

#### CHAPTER XXI.

Rufus Dawes had been a fortnight at the settlement when a newcomer appeared on the chain gang. This was a young man of about twenty years of age, thin, fair and delicate. His name was Kirkland, and he belonged to what were known as the "educated" prisoners. He had been a clerk in a banking house, and was transported for embezzlement. though, by some, grave doubts as to his guilt were entertained. The commandant, Captain Burgess, had employed him as butler in his own house, and his fate was considered a "lucky" one. So. doubtless, it was, and might have been, had not an untoward accident occurred. Captain Burgess, who was a bachelor of the "old school," confessed an amiable weakness for swearing. Kirkland belonged to a Methodist family, and owned a piety utterly out of place in that re-The language of Burgess made gion. him shudder, and one day he so far forgot himself and his place as to raise his hands to his ears. "I'll soon cure you of that!" cried Burgess, and forthwith ordered him, to the chain gang for "insubordination."

He was received with suspicion by the gang, who did not like white-handed prisoners. Troke, by way of experiment in human nature, perhaps, placed him next to Gabbett. When the muster bell rang, and the gang broke up, Rufus Dawes, on his silent way to his separate cell, observed a notable change of custom in the disposition of the new convict. Instead of placing him in a cell by himself, Troke was turning him into the yard with the others.

'I'm not to go in there?" says the exbank clerk, drawing back in dismay from the cloud of foul faces which lowered upon him.

"But you are, then!" says Troke. "The governor says a night in there'll take the starch out of yer. Come, in yer go." "Let him out, watchman!" said North,

who happened by. "Can't, sir, without an order from the

commandant." "I order you, sir!" North cried, indig-

nant. "Very sorry, your reverenve; but your reverence knows that I daren't do such a thing."

North rushed away to the commandant, and the instant his back was turned. Hailes, the watchman, flung open the door and darted into the dormitory.

"Take that!" he cried, dealing Kirkland a blow on the head with his keys, that stretched him senseless. "There's more trouble with you aristocrats than enough. Lie quiet!"

The commandant, roused from his slumber, told Mr. North that Kirkland might stop where he was, and that he'd thank the chaplain not to wake him up because a prisoner set up a howling.

North returned to the prison disconsolately, found the dutiful Hailes at his post, and all quiet. "What's become of Kirkland ?" he asked.

"Fretted hisself to sleep, yer reverence," said Hailes, in accents of parental concern. "Poor chap! It's hard for such young 'uns as he, sir."

Kirkland was put into a separate cell that night; and Troke, by way of assuring him a good night's rest, told him that he was to have "fifty" in the morning. "And Dawes'll lay it on," he added. "He's one of the smartest men I've got, and he won't spare yer."

"You will find this a terrible place, Mr. Meekin," said North to his supplanter, as they walked across to the commandant's to dinner. "It has made me heart sick."

"I thought it was a little paradise," said Meekin. "Captain Frere says that the scenery is delightful."

The dinner went off successfully. Burgess-desirous, perhaps, of favorably impressing the chaplain whom the bishop delighted to honor-was urbane "You'll find us rough, Mr. enough. Meekin," he said, "but you'll find us 'all there' when we're wanted. This is a little kingdom in itself. Pray help yourself to wine."

"Thank you, none," said North, filling a tumbler with water. "I have headache."

His manner of speech and action was so awkward that a silence fell upon the party, caused by each one wondering why Mr. North should grow confused, and drum his fingers on the table, and stare everywhere but at the decanter. Meekin was the first to speak. "Have you many visitors, Captain Burgess?"

"Very few. Sometimes a party comes over with a recommendation from the governor, and I show them over the place; but, as a rule, we see no one but ourselves."

"I asked," said Meekin, "because some friends of mine were thinking of coming. Do you know Captain Frere?"

"Frere! I should say so!" returned Burgess. "I was quartered with him at Sarah Island. So he's a friend of yours, ch?"

"I had the pleasure of meeting him in society. He is just married, you know. To Miss Vickers, a charming young person. They are going to Sydney, where Captain Frere has some interest, and Frere thinks of taking Port Arthur on his way down."

"A strange fancy for a honeymoon trip," said North.

"Captain Frere takes a deep interest in all relating to convict discipline," went on Meekin, "and is anxious that Mrs. F'rere should see this place. romantic story, Captain Burgess. He saved her life, you know."

