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Ruined by the Wab．－The Nemp Orleans Crescent tulls this story： A relic of the past is seen in a man， bearing upon his face and body the impress of many years．The man walks the streets daily，bearing the marks of wisfortune，amid the friends he had known in better years，but with an appearance so changed，one ean hardly recognize in him tho Mer catio of the Crescent City，the gay， witty and elegant gentlman who was at one time the very＇lender of fashion． Seedy habiliments，a bent body and wrinkled faco，have nearly obliterated all in him that was so familiar in the past．Inheriting a great fortune，he increased it largoly by marriago，and from his profession at the bar had an income of fortyor filty thousand dol－ lars a year，and received a single fee
of sixty thousand dollars upon a claim in real estate in the lower part of the city．This wealth to scattered with princely generosity and royal protu－
sion．$H_{e}$ was a Lueullus at home， and his hospitalities aspired to all the magnificence of the qncient Roman no－ bleman．In 1857 he gave a single sireo that cost 825,000 ，and which exceeded in splendor anything ever befure known here．The very floors
over which tho dancers moved were over which tho dancers moved wero
covered with scenic paintinge，the work of the most aceomplishod artist then in Now Orleans；and in the sa－ lon，where gamingitables were ar－
ranged，stood two baskets－one filled with bank notes and the other with gold，for the use of those guests who diess．The dispenser of this gorgtous hospitality is now dependent upon his relatives．Ho takes his loss with Christian resignation，and does not
fly from the world and rail against it． like Timon of Athons，but moves through the world with a pleasant and urhane manner，as if he had still the princely fortune at command．Such cases as this are common since the

Thme for Mataimony．－Among the anceient germano，than whom a finer race nerer existed，it was death for
any woman to marry before she was twenty sears old．In this country very fow women are fit，either phys ically or mentally，to become mothers before they reach the age of twenty． The unsound condition and constita－ tion of the parent is u－ually transmitted with increased intensity to the off－ spring．By the laws of Lycurgus，the most especial attention was paid to the physical education of women；and none delicate or sickly were，on any ac－ count，allowed to marry．Dr．John－ son，in his work on the Eeonomy of Health，says that matrimony should not be contracted beforo the first yoar of the fourth septennial on the part of tho lady，nor before the last year of the same in case of the gentleman；in other words，the female should be at least twenty－one years of nge and the male twenty eight years．Tho Dr． says there stoould be a difference of sev eral years between the sexes，at what－ ever period of lite the connection is formed．There is a differenco of soven years，not in tho actual duration of life， in the tivo sexos，but in the stamina of the constitution，the symetry of the In respoct to carly marriages，so fave as it concorns tho softer sox，for every year at which mariagg is ontered upon beforo the ago of twonty－öne，there will be，on an averago，three jears of premature decay，more or less appar ent，of the corporeal fabric．

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