy, the cause The gas was burning brightly, and Reparing the Virgin Mary bebut this had been her favorite upon her life became the means of even for the few short hours neces | to dwell upon.

sary for repose. grouned at the wild thought, and second treasure-nothing can ever bent his hands in anguish on his equal in value the treasure he so forehead. No more sweet dreams miraculously recovered-and this of love and happiness for him; no little daughter is already formally epose until he should lie down be with her angelic spirit the joys of queathed-to the direct female deimmortality. Oh, Eva, Eva, my scendents of the noble Gordons. chisel and a bammer—the head of love, my darling! why hast thou which was covered with leather to gone before me to the shadow-

I am aweary, aweary, I would that I were dead !" And in the midst of his heart-

broken cry for peace a startling A large oaken chest, firmly nail- noise burst in upon his solitude. ed, now presented itself, but his It was the sound of running footchisel and crowbar soon removed steps-running as if impelled by a the lid of this, and the rosewood deadly fear-and in the next mocoffin was exposed to view. Once | ment the door was suddenly dashed more his inexhaustable pockets open by the frantic hand. Lifting were consulted and furnished a his head he beheld the woman screw driver. With this Annetto-his late wife's maidinstrument he proceeded, very standing in the opening, a picture

" Milord, milord !" she cried, in he was able to take off the whole frenzied accents, stagg ring toward desperation. cover, which he deposited in an up- him with outstretched arms, " my right position, leaning against the mistress-my mistress stands with out the turret door and knocks !" " Woman !" he cried, rising and

upward-and the diamonds, pearls, comes for me, her murderess!"

lantern developed their brilliancy. words, he seized her by the arm.

which glistened on one of the she answered, sinking on her knees and he ordered his victim to hand opinion, I would venture to say other and pressed into a compact money required and treight paid fingers of the Lady Eva's right at his feet. "It is justice you over his ulster, dress-coat and vest. that he would become a Protest mass, would reach an altitude of the both ways by him if they are usatisfactory. Send for Illustrated An- hand. Lifting that white hand- will do. But my mistress's spirit As Smith took off his vest he tant."

instantly remembered that he had it wide, and there! there, stand- juil.

pocket, opened it, and, once more ness of this supreme joy; but in a dressed and decent looking man servant, ma'am. Can you of beauty. While the father was raising the hand, deliberately be- moment he had recovered and called for brandy, swallowed it, give me board for two or three at work frizzling the wig of his her in from the storm as the Intent on his horrible task he shephard sheltereth the yearling

incongruity-a dead body loes not explanation, even the slightest, so fact, he bore her to the room he There was a sudden stir, a faint | had lately quitted and Lid her him enter, Bearing his precious The wolf reeled back aghast and burden, and not yet, or ever realiz westruck, and for a moment stood | ing the truth, burst into an awful, the coffin. Only for a moment, for her feet, fled along the gallery, shrill shricks-a frantic maniac!

It was enough! The simple | Our "over true tale" is ended, word and action burst the bonds of and the only explanation that it is the awful spell which had enchain- necessary to add is an euloguim of it did not dissipate his supernatural exactly wishing, in his unfledged terror, and, with a fearful yell, that | state, to take the responsibility of resounded through the sombre furnishing a deadly poison to a he precipitated himself toward the little, he, with a judgment far beopening he had made in the door- youd his years, put up for her way, throwing down the massive nearly a colorless preparation of hour."-Detroit Free Press. coffin-lid as he passed. The cannabis Indica, or Indian hem, thunderous noise that this made in into which he dropped a small its fall added wings to his flight. quantity of oil of almonds. This In an instant he found himself on drug is well known to produce a the sward outside, but terror had cataleptic state, in those who take doubtless deprived him of reason, large doses, occasionally, and this for without a second's pause, he had occurred in the present instance. rushed frantically forward and dis- The coffin had been opened by the

appeared over the dizzy verge of the robber, providentially, before the filled baskets, made their appear eligi that fractured above the lake ! effect of the drug had pas el off sufficiently to induce a necessity for In a small chamber overlooking breathing, and the cut on her was beating wildly at the casement, which had induced the attempt room and he was loth to leave it, her resoue from a fate too dreadful

Lidy Eva St. George has now a Repose for him! He drearily lovely daughter, who is her father's her basket on the piano. in possession of the jewels which side her in the tomb and share the maiden aunt so singularly be-

Expectation.

A woman called into Michigair avenue grocery lately and asked for sugar. The clerk told her they were out, but would

have some next week. " Any coffee ?" "Got some coming." " Any tea?"

" Some this afternoon. " Any baking-powder?" "Sold the last an hour ago,

"Well, you've got codfish haven't you?" she asked, in her "Codfish, madam, codfish? Well. no, we haven't, but I'm going fish-

ing this afternoon, and I'll do my

best to catch one."

