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A triumphant exclamation from M. Ver-

duret interrupted Mme. Gipsy. He was

"H in !" he said to Prosper, forgetting

"Been afraid to give way to his first im-

pulse; of course he has. He is now seeking

for proofs of your assertious. He must

have them by this time. D.d the ladies go

"The ladies took me with them; we left

"he looked for proofs and found them, too!

Your letter told him exactly where to go.

Ah, Prosper, that unfortunate letter gives

These words seemed to throw a sudden

"I und retand it now!" she exclaimed

"That is, he thinks he knows everything,

and what he has been led to fear, and thinks

he has discovered, is worse than the true

"That accounts for the order which M.

"He told Evariste to bring every letter

that came to the house, no marter to whom

addressed, into his study, and hand them to

him, saying that if this order was disobeyed

"At what time was this order given!"

"That is what I was afraid of," cried M.

Verduret. "He has clearly made up his

mind what course to pursue, and is keeping

quiet so as to make his vergeance more

sure. The question is, have we still time

to counteract his projects? Have we time

to convince him that the anonymous

letter was incorrect in some of its asser-

He tried to hit upon some plan for re-

pairing the damage done by Prosper's

"Thank you for your information, my

dear child," he said, after a long silence.

"I will decide at once what steps to take,

for it will never do to sit quietly, and let

things go on in this way. Return home without delay, and be careful of everything

you say and do, for M. Fauvel suspects you

of being in the plot. Send me word of any-

thing that happens, no matter how insig-

"What about Caldas, monsieur?"

Nina, thus dismissed, did not move, but

This was the third time during the lest

The first time it had been whispered in

his car by a respectable-looking, middle-

aged man, who offered his protection one

day when passing through the police office

The second time the judge of instruction

Prosper thought over all the men he had

trembled at the sound of his name, but

"I promise to find him for you, and I

It was tweeve o'clock and M. Verduret

But the savory broiled oysters and flaky

biscuit failed to smooth the perplexed brow

To the eager questions and complimentary

For the first time since he had known

He remained silent as long as he could,

"I am afraid I have embarrassel you

"Yes, you have dreadfully embarrassed

me," replied M. Verduret, "What on

earth to do now I don't know! Shall I

the next move. And I am bound by a sa-

cred promise. Come, we had better go and

advise with the judge of instruction. He

can assist me. Come with me; let us

CHAPTER XXIII.

THE UNSIGNED LETTER.

per's letter had a terrible effect upon M.

It was toward nine o'clock in the morn-

ing, and M. Fauvel had just entered his

After opening a dozen business letters his eyes fell on the fatal missive sent by

A cold chill ran through his heart, and

With absolute certainty that he was

broke the scal, and opening the coarse paper, was shocked by the following

"Monsieur.-You have handed your eashier over

But if it was he who took three hundred and

fifty thousand france from your safe, was it he also

This was a terrible blow to a man whos;

life hitherto had been an unbroken chain of

presparity, who could recall the past with-

out one b tter regret, without remember-

ing any sorrow deep enough to bring forth

among all men, to choose one vile enough

to rea her of her jewels, and force her to

be his scoom wife in the ruin of an innocent

What I his wife deceive him ! And

who took Madame Fauvei's dramonds !

to the law, and you acted properly, convinced as you

about to learn some new calamity,

study when his mail was brought in.

he dreaded to open it.

As M. Verduret had anticipated, Pros-

hasten matters, or keep quiet and wait for

the stout man, Prosper saw him betray

"Hush! let me alone; keep quiet."

anxiety and hesitation.

very much, monsieur.

and then uneasily said ;

suddenly remembered that he was hungry.

empting breakfast before Prosper and

quickly recovering himself, said:

fortnight that Prosper had heard this

he should be instantly discharged."

Cavai lon overheard him give to his servant-

more trouble than everything else put to-

"What became of Monsieur Fauvel?"

"Not a doubt of it !" cried the

his bad humor of a few minutes before.

work to do in his study."

"Hein! what did I tell you?"

