Or, The Sign of the Arrow

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hand. The river runs close here, and ed their clearness. will you ?"

solicitors there, and, sending in his he continued his investigations. card, was at once accorded an in- Two pieces of rope two or three

agree with the judges of the High pull it, but followed its course. ey-lender you should be altogether as he saw to what it was attached denied common justice. On that paropportunity of repaying me."

do anything in the world for you! You saved me nearly five 'undered came into his eyes again. quid. Do you want anything to that amount now-on a slip of paper without sureties even ?"

"No," replied Deane laughingly; could take so material a form. No, I do not want to borrow anything; back along the line. I want some information which you can give, or gain for me."

"Anything in the-" Inquiry Office, aren't you-loan office iced. He pulled the pillows and section? I want a list of the loans | bolster from their proper positions a certain person has obtained. Will on the bed and sat, his own partiyou get it for me?"

"With pleasure." on paper. "I will come back for the lous problems. report in an hour if that will suit you."

Deane; always glad to 'blige you."

the conversation she had listened | upon which he had embarked. to; of the attempted murder of the "There you are, Deane," said train at Waterloo, and Ashley's be- on the point of being served." ing on the platform with his bicycle Deane rose instantly, and accomto catch the midnight train home.

lender's office.

"A fick un this, Mr. Deane. Up started eating it as if famished. to the neck in loans," And the "You will spoil your dinner," said report.

It may not be general knowledge, hungry?" but Deane knew, that when a man "Haven't tasted food since breakapplies to a loan office for an ad- fast, forgotten it, in fact," vance, he is "put through"-that is "You have been absorbed, then. A particular inquiry is registered, and one?" the next time the would-be borrower! makes application to any loan office, that registered information ! stands against him when he is again inquired about. It is a marvellous system.

list of applications to loan offices made during the preceding twelve doubt?" months by the person he had inquired about, thanked Isaacs for the service he had rendered, and the cab carried him to Waterloo again. out the superintendent of the line.

His card secured him an interview, and books were fetched, reports looked into, and time-sheets gone over, said there was no doubt?" and in fact all the information he deep obligation to him.

"Give me a line to the Graynewood station-master, will you?" he torial anecdote. The other saw that said, "directing him to let me see the subject of the murder was done the working of the signal-box at with for that night: he knew Deane's that station."

"Certainly." It was done, and, armed with that er to exhume it. letter, Deane journeyed to Granynewood. Production of the letter from headquarters ensured all the attention he required. In the signal-box he inquired into the workof his inquiries.

kept along the main road which ran drugged and robbed of securities he Janson was visibly perturbed. He by the mental odour of blood. Preclose to the line. Ont of sight, had about him to the extent of did not like the turn affairs were sently the murderer will come here, and at some distance from the sta- £5,000."

and got into the six-foot way.

into the garden of the Hall. The soft, clay soil of the bank power."

under the hedge showed the marks "Burton," said Deane, as they of boots, and, as they led up the were seated at breakfast next morn- bank in the direction of the Hall ing, "I am going to London by the gardens, they were sufficiently inexpress, and I shall have a day in teresting to Deane to make him detown. It would be a trifle dull for sire a cast of them; being sheltered, you, the investigation I have on the recent light rains had not affect-

the fishing is good-I sampled it Deane had come prepared. From some two or three years ago; amuse one pocket he drew a flask of water, yourself with a rod till I return, and from another a packet of powder; these he mixed in a folding rub-When Deane reached Waterloo, he ber bowl, and carefully poured into took a cab to Gray's Inn Square. one of them indentations made by a He entered the office of a firm of boot. He left it to harden whilst

terview with one of the principals. yards long gave him food for That interview lasted about five thought. It had always been an minutes, and, coming out, his wait- axiom of his that little things were ing cab took him to Finsbury Pave- infinitely the most important. He ment, to the office of a money-lender stood with the pieces of rope in his hand some minutes; then further "Isaacs," he said to the proprie- away he saw another piece. Picking tor, "I went out of my way to ren- its end up, he found it to be much der you a service once. I don't longer-many yards. He did not Courts that because you are a mon- gleam of triumph came into his eyes

Up the iron step-ladder he climbed ticular occasion I saw you got it. till he reached the semaphore and You then said you hankered after an colored glasses worked by the lever from the station signal box. He ex-"Jumpin' Moses, Mr. Deane! I'd amined that carefully, and what he saw satisfied him, for the gleam

By the time he had descended, his plaster cast had set. Wrapping it catefully in paper, he put it in his pocket, and, coiling the rope and "I did not know your gratitude things he had found attached to it into a compact mass he journeyed

