Albany Begister.

BY FALCONDRIDGE.

"Mr. Shepley?"
"Mr. Shepley, sir."
"Well, John." "There's a gentleman who would

like to see you, sir."
"Show him in." I had amused myself almost to sleep on that December afternoon; the dull gray clouds had a ghastly look about them, and the blast had the shrick of a demon in it, and between the two, the play of the clouds and the wild notes of nature's orchestra, I had well nigh dropped

off to sleep.
"Is this Mr. Shepley, sir?" The speaker was a man of magnificent figure, with iron gray hair, and what we would call a distingue air about him. He had removed his hat, and stood hesitat-

"It is ; pray be seated."

The man sat down, a splendid figure shining out against the dark back-ground of the dingy office, while a streak of sunshine shim mered through the window and fell "The demons seem let loose out

of doors to-day," I said, I had been conjuring up strange fancies before he come in, and had almost forgotten my visitor as I spoke. They are let loose, they are let

As he spoke a cloud came between him and the warm sunshine, leaving his face in shadow,

There was something more interesting than clouds to study; the hand, man has evidently some perplexing egal difficulties, and he has come to appointed, I resolved, mentally, I see you advertise for a copy- awaited him. ist," went on the man. "I desire

the situation."

look of astonishment that broke

"I have been to twenty places to day, sir, 'no work-all full,' and the same gentlemanly courtesy, but vice, my boy," said he to Ensign he bolted out as suddenly as he had sion hung over him, broken by conswash of the rain on the window. death had laid his fingers on those Donovan (corrupted by the mess pane outside and his voice had a ashen lips.

hopelessness in them. limb," continued the man a little answered me that I did not know foreign parts, for they're very much slower, "how it writhes and twists his need then for some kindly hand like parts that are not foreign after and struggles, every leaf stripped of help; that he forgave me gladly, all." from it? I am in the grasp of a

"i'm afraid that will be the end "You shall have the situation," I said earnestly, for I saw it was no darkness all his life; it had been instead of that, found so much of legal perplexity, but a problem old no common struggle, for his was no what he had left at home, that it

as eternity, and that held in its issues the destiny of a soul.

of a gentleman," you said indistinetly; the profile of some Greek philosopher cut in marble, could not look nobler. "The sunshine again," I said

pleasantly. "Yes," he said, absently; "can I

begin my work now ." And so it came about that the quiet gentleman you have noticed in the corner always busily at work became my copyist, always the cultured man of the world, always relent if left to himself; there seemed to stalk along with him a gray

copyist ?" I ventured as much as this o.e come, and with the smiling band his day. The work he had done for us was executed with such rare skill, anticipating any explanation, often suggesting some improvements in matter of method, and yet with so

ered, and then bowed himself upon the table. When he looked up again I attempted to apologize, but he stopped me with, "I don't wonhe stopped me with, "I don't won-der; you're not the only one that has asked me 'why' when I wrote;" what I am, God only knows. But this

as there is behind many white faces. He was at the time Mr. —; a fall of the year, for a dram. The land-book was making a sensation; no-lord asked him two coppers for the body knew who was the author; the papers and reviews were full of praise and criticism. I had once spoken of the volume to him. He asked me two coppers for a glass of spoken of the volume to him. He evaded the subject at first. I knew him to be a fine critic, and unthinkingly pressed the subject, and then be gave me such a burst of fierce, biting sarcasm on the book, that I was struck dumb for the moment, for the book was really something

"The severest review does not

equal yours" I replied laughing.

His face flushed a little, "I beg
your pardon, sir," he said humbly.

"Ah! every man to his opinion," I replied and so the matter drop-

I had oceasion to go down tiful, dazzling street. I have thought refreshed our memories had reached of it since, how seductive it looks of such a pass, that we all expected to ularly known as "Lieutenant Make- A few days after this a scouting nights, the saloons with their invition be starting "Eastward ho!" before ing bars, and the bright-eyed wait- many weeks were over. Hence, walking Biographic Universaille, took a Russian officer, and in order ers, how tempting it says to one— our gathering, on the evening of which I speak, might almost be

them, a man came staggering out on well entertainment; and it was the sidewalk. He was my copyist; proportionately jovial and noisy. brity. the fine face usually so quiet and gentlemanly, looked like a fiend's; he raved fearfully, but I got him home at last, and then it all came out, the struggle of his life, how he had lost wife and daughters, had heads,

myself for such folly.

hear of him, could get no trace of established. him. Was he sucked into that fearthe firm of Shepley & Pearson to him. Was he sucked into that fear-have it solved. He shall not be dis-ful machinem that hides at every

I went; the man had charged ed his mouth and spake.

somewhat in a twelvemouth: the

I have no words to tell you the waiting to take him home; he was astonishment: calm, but I shook with an agony of "I knew a man once, now, who tears; he had fought the devil of went abroad to find novelty, and, common soul.