"Ah! that was a queer thing, that "We've got the mutiny," said Burgess. fellows here, you know."

"I saw them tried at Hobart Town.' said Meekin. "In fact, the ringleader, John Rex, gave me his confession, and I sent it to the bishop. Captain Frere tried to make me think his letters contained a hidden meaning, but I don't believe they did. He seems to me to be truly penitent for his offenses-a misguided but not a hypocritical man, if my knowledge of human nature goes

for anything." North. condition of mind is pitiable."

"Look here, Mr. North, I don't interfere with what you do to the prisoners' souls; don't you interfere with what I do to their bodies,"

"Then, Captain Burgess," erled North, his pale face flushing, "I tell you the boy's blood will be on your head. I am a minister of God, sir, and I forbid you to commit this crime."

"You're a dismissed officer of the gov ernment, sir. You've no authority here in any way; and if you interfere with my discipline, sir, I'll have you put in irons until you're shipped out of the island!

This, of course, was mere bravado on the part of the commandant. North knew well that he would never dare to attempt any such violence, but the insult stung him like the cut of a whip. He made a stride toward the commandant, as though to seize him by the throat, but checking himself in time, stood still, with clinched hands, flashing eyes and beard that bristled.

North returned home in great agitation. Twice he paused on his way to the sitting room, and twice was he driven on by a power stronger than his will. He reached it at length, and opening the cupboard, pulled out what he sought -a bottle of brandy.

With this in his hand, all moderation vanished. He raised it to his lips and engerly drank. Then, ashamed of what he had done, he thrust the bottle back, and made for his room. He wept, he prayed, he fought with his desire as with a madnes. He told himself that another's life depended on his exertions; that to give way to his fatal passion was unworthy of an educated man and a reasoning being. In vain. In the midst of his arguments he found himself at the cupboard, with the bottle at his lips, in an attitude that was at once ludicrous and horrible.

His disense was a torrible one. The Rev. James North--gentleman, scholar and Christian priest-was what the world calls "a confirme! drunkard."

## CHAPTER XXII.

The morning sun, bright and fierce, looked down upon a curious sight. In a stone yard was a little group of persons -Troke, Burgess, Macklewain, Kirk- live hen. land and Rufus Dawes.

Three wooden staves, seven feet high, triangle. The structure looked not unlike that made by gypsies to boll their bound. His feet were fastened with thongs to the base of the triangle; his wrists, bound above his head, at the His body was then extended to blocks with a V-shaped top. apex. its fullest length, and his white back shone in the sunlight. During his tyingup he had said nothing.

'do your duty."

stern faces to Kirkland's white back, screw eye driven in the front edge of and his face grew purple. In all his experience he had never been asked to flog before. He had been flogged often enough. He picked up the heavy cat. and drew its knotted lashes between his through a screw eye and toward the fingers.

without turning his head. "You are no plece of wire that extends to the door. more than another man."

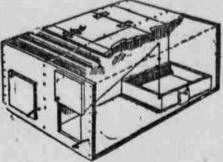
round his head, and brought its knotted through a hole in the board will procords down. The white back was instantly striped with six crimson bars. Kirkland stifled a cry. It seemed to him that he had been cut in half.

fashion?"



# Effective Trap Nest.

A very simple trap nest is thus described by Orange Judd Farmer : One side and part of the top on one compartment is removed to show the interior construction. Each compartment should be 13 inches wide, 15 inches high and 30 inches deep, while the nest box is 12 inches square and 3 inches deep. Every poultry raiser knows the value of a trap nest, so it is not necessary to enter into its utility. Any number of them may be constructed side by side, and all equipped in the same manner. The doorway at the front is 10 inches wide and 12 inches high, the door is 12 inches square and is caught at one corner with a screw. When it is set the doorway is open, but



SERVICEABLE TRAP NEST.

when the hen has sprung it the door falls and the opposite end to the screw catches in an iron staple which prevents it from being moved by the cap-

The top of the nests are provided with a few slats at the forward end were fastened together in the form of a for light and ventilation, and each compartment has a trapdoor hinged at the top so the hen can be removed from kettles. To this structure Kirkland was the nest. The nest box is provided with two screws at each side just forward from the 'middle. These rest on

The nest is balanced so the weight of a hen when she steps on the front edge will tip it down, thereby releas-"Now, prisoner," said Troke to Dawes, Ing the wire end that holds the door and allows it to fall. Two pieces of Rufus Dawes looked from the three wire are used. One is made fast to a the box and extends up nearly to the under side of the top, where a piece of cord is tied to it. The cord passes front of the box, where, four inches "Go on, Dawes," whispered Kirkland, from the eye, it is tied to the longer The wire and string are adjusted so Rufus Dawes lifted the cat, swung it the front end of the wire passing ject a quarter of an inch and support the door. When the hen steps on the

When clover fields are infected with the root borer, allowing them to stand but two years will help to subjugate the pest in any locality.

