

BETSEY BAKER.

From note and bustle far away, Hard work in time employ...

A TREACHEROUS MAID

Mme. Loufoucade, the wife of an army officer during the French revolution...

Mme. Loufoucade lived a short distance from the city of Lyons...

At the end of the time mentioned some eight or ten soldiers...

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When the servants were called together, the lady perceived that Fanchette was pale and trembling.

"Well, wench, did you tell the truth or not? If you did, it's all right with you, and you needn't be scared; if you didn't, it's my honest opinion you'll soon have a lead shorter."

"What is this?" cried Mme. Loufoucade, in astonishment.

"Well, I don't care," said Fanchette assuming an impudent manner.

"Don't come any religious talk over me," cried Fanchette.

"And for this you have sold your soul," growled her mistress.

"I know more of you than you think, Religion's been swept away by a decree, and death's an eternal sleep."

"That's all true, girl," chimed in the officer with an emphatic oath.

There was no resistance made by the mistress and her terrified servants...

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"Had he escaped?" exclaimed the latter in alarm.

The officer swore some terrible oaths and fiercely demanded which way.

"Either up the chimney or into some other part of the house," said Fanchette.

"Quick, my dear, fly about, he's not up here," cried the officer, looking up the chimney.

A hurried search was apparently made of the room they were in, and then Captain Lavergne...

He felt his situation now to be very critical indeed, for should the house be fired he feared there might be no escape for him.

In the course of two or three minutes this dangerous feat was successfully executed, and Captain Lavergne found himself once more on the ground outside...

The searching officer, not finding any trace of the man he sought, at last became enraged at the treacherous girl and accused her of deceiving him.

After the soldiers had gone Captain Lavergne returned to the mansion to assure Mme. Loufoucade of his safety...

At the end of the time mentioned some eight or ten soldiers made their appearance at the mansion and demanded the person of Captain Lavergne.

"If you think there is any such individual under this roof, you can make your search," replied Mme. Loufoucade.

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BIG POKER STORIES.

THEIR TEXT THE REMARKABLE VARIETIES OF LUCK.

Senator Wolcott's Lucky Draw in the "Brace" Game—The Old Red Ear Story Retold in Condensed Form—The Personal Confession of One of "The Company."

"I suppose Senator Wolcott is one of the exalted men living when engaged in a game of chance," said Albert Watson.

Wolcott knew in 20 minutes after the first hand was dealt that the intention was to rob him and wear his wits trying to find a way out of the game.

When Mr. Watson had concluded his interesting recital and the wonderful draw had been expatiated upon, one of his listeners remarked that he reckoned it was his deal.

"I'll make a personal confession after the lunch," said Henry Miller when he laughed subsided.

"A great many farmers, particularly in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, encourage the presence of snakes in their neighborhoods on the theory that they destroy vermin."

"Human beings cannot see in the dark," remarked the teacher.

"Are you sure?" "Yes, in the hall was dark the other night, but sister knew that Mr. Jones had shaved off his mustache before he said a word about it."

Providence correctly, study not only the dictionary, but the language of living speakers who are entitled to speak with authority.

To recognize and define the impossible is one of the distinguishing marks of him to whom almost everything is possible.

JOSE MANSFIELD'S FATHER.

He Ran a Frontier Paper and Was Once Sentenced to Be Hanged.

Jose Mansfield, whose gay career in Gotham a generation ago gave for world-wide notoriety, had a father whose career was also remarkable.

"In these days personal journalism was the thing, and in California the editors spoke right out, calling each other all kinds of names not used in society."

On the trial it was proved that Warren had threatened to kill the next man whom he might meet, and that he had bought the local paper to help in making the threat.

"The family removed to San Francisco, and here Jose began to assist in the elevation of the stage."

When about to light the signal lamp, the man promptly took refuge up the signal post and was only released from this unpleasant and dangerous position when an approaching train drove the animal away.

Human Vultures Waiting for a Carcass. At least six people hovered about a supine dead body in this thoroughfare for several hours awaiting death, which did not occur, and the patient is now recovering.

Stopping a Train for the Toothache. Henry, an artisan, was traveling from Corbal to Paris one day and pulled the alarm bell as the train was leaving a way-side station.

The Place For Shoppers. "Please bother me! Bother me! Bother me!" is the rarest request which appears in the various pages of the catalogue and price list of an enterprising firm of retail grocers in a southern city.

A Cement For Iron and Stone. Laid in a cement for iron and stone that is now being introduced by a Vienna firm.

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MARRY IN GERMANY.

IF YOU ARE AMERICANS BE PREPARED FOR A SIEGE.

Documents of All Kinds and Witnesses Must Be Presented to the Civil Functionary—The Trials of a Young Couple of Americans in Berlin.

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THE VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE.

One of the Handsomest Rooms in the Capitol Used by Him.

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A TRAGEDY IN AFRICA.

WHAT RESULTED FROM A KISS THAT WAS TAKEN BY FORCE.

A Booming American Thought He Met an Old Acquaintance in South Africa—He Kissed Her, and the Explosion Which Followed Was Terrible.

You will find more tragedy than romance in Africa. Sometimes, far from the haunts of civilization, men, lives drawn from other lands cross and recross, and the old story of human passions is told anew.

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