His Heart's Desire

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CHAPTER V.

of Gratnor, commonly called Daniel Daniel Leighan, or Old Dan, or Mr. Daniel, according to the social position of those who spoke to him, awoke with a start from his afternoon nap.

He was the rich man of a parish in village miser; he was the terror of those of the hardest bargains; he was the as your watch and chain. Why, all those strong and masterful man; he was the were left." scourge of the weak and thriftless; he was the tyrant of the village. He knew all this, and so far from being humiliated, he enjoyed the position.

The girl who sat working at the open window was his niece, Mary Nethercare of him. He railed at all the world because he had the keeping of ner money and took all the interest for himself, and had her services as housekeeper for nothing, were perhaps only imperfectly with a woman that she only enjoys the acquainted with the old man's motives spending; while the man"—he heaved a and his feelings. Yet the statement was deep sigh, and did not complete the sentrue. He did have the keeping of her tence. money-a good lump of money; and he did give himself the interest in return raking in the gold-"to think-only to for her board and lodging; and he did think!-of the pleasure I have had in have her services as housekeeper for making the money! It was little by lit-

nothing. Daniel Leighan awoke suddenly with a cry, and sat upright in his chair, clutching the arms, his eyes rolling in whorror and amazement.

"Mary!" he cried, "I saw him; I saw him-the man who robbed me. I saw him plain-and I have forgotten-I have forgotten! It was-oh, I knew just now -I have forgotten, Mary!"

"Patience, uncle, patience." Mary patted and smoothed the pilows into their places. "Another time you will remember; you are sure to remember, if the dream only comes again. Lie down again

and think." He obeyed, and she covered his head again with his silk handkerchief. He had wakefulness by the recollection of somehad vanished from his memory, leaving exactly a fgel. like David; but he doesn't left, and the foreboding. Mary saw the terror, but she knew nothing of the foreboding. Yet her uncle's mind was filled with anxious fears. She saw the rolling eyes, the clutching of the chair arms, a child, in his sleep, and crying out, before love, Mary." like a child, for help when there was no danger. He lay still for a few moments while she stood beside him and watched.

-oh, I saw him, clear and distinct!the man who robbed me. And while I was going to cry out his name-just as I had his name upon my lips-I awoke and forgot him."

"If it comes again," said Mary, incredulous in spite of her words, will be sure to remember. Perhaps it will come again. Patience, uncle." "Patience! when I had the clew? Patience! when I could follow up the rob-

Patience !-- don't be a fool, Mary!"

you will feel better." "Mary"-he turned to her piteously-"it is cruelly hard. Can't you remem-

"Why, uncle, how should I remem-

"It came back to me-all so clear-so clear and plain. And I have forgotten. Oh, Mary, my money! my money!" 'Yes, uncle. But it is six years ago,

nearly, and you have done very well since. And it is not as if you had lost to my cousin David." ai your money. Why, you have prosbadly. You must think of that." 'Lost all my money?' he repeated tes-

a man could bear to lose a single penny of the money that he has spent his life She knew very well, bewere bonds and coupons in the bag to the sum of near upon a hundred and fifty foolishly soft-with David." pounds a year-nearly three thousand pounds they meant. As for the share certificates, they didn't matter; but coupons-coupons, Mary; do you hear-payable only to the bearer-a hundred and fifty pounds a year-a bundred and fifty pounds a year!-near three thousand His voice rose to a shrick, and suddenly dropped again to a moan. "Three thousand pounds! Payable to the bearer, and I haven't got them to present! If I were a young man of

girl felt little sympathy.

'It was six o'clock when I left Ashburton." The girl had also heard this story so often that her interest in the when I started to ride home. I had seventy pounds in gold upon me-fifty and chain had not been taken. pounds in one bag and twenty in an-Yet I remember nothing more. Mind twenty pounds short.

you, I won't have it said in my hearing At half-past four exactly Mr. Leighan, that I ever gave anybody anything, or that I left my bag lying about like a fool. Yet when George Sideote picked me up the bag was gone, and twenty pounds

had gone too-twenty pounds! "Well, but, uncle, constaer; you had seventy pounds in gold in your purse which there was no squire; he was the and only twenty were taken. If it had been a thief he would surely have taken who owed him money; he was the driver the whole, and your loose silver, as well

"I don't know, Perhaps he thought the bag of papers would satisfy him. How do I know? What made me fall off the pony? I never fell off the pony

"Well, uncle, but think; every day you cote. She lived with Daniel, and took trouble your poor head about it, and nothing comes of it; why not try to forexcept her; he quarreled with all the get the loss? Think what a prosperous world except his niece; and those persons | man you have been in all your life. You who averred that he was kind to her should be thinking of what you have, not what you have lost."