Every farmer should have his seed corn testing patch, on which competing selections from his own fields and yarieties secured elsewhere may be subjected to a careful field test under his own eye.

Breaking a Stall Kicker. The chronic stable kicker, aside from being a nuisance, causes much damage and often injures other animals. To break him of the habit, fill a grain sack half full of sand and swing from ceiling with rope, so sack will hang where heels or horse will have good play upon it. The him firmly in the stall with a heavy, stout rope. At the first kick the bag will swing away, often as high as the celling, if kicked squarely. It will then return and give him as good as he sent. This will lead to a general mixup between the horse and sandbag, and the sack of sand will hold its own, returning all he sends, with considerable interest. He will soon find that he is up against a losing proposition, and, learning this, will be thoroughly cowed. Leave the sack behind him for a week or more and then remove. If he should at any

time show any tendency to return to his old habit of kicking, arrange the sack as before and the cure will be

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## Don't Neglect the Stables.

Many dairymen who are inclined to be exceedingly cleanly about the stables during the winter give them little care during the summer when the cows are largely milked in the pasture, a plan of milking many follow. There are days and nights during the summer when the cows must be housed and the milking done in the stables, hence if they have been neglected the milk is surely to absorb any undesirable odor

final.-Successful Farming.

that may exist. We find it an excellent plan to clean the stables thoroughly just as soon as the cows are turned out to grass, and this thoroughness consists in washing the walls with a strong solution of carbollc acld, then going over them thorughly with whitewash. In this manner all germs and odors are destroyed. This is by no means all, for each week the stables are thoroughly purified, so that there will be no possible odor to spoll the milk .- Exchange.

Buggy Steps for Harness Hooks. Old buggy steps make good harness hooks one gets at the stores, writes sooks one gets at the stores, writes



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In the morning Rufus Dawes, coming to his place on the chain gang, was struck by the altered appearance of Kirkland. His face was of a greenish tint, and wore an expression of bewildered horror.

"Cheer up, man!" said Dawes, touch ed with momentary pity. "It's no good being in the mopes, you know."

"What do they do if you try to bolt?" whispered Kirkland.

"Kill you," returned Dawes, in a tone of surprise at so preposterous a question.

"Thank God!" said Kirkland.

The work of the gang that afternoon was the carrying of some heavy logs to the water-side, and Rufus Dawes observed that Kirkland was exhausted long before the task was accomplished. "They'll kill you, you little beggar!" said he, not unkindly.

He had hardly uttered the words when the boy flung himself beneath the log. In another instant the train would have been scrambling over his crushed body, had not Gabbett stretched out an iron hand and plucked the would-be suicide from death.

"Hold on to me," said the giant. "I'm big enough to carry double."

Kirkland uttered a cry, and then, holding up his irons with his hands. he started to run for the water.

"Halt, you young fool!" roared Troke. raising his carbine. But Kirkland kept steadily on for the river. Just as he reached it, however, the figure of Mr. North rose from behind a pile of stones. Kirkland jumped for the jetty, missed his footing and fell into the arms of the chaplain.

"You young vermin-you shall pay "You'll see if for this!" cries Troke. you won't remember this day." "Oh, Mr. North," says Kirkland,

"why did you stop me! I'd rather be dead than stay another night in that place."

"You'll get it, my lad!" said Gab bett, when the runaway was brought back. "Your blessed hide'll feel for this, see if it don't!"

Kirkland only breathed harder, and looked round for Mr. North; but Mr. North had gone. The new chaplain was to arrive that afternoon, and it was incumbent on the old one to be present at the reception.

Troke reported the ex-bank clerk that night to Burgess, and Burgess, who was about to go to dinner with the new chaplain, disposed of his case out of hand. "Tried to bolt, eh! Must stop that. Fifty lashes, Troke. Pick out some likely man, will you. That last fellow you had ought to have been tied up yourself. His flogging wouldn't have killed a flea."

