FATE'S INSTRUMENTS

would feel a brute, and--

you reminded her of a judge."

to say!" exclaimed Tommy.

"So shall I," added Tommy.

"The late Witt's romance began?"

"Witt's? Oh, Jeremiah, I believe."

"That accounts for the 'Neaera,'

'Neaera Gale," thought George.

CHAPTER III.

had gone away and left him with no-

body to tell him his facts. He was

savage with Tommy Myles, who had

refused to read some papers for him;

had cut up his speech to the jury,-

Pounce, who had been his junior a hun-

Blodwell's unbounded indignation,

George also was brushing his hat with

"In my time, rising juniors," said

"Business," said George, putting on

Mr. Blodwell, with sarcasm, "didn't

"Pretty name, isn't it?" asked

as well as an artist.'

suppose," said Tommy.

don't remember that.

infatuated Gerald.

ing dolefully.

CHAPTER II.

"How could I ever have forgotten?" said George, aloud, as he walked home. his tongue? His course was very clear. Only—well, it was an uncommonly disagreeable part to be cast for—the descent of the first few years after the first few ye terday."

in their very finite results!

ton; old Dawkins, his wig black with live—would bind up his broken heart. Only—again only—George did not much did not invite him to transgress the live when set, and but to take his had to t mind: the little, muggy court at Peckthe fussy clerk; the prosecuting coun- fancy the interview that lay before him. convention. sel, son to the same fussy clerk; he himself, thrusting his first guinea into his pocket with shaking hand and valet, opening the door. beating heart (nervous before old Daw! Imaginel); the fat, peaceful postill more anxious not to appear anxliceman; the female warder, in her black lous. Tommy received him with effuGeorge, as he watched her sit down in straw-bonnet trimmed with dark-blue sion. Why hadn't he been asked to the dinner? Might he call on Mrs. Witt? face with a large fan.

He heard she was a clipper; and so forth. George's felicitations stuck in be welcomed by all Gerald's family and the black with release the strategy of black, with pale cheeks, disordered hair, his throat, but he got them out, hopand swollen eyelids, gazing in blank tering that Neaera would free him from least like a stranger." ror on the majesty of the law, strange-ly expressed in the Recorder's ancient seemed to have forgotten all about "I came last night, hoping to join in that welcome," said George.

"Position" "Posit agination of a doubt, the girl was nouncing the unnatural hardness of Mr. much about you." Gerald's bride, Neaera Witt.

"I could swear to her to-day!" cried | see her? George.

She had scraped together a guinea for his fee. "I don't know where she got it from," the fat policeman said ing double entente on her betrothed? with professional cynicism as he gave it to George. "She pleads guilty and wants you to address the court." So said George-"to-morrow, if I can find self, Mrs. Witt." George had, with infinite trepidation, time." addressed the court.

The girl had a father-drunk when not starving, and starving when not of his friends. "It's about time old drunk. Now he was starving, and she George, here, followed suit, isn't had stolen the shoes (oh! the sordidness | Tommy? I've given him a lead." of it all!) to pawn, and buy food-or was an accepted fact among his acdrink. It was a case for a caution quaintance. He never denied it; he did merely-and-and-and George himself, like her very much, and meant to mar- tack. "Did they ever give you that top be cut back in proportion to the and stuttered as much from emotion If he had doubted, he would not have He really couldn't say. as from fright. You see the girl was been so content to rest without an ex-

All old Daw said was, "Do you know

shaking a snuffy forefinger-"take care others. you don't come here again! One calendar month, with hard labor." And the girl, gazing back at honest | filled his mind.

old Daw, who would not have hurt a Gerald gladly embraced the oppor- Gerald. led away by the woman in the black you know, I pursued her to Man- era. "Yes, by all means. Go on."

firstborn son, back to the fat police- of course she had to live there while quickly, but George drew no inference man, saying, "Give it her when she Witt was alive, and she had kept the from that. comes out. I can't take her money." house on." At which the policeman smiled a smile "She wasn't Manchester-born, then?" that convicted George of terrible youth- No. 1 don't know where she was born. Her father seems to have been