"He has evidently-"

"Yes, a part of the day."

Monsieur Fauvel at home."

light on Mine. Gipsy's mind.

"M. Fauve, knows everything."

out vesterday?"

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man, Evariste."

asked M. Verduret.

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"Yesterday afternoon."

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the eve of giving way to a burst of anger, and there is a wild, strange look about his and there is a wild, strange look about his arregially when he looks at madam,

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nan. You understand me perfectly this was announced, he jumped up and hurried out of the room, saying that he had some Fanferlot was transported with delight at this compliment.

"What must I do now, patron!" he in-"Nothing difficult for a adroit man; but remember, upon the precision of our movements depends the success of my plan. Before arresting Lagors I wish to dispose of Clameran. Now that the raseals are separated, the first thing to do is to pre-

vent their coming together.' "I understand," said Fanferlot, enapping his little rat-like eyes : "I am to create a diversion." "Exactly. Go out by the Rue de la Hucherte, and hasten to St. Michel's Bridge ; loaf along the bank, and finally

sit down on the steps of the quay, so that If he desn't see you do something to attract his attention." "I will throw a stone in the water." said Fan'erlot, rubbing his hands with delight at his own brilliant idea. "As soon as Clameran has seen you," continued M. Verdoret, " he will be alarmed and instantly decamp. Knowing there are

reasons why the police should be after him, he will hasten to escape you; then comes the time for you to keep wile awake; he is a slippery eel and cunning as a rat. "I know all that ; I was not born yester-"So much the better You can convince him of that. Weil, knowing you are at his heels, he will not dare to return to the

Hotel du Louvre, for fear of being called

on by troublesome visitors. Now it is very important that he should not return to the

"But sur pose he does ?" said Fanferlot. M. Verduret thought for a minute, and "It is not probable that he will do so, but if he should you must wait until he comes out again, and continue to follow him. But he won't enter the botel; very likely he will take the cars; but in that event don't lose sight of him, no matter if you have to follow him to S.beria. Have you money "I will get some from Midame Alex-

"Very good. Ah! one word more. the rascal takes the cars send me word. If he beats about the bush until night be on your guard, especially in lonely places; tho desperado is capable of any enormity.' "If necessary must I fire?" "Don't be rash, but if he attacks you of

course defend yourself. Come, 'tis time Dubois-Fanferlot went out. Verduret and Prosper resumed their post of observa-"Why all this secrecy ?" inquired Prosper. "Clameran is charged with ten times worse crimes than I was ever accused of, and yet my disgrace was made as public as

"Don't you understand," replied the fat man, "that I wish to separate the cause of Raoul from that of the marquis? 'Sh, 'sh ! Clamoran had left his place near the orange woman's stand, and approached the bridge, where he seemed to be trying to

make out some unexpected object. "Ah!" said M. Verduret, "he has just had mentioned it in connection with Gipsy's Clameran's uneasiness was quite apparent; he walked forward a few steps as if intendever been connected with, but could recall ing to cross the bridge, then suddenly turning around rapidly waiked in the direction none named Caldas. The impassible M. Verduret started and

of the Rue St. Jacques. "He is caught!" cried M. Verduret with At that moment the door opened and will keep my promise. Now you must go; Mme. Nina Gipsy, alias Palmyre Chocarcille, Poor Nina! Each day spent in the service af Madeleine seemed to have aged her

He called Mme, Alexandre, and the beaming hostess of the Archangel soon placed a Tears had dim ned the brilliancy of her beau iful black eyes; her rosy cheeks were pale and hollow, and her merry smile was Poor Gipsy, once so gay and spirited, now of M. Verduret. crushed beneath the burden of her sorrows. remarks of Mme. Alexandre he answered:

was the picture of misery. Prosper thought that, wild with joy at seeing him, and proud of having so nobly devoted herself to his interests, Nina would throw her arms around his neck and say how much she loved him. To his surprise Nina scarcely spoke to him. Although his every thought had been de-

voted to Madeleine since he discovered the reasons for her crueity, he was hurt by The girl stood looking at M. Verduret, with a mixture of fear and devotion, like a poor dog cruelly treated by its master. He, however, was kind and gentle in his man-