He pointed to a volume on the The sun came out just then and table; I took it up; it was the one with one voice, seeing by the twinkle fell across his face again, "the face he had criticised so sharply; I of the old gentleman's eye that someopened it upon the fly-leaf, the com- thing good was coming. pliments of the publishess were tendered to him, the author.

Ah! how little we know of skeletons that hang grinning so ghastly in our neighbor's closet.

The man before me was a genius of no common type, and I had turn-

sponding to my essays at conversa- quietly smiling one of his own tion politely and wisely, and yet si- smiles, referring to the circumstances and high pay were to be got for the were a Turk !"

and blossom by-and-by." A bit of sunlight fell upon shadow. "Why was he only a face, giving it the look of one of Raphael's heads. The angel had

You are a sister, and may mould matter of method, and yet with so much courtesy that one could not be offended. "Why," I asked, was he only a copyist?"

"O' of home " and the man ship."

"O' of home " and the man ship." and then he stopped, but I was called away just then.

I never questioned him again, I knew a tragedy was behind it all, influence over him than yourself. E.

An Indian called at a tavern, in the

THE SCOT ABROAD.

We were a merry party at the Heathermuir Lodge in the spring of 1854; for any prospect of active service is always welcome to young officers, and just at this present time the proceedings respecting street one night about ten, the beau- which Mr. Kingslake has recently tiful, dazzling street. I have thought refreshed our memories had reached of it since, how seductive it looks of such a pass, that we all expected to ularly known as "Lieutenant Make- A few days after Songs were sung, stories told, healths drunk, and cheers given in

met a friend that night-fiend rath- Our host, Colonel Walter Parer-who made him drink, and the ritchapt (who, though considerbly Mouths passed, and I did not where he was now once in re snugly

One particularity of the Colonel's I started when he began the sentence. "You, sir," I manged to stammer, "a copyist?"

The man evidently observed the the stammer of the stamme

"Let me give you a word of adinto "Downy Un") who was very again." I humbly begged his pardon for enthusia-tie about our new destina-"Do you see that wind take that the great wrong I did him, and he tion; "don't expect too much from

demon fiercer than the winds. It's story I listened to by that bed-side, the lips of a veteran traveler like or a fragment of one of the lost coming. For about this time our the Colonel, made us all stare; but books of Livy followed me for forty years. There, with the relentless shadows creep- the Colonel, made us all stare; but books of Livy. as the limb went down with a crash, hig over his face, and the angels he proceeded without noticeing our

fairly broke his heart."

"A story, a story!" shouted we

"Well, it is a story," said the rather early to break up yet, I don't

llaving been brought up in Englashman. Ilaving been brought up in England, I succeeded very well; and to the others who were in the secret it was as good as a play to bear it was as good as a play to bear the noo for twa hours; jist come the fellow launching out against whusky thegither!"

At this second miracle, the interpreter's face assumed a look of undefined apprehension wonderful and edifying to behold—exactly the look of Moliere's 'Malade Imagination of the stream that separated the enematics of the suddenly General Taras. The collection of the stream that separated the enematics of within Pasha, after star, too ! when suddenly General Taras. The collection of when suddenly General Taras. The collection of the stream that separated the enematics of my dog, "said Ibrahim Pasha, after star, too! when suddenly General Taras. The collection of the stream that separated the enematics of my dog, "said Ibrahim Pasha, after star, too! When suddenly General Taras.

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was himself one of the hated race."