"You can't get 'em to warm one another, your honor," says Troke. "They won't do it."

"Oh, yes, they will, though," says Burgess, "or I'll know the reason why. I won't have my men knocked up with flogging these rascals. If the scourger won't do his duty, tie him up and give him five-and-twenty for himself. T'll be down in the morning myself, if I can."

woulln't trust him." "Oh, there's no fear of him," said

Burgess, cheerily; "if he grows uproarious, we'll soon give him a touch of the

Here attention was called by the strange behavior of Mr. North. He had risen and, without apology, flung wide the window, as though he gasped for air. "Hallo, North! What's the matter?"

"Nothing," said North, recovering himself with an effort. "A spasm. have these attacks at times.' "Have some brandy ?" said Burgess.

"No, no, it will pass. No, I say. Well, if you insist." And seizing the tumbler offered to him, he half filled it with raw spirits and swallowed the fiery draught at agulp. The Reverend Meekin eyed his clerical brother with hor-TOT.

"Ha!" said North, looking wildly round upon them. "That's better." So they went on to the veranda, and looked down upon the lights of the prison, and listened to the sea lapping the shore. The Rev. Mr. North, in this cool atmosphere, seemed to recover himself, and conversation progressed with some sprightliness.

By and by a short figure came up out of the dark, and proved to be Doctor Macklewain, who had been prevented from attending the dinner by reason of an accident to a constable at Norfolk Bay, which had claimed his professional attention.

"Well, how's Forrest?" cried Bur-"Mr. Meekin-Dr. Macklewain." gess. "Dead," said Macklewain. "Delighted to see you, Mr. Meekin."

"Confound it-another of my best men," grumbled Burgess. Macklewain was tired and wanted to get home.

"I must also be thinking of repose," said Meekin; "the journey, though most enjoyable, has fatigued me."

Come on, then," said North. "Our roads lie together, doctor."

Before the two clergymen had got half way down the steep path that led from the commandant's house to the flat on which the cottages of the doctor and chaplain were built, Macklewain rejoined them. "Another flogging to-mor-row," said he, grumblingly. "Up at daylight, I suppose, again.

"Whom is he going to flag now?"

"That young butler-fellow of his." "What, Kirkland? You don't mean to say he's going to flog Kirkland? Oh, this must be stopped!" cries North, in great alarm. "He can't stand it, tell you he'll die, Macklewain."

Captain Burgess was shutting his ve randa window when North hurried up. "Captain Burgess, Macklewain tells mo you are going to flog young Kirkland. I have come to beg you not to do so, sir. The lad has been cruelly punished already. He attempted suicide to-dayunhappy creature!"

"Well, that's just what I'm flogging him for. I'll teach my prisoners to attempt suicide!"

"Captain Burgess," protested North. "I assure you that he does not deserve "Very good, your honor," says Troke. punishment. I have seen him, and his

'Now, then, you scoundrel." roared Burgess; "separate your cats! What By opening the trap door at the top it part up as shown in B. do you mean by flogging a man that is easy to set the door again.

Rufus Dawes drew his crooked fingers through the entangled cords and struck again. This time the blow was staves tightly, and the muscles of his naked arms quiver.

The third blow sounded as though it had been struck upon a piece of raw beef, and the crimson turned purple. The strokes, and then Kirkland gave a screech like a wounded horse. "Oh!-Captain Burgess!-Dawes! Mr. Troke!-Oh! oh !- Mercy !- Oh, doc-

tor!-Mr. North!-Oh! oh! oh!" The lad's back, swollen into a hump, now presented the appearance of a ripe

peach which a willful child has scored with a pin. Dawes turning away from his bloody handiwork, drew the cats beginning to get clogged a little. 'Go on," said Burgess, with a nod.

(To be continued.)

### Turtle Has Two Heads.

That nature is not without a latent sense of humor is often demonstrated by the strange abnormal creatures and freak growths she produces, and rarely does a week pass by that some one of the many illustrated publications does not contain a photograph of a curiosity of this character. Accordingly, the Scientific American adds one more to the list of oddities in a two-headed box tortolse, the property of E. S. Schmid, taxidermist of Washington.