"Well, my dear," he said, encouragingly, "what news do you bring me?" "Something is going on at the house, nonsieur, and I have been trying to get here to tell you; at last Mile. Madeleine made an excuse for sending me out," "You must thank Mile. Madeleine for her confidence in me. I suppose she car-

ried out the plan we decided upon ?" "Yes, monsieur." "She receives the Marquis of Clameran's "Since the marriage has been decided upon he comes every day, and madeinoiselle receives him with kindness. He seems These answers filled Prosper with anger

to be delighted." and alarm. The poor young man, not comprehending the intricate moves of M. Verduret, felt as if he were being tossed about from pillar to post, and made the tool and laughing-stock of everybody. "What!" he cried, "this worthless Marquis of Clameran, an assassin and a thief,

promises, monsieur, which you have made? Have you merely been amusing yourself by raising my hopes to dash them---" "Enough!" interrupted M. Verduret harshly, "you are too green to understand anything, my friend. If you are incapable of helping yourself, at least have sense enough to refrain from importuning those

who are working for you. Do you not think you have already done sufficient mis-Having administered this rebuke he turned to Gipsy, and said in softer tones: "Go on, my child! what have you dis-

For ald not the letter before him assert this to be the fact, and tell him how to convince himself of its truth ? "Nothing positive, monsieur, but enough It is generally agreed that an anonymous to make me nervious and fearful of impendletter should be treated with silent coning danger. I am not certain, but suspect tempt, and cast aside as the malicious lies from appearances that some dreadful catasof a coward who dares not to say to a man's trophe is about to happen. It may only be face what he secretly commits to paper, a presentiment. I cannot get any informaanswer any hints, and moves about like a

This is all very well in theory, but it is difficult to practice when the anonymous letter comes. You throw it in the fire, it burns; but although the paper is destroy-ed by the flames doubt remains. Suspicion "I was just about to tell you, monsieur, arises from its ashes, as a subtle poison Some fearful misfortune has happened to him, you may depend upon it. He wanders about as if he had lost his mind. Something certainly occured yesterday; his voice even is changed. He is so harsh and irritable that mademoiselle and Monaieur Lucien were wondering what could be the matter with him. He seems to be on the matter with him. He seems to be on penetrates the inmost recesses of the mind, weakous its holiest beliefs, and destroys its The trail of the serpent is left. Thus were realized all Verduret's pre-

He had said : "If M. Fauvel does not yield to his first impulse, if he stops to reflect, we have time to repair the harm done." Atter a long and painful meditation the

banker finally decided to wait, and water It was a hard at nggle for a man of he frank, up ight nature to play the ja . . domestic spy and jes ous nustand. Accustomed to give way to sudden busis of arger, but quekly m seing them, he would find it deficult to be compelled to preserve his self-rest ai.t, no matter how dreadful the discovers a might be. When he co lected the proofs o' go le

one by one he must impose silence upon heresentment, until fully assured of pose . ing certain evidence. There was one simple means of ascertage ing whether the dismonds had been p.wn

If the letter lied in this instance ha would treat it with the seorn it des rved. If, on the other hand, it should prove to be Harrying into Mme. Fauvel's room in her absence he opened the drawer of the chiffonier, where she kept her jewels.

vet boxes contain ng superb sets of jewelly which he had presented to her were gone. Twelve boxes remained. He nervous y opened them. They were all empty ! The anonymous letter had told the

The last dozen or more leather and vel-

And she had been thus deceiving him for twenty years! But sustienly a gicam of hope penetrated his confused mind-slightwrote a note to Mine. Fauvel asking for an v. bare v possible ; still a straw to ching "Perhaps Valentine has put hr dismonds in Madeleine's room."

