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gorge, a branch of the main canon,

from the view of the victors.

was not dead yet.

he still breathed.

with James Boll.

fell back a corpse.

come to harm.

out by the shoulders.

terance to her agony.

that of death.

amined.

which had hitherto been concealed

To use an Irishism, it must be

marke! that one of the :dead men

This was no other than black-

faced and evil eyed Hernandez him-

lowed her, fearful that she might

Against the face of the cliff

nan was hanging by a loriat that

breast; there was no motion in his

limbs; his whole appearance was

Surely he must be dead.

it is terrible to find you so !"

of James Bell was laid at the foot

of the cliff, at a little distance from

his wife, and was carefully ex-

Frank! Come here, quick!" shout-

ed little Tom Wilson, who was

feeling the heart and the pulse of

Slie came running to them, and

The result of their combined

forts was, that James Bell breath

ed, and that he opened his ever

Then came the nursing, and for

that purpose a permanent camp

This was the more necessary as

It was a long time bofore James

His prospecting had been success

While engaged in examing

more closely, he was captured by

He was accused of being a sp

He was kept, during nearly two

On the return of the chief

dez, and that he must swear never

to divulge his discovery, or any

thing he had seen in that region.

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The following verses, written for the occasion, were read at the annual dinner of the Boston Press Club, on the evening

of the 10th ult.:-Upon his dying bed of pain The old reporter lay ; He knew that ere the sun should rise His soul must pass away.

and as he felt life's current ebb. He called a comrade tried. Friend, in the hour of mortal pain I'd have thee by my side.

Now swear to me by all that's good. By all thy faith holds dear; Thou wilt perform a last request,

"It shall be done, I vow." The old reporter smiled and said No credit given except to prompt 'I can die easier now. Wedding and Fancy Cakes

When from this worn enfeebled frame Depart my latest breath. Bear thou with speed to the Daily News ble notice, and satisfaction guaran-The notice of my death. All goods are warranted pure, as But, mark me-guide the tidings well

From Democrat and Mail." lis eyes resumed their wonted fire. His cheek became less pale.

We beat 'em on the college race, We beat 'em on the fire. We got ahead on the bank smash up-Fultill my last desire.

Wo beat 'em first, we beat 'em last His eager spirit fled : And with a smile upon his face The journalist lay dead.

CAPTAIN FRANK.

CHAPTER II.

(Continued from last week.)

"There it is!" she exclaimed British Workman & Workwoman, the very place I saw in my Sun lay Migizine, Sunday at Home lream ! There is where my bus-Leisure Hour, Quiver, Chatterbox. band knelt and stretched out his hand to me. Oh, Jamie, my darl ng, where are you now I

R. W. PETRIE take down the body. All the party looked quickly at the spot pointed out by her fingers. It was a broad ledge some discomplished at last, and the body tance up the cliff at the left, with cavernous opening behind it.

SCHOOL Nothing living was to be seen and they shook their heads sadly fearful that Captain Frank had made her journey in vain.

A sharp exclamation from Sam 's New Bookstore Barber changed the scene. "Dismount, men!" he shouted Dismount, and get to cover as quick as you can? Horse-holder

attend to your duty !" The Sunday Teacher's Treasury. As quick as lightning all were The Sunday School an essay by off there horses, with the exception of one man, who gathered the reins of the loose animals and gal loped with them to the rear of The Apostle Feter, by Samuel

bring him back to life !" what may be called the "position" Compsels to S S. Teathers, by T. of the party. were efficiently aided, of course, by to get behind the rocks, where Captain Frank. they awaited the further orders of

The Four Gospels of the one This movement was made none The Art of Teaching in a Sunday too soon, for several rifle-shots were fired from the rocks at the left side Ready for Work, by W.H. Crosier. of the canon just as the men were.

" squatted." A cheap, big stock at Day's book-'Heruandez's gang," said Barber, "We've dropped on a nest of the villains, and have got to two of the victors in the fight with fight them whether we want to or the outlaws had been severely

Under the direction of their leader, the u.en went to work in Bell was able to sit up and talk earnest, and no one was more in and then he told the story of hi earnest or more active than Cap- misfortunes.