The turtle, which is of a common and well-known variety, and whose scientific name is terrapene Carolina. was found in Fairfax County, Virginia, near Mount Vernon, and with the exception of its superfluity of heads ap. pears to differ little from the ordinary representatives of its kind. The truth hips, passing the end of the rope under of this, however, could only be ascertained at the cost, we fear, of the creature's life, for its armor-like shell the steer. By pulling 100 pounds on would make an investigation of its in- the end of the rope, a 1,000-pound steer ternal economy hazardous, if not impossible. The animal appears to be about four months old, and measures some two by one and three quarter inches, the shell being possibly a triffe larger than would ordinarily be the case. The two heads are nearly of the same size, and as far as can be seen are perfect in all respects. Its other visible members do not exceed the usual number, and it is probably not incorrect to conclude that the multiplicity is confined to the heads. These do not feed together, but do so separately and alternately, and appear, furthermore, to be otherwise independent.

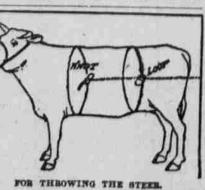
Woman is a miracle of divine contradictions .-- Michelet.

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# Use Good Tools in Spraying.

Those who do spraying on a considerable scale fully realize the importance more effective, and the blood bended on of the very best outfits for the purpose. the skin. The boy did not cry; but Those who have but little spraying to Macklewain saw his hands clutch the do will find smaller implements which will answer the purpose, but will notice that there is a great difference in the prices for the same capacity implement. This difference represents the flogging proceeded in silence for ten difference between something valuable and something made to sell, the only value such latter implements have is for use in the small agrden where but a few trees or bushes are to be sprayed. year 1500. The Robert Taylor clip of Better pay double the price asked for the cheap sprayer and get something that may be depended upon to do the work properly and effectively and which will not be worthless the first through his fingers twice. They were time the metal comes in contact with the chemicals.

> How to Throw a Steer. Here is a very simple but sure way to throw a large or small steer. Use rope, three-quarter inch, about 25 feet



long, is best passing one end of the rope around the steer, and tying in a hard knot; pass the rope back and around the body again in front of the the rope, so as to form a draw, extending the end of the rope straight behind can be thrown with ease.

#### Farm Notes.

Be slow to condemn an old sow that does good work.

More money is lost by feeding hogs too long than by selling too early.

For making good grafting wax melt together four parts resin (by weight) ; two parts beeswax ; one part tallow,

If you desire to hit the buil's eye aim high and in doing so load so as to obtain more bushels from fewer acres. In the spring the muscles of a horse are soft and they tire easily. Let them take it easy until they become accustomed to work and then you can "push on the lines."

Rank of Sheep Industry. Sheep and wool are the seventh largest industry in the United States. The number of sheep in the world is estimated at 600,000,000; of this number onc-third are classed merinos. The

Leicester breed of sheep was founded in 1802 by Lord Polwarth, of Mertoun. The Spanish merinos were first imported into England by George III in 1791. It is said that woolen goods were manufactured in Asia 2,000 years before the Christian era. The domesticated sheep were first introduced into America by the Spanlards about the Montana, 500,000 pounds, is the lar-

one grower.

Summer Use of Grains.

The feeding problem, in some sections, is quite as formidable in the summer as in the winter, and this is particularly the case where the feeding is largely done in the barn, which, by the way, is becoming more popular every year among dairymen. What grains one shall use depends largely upon the methods which individual feeders have found most profitable in the past, but corn, in the summer ration, must be sparingly used. The stock foods or the concentrated grains, purchased already mixed, ought also to be handled carefully and particularly so when little or no pasture is

# The Farm Garden.

given the animals.

Do not plow the garden when the soil is so wet as to be lumpy or it will bother all the first part of the season. Harrow very thoroughly and lay off the space in as long rows as possible, planting in these all vegetables except lettuce, radishes, etc. Rows should not be less than three feet apart so that the horse cultivator can be used. If the space is limited it is, of course, better to use the hand-wheel hoe and garden-drill machine and plant more closely, but on the farm there is usually plenty of space that could be used to advantage in the labor saving plan of wide rows.

#### Hen Manure and Guano.

Never apply unadulterated hen droppings, or any other pure guano, directly on seeds or plants; applied pure it will destroy the germ on most plants. Properly prepared fowl manure may be applied with benefit to any crop, field or garden, broadcast or harrowed in, but is more economically employed in the hill or drill. As good a plan as any, probably, is to gather the droppings as often as twice a week, and mix with about twice their bulk of dry pine, it being nearly 50 per i

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1864-First express train between York and Buffalo. 1867-Napoleon and King Willing

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