It was all complete-all except the a romantic sort of old gentleman. He name by which the fussy clerk had call- was a painter by trade-an artist, I ed on the girl to plead, and which old mean, you know,-landscapes and so Dawkins had mumbled out in sentenc- on. ing her. That utterly escaped him. He | "And went about looking for bits of was sure it was not "Neaera"-of course | nature to murder, eh?" asked Tommy. not "Neaera Witt;" but not "Neaera "That's about it. I don't think he Anything," either. He would have re- was any great shakes at it. At least, he didn't make much; and at last he membered "Neaera."

went upstairs. "Not that it matters Witt was a picture-fancier, and, when much. Names are easily changed." George Neston shared his chambers

in Hall Moon Street with the Honorable Thomas Buchanan Fillingham ous of old Witt, though he is dead." Myles, commonly known (as the peerage has it) as Tommy Myles. Tommy George, "considering-also had a small room in the Temple Chambers, where the two Nestons and said Tommy. "He's forgotten all about Mr. Blodwell pursued their livelihood; the cash. but Tommy's appearances at the latter resort were few and brief. He did ald began. not trouble George much in Half Moon Street either, being a young man | name? much given to society of all sorts, and very prone to be in bed when most people are up, and vice versa. However, name. to-night he happened to be at home, and George found him with his feet seems to have been-a bit of a scholar on the mantelpiece, reading the even-

Well, what's she like?" asked Tom-

"She's uncommonly pretty, and very pleasant," said George. Why say more, before his mind was made up? "Who was she? pursued Tommy, rising and filling his pipe.

"Ah! I don't know. I wish I did." "Don't see that it matters to you. Anybody else there?"

"Oh, a few people."

"Miss Bourne?" "Yes, she was there."

Tommy winked, sighed prodigiously, and took a large drink of brandy and "Where have you been?" asked George,

changing the subject. "Oh, to the Escurial-to a vagar, really a very vulgar entertainmentas vulgar as you could find in Lon-'Are you going out again?"

"My dear Georgel It's close on twelvel" said Tommy, in repreving

"Or to bed?" "No. George, you hurt my feelings. Can it be that you wish to be alone?" "Well, at any rate, hold your ton- savage with Mr. Justice Pounce, who

gue, Tommy. I want to think." "Only one word. Has she been cruel?" "Oh, get out. Here, give me a drink." dred times!-savage with Mr. Timms, that famous print whose motto is Lux age with Timms when he was savage in tenebris (meaning, of course, pub- with other people. Tommy had fled licity in shady places), and George set before the storm; and now, to Mr.

himself to consider what he had best do in the matter of Neaera Witt. The difficulties of the situation were the manifest intention of departure. obvious enough, but to George's mind they consisted not so much in the question of what to do as in that of how leave chambers at four." to do it. He had been tolerably clear from the first that Gerald must not his gloves. marry Neaera without knowing what he could tell him; if he liked to do it afterwards, well and good. But of course he would not. No Neston would, thought George, who had his full share of the family pride. Men of good family made disgraceful marriages, it is true, but not with thieves; and anyhow no-

"I don't know what's up, George," he said, "but take care of yourself." "Nothing's up."

"Then why did you jump!" "Timms, a hansom," cried George "I'll be in court all day to-morrow, and Neston annals. How should he look his uncle and Gerald in the face if he held Pounce is such a beggar for dates.

nouncer and exposer of a woman who having gone to join Mr. Witt in lim-Memory. like much else that appertains to man, is a queer thing, and the name of Peckton had supplied the one link missing in his recollection. How, indeed, had he ever forgotten it?