The horse-holder, seeing what ful, and he had made a valuable was going on, tethered his horses and came up to take part in the

From rock to rock they crept,

some of Hernandez's gang and sarefully keeping themselves under | brought before their chief. cover, and fiting only when there was a chance to hit one of the but stoutly declared that he was enemy, who continued to empty not, and gave the true account of their rifles as fust as they could bimself and his business. nform the people of Acton and surrounding neighborhood that he has load them

In spite of this rapid firing, it weeks, securely bound and guarded procured a magnificent HEARSE. soon became evident to Captain while Hernandez and a portion And is prepared to attend and con-Frank's friends that they outnum- his men went on a plundering exduct Funerals on the shortest notice bered their antagonists, and whispered consultation resulted in an agreement to take advantage of | was again examined, and was this numerical uperiority, and to that he had been trespassing And all kinds of Funeral Furnish charge the rock behind which the the property of Captain Hernan

Tat Bands and Gloves supplied when Still they continued to advance slowly and cautionsly, until they were within a few rods of the position of Hernandez's men.

Then Sam Barber gave the order ean buy first-c'ass Pianos to charge.

Captain Frank was the first to effort.

With a fierce cry she sprang to bers hung him up as he was found her feet and rushed at the rocks, with a pistol in each hand. Her example animated the others if they needed any encouragement,

and in an incredibly brief time they were among the rocks, slipping around angles, squeezing through crevices, and tumbling factory. Send for Illustrated Ap-VERTISEE (Catalogue Edition) and over boulders, in their eagerness to read testimonials from his patrons, get at the enemy.

pected, for the outlaws were dis- with all my soul." mayed by the unlooked for rush, When the outlaws' victim and and made but a poor show of fight. the wounded men were sufficiently In a few moments four of them recruited, the party proceeded to more were flying up a narrow prospected thoroughly.

picturesque Mexican attire. At his side knelt Captain Frank. pretty strongly. and Gercely demunded that he should tell her what he had done dreaded, became well known to little things led him to worry him-With a devilish grin of triumph | mantic name, while quite a village | sought to correct his carelessness |

wood, and game in the bills.

pointed up the narrow gorge, and however, by all who prospected in There could be no such thing as. Uttering a wailing cry, Captain that region, that their prosperity being too careful. Frank rose to her feet and ran up | was owing to " Captain Frank" and her remarkable dream. Several of her companions fol-

Didn't Come Off.

Less than a quarter of a mile! children, and both being well off. determined to test her love for bim motives as some of his friends had verse of the fifteenth chapter

But his head was sunk upon his while remarked : children, and to day I had my life ing verse :insurance policy for \$50,000 changed to their sole benefit in case of

Captain Frank fell upon her knees, bent her head, and gave ut-" You did quite right, my dear,! she promptly replied. "I have "Oh, Jamie, Jamie! my poor, dead darling! Have I come, then, too late ? After all, am I too late ? have found you, but, ob, God! the benefit of it."

Without attempting to console He looked. or soothe her, the men hastened to She looked. This was a task of no little diffithe time set last week, and it may a verse in it reading like this :culty; but it was successfully ac-

Tricks of Drivers

It was more common years ago than recently for landlord and stagedriver to have an understanding sheets to see if the trick had not gry travellers were scarcely allowed on the proof-sheet, and was forced time to comfortably seat themselves to admit that he had carelessly at table, when the driver would announce the immediate departure of

lropped, almost insensible, at her the stage, thus cheating people out of a meal who paid for one. "See!" exclaimed little Tom. I remember being one of a stage 'I think I feel a pulse, and I am load of hungry travellers crossing sure that there is a heart-beat here. He is not dead, and we may yet the Sierra Nevadas before railways

some of us, ir waiting to-be helped | of his tribe, visited him. .

to coffee, had not tasted a mouthful. of food, when the driver shouted: | Chief. "Show me goods. Ah, I rattle, but when he went to exand can't wait a minute longer." | for squaw; three otter skins for man had lost his hat, his coat, and and disgust spread from face to face | pay by'm by -to-morrow. as we sprang from the table, but

the judge remained cool, as he On the next day he returned with a handful of hair in his mouth. touched the professor on the arm. ply, if I take care of the most ?" he | kinds.