"Go on; go on. Easy for a girl like you to talk. There's the difference "Oh! Mary"-he reached out his long bony fingers and made as if he were tle, not all at once. No, no; I saw my way, and I waited. I laid my plans, and I had patience. Be sure that not a field have I got but I worked and planned for it. The world is full of fools; weak men who have no business with property; men without grip, men who just hold on till somebody comes and gives em a shove off. Your cousin David was such a fool, Mary."

CHAPTER VI.

Mary said nothing. Her cousin David was doubtless a great fool, but people said unkind things about her uncle's onduct toward him.

"If I had not secured his property. some one else would. It is still in the started from his sleep, as if stung into family, which ought to be a great comfort to him, wherever he has gone. thing horrible and painful; and his dream George Sidcote is another-well, he isn't not a trace behind. But the terror was get on-he doesn't get on. I fear very much-

> "Uncle, spare him!", "Because he wants to marry you, child? Is that a reason for interfering with the course of business? When the

and the look of bewilderment; but she pear is ripe, it will drop!-if not into my only thought her uncle was startled, like mouth, into some other man's. Business "If I could give my fortune, he would be out of his difficulties."

Then he tore off the handkerchief and sat What fortune? You have none unless you marry with my consent. Your for-"It is quite gone," he said, in despair, tune? Why, it depends on me whether "I have lost the clew. Yet I have him you ever get it. I don't say that I shall yes. But you, Mary, and my mother?" never consent. Show me the right man -not a spendthrift, Mary."

"George is no spendthrift." "Nor a man in debt."

"If George is in debt, it is not his

fault." "A substantial man, and one who knows the worth of money; bring that man along, and we will see. If notwell, Mary, I am getting on for seventy, and I can't last forever, and perhapsber, and tear my papers out of his hands? perhaps, I say-I shall leave you my money when I die. You can wait till "Well, uncle, if it has gone, you can't then. Six thousand pounds is a tremenbring it back again, try to forget that dous big lump to part with, when a man it ever came; that is the wisest thing to is not obliged to part with it. And I am do. You shall have your tea, and then not obliged to give my consent. No. no: and after I've lost three thousand-three thousand! Besides, your comfortable here; what do you want to marry for? ber? Think. Perhaps I talked in my What's the good of marrying? Better sleep-some men do. Have you never stay at home and save money. I give you heard me say anything-call some one your board and your lodging, Mary, while by name? If I had only the least little you are here, for nothing; and your cloth-clew. I should remember." as if many young people had to go with-

> "Yes, I know." She laughed thinking how much her uncle had given her for dress in the last year or two. "Well, uncle, but if I do marry without your consent you will have to give the money

"Yes, yes; of course. What's the good pered while all the rest have been doing of telling me that? But David is dead, no doubt, by this time, and then the money must remain with me, of course. tily; "of course I've not lost all. As if But you won't do that, Mary; you'll never be so wicked as to do that. Besides, if you did, David's accounts with in saving. Do you know what I have me have never been made up, and I don't doubt that when we come to look cause he told her every day. "There into them it will be found that he owes me a great deal still. I was very soft-

Mary made no reply. Her uncle had been, indeed, soft with David; so soft that he had sold him up and turned him out, and now possessed his land.

Mr. Leighan sighed heavily, no doubt over his foolish softness, and became silent. It was not often that he talked so much with his niece.