Can a man forget his first brief any like are likely ever after to show the effects of having gone to join Mr. Witt in like likely ever after to show the effects of having gone to join Mr. Witt in likely ever after to show the effects of having gone to join Mr. Witt in likely ever after to show the effects of having gone to join Mr. Witt in likely ever after to show the effects of having gone to join Mr. Witt in likely ever after to show the effects of having gone to join Mr. Witt in likely ever after to show the effects of having gone to join Mr. Witt in likely ever after to show the effects of having gone to join Mr. Witt in likely ever after to show the effects of having gone to join Mr. Witt in likely ever after to show the effects of having gone to join Mr. Witt in likely ever after to show the effects of having gone to join Mr. Witt in likely ever after to show the effects of having gone to join Mr. Witt in likely ever after to show the effects of having gone to join Mr. Witt in likely ever after to show the effects of having gone to join Mr. Witt in likely ever after to show the effects of having gone to join Mr. Witt in likely ever after to show the effects of having gone to join Mr. Witt in likely ever after to show the effects of having gone to join Mr. Witt in likely ever after to show the effects of having gone to join Mr. Witt in likely ever after to show the effects of having gone to join Mr. With in likely ever after to show the effects of having gone to join Mr. With in likely ever after to show the factor and having gone to join Mr. With in likely ever after to show more than his first love?—so like are there was. Perhaps Mrs. Witt would there was. Perhaps Mrs. Witt would there was. Perhaps Mrs. Witt would at home, telling Neaera stories of her lover's school-days. George chimed in as lover's school-days. With a majority of varieties of these In their very finite results!

Surely she would. She could never face the storm. Then Gerald need know a now complete in his nothing about it, and six months' transported to the storm. Then Gerald need know are regretting the convention that drove the storm. Then Gerald need know are regretting the convention that drove the storm. Then Gerald need know are regretting the convention that drove the storm that drove regretting the convention that drove the storm that drove regretting the convention that drove the storm that drove regretting the convention that drove the storm that drove regretting the convention that drove the storm that drove regretting the convention that drove the storm that drove regretting the convention that drove the storm that drove regretting the convention that drove the storm that drove regretting the convention that drove the storm that drove regretting the convention that drove the storm that drove regretting the convention that drove the storm that drove regretting the convention that drove the storm that drove the

> George almost hoped she would, for Mrs. Witt would probably cry, and he he was, as he confessed to himself, "Mr. Neston," announced Tommy's "funking it." There were no signs of Gerald had followed his cousin home, petition of the appealing attitude she very anxious to be congratulated, and had seemed to take up the night before.

person. And, beyond all doubt of im- "Peckton," though he was loud in de- stranger at all. Gerald had told me so Blodwell's head. Oh, and the last thing George rose, and walked to the end the growth of wood; pruning when

> "She took quite a fancy to you, old era gazed pensively into the fire. It buds. man," he said affectionately. "She said was uncommonly difficult, but what was the good of fencing? trees is in sparing the use of the knife "I saw you recognized me," he said George smiled. Was Neaera practisdeliberately.

"In a minute. I had seen your pho- Frequently I pass gardens and newly-"What an infernally unpleasant thing "Not only my photograph, but my-"Of course I shall go and see her," "Have I?" asked Neaera. "How rude

of me to forget! Where was it? Gerald was pleased. He liked to see Brighton?" George's heart hardened a little. Of and development of the stock; but his taste endorsed with the approbation course she would lie, poor girl. He didn't mind that. But he did not like artistic lying, and Neaera's struck him George's attachment to Isabel Bourne as artistic.

"But are you sure?" she went on.

