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# Tragedy of the Thames.

The two tall standard lamps in Yount's saloon on board the Primrose shed a cheerful light on the cosy surnundings. A fire was burning briskin the grate at the further end, and, to accentuate the sense of comfort, the cold, treacherous stream bepeath was lapping and gurgling under the stout bottom boards.

For days, the river, swollen by winter streams, had been carrying down great blocks of ice and frozen snow from the upper reaches, and on this articular evening London was smothered in a dense black fog. So intense was it that, looking through the gloon window, it was impossible to see the little wharf light a few feet away. Silently and suddenly it had crept brward all through the winter's day, eradually enveloping everything like the visible embodiment of some dreadful plague. Denser and darker it grew s the night closed in; wreaths of it dreled and eddied round the dim street umps; it crept under ill-fitting doors. and through the tightey-closed wininus until even in the snug saloon the Primrose it made the lights orn less briskly, and the polished metal work glint a little more dimly in the firelight.

"Curious thing," said Mount, breakm a luxurious silence - "curious ing how that fellow Dortheim manged to get away?"

for, to tell the truth, I was half sleep when he spoke, "Oh, ah!-yes,

I heard from Carter's again to-day," funt continued. "The police have tried their very utmost; but they imply can't get hold of the faintest

This was apropos of the breaking gof the river swindlers' gang, of which Dortheim was the head, some hotnight or more ago. On the infornation with which Mount and I had we able to supply them, the police ad raided Dortheim's store, and efstually broken up the whole crew of m besides recovering a large amant of stolen property; but Dorand got away.

"hthe way," I asked, "did they find that emergency exit of lman's led to?"

Is it was rather a cute contrivat gave into an old-fashioned, tsted chimney, with a ladder in it. of it. the foot of the ladder was a crude he was in Africa. There are there was Dortheim! low it is that they've heard nothof him since. It's all very well, hear people talk and say, that it's easiest thing in the world to disear, and that a simple disguise and precaution are all that is neand so on. Well, that's all as long as no one cares twowhether you disappear or not, imuses you so to do. But it's another kind of game when re got the whole of Scotland Yard our heels, simply tearing their hair get hold of you, when your descripusual haunts, acquaintances and like are all duly entered on the dal list, and when a slight miswill end in a visit to the hang-

The not yet noticed that Master theim is any particular variety of linterjected. "And as long as is a way of evading the gentle I should imagine Dortheim its probable inventor."

hat's true enough. Give the deis due. I grant that the man soute a scoundrel as ever breathbut he must be keeping precious to evade such an exhaustive as they are making for him." hat do you think he's probably

Wm. A. Walker of 16th Street says:—"I have suffered untold agonies for my "gay life." I was indiscreet when young and ignorant. As "One of the Boys" I contracted young and ignorant young and ignorant. As "One o said Mount, with a laugh, sound absurd, but to tell truth I am a little uneasy, I bethat the brute is waiting a chance his knife into me before he that final bolt for it. You see, it Mactically entirely my fault that in all this trouble. Months and ago quite accidentally I stumbseross the fact of the existence of man and his company of fellow Capt. Ches. Farry sage:—"I owe my life to Drs. K. & K.

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Drs. K. & K. are scientific specialists and I heartily recommend them." I wasn't on the lookout for the very least. It was sheer in my part, but ever since then, cases out of ten, I've had the hand of him, and, of course, he's pretty sure about the raid of

at first he did not know who it who was working against him, but dignet keep in the dark forever, directly he knew he began to take Weakness, Gier, Diseases.

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that with my lame les and the



darkness the fellow got away. This his farther hand slid into his coat tending either to make him sleave go bolts screwed on to the hatchway, and I think I shall have the shutters looked to. I am ashamed to confess that the man is getting on my nerves -he is so deuced artful one never can tell what he will be up to."

When Mount had finished speaking he sat and stared gloomily into the fire. It was evident that he was weary -more so than I should have expected in a man who was usually pretty well indifferent to danger.

But for real nerve-straining work which makes your courage ooze out of the rest of his days., your finger tips, there is nothing like living for a week or two in constant expectation of-you don't know ex-The said I drowsily, and waking actly what; when any minute something may spring out of somewhere and take you where you least expect it. You can't give it a name, and you heard a yell of rage from Mount and safety. the end is loss of nerves.

I felt quite shivery as I sat there watching Mount. Everything was so deathly still, and over everything and around everything and through everything there lay that horrible, dark, unclean fog. It lurked in the corners of the saloon, making the shadows deeper. It got into one's throat and into one's eyes and depressed one like an evil dream. And as I sat there, listening vaguely, I shuddered; and, remembering Dortheim's face as I had last seen it, I shuddered again.

How long the intense silence had lasted I don't know. It might have lasted five minutes; it might have been an hour. Anyhow, after a certain lapse of time, I became dimly conscious of him himself had managed to escape a faint, regular noise, like the gentle the last moment through a sliding scraping of a boat's gunwale against gently on the tide.

with a start, I realized the meaning not render assistance.

so it's little wonder they missed touched Mount on the arm. I saw him his grip.

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pocket. The man's nerves were positively on the rack.

"Listen!" I whispered, holding up my finger to enjoin silence. We both sat with strained ears, and

there it came again-scrape, scrape! bump, bump!-at regular intervals. Mount sprang from his chair and crept noiselessly to the hatchway. followed close behind, having armed myself with a thick stick. Together we crouched in the shadow of the door, wards, thus affording anyone coming black fog. from within partial protection-a fact

instant there was a crash, a tinkle of saw him spring forward.

and covered by my arm.

of the upper deck. I could hear their whirling about perilously near the edge, but which was friend and, which foe I could not make out at first. As my eyes got accustomed to the darkness, I saw that Mount had got one hand twisted in his assailant's collar, left wrist high in the air.

