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in the centre of the forehead. It was, as Guido Ventura made a terrible scene with well as I could judge at that distance, the his companion. Diana the Huntress.

The pistol was discharged. The head did

misses his mark." " He never misses ?" same place, in that dark hole, smaller than longer question of his exile.

a piece of a hundred sous."

forehead of the white face. about. His visage, though enfranced by a hand. His hand did not tremble

strong beard, had an expression at once . "Five minutes afterward he was on the cipal seats of the trade, nor was it until consent. Then the doctor led me to the self in front of him, her arms folded, her

other end of the court, and, behind the nutshell placed upon her head. She smiled. ened iron that protected the wall. In the who was there, behind him! Guido Ven: centre of the plate a round spot glistened tura saw it clearly from the direction of her with reflections of lead produced by the glance! Suddenly, her eyes having moved flattening of the balls.

correspondence of this brilliant spot with Guido Ventura took aim full at her forethe hole that pierced the plaster mask, head, you see that all the balls pass through ! "The report rang out and Miss Arabella ndre. You will not find one of them else- fell dead upon the boards. When they tore "It is marvelous," answered I. "But perately clasping to his bosom Guido Ven-

what strange history is associated with this "Come," said the doctor of me: "I will They thought only of stifling the affair. tell you all about it outside We again grossed the court and the vesti- The first excitement over, people forgot the

bule of the pavilion. And this is what two heroes of this bloody drama Doctor Noirot told me, while behind us the etonations recommenced, with regular here, in my establishment, passing half his he placed a hand upon the counter as large ntervals between them.

That's what we don't exactly know. Proba- We returned to the pavilion and found the cake harmonize with the calling of the bly he was an American, for it is the new the marksman loading his weapons. virtuoses of the revolver and the rifle. It the doctor to him in an affable tone THE undersigned has for sale a splendid stock of First-Class Shingles. No. 1 Cedar, \$1.75 was from there, at all events, that this one per square. No. 2 Pine, \$1.90 per square. No. 2 Cedar, \$1 per square. Also a large quantity of wood of all kinds, from \$1.25 a load up to \$4.00 last year at the Alcazar d'Automne, where trade at bottom prices.

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terrible event had not suddenly interrupted the course of his representations. But we must begin at the beginning. There is a exciting story involved, that I certainly am

the only person acquainted with, having without aid, during the six months that man has been an inmate here, succeeded reconstructing the details of it, thanks t certain words that an intermittent delirium snatches from him. Hence I will give it to you as I see it, sure that my vision does not deceive me.

" Guido Ventura, when he came to Paris was accompanied by a young worns named Miss Arabella. She was a superblcreature scarcely twenty years of age, with the hea of a goddess and the figure of a statue Admirers were not lacking, and in less than a week it had become the fashion to go and see the splendid Arabella aid in his exercises the the celebrated marksman, Guido Ventura. She stood proudly, Her arms folded, her visage impassible, fifteen paces from Guido Ventura, who directed upon her the vain menace of his pistol, the infallible ball of which cut a card between her fingers, broke the bowl of a pipe two inches from her lips, and crushed the shell of a nut placed upon her head.

"A slight trembling of the marksman's hand, and all would have been over with the superb Arabella. But the hand of Guido Ventura never trembled.

"Evidently Guido Ventura loved this creature like an idol. To be convinced of it it sufficed to surprise one of those flaslies that shot from his eyes each time when, in the foyer of the theatre, where he was awaiting his turn to go on the stage, some callant was unusually attentive to the handsome girl, Was he jealous, also ! Certainly; and he must have suffered attociously for his companion, as coquettish as beautiful, seemed to delight in exasperating his

"On one occasion the manager of the Alcazar d'Automne stopped her in the wings as she was escaping with a laugh from a circle of wine-excited coxcombs.

" See here, my little one,' he whispered in her ear, 'you had better take care Doctor Noirot, through the vast gardens Every evening that man holds your life at | ing his father said,-" Arabella burst out laughing. " He kill me? cried she, shrugging her

own special dwelling. The celebrated physician, whose particular field was insanity, shoulders. 'Getalong with you's he thinks was explaining to me the case of one of his too much of me to harm a hair of my head! patients whom we had met in an alley and "And every night she stood before the who had saluted us with a patronizing air. muzzle of the pistol with the same serene tranquility, fascinating the rebellion of her At that moment an explosion resounded lover, as the eye of the tamer fascinates few paces from us. I grasped my host's