Without stopping to consider the inde'tcacy of what he was about to do he hurr. A into the gul's room and pulled -peniess drawer after an another. What d chan Not Mme, Faurel's diamonds, lut Mate

leine's seven or eight boxes also empty.
Great heavens! Was this centle girl, whom he had treated as a daughter an accomplice in this deed of shame? Had she contributed her j welry to add to the disgrace of the roof that sheltered her? This last blow was almost to nuch for the miserable old man. If his wife could deceive him now when

she was silver-haired had see not deceived Not only did he suffer in the present, but the uncertainty of the past torture! his He was like a man who is to'd that the exquisite wine he has drank contains

Confidence is entire ; it is, or it is not

His confidence was gone; his faith was The wretched banker had rested his every hope and happiness on the love of his Believing that she had proved faiththat she had played him false, and was unworthy of trust he admitted no possibility of peaceful joy, and felt tempted to seek consolation om self-destruction. What had he to live for now, save to mourn over the ashes of But this dejection did not last long. In-

dignant anger and thirst for vengeance made him start up and swear that he would less no time in vain regrets. M. Fauvel well knew that the fact of the diamonds being sto on was not sufficient ground upon which to being an accusation against any of the accom-He must possess overwhe'm'n r proofs before taking any active steps. Success de-

pended upon present sterecy. He began by calling his val- t and ordering him to bring him every letter that should come to the house. He then wrote to a notary at St. Ramv for minute and authentic information about the Lagors, and especially about

Finally, following the advice of the anof Police, hoping to obtain a b'ogr phy of M. Fauvel was politely asked what motives urged him to inquire i to zen ; and, as he declined to state his reasons, the chief of police tild him he had better apply to the procurer for This advice he could not follow. He had sworn that the secret of his wrongs should be confined to the three persons interested. He chose to avenge his own injuries, to be

slone the judge and executioner. opinion? Oh, into what an abyss you have He returned home more angry then ever; fallen, Valentine! and, oh, my God! if you here he found the dispatch answering the were wearied by my constant devotion, had one he had sent to St. Remy. It read as the thought of your children no power to restrain your evil passions; could you not remain untarnished for their sake?" "The Lagors are very poor and there Raoul. Madame Lagors had no son, only but sobs of Mme. Fauvel.

The busker thought when he discovered his wife's infamy that she had sinned as deeply as woman could sin, but he now saw that she had practiced a system more shockng than the crime itself. Nothing but death could wipe out an injury f this nature. But the very bitterness of his resentment enabled him to restrain himself until the time for punishment came With grim satisfaction he promised himself

This information dashed his last hope.

two daughters."

that his acting would be as successful as That day he succeeded in concealing his egitation and kept up a flow of talk at duer; but at about 9 o'clock, when Clameran called on the ladies, he rushed from the house for f ar that he would be unable to control his indignation at the sight of this destroyer of his happiness, and did not return home until in the night. The next day he reaped the fruit of his

Among the letters which his valet brought him at noon was one bearing the postmark of Vesinct. He carefully opened the envelope, and "DEAR AUNT,-It is imperatively necessary for me to see you to-day, so do not fail

"I will explain why I give you this trouble, instead of calling at your house. "I have them now !" cried M. Fauvel trembing with satisfaction at the near prospect of vengean e. Eager to lose no time, he opened drawer, took out a revelver, and examined

he hammer to see if it worked easily. He imagined himse f alone, but a vigiant eve was watching his movement. Gitsy, immediately upon her return from the Archangel, stationed herself at the keyhole of the study door, and saw all that oc-

M. Fauvel laid the pistol on the mantel-

piece, and nervously resealed the letter,

which he then took to the box where the letters were usually left, not wishing anyone to know that Raoul's letter had passed through his hands. He was only absent two minutes, but, inspir d by the imminence of the darger, Gipsy darted into the study, and rapidly extracted the balls from the revolver. "Thank Heaven!" ste marr usel; "this peril is averted, and M Verduret will now

ethaps have time to prevent a murder.