"I'm not going to inflict upon you the history of our journey up the country, which at the time I thought unendurable misery, though I know better what 'roughing it' really means by this time. Suffice it to say that, after several weeks of bad food, dirty quarters, day's crawling at a snail's pace along the worst roads in the world, and nights of being crawled over by creeping gested I; "but I must tell you that

things immurerable, we at last found some of our savants hold a theory ourselves, with our trimness tarn-ished, and our ideas of 'glorious guage, to which all nations will war' considerably modified, encamp- one day return; and this looks ed at some unpronounceable place rather like it, doesn't it? on the Lower Danube, with old

and never lost a chance of learning to cheer him up a bit under this fresh particulars respecting the food, misfortune, I asked him to dine

"Only once," replied the Colonel; French, of which we both knew "but I haven't forgotten it yet. One enough to go on with; so the conanswers to them, till the glasses day when there was a truce for versation went smoothly enough rattled on the table, and the very three or four hours, some of the every thetery English first three or four hours, some of the except that my English friend, who roof seemed to tremble over our Russian officers invited a few of ours to dise with them; and an old a philologist, would keep bringing Bavarian cavalry officer, who was out scraps of what he imagined to one of the elect, and with whom I be Russ, making the disconsolate peace of three years was broken. past his eightieth year, made one of had become quite intimate, think- captive grin like a foxtrap, when-I left him quieted, but the next the merriest among us), was a fine ing I might like to see the fun, took ever he thought no one was looking morning he came to the office sub- specimen of what I will venture to me along with him. We were all at him. At last, after we had dued, and attempted to speak of call, in default of any better title, thick as thieves in a twinkling, and drunk each other's healths all round the bitter struggle; but I would the cosmopolitan Scotchman. Enter- there was a great hand shaking and and finished what little wine we not hear him; wanted no common ing upon active service when other drinking of healths going all around had, the Russian called upon me drunkard in my office. He trem-bled slightly as I said it. I gave and wield bol-ter-pistols, he of the tent were flung back, and in Russ, I gave him a French him his wages and bid him good had been successively a subaltern moraling, and in my spotless manin the Turkish service, an officer faced fellow, dressed (or rather unon the voyage out. Then our hood, in my accontaminated parity, of sepoys in India, a farmer in Can-dressed) in a tattered pair of trous-interpreter followed on with an old turned him adrift. As he passed ada, an inspector of army stores at ers, and a shirt that looked as if it Latin drinking song (which our new down the street and I caught a glimpse of his haggard face, I started to call I im back, and then chided all his wanderings was still able to like a cock. I took him for a turned to the Russian, and said eat haggis or catment-porridge with drunken camp-follower, and was very politely, "Won't you oblige But the conviction gradually as keen a relish, dance a Highland rather astonished to see all the us with a song yourself? it ought forced itself upon me, as I sat in the reel with as nimble a foot, and cho- hussian officers start up and salute to go all round. The Russian gathering night, that that man's rus "Auld Lang Syne" with as him, as if he had been the Empress bowed, leaned back a little, looked would be required at my much spirit, as though he had never in person; but my old Pavarian, at us both with an indescribable even quitted the banks of the Clyde, remarking my bewilderment, whis grin, and burst forth in the purest pered to me that this was the Sur- native dialect with "Auld Lang varov himself. He chatted for a syne. minute or two with his officers, which we all knew well, was that and then looking hard at me (I guished highis) man, starting up, corner? Thank God, a better fate his talk always came to its highest suppose he thought I looked rather "is everybody on earth a Scotch perfection towards the close of the greener than the rest, and wanted man? Perhaps I'm one myself, A woman-an angel, rather- evening. When he had a specially to give me a start), asked in Russ, without knowing it! And thereupfound him, learned his history, more good story, or an unusual telling which one of the others interpreted on, overwhelmed by his appalling

Such an exordium, coming from lighted upon an undeniable Galba, but all this was a trifle to what was

him, that his ruling passions, was an unquenchable hatred for everything Scotch; and so, just for the fun of the thing, I determined to pass myself off to him as an Englishman. Self off to him as an Englishman. Ilaving been brought up in Englishman. Ilaving been brought up in Englishman. This wonders the thing of the first processed of the stream that separated the enel-law of the interpreter looked admirably at the pair as they approached each other, and was just exclaiming, "There, thank God, a real Russian and a real Turk, and find machine was exhibited to the King admirable specimens of their race, the sheperd miringly at the pair as they approached each other, and was just exclaiming, "There, thank God, a real Russian and a real Turk, and law of Spain, who was greatly delighted with it.

