"I want to test you." I want to see if you dare do a very | Weekly.

"What is it?"

There is an old coffin upstairs. It this of mold. They say Redmond, devirderer, was buried in it; but the coffinme for his body and left the it was sy at the end of a week, and is upstair taken from the tomb. It died in, as the room my grandfather rest easy in sy say grandaire does not though that rave for some reason, Dare you makenow nothing about. night?"

Coffin your bed to Ernest laughed.

"Is that all? I was soundly. Why, prethat, and sleep soundly. Why, prethat, and sleep of an opium dream.

Chinames Chew Gdm.

Seated together in a Broadway car were five Chinamen, all chewing gum. It was evidently their first experience with this deadly form of dissipation, but they were enjoying it immensely. They chewed and champed together and chattered away in their native tongue in the most animated fashion.

The other passengers in the car were much interested, and watched the missinguided Chinamen intently. The Ah Sins were as oblivious to the other passengers as if they were in the fantasy of an opium dream.

soundly. Why, prethat, and sleep think I had weak nervone, did you "Good night, then, I a to show you the chamber, end a lad ous Miss Barbara. imperi-

cos Miss Barbara. I imperiErnest turned straightway
lowed the lad in waiting throd folrooms and passages, up echoing him
along narrow damp ways, where a
scuttled before them, to a low chamb.
The boy looked pale and scared, and evalently wanted to hurry away, but Ernest made him wait until he had taken a
survey of the room by the aid of his
lamp. It was very large and full of recosses, with high windows in them,
which were barred across. He remembered that old Grandsire Ferros had been
insane for several years before his death,
so this precaution had been necessary for the safety of himself and others. In the center of the room stood a coffin, beside it was placed a chair. The room

was otherwise perfectly empty.

Ernest stretched himself in the coffin.

"Be good enough to tell Miss Barbara
that it's a very good fit," said he.

The boy went out and shut the door.

leaving the young gunsmith alone in the dark.

Meanwhile Barbara was talking with
the big blacksmith in the keeping room.

"Barney," said she pulling her hands
from his grasp when he would have
kneed her, "I have a test to put you
through before I give you any answer.
There is a corpse lying in the chamber
where my grandsire died, in the untenanted wing of the house. If you dare
sit with it there all night, and let nothing drive you from your post, you will

ing drive you from your post, you will not ask me to marry you again in vain." "Are these all the conditions you can offer me, Barbara?"

"All. And if you get frightened you need never look me in the face again."

"I'll take them, then."

So Barney was conducted to his post by the lad, who had been instructed in the secret, and whose involuntary stare at Ernest's placid face as it lay in the coffin was interpreted by Barney to be natural awe of a corpee. He took his seat, and the boy left him alone with the

darkness, the rats and the coffin.

Soon after young Fritz, the tanner, arrived, flattered and hopeful from the fact that Barbara had sent for him.

"Have you changed your mind, Bar-bara" he asked.
"No, and I shall not until I know that you can do a really brave thing."
"What shall it be? I swear to satisfy

you, Barbara."
"I have a little proposal to make to you. My plan requires skill as well as

urage." "Tell me." "Well, in this house is a man watching by a corpse. He has sworn not to leave his post till morning. If you can make him do it I shall be satisfied that you

are as smart and as brave as I require a "Why, nothing is so easy," exclaimed Frits. "I can scare him away. Furnish me with a sheet, show me the room, and

go to your rest, Barbara. You shall find me at the post in the morning." Barbara did as required and saw the tanner step blithely away to his task. It was then nearly 12 o'clock and she sought

her own chamber.

Barney was sitting at his vigil and so far all had been well.

The face in the coffin gleamed whiter

ough the darkness. The rate squeaked as if a famine were upon them and they smelled dead flesh. The thought made him shudder. He got up and walked about, but something made a slight noise, as if somebody was behind him, and he put his chair with its back against the wall, and sat down again. He had been hard at work all day, and at last,

start and saw nobody near, though in the center of the room stood a white

"Curse you, get out of this!" he ex-laimed in a fright, using the first words

Fritz was tittle, and while he was purmeling the little tanner unmercifully and Fritz was trying in vain to get a lunge at Barney's stomach, to take the wind out of him, both plunging and zicking like horses, they were petrified at hearing a voice cry:

"Take one of your size, Big Barney!"

Looking around they saw the corpse sitting up in his coffin. This was too much. They released each other and aprang for the door. They never knew how they got out, but they ran home in hot haste, panting like stags.

It was Barbara herself who came and opened the door upon Ernest the next

opened the door upon Ernest the "It's very early; one more little nap,"

Or pins June's roay, lavish wealth to see.

"April." he chirped, "is fair enough for me, said he, turning over in the coffin.

So she married him, and though she sent Fritz and Barney invitations to the wedding though a simple song of love and glee.

Louis Chandler Meulton in Harper's Basar.

BARBARA'S SEVERE TEST

"It's very early; one more little nap, said he, turning over in the coffin.

So she married him, and though she sent Fritz and Barney invitations to the wedding they did not appear. If they discovered the trick they kept the knowledge to themselves, and never willingly faced Barbara's laughing eyes again.—

Sheffleld Telegraph.

seems to have brought into existence the heavy gold, silver and steel specta-cles of our grandfathers. — Jewelers'

Chinamen Chew Gam

of an opium dream. By their gestures and gibberish they made it plain to the spectators that they were discussing the deep mysteries of the slot machine from which they had would break, thrust it back into their MRS. GRAHAM'S

stant training w you the effects of con-thusiast, wid a local military en-

We were stand. "You see those ton Whitehall street. "You see those on Whitehall street, he, pointing toward to this way," said from the barracks. The varies soldiers very rapidly, but with svere walking as though on dress parade, ular a step "Now watch them. I will a command as they come up and I have cigar they instinctively obey it."

they instinctively obey it."
"It's a bet." Just as they passed us my company.

in a deep, commanding voice said. "Fours left; march!" As quick as a flash the regulars wheel

to the curbstone. Then they caught themselves, looked around, smiled and went on,-Atlanta Constitution. The Cartain Lecture.

Wife-When you keep me awake by not coming home till morning, I don't get enough rest. Husband-Then why don't you go to sleep now, my darling, instead of making yourself more tired by talking so much?—New York Epoch.

Miss Palisade-Did you notice how

dreadfully Mr. Robinson's trousers bagged last night?

Miss Palisade-He proposed to Miss Lofty the night before, and she always makes them kneel for an hour .- Brook-



c-c-conversation with y-y-you? I w-wh-h-h-half an hour!"-London Judy.

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Finally he nodded and snored.
Suddenly it seemed as if somebody
had touched him. He swoke with a sweep noble mariners' "hearts of oak" to shipwreek and to death, yet that Atlantic in the role of tourist or com nercial traveler. But if he shall reach his destination safely he will scarcely have escaped some of the qualms of sea claimed in a fright, using the first words that came to his tongue.

The figure held up its right arm and slowly approached him. He started to his feet. The specter came nearer, pressing him into the corner.

"The d—I take you!" cried Barney, in his extremity.

Involuntarily he stepped back; still the figure advanced, coming nearer and nearer, and extending both arms, as if to take him in a ghostly embrace. The hair started up on Barney's head; he nearer and take him in a ghostly embrace. The hair started up on Barney's head; he new desporate, and just us the gleam-

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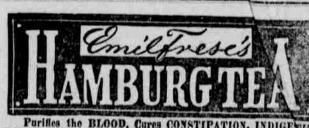
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