Regaining the road, and with his light coat over his arm-what he had found, beneath it—Deane entered "You are a subscriber to Perry's the hotel and his own room unnotcular way, in and amidst them, bringing into play that brilliant, in-"There's the name and address, cisive reasoning power which had then," said Deane, as he pencilled it enabled him to solve so many cur-

He sat there hour after hour, dead to the world, the only movement he "I'll send a clerk at one, Mister made being the refilling and lighting of his pipe and an occasional up-Deane's cab took him to Guy's ward glance at the rings of smoke Hospital, and he had a long inter- which issued from its bowl; and even view with the nearly convalescent | the pipe went unattended to at last, cy. She told him all she knew: so deep was the train of thought

gipsy; how she had caught the last | Burton, as he entered his friend's train up because it was late; of her room. 'I wondered what on earth seeing the Frenchman get out of the had become of you! Dinner is just

panied his friend to the room be-That interview finished, back to low. On the sideboard was a bunch Finsbury Pavement and the money- of bananas. Deane seized it, tore one off, and, hurriedly peeling it,

Jew handed over the Inquiry Office his friend; "you are commencing at the wrong end of it. Are you so

to say, an inquiry is made. That clue? Have you found the guilty

"Arrested ?" "No."

"When ?"

"After to-morrow's examination before the Graynewood magistrates. Deane cast his eyes down the long I must let things go to that length. "There is, pardon me,

"Absolutely none."

"I congratulate you; but you must be tired of hearing me say that. It is a satisfaction to know that There he discharged it, and sought the real murderer will hang for the crime."

"I doubt if that will happen." "You surprise me! And yet you

"There is none-there will be none. needed given him; for Deane was You shall hear the murderer confess well known to the company's officers in this very room to-morrow night. He had rendered certain valuable What sport did you have? Were the services which placed them under a | fish biting? I remember once, when I was fishing—"

And Deane started off on a piscamoods. Once he buried a subject no living conversationalist had pow-

## CHAPTER XLI.

ing of the home and distant signals, police intelligence," said Deane as low your dinner." and exa ined the time-book kept he sat at breakfast next morning, Then he departed, leaving 'I've read in the Telegraph. A man 'Dear Janson, it shall be served the subject of the murder. the signal-man and station-master found insensible in the streets is you; and, lest even positive evidence "My dear Janson," he said, "there wondering what could be the object taken to a cell as a 'drunk,' kept you should doubt, from the murder- is a time for all things. We have Deane did not go to the hotel, but it is discovered that he has been sion of the crime."

tion, he leaped the separating fence. "Certainly a hard thing," replied his opinion of the Frenchman's guilt. Burton, "because the thieves have The proof had seemed so positive. things end in smoke." He walked along till he reached had so long a time in which to Still, Deane was a factor to be reckthe one-armed distance signal close cover their traces. At the same oned with. to the garden of Grayne Hall, and time, I do not quite see how it is here he examined things very close to be avoided. You cannot expect ly. With his magnifying glass he that an expert in drugs is to be promise you. I have in my posses- straight into the centre of the room, went to work on the earth beside appointed to every little police sta- sion the proofs which I will then and, addressing Deane, said: the signal, and carefully examined tion, or that the active and intelli- hand over to you. For the present. the hedge over which he could look gent twenty-two-shilling-a-week con- good-bye."

"Yet you think I am signing for Utopia ?"

'I think anything which entailed greater outlay in the crime department of the country's administration would raise a storm in the Commons ?"

"A House which sees as far as its nose only-if houses have noses. How ever, to our muttons. The examination before the magistrates is at eleven o'clock; they are sitting earlier to-day. You will go?"

"Oh yes, I am interested; I shall go with you."

"No, my dear Burton, you will go alone. You are interested, I am not. Go by all means. There will he a little performance in this room this evening which will give you an insight into the methods of what Janson is good enough to call my 'fads' and 'theories.' "Here ?"

"Yes. Attend the police examination by all means. The matinee will sharpen your appetite for the evening bill."

"And you?"

shall pay one more-my final-visit find even in this day and age of the inducements to this business, and to the Hall. All the servants are world in most parts of the country. within three years of its completion witnesses, and I shall therefore, practically, have the place to my-

"You think to discover-" "Merely a confirmation of what I At this moment a boy knocked and entered the room, and, inquiring,

"Mr. Deane?" "Well, boy," inquired the detective, "what is it?"

"Are you Mr. Deane.?" "I am." "I was to give you this 'ere let-

"Thank you."

Deane read it and shrugged his dismissed him.

But before he left he had set Reginald and Vere's hearts beating the faster; he had told them that before another twenty-four hours has passed the prisoner should be free. When Deane said a thing, he had such a way of speaking that people believed him, hence that accelerated beating of hearts.

same thing, and urged him to pray trates' hands.

nervous. No man likes to be cov- shall avoid the filth of the stable? ered with defeat, and somehow that But can not we do something to positive manner of Deane's told; assist the cows in keeping clean? that, coupled with Causton's con- Suppose, for instance, that we have tinually pouring his suspicions of Evelyn Westcar in his ear, was shaking his belief.

