Mayfield

Or. The Strange Disappearance

CHAPTER XXXIV.—(Continued).

No! I-I did not even attempt to. How could I, when I only saw her behind a grale, with the prioress on one side of her and the portress on the other? My Now I do 'spose sumtin is happen long visit was silent enough, and short o' Miss Miriam as went heyin' off to de will come on early in the session?" enough, and sad enough. Why can't willidge dis mornin' afore she got her "I presume it will come on very soon, she come out of that? What have I done brekfas, nobody on de yeth could tell as Mr. Romford informs me there are to deserve to be made miserable? I what fur. Now de oder two is gone, but few cases on the docket." don't deserve it. I am the most ill-used an' nobody lef here to mine de house, "Thank Heaven for that, as your conman in the United States service."

ly she came in, throwing wide the door, master. and announcing:

front them, while Paul became sudden- Cloudy. ly pale on recognizing two police offi-

cers. good-afternoon, gentlemen," said the their return unseasonably delayed, and own business, or amusement, while you the fireside party. Then, replacing it, startled and arrested by the barking of don. No, I am going in search of Jac-

ly compressed lip, and gazed after into the room. them.

fire and whistled a sea air. self the import of this paper," said the it has ended in his committal !- he is I have neither the time nor inclination

officer, handing the warrant. Thurston read it and returned it.

man, "myself and my comrade came hither on horseback. Let me suggest to talking about, Paul?" said Cloudy, tak- mass they are very indicative. At least, you to order your carriage. One of us ing his hand kindly and looking in his I think so, and I must seek Jacquelina will accompany you in the drive, and face. all remarks will be avoided." "I thank you for the hint, Mr. Jen-

kins; I had, however, intended to do as you advise," said Thurston, beckoning even guess anything about it, Cloudy! ready gone. It will take me two days his brother to approach.

"Paul I am a prisoner. Say nothing sit down and I will tell you!" at present to Cloudy; permit him to assume that business takes me away, and the carriage."

company also," said the officer, serving Mayfield. Paul with a subpoena.

rushed out of the door.

"Keep an eye on that young man," said the policeman to his comrade, and the latter followed Paul into the yard and on to the stables.

The haste and passion of Paul's manner had attracted Cloudy's attention. and now he stood looking on with surprise and inquiry.

return to-night. Paul, however, certain- my services." and as happy as you possibly can."

wouldn't detain you for the world; hope stead." calls you from home, however. Any benediction, but hurrled to the stables. parishioner ill, dying and wanting your found and saddled his horse, threw front due south. ghostly consolations?"

"Oh, no," said Thurston, smiling. moke myself jolly until you return," land from the coast. said Cloudy, walking up and down the Eight hours of hard riding brought floor whistling a love ditty, and think- him to the county seat. neighborhood.

library?" said Thurston.

After an absence of some fifteen min- of murder. utes they returned to the parlor to find | Hurrying past all these, Cloudy Willcoxen.

"Yes, sir," replied the constable.

not sor

out his hand. Paul will probably be home by night- fast." fall, even if I should be detained."

account. I shall do very well. Jenny jailer. can take care of me," said Cloudy, The latter went out and locked the jovially, as he shook the offered hand door upon the friends. of Thurston.

Cloudy in the face and say "Good-by.' mind, it will all be well!" He averted his head, and so followed "Sad? It's a farce! I have not an in-Mr. Willcoxen and the officer into the stant's misgiving about the result; but

Mr. Willcoxen, the senior officer and could-" the second constable attended on heard anything of the circumstances ber.

horseback, and so the party set out for that led to this?" Charlotte Hall.

fell obliged to make up in conversation fense."

"Lord knows, I'se glad 'nough you'se "'Make any impression on her mind!' comed back," she said; "dis yer place is bad 'nough. Sam's been waytin' here eber since de fam'ly come from de city -dey must o' forch him long o' dem.

hurrying in and out between the house spirits by a gay reply, and then they time makes it the more necessary for and the kitchen, and busying herself kept up between them a lively badinage me to act with the greater promptitude with selting the table, laying the cloth of repartee, in which old Jenny acquit- I came here with the full intention of reand arranging the service. But present- ted herself quite as wittily as her young maining in town as long as you should