The professor caught at his puranother instant the judge had con- on the counter. Then he drew veyed a large turkey and a couple | second, a third and a fourth. of spring chickens, ready carved, moment's hesitation, as though ca from their platters to two napkins, | culating, and he drew out a fifth while the professor emptied the skin-a very rich and rare onecontents of the bread plates into and passed it over. another, and, led by the judge, they

marched triumphantly into the Their example was contagious; each of the passengers hastily confiscated some article of food-meats | The chief refused to take it, and vegetables and pastry - until the they passed it several, times back dining room was pretty thoroughly and forth, each one asserting that stripped of everything that went to it belonged to the other. make up the concomitants of a good | length the dusky chieftain appearmeal, and the interior of the couch | ed to be satisfied. He gave the This he refused to do, believing Sherman's bummers' raid, while the he stepped to the door and gave bewildered and amazed look on the | yell, and cried to his followers : face of the speechless landlord, as | "Come; come, and trade with we drove off would have proved a the pale face, John. He no cheat

Having recaptured him, the rol miceless study to any artist. The Indian ; him heart big." His sufferings bad been terrible a good condiment to our strangely said and he had prayed for death; but improvised meal. some fortunate circumstance had brought his wife to his rescue.

Captain Frank then told him of the dream that had sent her to his band by a long and glowing enlogy we be yours.' on her, which the husband inter-"It was true," he said ; "I did rupted by exclaming : "Yes, yes! deep in furs, and loaded down with lovely daughter. Our attachment kneed on that ledge, just as you I admit all that! I admit that she's cash. He found that honesty had _____ " Young man," inter. | beld a lantern; another held the The combat was short, and not have described it, and stretched an angel, and I hope you'll find commercial value with the Indians. rupted the parent, briskly, "I cat and the third junctual the pistol as bloody as might have been ex- out my hands, and called to you another just like her, and marry her, and have to live with her five years! Then you won't talk so

glibly about her virtues, I'll bet !"

They found it exceedingly rich | Proof-Reading-An Anectdote in gold, with plenty of water and of Franklin.

Having taken out as much gold In 1723 or 24, when Franklin as they could reasonably carry, was new in Philadelphia, he found they returned to their homes, and employment at his trade of printer Ho was "as good as dead," but James Bell and his wife were joy- with a man of the name of Keimer. fully greeted by their children and | Keimer was a well-meaning man, but visionary and unstable, and A large party was made up to very apt to leave the minor affairs self, who was recognized by his visit the new diggings, and emi- of his business at loose ends

gration soon set in in that direction | Especially, in the matter of proofreading be was careless; and Frank-Bell Mouth Canon, no longer lin, whose habits of care in these him the necessity of accuracy in all It was generally understood, departments of his profession.

> " Pooh, pooh," cried Keimer. never make great mistakes. Little typographical errors now and then are expected.'

"But," said Franklin, "what A few days ago a Detroit wid- you may be pleased to term a very from the mouth of the gorge she ower, who was engaged to a Detroit slight typographical error might found the object of her long and widow, each having two or three make a most ridiculous exposure." painter of Benjamin West. A de wait is of a very different char-"Oh, never fear," replied Keimer

Not long after, Franklin thought and at the same time discover if he would give Keimer a practical was made fast to a jutting rock she was actuated by mercenary demonstration. A paraphrase in He was not hanging by the neck, asserted. He called upon her at Corinthians had been set up, and the usual evening hour, and after a in looking over the form before he struck off a proof sheet for his "My dear, you know I have two master to read, he found the follow-

"When the last trumpet soundeth We shall not all die: But we shall all be changed In the twinkling of an eye."

Under the impulse of the mothree children, as you are aware. ment, he took a bodkin and pulled As soon as we were engaged I had out the letter c, and spaced out the every dollar's worth of my property line. Then he struck off the proof so secured that they alone can have and carried it to Keimer, and went home to his supper. Whether Franklin thought of the matter again we do not know, but when The marriage didn't come off at the primer was published there was

"When the last trumpet soundeth, We shall not all die :

But we shall all be hanged . In the twinkling of an eye." Shortly after Keimer was seen rummaging among his old proofwith each other, whereby, for a been played after the proof had consideration paid the driver, hun- been read; but he found the error overlooked it.

customers. Other traders had lo- facts. All agree that there was been five minutes at the table, and Finally the chief, with a number It is not certain what killed the