Dortheim-for he it was-was fighting like a demon. I could see his broad shoulders heave and strain with the side of the barge as it swayed every movement. But Mount was mad with rage and pain- a considerable I could not say how long the noise quantity of the vitrol had splashed might have been going on, nor when over him, and he was in horrible agony it began. I simply remember that from the burning acid; and so the gradually, quite gradually, I became two swayed backward and foreward, aware of it, and then all of a sudden, so closely intertwined that I could Dortheim & Co.

Presently Mount shouted: "Knock it Mount's two boats were I knew, laid out of his hand, Lascelles! Knock it DANGEROUS STURGEON FISHING. should think Dortheim had up for the winter, under canvas on out of his hand! My leg is giving!"and the it himself-which ran under the the upper deck, but the noise was un- then for the first time I realized why the block of houses op- mistakably made by a beat scraping it was Mount struggled to hold his and once there he was as safe against the barge. And—well, and adversary's hand so high. Dortheim had got a second glass bomb filled madreds of different exits from the I least forward in my chair and with vitrol, and Mount daren't release

But what I cannot understand start convulsively at the pressure, and I made a grab at the man's arm, in-

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or break his wrist. But just as I did so I heard a cry from Mount and saw him go down. His wounded leg, which had burst out bleeding afresh, had given under him. Dortheim's arm naturally jerked back, and I missed my hold. At the same instant he gave a horrible scream, and, putting his hands to his eyes, fell head

foremost into the river below. I heard his body strike a projecting corner of the lower deck. There was while Mount gently slid back the bolts. a splash and in an instant he was The door was one that opened out- whirled away out of sight into the

With a word to Mount I hurried to that Mount has to be thankful for for the boat, which I found moored to the stern, and casting loose pulled fran-He thrust the door open sharply, and | tically down stream, but after ten stepped out into the darkness with minutes it was evident that there was his arm well to the front, and at that no chance of finding him alive or dead in that inky darkness-in fact, it was broken glass, and something liquid and with the greatest difficulty that I was able to get back to the barge in

Mount had escaped permanent injury "Vitrol!" he said. And with that by a miracle. As it was, the devilish I, too, sprang out, with my head low, acid had scarred his temple and hands badly, but owing partly to the fact Two figures were struggling and of the door opening outward and parttwisting in the blackness on the edge ly because he had naturally emerged in a stooping attitude (the doorway behard breathing, and see a confused mass ing a low one), the full charge had missed his face, and, beyond the awful pain at first he was comparatively little damaged.

Dortheim's body was picked up the next day in a fearful condition,. How it happened exactly I cannot tell, but while with the other he held the man's I imagine that the sudden release of his wrist caused him to grip the frail glass vessel so tightly that it broke, and the acid fell straight on his upturned face, blinding him instantly. shall never forget the poor wretch's screams as he fell. It may have been retribution, but it was none the less horrible, and I can't think of it without shuddering.

However, such was the death of one of the cleverest scoundrels of the period, and the leader and organizer of

Recreation.

ent of the Globe. Any one wishing to Pump-Makers' Supplies, with an axe said it was not an un- repairs for Flour and Saw Mills. common fish, though the biggest on the floor; that they often found him far larger and weighing as much as THE RESULT of ignorance and folly in youth, overexertion of mind and body inductive and by lust and exposure are constantly wrecking the lives and future happiness of thousands of promising young men. Some fade and wither at an early age, at the blossom of manhood, while others are forced to drag out a weary, fruitless and melancholy existence. Others reach matrimony but find no solace or comfort there. The wictims are found in all stations of life:—The farm, the office, the workshop, the pulpit. twelve hundred pounds.

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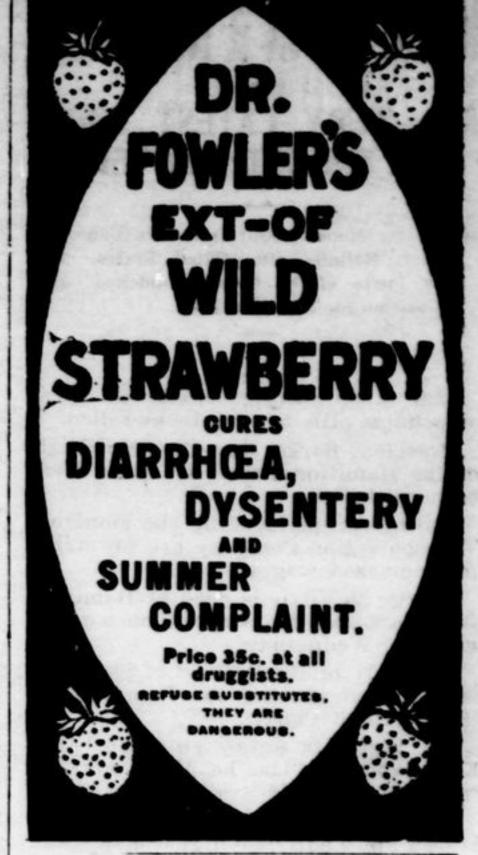
a gunwale. On the floor of the cannery the sturgeon is a great inert mass of fish. The first operation of the butcher is to chop off the head and tail with an axe, and for these free gifts of nature the Indians and Chinamen are eagerly waiting at the door. The funs are cut off with a knife, and these are not allowed to go to waste. As the refuse is shovelled along the planks to the river there is little allowed to pass the coast native and his cousins of the braided hair. Chinamen potter around the place and help to clear away the refuse for the sake of what they can glean and have a weakness for taking parts not intended for the river. When such Mongolian tricks are discovered the Chinamen are all driven out with more noise than ceremony, but they take their expulsion with Oriental indifference, and in a few minutes are all back again.

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