She hurried into the bank, and s nt the

just send Cavaillon to tell him."

clerk with a message, telling him to leave it with Mme. Alexandre, if M. Verderst d left the hotel. An hour later Mme. Fauvel ordered her arriage, and went out. M. Fauvel jumped into a hackney-coach "God grant that M. Verduret may reach there in time!" cried Nine to herself,

"otherwise Mme. Fauvel and Raoul are

CHAPTER XXIV

TURNING THE TABLES, The moment that the Marquis of Clam-eran perceived that Raoul de Lagors was the only obstacle between him and Madeleine he swore that the obstacleshould soon Knowing his accomplice's nature, Raoul saw himself surrounded by soarce; he saw death before him in every form : he

maining at home. He only ventured with the most suspicions caution into the most public places ; he feared poison more than the assarsin's knife, and imagined that

this was at least a satisfaction.

The poor woman hastened to Vesinet

convinced that some new misfortune was in

Her alarm was groundless. She found

Racul more tender and affectionate than he

had ever been. He saw the necessity of

He succeeded. The poor lady had a

emiling and happy air as she sat in an arm-

"I have distressed you too long, my

dear mother," he said in his so'test tones,

He had not time to say more ; the door

was violently thrown open, and Raoul,

springing to his feet, was confronted by M.

The banker had a revolver in his hand,

It was evident that he was making

superhuman efforts to remain calm, like a

judge whose duty it is to just'y punish

"Ah," he said, with a horrible laugh,

"you look surprised. You did not expect

me ? You thought that my imbecile credul-

Raoul had the courage to place himself

"Enough !" interrupted the benker, with

"Spare yourself the trouble of denying

before Mme. Fauvel, and to stand prepared

an angry gesture," let me hear no more in-famous faischoods! End this acting, of

"I assure you, une le-" he began,

and was deadly pale.

ity maured your safety."

to receive the expected bullet.

which I am no longer the dupe.

man was errested and imprisoned."

herself and others; all was discovered.

her hands she tearfully mouned :

She saw that all was lost, and wringing

"Pardon, Andre! I beg you, forgive

At these heart-broken tones the banker

The memory of his lost happiness was too

"Unhappy woman !" he murmured, "un-

much for the stricken man. He forgot the

present in the past, and was almost melted

happy woman! What have I done that

you should thus betray me! Ah, my

only fault was loving you too deeply, and

letting you see it. One wearies of every-

thing in this world, even happiness. Did

pure domestic joys pall upon you and weary

you, driving you to seek the excitement of

sinful passions? Were you so tired of the

atmosphere of respect and affection which

surrounded you that you must needs

risk your honor and mine by braving public

For some moments nothing was he

"I came here," continued the banker,

"with the intention of killing you both.

But I cannot kill a woman, and I will not

"Defend yourselt!" cried the banker,

But the horror of the scene was too much

tor Mme. Fauvel to witness any longer

without interposing. She understood but

one thing-her son and her husband were

about to kill each other before her very

Rushing up to Raoul she threw her arms

"Kill me, and me alone, for I am the

At these words M. Fauvel glared at the

guilty pair, and deliberately taking aim fired.

Neither Raoul nor Mme. Fauvel moved.

The banker fired a second time; then a

He cocked the pistol for a fourth shot

when a man rushed into the room, snatched

the pistol from the banker's hand, and

throwing him on the sofa, ran toward Mme.

This man was M. Verduret, who had

been warned by Cavaillon, but did not know

that Mme. Gipsy had extracted the balls

"Thank Heaven !" he cried, "she is un-

"How dare you interfere?" cried the

"I have the right to avenge my

banker, who by this time had joined the

honor when it has been degraded; the villain

M. Verduret seized the banker's wrists

in a vise-like grasp, and whispered in his

"Thank God, you are saved from com-

"But my wife confesses she is guilty," he

"So she is," replied M. Verduret; "bus

The words of this stranger, showing his

intimate knowledge of the private affairs

of all present, seemed to confound and

frighten Raoul more than M. Fanvel's

threats had done. Yet he had sufficient

The banker looked wildly from Raoul t

"It is false! you are all conspiring to de-

"You shall have proofs," replied M. Ver

for explanation, he related the principal

points of the plot he had discovered.

pared with what he had suspected.