George decided to try a sudden atbeing young to the work, stammered Ty her, if she would have him. And he guinea?" he said, straining his eyes to did not really doubt that she would. watch her face. Did she flush or not? There is little danger of a too full use "I beg your pardon. Guinea?" press assurance. As it was, there was "Come, Mrs. Witt, we needn't make

no hurry. Let the practice grow a it more unpleasant than necessary. I little more yet. He and Isabel under- saw you recognized me. The moment anything about her, policeman?" and stood one another, and, as soon as she Mr. Blodwell spoke of Peckton I recthe fat policeman said her father was was ready, he was ready. But long ognized you. Pray don't think I mean a bad lot, and the girl did no work, engagements were a nuisance to every- to be hard on you. I can and do make body. These were his feelings, and he every allowance." considered himself, by virtue of them, Neaera's face expressed blank aston-"That's enough," said old Daw; and, to be in love with Isabel. There are ishment. She rose, and made a step

leaning forward, he pronounced his sen- many ways of being in love, and it towards the bell. George was tickled. would be a want of toleration to deny | She had the amazing impertinence to that George's is one of them, although | convey, subtly but quite distinctly, by "I'll deal lightly with you. Only"- it is certainly very unlike some of the that motion and her whole bearing, that she thought he was drunk. Tommy agreed that George was wast- "Ring, if you like," he said, "or, rath-

ing his time, and with real kindness er, ask me, if you want the bell rung. led Gerald back to the subject which But wouldn't it be better to settle the matter now? I don't want to trouble fly except from the Bench, softly mur- tunity. "Where did I meet her? Oh, "I really believe you are threatening

mured, "Cruel, cruel, cruel, and was down at Brighton, last winter. Then, me with something!" exclaimed Neachester, and found her living in no end | She motioned him to a chair, and Whereupon George did a very unpro- of a swell villa in the outskirts of that stood above him, leaning one arm on fessional thing. He gave his guinea, his abominable place. Neaera hated it, but the mantel-piece. She breathed a little

(To Be Continued.)

DESERVED A DECORATION.

tion of the Albert medal of the first many branches to remain on his trees class on Mr. William John Nutman, rather than too few. What on earth was it?" he asked settled in Manchester, and tried to pick late master of the steamer Aidar, of himself as he unlocked his door and up a living, working for the dealers. Liverpool. The following is an account of the services in respect of which the Neaera came to sell, he saw her, anddecoration has been offered: At 2 a.m. operations in the whole line of dairy filthy. Allow no foreign matter to get "Yes, confound him! I'm beastly jeal- on January 19, while the steamer Staf- work. You may be ever so careful in into your milk while milking. Fast fordshire, of Liverpool, was on a voyage feeding and also with the milk, cream milking is generally preferable; but from Marseilles to Port Said, signals and butter, but if the milking is done that it is apt to hurt them. Be very "That's ungrateful," remarked of distress were observed to be pro- in a careless or slovenly way the whole sure to milk the cow clean. Milk left "Hush! You'll wound his feelings," ceeding from the steamer Aidar, also operation is likely to be unprofitable. in the udder tends to dry up the cow. of Liverpool, and the Staffordshire im- In the first place," according to a So soon as the milk is drawn weigh it "It's all very well for you--" Ger-As the Aidar was found to be sinking fidence of the cow. If she does not low her customary weight find the But George cut in, "What was his "Witt? No. Hang Witt! The father's and the heavy sea, succeeded in rescu- she may in a sudden 'huff' kick, and have his particular cows and always "Oh!-Gale. A queer old boy he ing her passengers and crew, twenty- there will be open warfare thereafter milk those. Permit no unusual noise persons left on the Aidar were Mr. Each cow has an individuality, with a give down all their milk and the milk Nutman (the master) and an injured "I and helpless fireman whom he was endeavoring to save, and whom he absolutely refused to abandon. The steamer was now rapidly settling down, and "Oh, dry up!" exclaimed Tommy. "We as it was no longer safe to remain near can't indulge you any more. Go home her the officer in charge of the resto bed. You can dream about her, you cuing boat asked Mr. Nutman for a final answer. He still persisted in remaining with the injured man, choos-Gerald accepted this hint, and retired. ing almost to face certain death than still in that state of confident bliss that to leave him to his fate. The men in filled George's breast with trouble and the boat were obliged to pull away, and immediately afterwards, at 6:17 a. "I might as well be the serpent in m.. the Aidar gave one or two lurches Eden," he said, as he lay in bed, smokand foundered. After she disappeared Mr. Nutman was seen on the bottom of an upturned boat still holding the fireman. Half an hour elapsed before the rescuing boat could approach, but The atmosphere was stormy at No. eventually Mr. Nutman and the fire-3, Indenture Buildings, Temple. It was man were picked up and taken on board four o'clock, and Mr. Blodwell had come the Staffordshire, where the injured out of court in the worst of bad temman was with difficulty restored by pers. He was savage with George Nesthe ship's surgeon. ton, who, being in a case with him,