"All aboard, I'm behild time take blanket for me, and that calico amine the mule was asleep. A look of mingled constantation | blanket and one for calico. Ough | the greater part of his trowsers,

He received his goods and left. a large part of the band, his blanket "Will you see to the bread aup- | well stuffed with skins of various

" Now, John, I pay." And with that he drew an otter pose and promptly assented. In skin from his blanket and laid it

"That's right, John." The trader instantly pushed back the kin with, " you owe me

but four. I want only my just hore the appearance, I imagine, of trader a ccrutifizing look, and then

roars of laughter it caused us proved | Then turning to the trader, he "Suppose von take last skin I no trade with you. We drive you In a trial for divorce the lawyer off like a dog, as we drive off others;

Much of the charity that begins guages: to which he replied: "No, have given my consent to the others, The cut left when it saw how a

Influence.

How little do people in general l

things. It was a mother's kiss contrary to the counsel of friends. which made a well-renowned Love can wait; that which cannot graded drunkard was induced, with actor. his trembling hand, to sign the temperance pledge; but not being strong enough to keep it, he fell A second time he signed it, and

one extending farther than the clergyman driven out of Arkansaw former, until the entire surface is by the Ku-Klux. Let's see! be a blot, spreading his' dark in- exile, but I can't talk the language. fluence outward to the very cir- I might be a settler driven out of over the length and breadth of the gunpowder accidents are old, the land; but a blank he cannot be. public don't care any more who For every word, every act, how- gets bart on railroads, and my ever trifling, affects either ourselves or others-exerting an influence

we know not how enduring.

A Dog, a Man and a Mule.

A North Carolina wagoner sole his dog to a Lawrence County man the other day for half a barrel of sorghum syrup. The dog, however, An Indians Test of Honesty. refused to be sold, and took refuge trait Free Press. funder the wagon. Lawrence County An old trader who had establish | man crawled after him, with a piece ed himself at what happened to be of meat in one hand and a rope in had spanned it, when a noted judge, a favorite locality among the the other. Although there were The skill of the entire party was still on the bench, and an equally Northern Indians tells a good several spectators of the scene that The dismounted men made haste brought into requisition, and they noted professor of an eastern college story of his first trials with his red ensued, it is difficult to get at the Our arrival at a dining station | cated in the same place as before, | scuffle under the wagon, accomwas bailed with delight by all the but had not remained long. The panied by yells; but no one is party, and we filed into the dining. Indians, who evidently wanted | willing to affirm that the man had room to attack the savory viands, the goods and had money and furs, the dog or the dog had the man. landlord, however, first taking care flocked about the store of the Finally, the dog, as it would seem, to collect the fee for the meal from trader, and carefully examined his brushed up against the hind legs each of us. We had certainly not | goods, but offered to buy nothing. of the mule, and then all was still

> dog. One of the spectators said be "How do, John?" said the thought he heard a trace chain and subsequent examination proyed that the dog died with one ear and

> > motion hadn't room for his dinner. Why are iron clads like unmarried ladies?—because they are open

to an engagement. About the most uncomfortable seat a man can have in the long run, is self-conceit.

A woman's heart is just like a ithographer's stone-what is once written on it cannot be rubbed out.

A girl in Vassar College claims hat Phtholognyrrh should be pronounced Turner, and gives this ittle table to explain her theory. First, Phth (as in phthissi is Second' olo, (as in colonel) is U Third, gn (as in gnat) is Fourth, yerh (as in myrrh) is ER

It is the honest, "plodding workman who rises to an elevated position in the world. Work is as a rule, at the foundation of al true success. Brilliant parts, fine education, powerful friends are not despised, but they cannot supply the place of personal toil and

patient, painstaking industry. was approached by a youth, who of some false friend, that rins for the wife harrowed up the hus- but now you Indian's friend and requested a few moments' conversa- through your brain like lightning. tion in private, and began: "I was Before dark the trader was waist requested to see you, sir, by your don't know what that girl of mine into the cat's car and fired, shooting

Milton was asked by a friend is about. You are the fourth the man in the hand who held the whether he would justruct his gentleman who has approached me cat, and the one who held the daughters in the different langu this morning on the subject. I hantern was wounded to the arm

Advice To Young Ladies.