"It is her knock! I know it in Charles H. Smith, a telegraph oper- Mr. Flack's dog was running on of the whole, estimating each sovshroud, unable to prevent the a thousand!" she cried again, gasp ator, of Muster, Ill., was returning before them. sacrilege he was about to commit, ing for breath and clutching at him on New Year's night from a party. "Good morrow, friends," said be 6,975,447 tons, which would be her pale, wan face staring, spectral, for support. Ah! my God! she walking along the railroad track, O'Leary. "Well, what interesting sufficient to load a fleet of between when suddenly, on the middle of a topic engages your attention now? 2,000 and 3,000 of our largest He thought her crazed, and, trestle bridge twenty-five feet high, "To be candid with you," replied merchant ships to their utmost carher, as the flinkering light of the shocked beyond conception at her he was stopped by an armed tramp, the clergyman, "we were just con- lying espacity. These illustrations who forced him to throw up his jecturing what religion this dog of are sufficiently startling; but there "Silence this raging woman!" hands and surrender this revolver, mine would be likely to embrace, is yet another which is enough to only for cash, takes no risks and has As the villain was about to com- said he, sternly. "By heaven, if \$60 in cash, a valuable gold watch if it were possible for him to take away the breath even of a boy, said the highwayman in de- "Strange subject, indeed!" said A billi in sheets of the Tinics, we

repairing, is now furnished with new vertisen (Catalogue Edition) and the same which had grasped the stands without the turret door— watched an opportunity, and with "How?" asked the Protestant to swim, and the reader will be al-

phone. suffered much pecuniary loss at the kept a boarding house in Boston. rigged up a wire, a mouth-piece, and alarm. drow a large claspknife from his neath him with the fearful sudden- came along pretty soon. A well- the old lady answered the call. house was filled with many objects

" I'll call around and settle as soon as I can get a cheque cashed. "All right-all right," smiled he saloonist, and he stepped back

"Chief of police, are you in?" The beat halted to hear what was going on, and the saloonist "All right. I wanted to give

rou a description of a suspicious looking character just gone out of my saloon. Are you ready ?" There was an interval of two or

"About five feet eight-light be in fire eternally ?" hair-blue eyes-goatee-brown "Say, you!" exclaimed the heat, " here's your fifteen cents for

"Oh-nh-yes," smiled he went to the mouth-piece and ing.

take—man is as good as wheat!" The beat walked out without a word, but as he reached the street "That was a dead give away on

"It's all right -I made a mis

me, and I'd like to punch old Professor Bell's head about half an kers :

The Surprise Party.

One evening recently the friend f a married couple up in Chillico the determined to give them a sur prise party. To this end, twelve ance before the house about nine o'clock. As they came up to the door they saw the gentleman standsix dignified old ladies were sitting

around the stove, looking as solemn as grand inquisitors. "Oh. my! where's Mattie ? shouted one exuberant lady, setting "She's up stairs," said one old

ady, looking over her spectacles with a solemn acrimony. "Let's have her down," screamed half-a-dozen girls in chorus, as they made a break for the hall. " Here, girls, girls, don't go ut

there?" said the old ladies, who made a hasty attempt to check the proposed raid. "Why, what on earth's the matter here, anybow?" inquired the

impatient darlings. "Well, I believe it's a boy." And that company of nice young men and women moved away like soap-bubble in a hurricane, and the girls never stopped for beaux or baskets, but stuffed their handkerchiefs into their mouths to held their breath down till they were safe behind their own door, and not a girl in the place knows where Mattie lives

A Protestant Dog.

a Protestant?"

Better than Nothing. A good old Methodist lady, very A Detroit saloon-keeper has particular and very plous, once

days? Got my ship here, and shall | grand patron, the boy was placed be off soon as I load."

"Oh, house full, eh?" " No, but-" " But what, ma'am ?"

do you believe?" " About what?"

ne will be condemned T' Oh: thunder ! yes. woman, brightening up.

" Don't know, ma'am, reallynever calculated that." "Can't you guess?"

that brandy ! I had some change and." "Wa-al, hem!" mused the good settled in his mind. Thenceforth woman; "I guess I'll take you; when old customers, looking up saloonist, and taking the money, fifty thousand is better than noth from under the glittering razor,

Devil."