And so the evening wore away. "Good - afternoon, Mr. Willcoxen - Paul appeared. Cloudy began to think Do you think I am going away on my

he said: "Mr. Willcoxen, will you be dogs, and by the rolling of the carriage quelina. Since hearing your explanakind enough to step this way, and give into the yard, and in a few minutes the tion, particularly that part of it relatme your attention, sir." He walked to door was thrown violently open, and ing to your visit to Luckenough, upon the window, and Thurston followed him. Paul Douglass, pale, haggard, con- the morning of the day of Marian's

arose and stood with his back to the starting up, surprised and alarmed by throw some light upon this affair." his appearance.

fully committed for trial!-he was sent to tell you; for, taken apart from coloff to-night to the county jail at Leon- lateral circumstances and associations, "Mr. Willcoxen," added the police- ardtown, in the custody of two officers!" they would appear visionary. Each in "Who is committed? W hat are you itself is really trivial enough, but in the

somewhat to his senses.

Oh, it is a terrible misfortune! Let me to reach Baltimore, another day to get

to a chair, and in an agitated, nearly here. Good-by, Thurston! Heaven keep go now quietly and order horses put to incoherent manner, related the circum- you, and give you a speedy deliverance stances that led to the arrest of Thurs- from this black hole!"

Paul ground his teeth together and story, Cloudy started up, took his hat, and was about to leave the room. "Where are you going, Cloudy?"

"To the stables to saddle my horse, to ride to Leonardtown this night!"

"It is nearly twelve o'clock." "I know it, but by hard riding I can reach Leonardtown by morning, and be with Thurston as soon as the prison doors are opened. And I will ask you, "Cloudy," said Thurston, approaching Paul, to be kind enough to forward my him, "a most pressing affair demands trunks from the tavern at Benedict to my presence at C- this afternoon. Leonardtown, where I shall remain to Paul must also attend me. I may not be near Thurston as long as he needs

not for a moment hear of my doing so "Oh! don't mind me! Never make a -he entreated me to return hither to

himself into the stirrups, and in five "Glad of M! Go, by all means. I will the thick, low-lying forest stretching in-

he returned home and came into her quire his way to the prison, he hurried nor bad odors; but some mysterious and the silo, the midday feed consists of si- in. It contained the news that a second "Mr. Jenkins, will you follow me to my It was nearly nine o'clock, and the out by that screen.

and locking his secretary and writing arrest of the great preacher, the Rev. south fire working together, would be hogs.

tired as when he left home, sitting at a pied with his pen.

The police officer bowed, and Mr. He arose, and smilingly extended his

Willcoxen walked up to Cloudy and held hand, saying: "This is very kind as well as very out. "Good-by, Cloudy, for the present. prompt, Cloudy. You must have ridden

"I did. Leave us alone, if you please, "Oh, don't hurry yourself upon my my friend," said Cloudy, turning to the

"This seems a sad event to greet you

the present indignity! Oh! oh!

not a second chair to offer, but take this or the foot of the cot, as you pre-

Cloudy took the foot of the cot. "Certainly, Cloudy, I will tell you everything," said Thurston, and forth-

with commenced his explanation. Thurston's narrative was clear and to the point. When it was finished Cloudy asked a number of questions, chiefly referring to the day of the tragedy. When these were answered he sat with his brows gathered down in astute thought. Presently he asked:

"Thurston, have you engaged coun-

"Yes; Mr. Romford has been with me this morning." "Is he fully competent?"

"The best lawyer in the State."

"When does the court sit?" "On Monday week."

"Have you any idea whether your trial

'cept 'tis you an' me! Sam's waystin'!" finement here promises to be of very While Cloudy spoke, old Jenny was | Cloudy laughed and tried to cheer her short duration. However, the limited be detained in this infernal place, but I

And after supper she cleared away the shall have to leave you within the hour."

from the confinement of your ship.' It grew late, yet neither Thurston nor | "Oh you don't understand me at all! And Cloudy - unsuspicious Cloudy, Heaven has happened?" cried Cloudy, feel convinced that Jacquelina could

"Indeed! why should you think so?" out immediately. And to do so, Thurs-These words and actions brought Paul ton, I must leave you this moment, for there is a boat to leave the wharf for "Oh! you do not know!-you do not Baltimore this morning if it has not alto her convent, and it will altogether be And Paul Douglass threw himself in- five or six days before I can get back

"Dr. Douglass, we shall want your ton Willcoxen for the murder of Marian And Cloudy threw his arms around Thurston in a brotherly embrace, and When he had concluded the strange then knocked at the door to be let out. In half an hour Cloudy was "once not guess work. During the winter the more upon the waters," in full sail for

Baltimore. (To be continued).