"You speak confidently, Mr. Deane," he said, "and I don't deny that if you say a thing, it's likely to have a bottom. Do I understand that within this two days you propose asking for you are going to charge some one else with the mur- space where the der ?"

your line. I merely point out the individual, I press the button, as

it were, and you do the rest."

"You are going to point out some one else as the murderer in two days ?"

"In less time than that." "Oh 1"

"To-night-Wednesday-is the theatre-train night. You can leave here for London as late as 10,25, can't "Yes."

then? I want you to dine with course. It does take time to go ov-Mr. Burton and myself, just we er a lot of cattle regularly every day three," "I can, of course-"

al, I suppose. Still, I have never cows do look so much better! Any led you a wild-goose chase, have I?"

with us this evening, and I will this part of our business, to look out promise you excellent dessert." "Dessert ?"

"Yes; in the shape of an introduction to the real person who com-"There's a remarkable instance of mitted the murder. That shall fol-

"I should want strong evidence."

"I'll dine with you to-night."

"Good. You will not be sotry, I

stable is to be selected for his brain | The prisoners were remanded again | Grayne." At seven o'clock in the hotel the



BOX STALL FOR COWS.

Speaking practically from the standpoint of the inmate, E. L. Vincent offers these admirable suggestions as to the stalling of cows in winter. It is a pity that his excellent ideas are not followed throughout the length and breadth of the land. He writes:

I would like to give every one of my cows a separate box-stall to live in through the long winter months. It seems to me there would be far more comfort in having such a home, where the creature could turn about at will, have the free use of her thousand butter-manufacturing esbody, and thoroughly enjoy herself. tablishments, the output of which is Without doubt she would do better over 90,270,000 pounds per annum, for herself and for her owner than of which 18,056,000 pounds are exif she were shut up tightly by the ported, value at \$10,300,000. The "Whilst you are so occupied, I neck, in the rigid stanchions we Siberian railroad promptly offered

> farmers think they can afford the were erected. expense of giving their cows such | Owing to the lack of experienced This shows how they have

SUFFERED WHILE CONFINED.

shoulders, gave the boy sixpence, and for fastening cows where they can the price of milk is twenty-three not have a separate stall. "I shall go with you to the court, are not expensive nor difficult to put The first foreign butter-making after all, Burton. This letter is in. And I believe it would pay big firm made its appearance in Kurgan from Reginald Grayne. It throws returns to us all if we would make in 1896. The firm imported the necno light on the matter, but it in- the change to these ways of fas- essary machinery and started busitroduces an amusing and sentimental tening. I am using in one of my ness of buying up butter. At preselement. The affair, so far, has lack- barns a stanchion that we put in ent there are in Kurgan alone about ed humor. I suppose one should ourselves, consisting of a light wood- twenty export offices and as many en frame that rises and falls as the in Omsk. They have branch offices Burton and Deane went out to- cow lifts or lowers her head to eat, in villages and at several railroad gether. Deane's object was an in- from which a chain comes up to stations. All but one of these firms terview with Reginald before the snap about the neck. That this af- are Danish. Among the exporters court sat. As a matter of fact, he fords a high degree of comfort com- there is not a single Russian firm. pared with the old fashioned stanch- Last year the government was rushion, no one who could see the cat- ing the manufacture of refrigerator tle in their places would doubt.

think we are, to use the old way of | Co-operative butter-producing esto do all we can to make them as producers have come to recognize the comfortable as possible while so shut efficiency and advantage of co-operain. There are some things we might tive associations, and many private To Lawyer Causton he said the do to this end, but which many of butter-making establishments are us forget to do. Look at a large joining the co-operative associations. the court for another adjournment- percentage of the cows of this coun- In order to disseminate the knowsay, only for two days, rather than try when they come out of the stable ledge of modern and improved apsuffer a committal for trial- Once in the spring. They are fairly load- pliances in the business of butter committed, difficulty in liberation ed with filth that has accumulated making in western Siberia the govwould arise, where as before com- during the winter months. The cows ernment is opening free courses or mittal the thing was in the magis- can not help themselves in this re- the subject. gard. They are by nature cleanly Janson listened to the request and animals, but as long as they are promised not to oppose the applica- tied up by the neck firmly in one tion. For the first time he felt place how can we expect that they

a good drop behind the cows. Suppose we put the stanchions a little diagonally across the floor, so that the space above the drop will not, be the same all the way, and that we then stanchion the cows where the floor is longest above the drop and so on along down to the short

YOUNG STOCK WILL STAND. "Charging, my dear Janson, is in Suppose we strew along in the drop, horse-manure to take up the liquid well with straw. Suppose we take clay mixed is good. the time every day to curry off every cow, yearling and calf that stands in would not do much towards helping the cows to keep neat and clean?