"One meets with many curious by small water color drawings bung things in his journey through the around among the wigs and frizzes, bounds of this broad, circumambu- ticketed at prices varying from one lar globe. I have met with many to three shillings. Some were myself, but the most unique thing capies or imitations of Paul Sandby I remember of seeing is the follow- a fashionable drawing master; ing curious bill, paid in the year others, original sketches made by 1182, by the officers the Churca of Boy Turner, as he was then called. England, for repairs at the Win- His great delight was to get dut-

' WINCHESTER, October, 1182. days trying to catch the exquisite For work done by Peter M. Sol- effects of color and light and shade. which touched the young artist

hind and before and manufacturing a new child, Screwing a nose on the devil, and putting hairen his head, and placing a new joint on

'Paid December, 1182. 11.

Some ingenious gentlemen have

columns of the Times with more or Dick? less recondite disquisitions on the bewildering subject of billions. trillions and quadrillions. A billion is a million of millions, its didn't rob any one, Dick?" arithmetical symbol being 1.000.-000,000,000. This looks simple enough, but Mr. Bessemer has made a few calculations which certainly justify his remark that the word "billion," represents something which "few intellects can fairly grasp." As a measure of time, he shows that it takes just 31,687 years seventeen days, twenty-two hours, forty five minutes. and five seconds, o constitute a billion of seconds. A billion of sovereigns is something almost bevond conception. If placed flat fense. - Virginia City Enterprise. upon the ground forming one con-One day, while walking in the tinuous line, the coins would consuburbs of the city of Cork, Father | stitute a golden chain long enough O'Leary met Rev. Mr. Flack, a to pass 763 times round the globe, Protestant clergyman, and Mr. its entire length reaching a fraction A ROBBER WHO FARED ILL .- Solomon, a Jew, both friends of his. over 18,328,445 miles. The weight

> 47,348 miles. One's head begins makes a pensive husband. I most grateful to Mr. Bessemer for ed woman-Get her ire up.

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Turner's Boyhood. An anecdote has been preserved which gives the very starting point of the boy's art-life. One morning, of carrying the barber's scissors

on a chair, where he sat in silent "Wa al, I don't know," said the lawe, gazing with his great blue eyes at a large silver salver on the table at his side, adorned with rampant lions. 'The barber's work finished, father and son again turn "I don't take any unclean or their faces towards the dusky little carnal people in my house. What shop in the lane. The boy; was silent and thoughtful all that dry; he sat up stairs away from the con-"Why, do you believe that any fusion of the little shop below brooding over a sheet of paper. At tea-time he appeared triumphantly "Do you?" said the good producing his sheet of paper, upon which was drawn a lion a very how many souls do you think will good imitation of the one mounted on the salver at Mr. Tomkinson's.

The little barber, unlike some parents whose children have given early indications of artistic talent "Can't say-perhaps fifty thous- was beside himself with delight. His son's vocation was at once would munible through obstructive lather, "Weil, Turner, lave you Screwing a Nose on the settled yet what William is to be?" the barber would smile proudly, rest the ready razor on a piece A correspondent of an English of thin brown, paper, and reply, newspaper sends the following com- "It's all settled, sir; William is. munication, which will be read with going to be a painter." Two or interest by all Christians and tin- three years later the door of the little barber shop was ornamen;cd.

chester Cathedral. This is a literal side of London into the fields, and, with pencil in hand, spend whole

a d like a grand poem.

A Case of Self-Defense. A young lady was visiting the family of Warden Patterson, at the State Prison, a short time since 3 when Rattlesnake Dick, who was out about the place doing chores as a sort of trusty, attracted her attention. Dick seemed so gentle-4 manly and accommodating that she could hardly believe that he 4 had ever done anything that could P. M. Sollers. Church mechanik." bring down upon him the heavy

hand of the law, and place him within the walls of a prison. One day the young lady said to been amusing themselves in the him : " What are you in here for,

> "For highway robbery, Miss." "Oh, dear me! Highway rob bery! But you are not guilty-yeu "Oh, yes I did! I robbed Col.

"What! Col. Stone, of Virginia

City-Col. Stone, the lawyer?" "Yes, Col. Stone, the lawyer." "Why. Dick, what made you ob Col. Stone ?" Drawing near to the young lady's side, and casting a searching glance shout the vard as though to make sure he was not observed, Dick shaded the larboard, side of his

mouth with his han I and whisper-

A grate want-Coal.

Joint affair-Rheumatism.

Policeman's metto-"Give us

Cambailge "coach" in mathematics. the barber's. Sealed proposals-Kissing the

> The way to elevate an ill-temper-The ærial quickstep is what they

The man who said he was "out

on a lark' was out on a swallow.

ed: "Sh-u sh! I did it in self de-

A good motive-Locomotive. The lady of Lyons-A lioness. Standard business-Flag raising. The last rose-Ze rose of winter. Sanitary measure-A medicine-

How to get into a scrape-Go to

girl for consenting. A truism-An expensive wife

Why was Eve not afraid of the

portion of nterest. I anvass for Pianos and fit to; but you is both Full parvew Jersey

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