"The gentleness of my dog," said

"Scotch the original language

Suvarov's great coats quartered shrieked my companion; and break-within three miles of us." shrieked my companion; and break-ing off in the middle of his sentence, within three miles of us." ing off in the middle of his sentence,
"Did you ever see Suvarov?" he subsided into a silence more ex-

There was loud talking in one of considered in the light of a fare-been a man came staggering out on well entertainment; and it was semble of any great historical cele-by my friend the interpreter. Luckly our prisoner was a good hand at thought no small beer of himself as

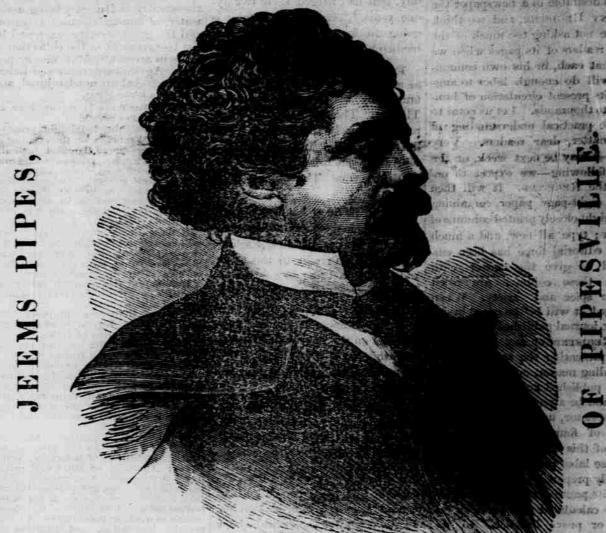
"Bless my soul!" oried the an-

laughed when they repeated what marked change in my rollicking I had said, and told me I ought to companion. All his former joviality have been a Russian, and with that disappeared, and a gloomy deprescame in, and I never saw him stant fits of nervous restlessness, as if he were in perpetual dread of the M'Naughten put up his pencil appearance of some Turkish, Ausand note-book (which had been trian, Greek or Tartar Scotchman,
Alfred the Great contrived a candleparagraph, and looked around with was of itself quite sufficient to unthe air of a virtuoso, who had just settle him, as you may imagine; corps was detached to meet a Rus- hours. "It was a few days after our sian force under a certain General glimpse of the enemy's menage," Tarassoff (of whom we had heard a clock to Charlemagne, in which were pursued the Colonel, "that the good deal), who was threatening to first taste of retribution overtook fall upon our flank, or do something my friend the Englishman. We else which he ought not, according paraded around the dial, and disappearwere strolling through the camp with a Turkish officer whose acquaintance we had made the day expected, and had some pretty paradet around the day ed within the doors, which closed after the marked not only the hours, but also before, and the interpreter was sharp skirmishing with him for two abusing the Scotch to his heart's orthree weeks together; after which content, as usual, when to his utter (as usually happens in a fight when received from the East India Company astonishment (and mine too, for both sides have had enough of it) Colonel, laughing; "and as it's that matter), liassan Pey turned an armistice was agreed upon, that ger was upon him, and broke out fiercely. the two generals might meet-to mind if I tell it to you. It was in the end of last century, more years ago than I like to calculate, that I found myself en route for the East, inst as you youngsters are now. of no common type, and I had turnhim from my door. Good God!
and I shuddered at what might have
been.

But the end was near. "The
imb did not break;" he said,
quietly smiling one of his own
smiles, referring to the circumstances
when I first met him, "it will bud
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who was a going out to join the
asking, and of course we talked of
who was a large that'll mak' it
tingle fra this till Hallowe'en?"
You should have seen the Englishman's face; I think I never saw
a man really thunderstruck before.
"We were going out to join the
smiles, referring to the circumstances
when I first met him, "it will bud
when I first met him the larger in the larger in the larger of an inch. Over the lady were
whom was his Excellency the larger of whom was his Excellency to be fore when I first met him the larger in measured about th nothing but cutting and slashing, may braw chiel," retorted the last Tarassoff rode up, and the gold dog, before which were two birds capturing standards and winning irate Glasgow Musulman; "and Pasha came forward to receive him. The Russian was a fine soldier-like colors. They appeared to be flying ealless glory, forgetting that we might be picked off by marsh fever or cholera before we ever saw the enemy at all. The most enthusiastic of us all was an Englishman, a jolly, empty-headed, good-natured as ort of fellow, who was go ng out as an interpreter, having somehow picked up a smattering of Turkish, though of Russian and the other and gang of Eastern Europe he was no more than I did. I found so out by chance, before I fell in with him, that his ruling passions, was an unquenchable hatred for everything.