Six years before this, about half-past nine one evening in the autumn of the year 1880, George Sidcote, walking home. found Mr. Leighan lying in the middle of thirty, I might recover the loss; but I the road on Heytree Down. His pony am old now, and can never hope to make was grazing quietly beside him, and he It up-never hope to make it up again!" | was lying on his back senseless, with an It was six years since that loss had ugly wound in his head, the scar of occurred; but this wail over the lost which would never leave him. He had money was raised nearly every day, and fallen, apparently, from his pony. No almost in the same words, so that the susicion of violence or robbery was entertained; first, because no one ever heard of violence at Challacombe, and secondly, because he had not apparently been robbed. So, at least, it seemed to details had become numbed. "Six o'clock | those who carried him home, for his pockets were full of money, and his watch

For three days and three nights Daniel other; my tin box in a blue bag was Leighan lay speechless and senseless, and round my neck, and it was filled with but for a faint pulse he seemed dead. securities and bonds and share certifi- When he recovered consciousness, the cates. At half past seven-it was dark first qustions he asked were concerning then-I rode into Widdicombe. After a certain tin box containing papers which that I remember nothing. Why have I he declared was hanging in a bag from forgotten the ride through the lanes? his neck. Now of that tin box no one Why don't I remember passing through knew anything. Presently, when he Howedstone Gate to the open down? counted his money, he swore that he was

Perhaps it was the agony of mind caused by this loss perhaps the blow upon his head, which caused the paralysis of his legs. This affliction fell upon him a month or so after the accident. Then they put bim in his chair beside his table, and propped him up with pillows, and he went abroad no more. But his brain was as clear as before, his will as strong, and his purpose as determined

CHAPTER VIL. When Mary had given her uncle his tea and cleared away the "things," she left him to his papers and his pipe, took

her hat and went into the porch, where she stood for a moment-dangling her hat by its strings and shading her eyes with

cheek and a brightening of her eye, she preciate the picture here shown, says of the house, where she knew George rick or pitcher will cost the man Sidcote waited to take her to the choir on the farm about \$5 in cash. It is practice, for 'twas Saturday evening.

When Mary came through the garden he took both her hands in his, bent over her and kissed her gravely on the fore- square and the top 5 by 5 feet. The head, as if to seal her once more for his telephone pole in the center is twenty own. There was little of the sweet love five feet high. The arm is fourteen language between these two; they be- feet long and the brace about twelve longed to each other; they were so well assured of the fact that there was no need to renew their vows.

"George!" said Mary, softly. "Mary!" George whispered.

They sat down together on a wagon shaft, side by side.

"I saw him this morning," he said. slowly-Mary knew very well who was meant by "him"-"and I told him what I told you the other day, my dear." "What did he say?"

"He said that he knew it beforehand. He had calculated it all out on paper. and he was certain, he said, that this season would be the last. 'Very well,' he said, 'the law provides a remedy when the interest or the principal cannot be repaid. Of course, he added, 'I am not going to lose my money.' This is what he said first, Mary."

"Oh! and what did he say next?" "I told him that if he would give his consent, your fortune would nearly pay off the mortgage."

"What did he say then?" "Well, Mary, then we had a little row -not much. He said that it was clear I only wanted your money, and he should never give his consent. I said that it was clear he meant to make any excuse to refuse his consent, in order to keep your money in his own hands."

"I am sorry, George," said Mary, "He told me nothing of this."

"It was not likely that he would tell you. He heard what I had to say in and I reminded him that, if you did not receive your aunt's fortune, David would be entitled to the money. Well, he was not the least put out. He only laughed -his laugh is the sort that makes other people cry-and said that you were a you chose to throw away your fortune he things too numerous to mention." was sorry for you, but he could not prevent it. Well, Mary, I came away. that is done with, and this is the last the old place."

"Courage, George," she said; "we will do something; we will go somewhere-"Your fortune, Mary? Where is it? somehow we will live and prosper yet." than one year been cut down as much 'somehow!' Well, I have a pair of ravages of the chinch bug and the hands and a pair of broad shoulders-

"Courage," she said again, "have faith. George. Even if we have to go away, we shall be together. I was reading yesterday a story about settlers in Canada. It had pictures. There was the fully compiled report issued by the wooden house and the clearing, with the Census Bureau. The apple crop has forest all round; I thought it might be been reduced as much as twenty-five ours. I read how they worked, this per cent in many seasons through the pair of settlers, and how they gradually operations of the codling moth and got on, clearing more land and increasing other insects. So one might go through their stock till they became rich in ev- the entire list. The burden is diserything except money. I thought of ourselves, George; we shall not want money if we can live on a farm of our own somewhere, and if we can work for ourselves. You are so strong and brave; this phase of the matter as anybodyyou do not mind hard work; and-and- will agree that their losses, in practilet us have faith, George. God is good. cally every instance, would be far If we must go from here, we will go with greater were the scientific knowledge cheerful hearts, and leave my poor uncle of the Department of Agriculture's to his lands and wealth."