that of a wild beast. "What's that?" I asked. "Has one o "One evening, when the name of Guido Ventura and that of Arabella liad been shining scarcely a week upon the bills of the Alcazar d'Automne, a gentleman of fine appearance entered the foyer, went straight is still another curious case I want you to to the young woman, who uttered a slight And turning obliquely to the left he drew | cry of surprise, and taking her hand kissed me toward a small pavilion, hidden behind the tips of her fingers. Guido Ventura a grove of trees. He unlocked a door, led | who was talking to the manager, turned and me across a narrow vestibule, and we found | suddenly grew very pale. The man who had just entered was a rich Yankee, whose ourselves in a sort of long court, surrounded by walls. A man was there of lofty stature, attentions to Miss Arabella had made some clad in a strange hunting costume, recalling | noise in New York. It was because of him by certain details the Mexican fashion. He particularly that the marksman had made had his back against the wall of the pavilion his engagement in Paris. But this man and, at the moment we entered, raised his now had taken a notion to follow them, for right hand, armed with a pistol. Our ar- it was on account of Arabella that he had rival did not disturb him. He simed slow- come to Paris. As soon as he had ascertained where she had gone he had taken ly, with a sure hand. I followed the direction of the weapon and saw, about twenty | passage upon the next steamer. | That night paces distant, a white face with a dark hole | as she was returning to her dressing-room

plaster mask of a Greek head, in which I "But the most terrible scene took place thought I recognized the classic type of some nights later. For a week the American had hung about Arabella's footsteps. Guido Ventura liad striven to exact that not move, and not a fragment flew from it. the manager of the Alcazar d'Automne Look," said the doctor to me, in a low should prohibit him from entering the voice. "It's very curious. He never coulisses. But, having made his way into the managerial office with his hat in his

The man had drawn another pistol from ing to assume her page's dress for the per- Strutt, in his crudite work on the costumes his belt. He fired. As before the mask re- formance, Guido Ventura saw a paper fall of the English, makes mention of hair ber that your informant may be mistaken mained intact. The weapon being loaded from her corsage. He picked it up, read it; needles or bodkins as being used by the or deceived he may be misinformed, or with several bullets, in the American fash- it was a love letter, proposing to the young Saxons in the eighth century. It is nearly prejudiced by party spirit. ion, the marksman successively discharged girl an elopement and marriage the next matter of certainty that the making of five more balls. Not one of them cut the day. When he came down into the foyer, pins as a trade found its way here from the darty before forming a judgment. The doctor laid his hand upon the quivering lip. He took a pistol and aimed shoulder of the marksman, who wheeled at his own image in a mirror to try his ture was in Gloucester. So late as 1840,

turned he saw behind him in the coulisse city for Birmingham, which now enjoys althe American leaning against a flat. Just most a monopoly of it. The man made with his head a sign of at that instant Miss Arabella planted herplaster mask, showed me a plate of black. On whom was she smiling? On the man she ceased to smile and a shadow passed 'You see," said he, showing me the exact across her visage. Standing before her

tura was a madman. "Was it a crime?-was it an accident In Paris the dead are speedily out of mind

"Since that time Guido Ventra has been days in aiming at that plaster mask. Once as a Dutch cheese, "and I want a wedding 'This unfortunate man," said my host, he chanted to break it. For a week after- cake. calls himself Guido Ventura Is he an ward he was delirious. But he is inoffen-Italian, a Spaniard, or an American? sive, as you can see."

It Was Not His Property.

Will you be kind enough to take that ripsack off that seat?" said a countryman ho got on a train at Luling, Texas.

No, sir, I don't propose to do anything the sort," replied the drummer, who wa itting on the other side of the seat. Do you say that you are going to le

that gripsack stay right there?" Yes, sir, I do." "In case you don't remove that gripsack

shall be under the painful necessity calling the conductor." gineer and the brakeman, if you want to Perhaps you had better stop at the nex station, and send a special to old Jay Gould

The conductor will put you off I don't care if he does. I'm not going to take that gripsack from that place where

himself about it."

The indignant passenger went through the train and soon returned with the con

'So you refuse to remove that gripsack, do you?" asked the conductor.

"Why do you persist in refusing to remove that gripsack ?"

Because it's not mine." Why didn't you say so at once?" Because nobody asked me." - Texas

He Wasn't Sure.

"Oh, for the touch of a vanished hand And the sound of a voice that is still :" but the sentimental young man that boast ed that he would know the touch of the hand anywhere, and identify its owner without the voice, was "farther along" in such matters than the tender stripling who i

described below as doing escort duty : Robert, a bashful lad, recently summor up enough conrage to escort a young lady home. At the breakfast table next morn-

Well, my son, did you go home with any of the girls last night?"

"Yes," said Bob. "Who was she?"

Robert hesitated, but finally blurted out, "I thought it was Annie Warren, but when we got to the turn of the road, she went into Ella Ham's house."

blushing and stammering.