And rapidly, with his wonderful talent

The true state of the case was terribly

His throbbing, yearning heart told him that he still loved his wife. Why should he punish a fault committed so many years ago, and atoned for by twenty years of devotion and suffering?

For some moments after M. Verduret had finished his explanation M. Fauvel re-

So many strange events had happened, rapidly following each other in succession, and culminating in the shocking scene

M. Verduret; then fastening his haggard

not of the crime you imagine. Do you

know who that man is that you attempted

mitting a terrible crime; the anonymous

from M. Fauve.'s revolver.

letter deceived you."

"Her lover!"

presence of mind to say:

eyes on his wife, exclaimed:

"It is the truth!"

ceive me! Proofs!"

mained silent.

duret, "but first listen."

Raoul once more tried to speak.

rais ng his arm, "if you do not-"

around him, and said to her husband;

kill an unarmed man."

upon ker knees.

shook like a leaf.

chair, with Raoul kneeling before her.

every dish placed before him tasted of As this life of torture was intolerable, he determined to anticipate a struggle which he felt must terminate in the death of either Ciameran or himself, and if he were doomed to die, to be first revenged. If he went down Cameran should go, too

better kill the devil than to be killed by ed it. But, the truth is-" In his days of poverty Raoul had often risked his life to obtain a few guineas, and erpetrated a gross imposture." would not have hesitated to make short work of a person like Clameran. been quietly creeping toward the door, hop-But with money prudence had come. He wished to enjoy his four hundred thou-

ing to escape while no one was thinking of sand france without being compromised by But M. Verduret, who anticipated his committing a murder which might be disintention, was watching him out of the corcovered; he therefore began to devise ner of one eye, and stopped him just as he was about leaving the room. some other means of getting rid of his "Not so fast, my pretty youth," he said, dreaded accomplice. Meanwhile, he dedragging him into the middle of the room; voted his thoughts to some discreet way of thwarting Clameran's mar-riage with Madeleine. He was sure that

"it is not polite to leave us so uncormoniously. Let us finish the story "On leaving Mihonne, who had given he would thus strike him to the heart, and Raoul was persuaded that by openly siding with Madeleine and her aunt he Mile. Valentine de la Verberie, Ciameran hastened to London. could save them from Clameran's clutches.

Having fully resolved upon this course he greeted him. "He learned that the child, whose name was registered on the parish books as Raoul Valentine Wilson, had died of the croup when 18 months old." "Did anyone state such a fact as that?"

interrupted Raoul; "it is false!"

reassuring her, and winning his old place don't suppose I am a man to trust to oral in her forgiving heart, before making his testimony, do you?" He drew from his pocket several official y stamped documents, with red scals attached and laid them on the table. "These are the declarations of the nurse, her husband, and four witnesses. Here is an extract from the register of births; this is "but I repent sincerely; now listen to

a certificate of registry of his death; and

"What next?" inquired M. Fauvel. "The next step was this," replied M. Verduret. "Clameran, finding that the child was dead, supposed that he could, in spite of this disappointment, obtain money from Mme. Fauvel ; he was mistaken. He first attempt failed. Having an inventive turn of mind he determined that the child should come to life. Among his large circle of rascally acquaintances he selected a young fellow to personate Raoul Valentine Wilson; and the chosen one stands before

And yet she began to feel a ray of hope her acute anxiety had so long tortured her that the truth was a relief; she would thank Heaven if this wicked man was proved to be no son of hers. "Can this be possible?" she murmured;

anything. I know all. I know who pawned my wife's diamonds. I know who comin our midst." mitted the robbery for which an innocent "All this is false!" said Raoul, boldly; "it Mme. Fauvel, white with terror, fell M. Verduret turned to Raoul and, bowing with ironical respect, said: At last it had come-the dreadful day "Monsieur desires proof, dors he? Monhad come. Vainly had she added falsehood to falsehood; vainly had she sacrificed