He threw his arm round her neck and kissed her again-an unusual demonstration from him.

(To be continued.)

Face West for Best Work. To test the truth of the assertions of many persons that they sleep better mum annual destruction of two billion with their heads pointing to the north, dollars, or nearly one-half the whole work better facing the east and so on, Dr. Charles Fere, who is well known present, would be possible.-C. Arthur in France for his studies in physiological psychology, has constructed a delleate machine which he calls an ergograph, with which he has achieved some interesting results. This machine registers the number, rapidity and equality of the movements of the do late in August. When the ground index finger when writing or performing any accustomed work.

He announces that his experiments with it prove that work done by a person facing the west or east is better by 25 per cent than similar work done by a person facing the north that causes so much extra labor and or south, and that when working fac-

better than when facing east. system, due largely, it is believed, to seed bed needs before sowing the seed. magnet. Many learned men have noticed that they sleep best with the head to the north and work betting facing the west, while at least one famous planist finds he plays with the every day, but upon most farms there greatest ease when the plano faces is not enough cream to do this. If the east. It may be that the great churning is done but twice a week migrations of the human race, all of good butter can be made if the cream which have been from east to west, has been kept cool and then ripened and the observed tendency of trees to properly. Some farmers that keep but develop in the same way related to two or three cows churn but once a these phenomena.

Polite.

much of my cooking,

"Oh, well, you musn't let that trouble you; he is too polite to say anything."-Houston Post.

It's usually the alimony he has to pay that causes a man to figure in a divorce suit.



Improved Hay Devices. The man who has stood with his back to the stack pitching hay by Then, with a little flush upon her hand under a hot July sun will appassed through the garden to the back a writer in the Ohio Farmer. The dermounted on runners twelve feet long. The base of the frame is 10 by 10 feet

feet. The pole and arm can be turned in a complete circle by means of a crowbar inserted in the pole near the bottom.

An entire haycock can be easily lifted straight from the ground to a



A HAY DERRICK.

level with the top of the stack, then carried over and dropped at any place on the stack. It will keep two men busy on the stack all the time, and they will not have to reach over the his dry way, and then asked me if there edge of the stack to help get the hay was anything more that I wished to say, up, Besides, it does not drag up the Well, Mary, I was roused a bit by this, side of the stack, as many pitchers do, nor does it make the stack heavier or one side than the other, A round stack can be built twenty feet high and easily made to hold from twelve to fifteen tons. It saves time, money, good girl, but silly, like most girls, and if help, muscle, patience "and other

Costly Crop Pests. The proceeds from the wheat crop, year there will be one of the old stock in the average annual farm value of which may be roughly put at four hundred million dollars, have in more "'Somewhere!" he echoed, "and as fifty per cent as a result of the Hessian fly. King Cotton alone was damaged to the extent of nearly fifty million dollars by the so-called Mexican boll weevil, in the single State of Texas, in 1903, according to a caretressingly heavy, but it is safe to assert that farmers themselves-who, obviously, ought to know as much of staff not put to account. A careful survey of the facts leads to the conclusion that the total damage each year would be from two to four times as large were it not for the Department of Agriculture's unremitting warfare ngainst the pests, and that a maxiyearly value of the country's crops, at

Williams in "Success Magazine." Breaking for Wheat. The early broken wheat ground is usually the land from which the largest yields are taken. The land breaks well. No clods to mash, no packing to becomes hard and breaks into large clods a great deal of labor is required to get the seed bed fine and well packed for the proper germination of

seed. Then again the doubling up of work worry may be prevented later on at ing the west it is about 25 per cent sowing time. Instead of having to break land, harrow, drag and roll, then This matter of orientation seems to immediately follow with the drill. A have an influence upon the nervous surface harrowing may be all that the the fact that the earth is a gigantic The work of sowing wheat need not come in a lump, if taken in time.

Churn Often. The best butter is made by churning week; under such conditions, great care should be taken to keep the cream to fifty degrees Fahrenheit, if possible. "So you have invited Brown to din- When cream is kept at a high temperaner? I am afraid he won't think ture for a long time, the butter will have an old flavor. If cream is kept much below fifty degrees Fabrenheit. it is likely to develop a better flavor.