The Saving Power of Marriage. which women sustain the most overwhelm- neering propensity, which arrogates authoring reverses of fortune. Those disasters, ity everywhere. which break down the spirit of man, and prostrate him in the dust, seem to callforth all the energies of the softer sex, and give such intrepidity and elevation to their character that, at times, it approache

sublimity. Washington Irving.

you are requested not to repeat. Antiquity of Pins. The metal pin, as an article of conven once or adornment, is of very remote autiquity. Isaiah, in inveighing against the hand, the American emerged putting his frippery of the daughters of Ziou, speaks No. All the balls are lodged in the wallet back in his pocket, and there was no of their crisping pins. Hair pins are referred to by Martial and by Juvenal as "That night, when Arabella was prepar- having been, worn by the Roman ladies. the marksman had knitted brows and a France in the reign of Queen Elizabeth. and that the first heme of the manufac-Gloudester continued to be one of the prin stage, commencing his exercises. As he 1854 that it finally deserted the cathedral ters might appear very different.

He Licked It.

A stupid-looking countryman halted be fore a blacksmith's shop on the outskirts of Middlesbrough, the proprieter of which was forging a shoe, and eyed the performance with much interest. The brawny smith, dissatisfied with the man's curiosity. held the red-hot iron suddenly under his nose, hoping to make him beat a hasty retreat. " If you'll give me half-a crown I will lick it," said the countryman. "I'll ston the braggart's jaw, "thought the smith, as he took from his pocket a half-crown and held it out. The cunning countryman quickly grabbed the coin, licked it, and walked away, whistling "The Girl I Lef

Sweets to the Sweet.

" I'm going to get married," said he, as

"It is customary," said the pretty bakery girl, nowadays to have the materials of bridegroom. For a musician, now, we have will be from two or three weeks later than an oat cake; for a man who has and lives upon his friends, the sponge cake The man raised his head, and pointing for a newspaper paragrapher, spice cake,

WHAT THE MOTHER SAYS. Yes, I know there are stains on my carpet, The traces of small muddy boots; And I see your fair tapestry glowing, And spotless with blossom and fruits!

And I know that my walls are disfigured With prints of small fingers and hands; And that your own household most traly In immaculate purity stands.

And I know that my parlor is littered With many old treasures and toys; While your own is in daintiest order, Unharmed by the presence of boys!

And I know that my room is invaded Quite boldly all hours of the day; While you sit in yours unmolested, And dream the soft quiet away!

Yes, I know there are four little bedsides Where I must stand watchful each night: While you go out in your carriage, And flash in your dresses so bright.

Now, I think, I'm a neat little woman I like my house orderly, too; And I'm fond of all dainty belongings

Yet would not change paces with you No! keep your fair home with its order, Its freedom from bother and noise; And keep your own fanciful leisure, But give me my four splendid boys

Criticism Returned.

So few of us speak English with absolute dorrectness, and, if we attempt criticism, the victim of the process is soon able to pick flaws in our own grammar. This is illustrated by the following funny diabate from the Atkansaw Traveller :

"I intended to tell Jane to bring a fresh bucket of water," said the wife of Professor Nottlehead, looking up from her sew-"You doubtless mean a bucket of fresh water," rejoined her husband. "I wish you would pay some little attention to

rhetoric. Your mistakes are embarrass-A few moments later the Professor said. My dear, that picture would show to better advantage if you were to hang it over

"Ah," she replied, "you doubtless mean if I were to hang it above the clock. If I were to hang it over the clock, we couldn't tell what time it is. I wish you would pay some dittle attention to rhetoric. Your mistakes are embarrassing."

Show the Children Respect

"But I should think you might have told It will surprise many parents to have it suggested that they should treat their chilby the sound of her voice, " said his father dren courteously and respectfully. Yet it "Neither of us said a word," said Bob is the best education that can be imparted to them. Parents are apt to think that children should be subject to authority and are not to be consulted. But why not ? At I have noticed that a married man fall- teaches them to exercise judgment and in ing into misfortune is more apt to retrieve | parts self-respect. The imitative quality his situation in the world than a single one in children leads them to reproduce what is chiefly because his spirits are soothed and most striking in their parents, unless they relieved by domestic endearments, and self- have a sufficiently positive individuality to respect kept alive by finding that although map dut characters for themselves. Thus, abroad be darkness and humiliation, yet many children reproduce the leading charthere s still a little world of love at home, soteristics of the parent who commands of which he is monarch; whereas a single most their regard. So, to treat them harshman is apt to run to waste and self-neglect ly, or even imperatively, is to create an -to fall to ruins, like some deserted man- autocratic disposition in them. It is not a sions, for want of inhabitants. I have often lovely trait. Self-respect and equipoise of had occasion to mark the fortitude with character are very different from a domi-

never to mention them again. Feed not the innate desire to hear i Listen to no tale against another, which

or with one who revealeth secrets .- Prov. x1. 13; xxvi. 20. Beware of the busy, self-important mess. enger remember that "he that is first in his own cause seemeth just; but his neigh-

Beware of conversation with a talebearer

bor cometh and searcheth him." If you should hear ill of another, remem

In any doubtful case, communicate with

Ask council of God before mentioning Prejudice distorts innocent and even praiseworthy acts: beware of taking even a fact from a person. From other lips mat-

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