> "In 18- Lord Murray, a wealthy and generous nobleman, had a jockey named Spencer of whom he was very fond. At Epsom races this jockey was thrown from his horse and killed. Lord Murray grieved over the loss of his favorite, and, having no children of his own, dectared his intention of adopting Spencer's son, who was then but

> "Thus James Spencer was brought up in affluence, as heir to the immense wealth of the noble lord. He was a handsome, intelligent boy, and gave satisfaction to his protector until he was 16 years of age, when he became intimate with a worthless set of people and turned out badly. "Lord Murray, who was very indulgent, pardoned many grave faults, but one fine

> from his house, and told him never to show his face again. "James Spencer had been living in London about four years, managing to support himself by gambling and swindling, when he met Clameran, who offered him twentyfive thousand france to play a part in a little comedy which he had arranged to suit

"At present," he replied, "I am merely friend of Prosper Bertomy. It depends entirely upon your behavior which character I appear in while settling up this little "What do you expect me to do ?"

The young rascal hesitated a moment, "The money is in this room." "Very good. This frankness is creditable, and will benefit you. I know that the money is in this room, and also exactly where it is to be found. Be kind enough to look behind that cupboard, and you will find the three hundred and fifty thousand

Raoul saw that his game was lost. He tremblingly went to the cupboard and To be Continued.

MISS ELDERLY: 'What would you do if I should tell you my age? He: 'Mul

you can trust?' 'To have a friend that will trust you,' was the sharp retort. He-'So you are engaged to Harry Lakeshore?' She-'No, you are wrong Harry Lakeshore is engaged to me. Passenger: 'I say, conductor, there's

Conductor: 'That's all right, he's paid A CLERGYMAN, catechising a little girl, asked, 'What is the outward and visible sign of baptism? She replied-

a Highland soldier with his kilt and large black feather hat on, exclaimed to his mother:-'Oh, mither, come here an' see this great big, queer man. He is bare-fit up to the knees, an' has a funer | Sold by H. PARKER

means for restoring tone to the stomach. How? Why, by taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and in a surprisingly short time, your appetite will come again, and come A COMMERCIAL traveller recently complained to the guard of his train of the unpunctuality of the service. In tones of virtuous indignation the official

Which had just taken place, that M. Fallvel seemed to be too bewildered to think But the sight of Raoul froze the words upon his lips. "So this is your son," he said to his wife "this man, who has plundered you and

Mme. Fauvel was anable to utter a word in reply to these reproachful words. "Oh !" said M. Verduret, "madam will tell you that this young man is the son of Gaston de Ciameran ; she has never doubt-

"That, in order to swindle her, he has During the last few minutes Raoul had

him a full account of the misfortunes of

"But here an unexpected disappointment

"It was not only stated, but proved, my pretty youth," replied M. Verduret. "You

all these are authenticated at the French Embassy. Now are you satisfied, young

Mme. Fauvel was in a pitiable state

"Impossible!" cried the banker ; "an infamous plot like this could not be executed

sieur shall certainly have convincing ones. I have just left a friend of mine, M. Palot, who brought me valuable information from London. Now, my young gentieman, I will tell you the story he told me, and then you can give your opinion of it.

four years old.

morning he discovered that his adopted son had been imitating his signature upon some checks. He indignantly dismissed him

the actors." "You are a detective !" interrupted

"Restore the three hundred and fifty thousand francs which you have stolen."

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'What is sweeter than to have a friend an old gentleman fallen off the bus.

A LITTLE boy, seeing for the first time

No appetite? Then do not try to force food down; but use the most scientific

remonstrated-, 'I have been on the line for 27 years-'he began. Have you indeed?" interrupted the traveller in sympathetic accents; 'at what station did you get in? The guard did not pursue the subject further.

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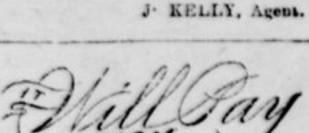
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