The Russian was a fine soldier-like figure, nearly six feet high, with a better ane than ye'll ever make, and feathers set with stones of various colors. They appeared to be flying with the charlot, which, by a hidden motion, was made to run in any direction, was made to run in any direction, as an interpreter, having somehow picked up a smattering of Turkish, though of Russian and the other languages of Eastern Europe he knew no more than I did. I found so that he had no want of energy. My friend the interpreter looked and unquenchable hatred for everything.

The Russian was a fine soldier-like figure, nearly six feet high, with a better ane than ye'll ever make, for ye ken nae mair o' their ways then my o' their ways than my father's auld leather beave unstasche, and a latent vigor betraying itself (as the "physical force" novelists says) in a botter ane than ye'll ever make, for ye ken nae mair o' their ways in the charlot, which, by a hidden motion, was made to run in any direction, to run in any direction, to a hid such vigor betraying itself (as the "physical force" novelists says) in a tent vigor betraying itself (as the "physical force" novelists says) in a time of his pen and wrote the following, which is gen and to the charlot, which, by a hidden motion, was made to run in any direction, to a hid such vigor betraying itself (as the "physical force" novelists says) in a motion, was made to run in any direction, to a hid such vigor betraying itself (as the "physical force" novelists says) in a f



CURIOUS CLOCKS.

YANKEE CONTRIVANCES OUTDONE IN THE OLDEN TIME.

The first instrument used for noting the hours was probably the smadial. But some means of reckoning was need-ed when the sky was overcast. To ed when the sky was overest. To meet this want the clep-ydra was in-vented. It consisted of a vessel con-taining water, which dropped slowly through a small orides, while a fleet in the vessel receiving it indicated by its hight the lapse of time. The sindalso an ancient invention: but the ex- all my observations and experience. act date of the invention of clocks is unknown. By some they are supposed to have originated among the moaks:

In my date the whole population of numbers, is proported than in warm to have originated among the moaks:

from it fifty men who are most distinting in the region of the r but as the Seracens are known to have had them, in the eleventh century, it is much more probable that they were introduced into European monasteries who began the world without a dollar.

each divided by pins into twelve inches. These lighteb successively and burned four hours each, at the rate of

the course of the sm, moon and planets. a clock in the form of a chariot, in which was seated a lady. On her this

A BIRD SET IN DIAMONDS

declaring that it must be the work of a supernatural being. It is probable that in the performance of these tricks Droz touched certain springs in the me-chanism, although this is not mention-

ed in any of the accounts of his clock.

The largest clock in the world is that of the eathedral in Strasburg. It is one hundred feet high, thirty feet wide and fifteen feet deep. It has also woulderful automata, connected with it. wonderful automata connected with it and has performed its allotted duties

SELF-MADE MEN .- If you are to surposes, was an execution, you will be the first in Look into the public councils of the nation, and who are they that take the

ead there? They are men who made their own fortunes—self-made men, who began with nothing. The rule is universal; it pervades our courts, state and federal, from the highest to the lowe-t. It is true in all professions. It is so now. It has been so at any time since I have known the public men of this State, or the Nation, and it will be while our present institutions continue. You must throw a nam upon his own resources to bring him out. inence is too arduous, and must be continued too long, to be encountered and maintained voluntarily, or unless as a matter of life and death. He who has a fortune to fall back upon will soon slacken from his effort, and finally retire from competion. With me it is a question whether it is desirable that a question whether it is desirable that a parent should leave his son any property at all. You will have a large fortune, and I am sorry for it, as it will be the spoiling of a good lawyer. These are my deliberate sentiments, and I shall be rejoiced to find in your instance that I was mistaken.

tailor's irons several years ago ordered them of Messrs. Dunn & Spencer, hard-ware merchants, then doing business in this city. He first wrote this order:
"Please send me two tailors' gooses,"
Thinking this was bad grammer he
destroyed it and wrote this one:
Please send me two tailors' geese,"
Upon reflection he also destroyed this
one for fear he would receive live
geese. He thought over the matter till
he was very much worried, and at last
in a moment of desperation he seized
his pen and wrote the following, which
was duly mailed: "Messrs, Annin &
Spencer: Please send me one tailors'
goose, and—'send me another.'" This
was the only way he knew to order two this city. He first wrote this order:

cret heart, as she passes by on he welding-day, it may be happy at blissful, lifts up her laughing eyes, the symbol of her own light heart, at leaves in that look darkness and delation to you forever. The boy you father spirit has chung to, like the vellight of your existence, waives his harmonic metallic than the authorisation, and the distribution of the counterfacture, and the counterfacture is the statement.

condenses as it cools, and like filled with water and compress