Buck wheat.

drilled, if that is the method of sowing, lifteen inches apart, the seed slightly covered with harrows, and a very light rolling given to level the surface, so that all plants have equal chance of starting together. There is a good deal in this latter, for where irregular drst growth is made there are always enemies to take the plants as they ap-

A Good Stock Tonic. Each of the many stock foods, or has its own particular composition, go Tribune. and it is better, both from the points of view of economy and cleanliness, to make use of these, but if this is quite had the worst government in Europa impossible the following recipe may be safely adopted: Turmerle, one naif pound; cumin, one half pound; gentian, three-fourths pound; ground ginger, one-half pound; grains of paradise one-half pound; bi-carbonate of soda, six ounces; fenugreek, six ounces; blood root, four ounces; asafoetida, four ounces, brown sugar, five pounds; fine salt, 1 3-4 pounds. The above ingredlents should be well ground by the druggist and be thoroughly mixed with one thousand pounds of finely ground meal, or, if dealred, it may be perience with geese that lay golden with maize meal the quantity to be ton Transcript. fed to a horse, cow, or ox at each feed is one pint, and to each cair, it should be admitted as a State, but foal, sheep, or hog, half a pint. When does it expect the United States Senfed without the meal it should be giv. ate to be swayed by mere reasons?en in the proportion of a tablespoonful Chicago News. to a horse, cow or ox, and half that

Indigestion in Cows.

It is a common expression to speak of a cow as losing her cud when she stops ruminating. The trouble is due proper diet. Usually this trouble ocsummer who are on the range, but are to escape trial on the charge that it is receiving some grain. In such cases robbing the American consumer .a good plan is to cut out the grain ra- Pittsburg Dispatch. tion entirely for a few days, or until the cow again chews her cud. For a open up 3,000,000 square miles of time after she resumes ruminating feed her largely on the grass with be some time, however, before the some good hay, and gradually get ber on to the grain. A day or two after the grain ration has been cut off the cow should have a single dose of one pound of Epsom saits and two ounces of ground ginger root mixed in two quarts of warm water. In the winter reduce the grain ration one-half, give her the medicine named above at the beginning of the treatment, and make up the ration with roots or ensilage. At all times cows should have free access to rock salt, for it is a great diges-

To Put Potatoes in Cellar. Here is an excellent device for use down through the rollway, or potato bin. String two iron hooks on the Heraid. wire and hook the loaded basket upon

FOR STORING POTATOES

ly down and across the ceilar, where the helper can empty the basket. A light cord attached to the basket allows the man outside to pull the bas- Mayor Weaver has wiped up the ket back for another load. This saves a large amount of heavy lifting There may be some fragments, but and saves time also, since two baskets they are not able to sit up and take can be kept going. Fig. 1 shows the hooks on the wire. Fig. 2 shows the device in action.

Selecting Brood Stock.

The individuals should be carefully common plunderers.—Pittsburg Times. watched as they grow and when the selection is made the pigs should be about five months old. From then on they should be separated from the sible. All females intended for breedintended for market. From one-half to Icle. two-thirds corn is enough in the ration | How providential it seems that the to eat grain.

The Brood Sows.

pasture fields when with young pigs and as soon as the pigs are old enough to eat, feed a little shelled corn and dry middlings with a mash of wheat sas City Star. middlings and milk. Sows with pigs fed too much corn. The largest part about 100,000,000 Chinamen have sud-Have plenty of charcoal and ashes con- the books from Confucius down to of salt will be found profitable.

Top Dressing Forage Crops. a very marked increase due to the ap- up."-Norfolk Landmark. plication of nitrate occurred, ranging | The warden of the Ohio State prison from 34.1 per cent for corn to 96.6 per discovered recently that some of his warm, and in a fine moldy state to re- to unfavorable weather conditions, a baker's dozen of ex-bankers?ceive the seed. The rows may be did not make a large yield.



Uncle Sam's secretary of state is usually a \$25,000 or \$50,000 man who condimental spices now on the market, serves his country for \$8,000. - Chica-

The Sultan of Turkey is beginning to wonder how those reports that he originated.-Washington Star.