I do, and what is more, I know it, for I have tried it. For several years I have followed this method of caring for my cows in winter. It "Are you able to stop down till has cost me something to do it, of with comb and brush. A man must stick to it until the habit is firmly "But you are doubtful of the good settled upon him, and after that it of it, eh? Well, mistrust is natur- will all come easy enough. And the farmer will admit that.

Most of us think we never can "Then shelve that mistrust. Dine spend the time to do it, but is not for the bodily comfort of the stock? We spend far more time at things that do not amount to a tenth part

> three men sat down to dinner. Janson tried in vain to draw Deane on

there all night, and in the morning er's own lips you shall hear confes- dined. We now enjoy our cigars. Let us continue to enjoy them unsullied taking; he had been so emphatic in by appointment, then let us have an atmosphere of gore; till then, let all

Presently there came a knocking at the door, and the waiter entered.

"A lady to see you, Mr. Deane." Evelyn Westcar entered. She came

"I have come to give myself up for the murder of Sir George

(To be Continued.)

as much every day of the year. It would pay well from a money point of view and most of us need to keep' that in mind.

The time may never come umber will be cheap again. prospect for that is decidedly dark. With our forests being cut up so rapidly and burned down by the million feet every year, it is not likely that we will ever see prices where they were even ten or fifteen years ago. So that it is not at all likely that any of us will ever live to see every cow have her own stall; but we may in the ways I have suggested, and in others perhaps more feasible, be a great deal to make up for the want of the roomy stall. Suppose we try

SIBERIA'S BUTTER INDUSTRY.

At present there are about two But it is a fact that not many one thousand butter manufactories

a stall. It does take more barn- managers and workmen the butter room. It costs to buy lumber when is not of an entirely satisfactory already know. Still, the police are hemlock boards are worth from \$15 quality. Its value in London is less ever reluctant to admit a mistake. to \$18 a thousand, as they are in than that of butter coming from They have made one with Dubois and the section where I live at the pres- Denmark and Finland. The govern-Grayne. They will need the strong- ent time. So that more than nine ment is assisting the manufacturers tenths of the cows of the country are by sending special butter-making inconfined all through the long winter, structors, who not only show the fastened up so closely that they can people a more efficient and satisfacnot even reach their sides until they tory way of making butter but inare let out after hours of imprison- duce them to form co-operative asment. Notice how often the first sociations. In former years only thing the cows do upon being let melted butter was made, which out is to turn and lick themselves. brought only \$4.12 per thirty-six pounds, and the price of milk averaged 10.3 cents per thirty-six pounds. Now, when butter is pre-There are to-day some fine devices pared in the new manner for export, These cents per thirty-six pounds.

cars, but the demand therefore is still Now, if we are compelled, or much greater than the supply.

confining our stock, we surely ought tablishments are increasing. The

FRUITS AND FLOWERS.

It never injures an orchard to manure it.

Judicious annual pruning is essen-

tial with the peach. Low headed trees resist the wind better, and the fruit is more easily

In grafting a large tree it is best not to try to graft the whole tree in one season.

Budding on certain slow growing and somewhat incongruous stock is the best way of dwarfing.

In some cause of moss appearing on the stems of apple and other fruit trees is wet, cold, undrained land. The soil from roses should be rich

and of such tenacity that it will hold manure. Suppose we bed the cows together when pressed. Sandy and All wood that is more than two

years old should be cut out from the the barn. Does any one suppose this currants and gooseberries. They will produce more fruits, even if the vines are not so large.

## HEALTH AND ECONOMY.

Hints That Are as Rational as the Average Free Advice.

Don't drink. You'll get thirsty

Don't remember anything-especial-

y your debts. Don't work. It is very bad for the health to tire yourself.

Don't lend-borrow. Don't want anything. If you should want anything, don't buy it;

beg or steal it. Don't try to say anything when you talk. It consumes brain power.

Don't eat anything. Your stomach may get out of order. Don't wear clothes. They retard

the free movement of the body. Don't marry young. Don't marry old. Don't marry at all. If you are tempted to marry, attend court

on a divorce day. Don't get sick. If you think you are sick, whistle or turn somereaults. This is nature's cure.

Don't go to law. Choose the lunatic asylum.

Don't get excited. Keep ice in your mouth. Don't read. It may affect your

eyesight. Don't fret, don't cry, don't laugh, don't buy, don't sell, don't grieve, don't love, don't play, don't humor yourself in anything, don't breathe. Don't even be displeased. If your favorite corn is stepped on, say "Thank you."