NOT SHITT I THE

ANIMALS BECOMING EXTINCT. Elephants, which are killed off in Africa at the rate of 65,000 a year, cannot long survived this wholesale butchery. Tommy subsided into the Bull's-eye, his clerk, because he was always sav- The American bison has been almost. exterminated, and with it the European bison and Cape buffalo. The girparatively few years these, among ture generations will be photographs, skeletons and stuffed specimens. THE RESIDENCE OF ME SOLVE

INTELLECTUALITY.

Quimberly, what is your idea of an intellectual woman? Well, she's a woman who has sense enough to spréad a stepladder so it won't shut up and leave her hanging to the top shelf of a closet.

PRACTICAL FARMING.

SUMMER PRUNING.

"Most varieties of apple trees set in suitable soil grow a superabundance of wood unless checked by judicious pruning. The young tree neglected in this Mrs. Witt was hving at Albert Man- particular the first few years after likely ever after to show the effects of

called for other than to annually shorten

"In pruning two objects should be kept in view-the regulation and form of the tree and later the production of any such feeling in Neaera, and no re- fruit. Winter pruning of young and vigorous trees should not be thought of; cutting when the sap is dormant promotes growth of wood, a condition we desire to check rather than hasten The trees should be allowed to grow with just sufficient pruning to regulate the formation of the head, and this should be performed during active vegetation, a matter of some importance in trees which are long lived. "These facts should be kept in mind

by farmers and amateurs, that pruning the trees when the sap is dormant pro-Neaera said was, would George go and of the little room and back. Then he the sap is active and the tree growing stood looking down at his hostess. Nea- rapidly promotes the forming of fruit "A mistake the inexperienced culti-

vator makes when setting his fruit

and allowing too much top to remain.

set orchards where the young trees are left with nearly twice the number of branches of which the roots will warrant healthy development and growth. "While in the nursery rows the side, limbs contribute to the healthy growth when removed from the nursery at the proper age the shock of removal incident to the loss of roots and more or less lacerated condition of those remaining requires, for the healthy and rapid recuperation of the tree, that then the number and condition of the roots. of the knife on young apple trees when reset from the nursery rows. When trees have been left to grow without pruning for a number of years after set in the orchard and then are taken in hand with a pruning knife it is not an easy matter to make well-shaped trees of them. Also the severe cutting, sometimes necessary to effect the right shape, in the removal of large branches, gives the tree a shock from which it is a long time in recovering. The first thing to be thought of is the forming of the head of the tree a proper distance from the ground. Very low headed orchard are generally a nuisance, especially after the trees attain to large size. The leading branches should be high enough so that teams can pass near to the trees. The convenience of this will be apparent in spraying the orchard, in removing the fruit and in cultivation of the soil. The endeavor in pruning the young apple tree should be to retain only side branches which join the main stem at nearly a right angle. The variation in the habits of growth of different varieties often makes it difficult to train all the trees with one straight upright stem. A radical departure from this form, however, invites disaster in after years by splitting down of crotched trees when laden with fruit or loaded with ice and snow. One cannot always accomplish the desired, and in this regard it is A Sea Captain Who Would Not Leave a hard to form in the mind the appearance of the future tree from the small sapling before him. As a rule the ama-The Queen has conferred the decora- teur orchardist errs in allowing too

MILKING.