The Kansas convict who was paroled and sent to work in the harvest field now has an idea of what real punishment means.—Washington Post,

When the beef trust remembers how Commissioner Garfield Inred it on with false hopes it is not surprised at any governmental knocks.—Chicago News.

Mr. George J. Gould is going into

poultry farming. Of course, his exfed without the meal. When mixed eggs will be a lot of help to him. -- Bos-Oklahoma shows strong reasons why

Despite his latest gift of \$10,000,000, quantity for each of the smaller farm there is reason to believe Mr. Rockefeller has laid away enough in a safe spot so he will not suffer during his

old age.-Detroit Free Press. If education is the greatest moral force it might be a good thing for Mr. to indigestion wholly, and may be Rockefeller to attend some of the coleasily remedied, in most cases, by a leges which he is helping with his

money.-Norfolk (Va.) Landmark. curs most frequently in the winter. The beef trust can expect little symwhen the cows are heavily grain fed, pathy in its battle for the markets of but sometimes occurs with cows in the the world as long as it is endeavoring

Peary says that his expedition may country hitherto inaccessible. It will "why pay rent" sign follows his trail, -Washington Star.

Abdul Hamid, Sultan of Turkey, is reported to be in a critical condition, The case wouldn't be so bad if the Sultan could only feel sure that the doctor wasn't trying to poison him .--Chicago Record-Herald.

In the light of past performances on the part of Russian gunners, it would have seemed safer for those Odessa mutineers to bid defiance to the rest of the fleet and take chances on being sunk .- Detroit Free Press.

Secretary of the Navy Bonaparte in unloading apples or potatoes from a has rejected "Nestor" and "Orestes" cart to the cellar. Take a piece of No. as names for colliers. He points out 12 wire (telephone wire) and run it that one suggests antiquity and the from a stake in front of the rollway other insanity. Another one of "them literary fellows' ' in office,-Syracuse

Undue attention is being given to these, when the load will slide smooth- the Missouri judicial decision that a wife is entitled to "frisk" her husband's trousers and take any money she finds. No judicial determination could alter or affect that custom .-

Washington Times. The Chinese officials who were once regarded as being pro-Russian are fast vanishing as the situation changes. They are all entertaining grateful feelings toward Japan. Diplomatically there will be some subterfuge played, but on the whole Japan will get all she wants .- Tokio Asahl,

According to the best judgment that can be formed at this distance, we are unanimously of the opinion that notice.-Montgomery Advertiser.

The State of Kansas has reached the conclusion that It has no power to control the traffic of the Pullman If one has raised a litter of fine pigs cars, as the Pullmans are not common of good breed there are probably sev- carriers. They're certainly not comeral among them that will make good mon carriers, nor even common brood sows if properly brought up. charges-they're just plain, ordinary

If it be true, as M. Witte declares, that M. Trepoff is the real Czar of Russia, then Nicholas Alexandrovitch market stock, and until the end of the is relieved of the responsibility for a season, placed on the best grass pos. vast amount of folly, stupidity and cruelty. Whether the creature can be ing purposes should have less carbon. greater than the creator is a question accous food than that given to those for casuists, however.-Chicago Chron-

from the time the young sow begins only man in America who is known to have two hearts is a plain, industrious carpenter who carns his liveli-Give brood sows the freedom of the hood with his hands at New Rochelle, N. Y. Just contemplate for a minute the effect on society of two hearts in a man like John D. Rockefeller,-Kan-

If the exclusion law is to be so conshould always have access to a good strued or modified as to admit Chiblue grass pasture and should not be nese students, we'll probably find that of the ration should be made up of dealy become inspired with the most oats and bran with a little oil meal. intense desire to study everything in stantly available. An occasional feed Laura Jean Libbey and Mary Maclane, -Los Angeles Times.

"Tear this up," enjoined Statistician At the New Jersey Experiment Sta- Holmes, of the Department of Agrition tests have been made of nitrate of culture, in one of his incriminating letsoda as a top dressing on forage crops ters. There is no known preservative in connection with the manures and of written matter whose action is so fertilizers generally used. In all cases sure as "burn this letter" or "tear this

cent for barley-a profitable return charges had been making counterfelt from the use of the nitrate on all money. Can this have any connection Essentials are that the land be clean, crops except the barley, which, owing with the fact that the prison contains

Spokane Spokesman-Review.