In marrying, make your lown think of the influence of things at match; do not marry a man to get the time of their occurrence-cs- rid of him. The man who would pecially of the influence of little | go to destruction without you will things. But this is not so very quite as likely, go with you, and singular, when we reflect that, not perhaps drag you along. Do not unfrequently, man no more knows marry for a home and a living. Do what becomes of his influence and not let aunts, fathers, or mothers example, that are borne far beyond rell you for money or position into his ken on their uncertain mission, bondage, tears, and-life-long misery than does the flower know what which you must endure. Place becomes of its odor, which is wast- not yourself habitually in the hands ed away upon the passing breeze. of any suitor until you have dedreaded, became well known to inthe things led him to delegand tourists, and acquired a more ro self over his employer's blunders, but little everyday occurrences human wills are weak, and often on his dark features, the dying sprung up at what was known as in this respect. He urged upon durability, and the common but know their error until it is too dangerous sentiment, that such or late. Get away from their influsuch an event will make no differ- once; settle your head, and make ence a hundred years hence, creeps up your mind alone. Do not trust "I unhidden into our hearts. The your happiness in the keeping of thunder and the lightning attract one who has no heart, no head, no more attention than the silent dew, health. Shun the man who ever but do they accomplish more good? gets intoxicated. Do not run Truly, life is made up of little thoughtlessly into wedded life,

His Off Year-

He stood shivering around the this time, with Heaven's help, he Central Market yesterday, a drop kept it. And from so weak a be. of rain finding its way down his ginning arose the philanthropist spinal column now and then. He recognized the fact that the season How much unhappiness has been | had closed, and that sleeping under caused, how many lives have been sheds had become cold and monoclouded by one unkind word! A onous. "I've got today out planpebble dropped into the brook for the winter," he was heard manes at first but a small ripple, musing as he dove into his heavy scarcely greater in circumference | pockets. " I'm kinder 'fraid that than itself; but the next moment the public are sick of grasshopper a greater ripple is observable, and and fire sufferers, and I know they still a greater-each succeeding are up to snuff on the dodge of the affected thereby. Thus may a man | might-be a Russian or a Turkish cumference of society; or he may Idaho by the Inguns, but the war be a blessing radiating beneficence is ende i. All these kerosene and eyes are too good to play off blind. 'Nother hand-organ wouldn't pay, the chestnut business is too cold, and folks won't buy any more toothache cure. Hang it, all the dodges are played, and here I am as hungry as a wolf and clothes all gone! It looks as if the day wasn't far off when we'll all have to go to work and wear ourselves down to the bones to get a hving."-De-

A Thoughtful Good Man.

A middle-aged woman bas called at the post office two or three times daily for the past week, to see if there was any mail to her address Her unxiety finally became so great that she explained that she was expecting money from her busband who was off on his annual vacation. Yesterday morring she was made glad by receiving a postal card from him. She retired to one of the windows and read aloud to herself: " DEAR WIFE :- I'd send you \$20 with this, but you see I'd have to pin it on, and some one might take it off, part a counterfeit in its

She read it over again, and there were tears in her eyes as she mused: "He's the best man on earth. Few husbands would have been as The man who was filled with | thoughtful as that. I don't know good money from bad, but for his thoughtfulness I might pass this night in jail. I see now what a narrow escape I've had, and I'll take the children and go and board with my brother-in law for the

place, and when I got home you'd

A dangerous game-playing the

The motto of lovers-" E plural.

next two weeks.

Boarding house butter thinks over all the bad jokes made about t, and says : " It I was not strong I'would never be able to stand it.

In Wetherell churchyard is the following epitaph, considerably more than a century old :-

In this vain world short was m; stay, And empty was my laughter; go before and lead the way.

And thou comes jogging after. Pay no attention to slanderers and gossip mongers. : Keep straight on in your course, and let their backbiting die the death of neglect. What is the use of laying awake . The paternal author of an heiress at night, brooding over the remark

It was evening. Three of them

lay dead on the ground, and three James Bell's discovery, which they at home is too feeble to get out of sir, one tongue is enough for a and give it to you also. God bless ters stood, as that ill feeling

ur salary by interest. CARYESS for Pisnos and Jou is both Full par-Dew Jersey.