JOHN CHINAMAN'S HOUSE.

Must be Built at a Special Time and in a Special Way.

build himself a house the first person meal, bran and oats with clover hay. territory, which is, roughtly speaking, boy, make yourself as much at home wished to accompany him, but he would sort of wizard. This individual areas ines the site and marks the exact spot About 200 quarts milk and an equiva- grandee of his court, by Philip V. of for the front door. In China front doors lent in cream are sold daily. The even- Spain, and still belongs to his heir, if stranger of me. Go, by all means. I take care of -oor Fanny and the home must never face due south, though a ing's milk is separated, the cream paster of ene can be found. partly southern aspect is highly desir- teurized, and delivered next morning it is nothing of a painful nature that | Cloudy scarcely waited to hear this able. Only the houses of the Emperor | with the morning's milk. All cream left | beautiful Mexican girl. There is no space and of high governing officials may ove r is churned.

have disastrous consequences.

naturally burn up.

there would be the devil to pay. The such a cow, family living in that house would die

The would-be builder must also find Let me say as emphatically as possible back home for 15 shillings a week. out whether it is a year when he may any cow, that in her prime will make

age is 24 or 26, or any even number.

MANAGEMENT OF DAIRY HERD.

In 1875, I started dairying by buying a Jersey heifer, but did not commence to retail milk until 1894, writes F. Shannon. Each difficulty in the business can be overcome as I have overcome it by honest, industrious practices and the emly in favor of registered Jerseys and have stuck to this breed because the cows produce a richer milk than any other. At present I have about 50, milkers. One of the best of these produced 8112 pounds of milk inside of 12 months, with the first calf; 20 pounds 3 cunces butter in seven days and 38 pounds of milk in a day. Other cows have varied from 43 to 47 pounds of milk a day. My best butter record is 24 pounds three ounces in seven days.

Four bulls head the herd. One is a son of Yoethe Koffce of Lawn-22nd cow in Jersey, Lord St. Louis dairy contest, gest those that have been found to do 1894, by a line breed Coomassic bull; 200 the best in the immediate locality in "Two gemmun, axin to see marster." service, and went to prepare a bed and "Of course, Cloudy, my dear boy, I pounds fat, 120 days official test. The which the new orchard is to be set. Thurston arose and turned to con- light a fire in the room appropriated to could not expect your second is a son of Wine, 29954, out of These may be determined by a little inself to this town so soon after escaping an imported daughter of Golden Lad vestigation. 1242: The third, a son of Wine, out of Elsie Harribee, 91834-45 pounds milk a day-18 pounds eight ounces butter in seven days. The fourth is a grandforemost and most respectable-looking at eleven o'clock he took up his lamp to are here? To the devil with the son of Golden Lad 1242 J H B, out of a of the two, lifting his hat and bowing to retire to his chamber, when he was thought!-begging your reverence's parfrom 304 pounds milk.

I prefer an aged bull of proved merit better for a horse at work than good to an untried one and am opposed to close inbreeding, such as father to Paul stood with a pale face and frm- vulsed and despairing, burst suddenly death, and the various scenes that occurred there-certain vague ideas of my very best animal I can afford and try to "Paul! Paul! what in the name of own have taken form and color, and I breed as good or better. There are often misses, but still I keep on trying. The herd is really a breeding and not primarily a dairy herd. A cow should "Mr. Willcoxen, you can see for your- "Oh, it has ended in his committal!- "Oh! from many small indexes, which show a capacity to do well and put the For the retail business, it is necessary to have cows come fresh throughout Instances in Which Wealth Was Quickly the year. When calves are born they are removed from the cow when dry and raised by hand with calf feeders. As soon as they want it, they are given clover hay and a ration of bran and corn meal, oats also

WHEN NOT TOO COSTLY.

The food depends largely upon the individual; each calf should lick the corners of the feed box clean. Owing to environment, we are obliged to stable young stock more than is satisfactory or profitable. I much prefer to have herfers calve not under two years.