"This is one of the most important mediately proceeded to her assistance. writer, "the milker must have the con- milker do this and if any cow falls befast, three of the Staffordshire's life- trust her milker he will not get all the cause and remove it. It is often the boats were at once launched, and, with milk, that is certain. If the cow is of day to milk and milk the cows always great difficulty, owing to the darkness a good one, of a nervous temperament, in the same order. Let each milker nine in number. At 6:10 a.m. the only to the material loss of the dairyman. while milking, as nervous cows will not number of peculiarities. There is much will not contain so much fat in that nonsense written by people who never case. Again I say the cow is an intelhad hold of a cow's teats and could not ligent animal and the milker should be draw a pint of milk in an nour, on the too." necessity of kindness to milking cows, etc. One writer fancifully says, 'treat a cow as you would a lady.' All animals, cows included, have more or less intelligence. The baby cow should be named and always called by its name. She will soon learn to answer to it. Firmness must be used along with kindness. Train the heifer not to be afraid of you, but (when you speak her name with emphasis) to obey you; you temper. If you are not the cow will soon know it and that will be bad for and feverish state. Very likely when and then milk very slowly and care-

for the cause first of all. The teats may be cracked, the udder sore. You may be hurting her. When you come to milk the cow speak kindly to her, pat or stroke her kindly; then sit down and wipe her udder perfectly clean with a damp cloth. Don't use any milk may be constructed long or wide, ac-

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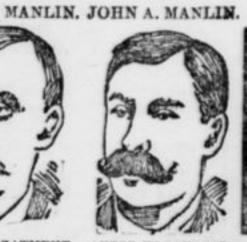
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led by his shirt collar wh other day. Joseph Prestwich, D.C.L celebrated English geold thor, is dead, aged 84. Dean Farrar is making funds to restore Canter ! which is falling into deca

The House of Lords h second reading of the bi marriage to a deceased Queen Isabella II. of Si a 140-grain black pearl, cently sold at a London

The London Cobdenites jubilee of the abolition laws by a dinner at Gre The Pan-Presbyterian Q

ly in session in Liverpot ed the invitation to hold ing in Washington. The coming Wesleyan

Liverpool intends taking tend the terms of minis from three to six years. The London, England bus Company has contra Canadian horses, for wh

pay an average price of Sir Donald Smith, the Commissioner, and ex-Pr zie Bowell will dine at soon after the Queen's rel The animals diseases

which Canadian live cat ed from Great Britain, p reading in the House of 232 votes to 75. The Bow street grand

nesday found true bills Jameson and his compa charge of violating the by invading the Transv. At Ventnor, Isle of W imbedded in chalk cliffs way station. They b early British period.

The new edition of I which is to be publishe contain correspondence pected to throw some li lations between the nob

The Prince of Wales installed Chancellor of of Wales, and the Pri ferred on her the degre Music. Aberystwyth was It was announced Thursday night that th

eign Office is expected action in regard to the Harrison, the Crown Su ish Guiana, by the Ven At the recent Parliam in Frome, England, the Liberal party predicted -Mr. Barlow, 5,064; Lo 4,810. The actual vote a low, 5,062; Lord A. Thy The Canada Company dividend of ten shillings business for the half y

with the corresponding shows an increase in the the company of 9 per The Canadian firemen taking part in the inte nament in London are with their reception. ed for Paris, and will interest on the Conta turning to Canada.

In British diplomatic longer doubted that during his visit to M a close military alliand and Russia, including the a railway to connect sian Siberian railway w Mr. Balfour has wit cation bill in the B Commons, but promise it next year. The acti

as a fiasco, and Mr. ship of the House is a by Unionists as well a UNITED S Twelve tramps w derailing of a freight Francisco.

Great activity is Brooklyn navy yard, preparations are being ships to Cuba. At New York the of Mrs. Fleming, cha poisoned her mother, returned a verdict of In Montpelier, Vt., hangs in a church to as a fire alarm, givin