In the stable I use a modification of Bidwell and Drone stalls provided with Sydney Court. water basins in each. This pays; it is ere added to the ration. Whiskey grains | The investors were beggared.

The wizard, or geomancer, next pre- meter, 24 feet above ground and 8 feet miniatures and other evidence which minutes was dashing rapidly through scribes the exact size of the front door. of brick in the ground. The corn is cut this brilliant swindler prepared in order An inch too much or too little might just before frost, about September 18, in to bolster up the claims of the girl. half-inch lengths, and not watered when A verdict was given for the girl, who A screen of wood or bricks must be put in. The practice of siloing has been was by this time Reavis' wife. Reavis erected about three yards in front of the entirely satisfactorily and my only re- was turning to receive the congratulaing of little Jacko. He always thought | Just slopping long enough to have his door. This is to keep out any evil gret is that I cannot put up more and tions of his friends on his enormous inof her with tenfold intensity whenever horse put up at the best hotel and to in- breath, nor malaria, feed longer. As soon as I start filling heritance when a telegram was handed fatal something which is only to be kept lage and this is kept up as long as the examination had proved that the original silage lasts, namely, until about May deed of gift to Don Miguel was a forstreet corners were thronged with The wizard next locates the spot for 1. I like silage, because every particle gery. The verdict was revoked, Reavis The officer bowed assent and Mr. | loungers conversing in low, eager tones | the kitchen fireplace. This also must of corn still can be used up almost with- was tried and sent to prison for a long Willcoxen proceeded thither for the pur- upon the present all-absorbing topic of not face south, because the south repre- out waste, not only on a dairy farm term. pose of securing his valuable papers discourse—the astounding event of the sents fire; and the kitchen fire and the or any farm having cattle, sheep or Maximilan Hershal, a wealthy miser,

Thurston Willcoxen, upon the charge so powerful that the house would just | Farmers should keep thoroughbred dying and carried to a hospital. At cattle, as this can be done to better ad- once he asked that his adopted daughter Having settled the question of place, vantage than keeping poor stock. I might be sent for. On her arrival he Paul and the constable awaiting them. reached the jail. He readily gained ad- the wizard figures out a time when work advise every one to use a registered bull told her that he had left her all his "Is the carriage ready?" asked Mr. mittance, and was conducted to the cell may be begun with some degree of safe- no matter what breed is preferred. When wealth - over £300,000. Breath was of the prisoner. He found Thurston at- ty. For instance, if the earth god a dairy bull is bought, buy one from a failing him fast, but after a short pause should be at home when the workmen dam with good sized and well-placed he began to speak again, in low, broken "Then, I believe, we also are—is it small wooden stand, and calmly occu- began digging they might stick a teats and a well-balanced udder, running whispers. Suddenly he fell back and spade into his august cranium and then up well behind, and if the sire is from expired. He had not revealed the sec-

SO MUCH THE BETTER.

with safety begin anything. There are two pounds of honest butter a day for lots of these unlucky years. A man 30 days is a good cow and a Jersey that must be married, for instance, when his will not make ten pounds a week or give over ten quarts of milk a day with One of the most romantic careers is Having picked out a favorable year, her second calf at three years old is that of the Russian Minister of Public John must next consider his two lucky not worth keeping. And do not forget Works, Prince Michael Chikoff. First months, for there are only two out of that fawn colors or solid colors with he was a page at the imperial court, Paul could not trust himself to look on your return home, Cloudy; but never the twelve which are favorable to his black tongue and switch do not make then he passed into the army, and then undertaking new things. Then his yel- a Jersey pure bred, nor does a cow with into the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. low road days or good ones must be de- white and lots of it, too, sometimes Next his debts drove him to the United termined. There are more black road make a cow a grade. This is one rea- States, and there he worked as a navvy days than yellow ones, so the auspicious son why there are too many cows called on one of the railways. Going to Livermoments for starting his house are fin- Jerseys when they should never have pool, England, after this he was a Paul Douglass entered the carriage, and Be calm, my dear Cloudy. Have you ally reduced to a pretty limited num- been registered. Another fact, because blacksmith, and later on he was found a cow is a high pedigreed pure-bred Jer- working on a railway in Russia. Here But that isn't all. The lucky days of sey does not mean that she is not a some of his old friends look him up and "Yes! Paul told me; but he is as the who family must next be figured dairy cow or rather a milk cow. I have got him restored in the army. And now Hour after hour passed. Old Jenny crazed and incoherent as a Bedlamite! cut, compared with John's own yellow dozens of cows that will give 3,000 he is a cabinet Minister. came in, and put the supper on the I want you, if you please, Thurston, if road days and the result boiled down, quarts a year; they do not start with table, and stood presiding over the urn you have no objection, to go over the The proper moment for putting the 60 pounds a day and quit in six months, and teapet while Cloudy ate his sup- whole story for me, that I may see if I front door in place, for building the but milk straight ahead and dry only per. Old Jenny's tongue ran as if she can make anything of it for your de- kitchen fireplace and so on are then two or three weeks in 12 months. Last, decided on, and, after waiting perhaps but not least, the Jersey is not a nerv- of yours just bit the baby." for the absence of the rest of the fam- "Poor Paul! he takes this matter far several months for the auspicious day ous cow, but properly treated quiet and "And the baby's got the measles! Oh, too deeply to heart. Sit down. I have to arrive, John can at last begin work, docile. It is a very rare thing for our my poor little Fido."

heifers to be hard to break in and I have not a kicking cow in my stables.

BEST SOIL FOR APPLE TREES.

Soil best suited to apple-growing is a clay loam with a sub-soil capable of holding a good supply of moisture during the entire growing season. However, the fruit is found to do well cn almost any good, strong soil that is properly drained either by Nature or artificially. If the black soil of our correspondent is low and inclined to be or that character which is called mucky, it is quite certain that it would not be well suited for fruit trees. A general rule in regard to the proper soil for fruit ployment of sober laborers. I am strong- is found in the common saying that land will produce a good crop of wheat if it is high enough to grow a good apple orchard. High ground is generally the most satisfactory for any orchard site, even though the soil should not be quite as good as valley land, for reason that better atmospheric drainage, as it is called, is afforded. A better circulation of air is offered on the hill top, and fungus diseases are apt to be so troublesome as upon a lower level. Another advaintage of relatively high ground is that there is less danger to be feared from late and early frosts. In the selection of varieties we would always sug-

A RATION FOR A HORSE.

A correspondent writes us: "What do you consider the feed for a horse to work or the farm, without taking into account the cost of the feeds?"

We do not know of anything that is sound, heavy weight oats and good, bright hay, clover and timothy mixed. considerable corn, making it say half the ration. A bran mash once a week would furnish a very valuable variation.

STRANGE FREAKS OF FORTUNE.

Made and Lost.

Nothing in real life is more grim than the way in which fortune, sought or unsought, will suddenly smile upon an individual, and then with equal suddenness withdraw her favors. Such cases, of course, are to be seen by scores at gambling resorts like Monte Carlo. Quite recently a young Austrian officer won £23,000 at the table in five days and lost every penny of it on the sixth.

The vicissitudes of fortune were never more vividly illustrated, says London Answers, than by the evidence given recently in a bankruptcy case in the

The bankrupt, a mining engineer, had won and lost no fewer than six forcows are turned out daily in dry weat tunes in his lifetime. Once he made ther. Grain is fed twice daily through- £7,000 in a single week by buying a out the year. In the stabling season mine and selling it again. So soon as he silage is given once daily, two or three was paid the money he went to Wyompecks to each animal. Only the best ing and invested it, and some three bran and kiln dried corn meal is thousand besides, in purchasing an inbought. About 1,000 pounds is mixed terest in another-a copper-mine. Be. at a time, varying the percentage. When fore night came the news that the copoats are not over 1 cent a pound, they per lode had suddenly "pinched out."

are very good but too costly. I do not | James Addison Reavis spent more feed gluten or cotton seed. The feeding than twenty years in building up a fictiis done after milking. The bull is kept tious claim to 12,500,000 acres of land in When a Chinaman has decided to in a stall and yard and is given corn Mexico and Arizona. This enormous

Reavis invented one in the shape of a here to delail the ingeniuos forgeries of I have two cypress silos, 16 feet in dia- birth and marriage certificates, the false

was found one day in his wretched room ret of where his bonds or cash were hidden. Search proved useless and the poor girl, wealthy for a minute, went

FROM PAGE TO THE CABINET.

ACCIDENT TO A DOG.

"My dear, that miserable little beast