By NORMAN HURST.

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out getting into some dishonesty," he murmared to himself as he mounted the stairs and opened the door of his room.

Chief Dobson, a very plain and washed out specimen compared with the highly color of one Darrent encoun-tered on his first visit to Norcombe, was sitting in a dejected abitude, with his elbows on his knees and his chin resting on his hands, and slower raised his head as Darrent engaged.

"Good evening." he said in a subgued voice, so subduct that Derent almost pitied him.

"Good evening No; dog't rim Mold Up your foot, the let thears." In an had picked up from the table, and Darinstant he had caushs the Roos, signeed It the cole of the boot and he it go dedin, while his best word mis to the

do swat for the marker of Josiah Henefed, safe I warn you!"

'Page you'll kees as oppositanity of appooling to a jusy." I spear I am I would not murder

Dagn. I haven't the courage.' You mere the one who walked up to The Grange and left by the back way to the river. Don't lie!"

'I won't, sir: I won't. I did that but I did not murder him. On my soul "Then who did?"

"Astray Marsden!" "Bah! That's all over. Don't try to shield yourself that way."

'But the paper''-'You wrote it, you liar!" "No, not I swear I didn't! I'll tell the truth-the whole truth, sir. I'm secrything that's crooked, but I ain't a

Darrent made the wildest random shot he ever ventured upon in his life. "Josiah Marsden never wrote that po-

Then HE did, and he murdered

"Siles Gosnell." "What do you mean?" "I'll tell you all, sir; I'll tell the

trath. I swear I will; I swear I will.' You'd better go ahead, then." Well, about a year and a half age old Marsden came to my house one might to see me. He used to look in now

and egain, sir, just to talk. He liked me to tell him stories about the police.' "Well, he told me that be'd murdered a man.

him to a quiet piace and stabbed him 'I see. Well?"

"I didn't know what to do, so neked Mr. Gosmell.

What an awful fool you are, Dob-"Yes dr." he replied, moistening

his parched lips; "I believe I am."
"Drink this," ejaculated Darrent, "Now then go on

ad be fawncied it would pan out a

"Bight That sounds like Gosnell." he'd make money, and we'd divide it, and we've been dividing it ever since. He used to go up to The Grange and threaten to give the old man up to justice and talk about hanging until Mars for New York himself, firmly resolved den nearly died of fright, and then he'd to follow Gosnell to the ends of the eny how much he wanted to heep quiet. earth if necessary.

I've had \$6,000 as my share."

Up to this point

Bix thousand one bundred and fifty

"No, mr. I saved the \$150 myself, Dobwn mournfully answered, and Dargent almost burst into laughter at the

the murder.

on my round, and as I passed The Englishman exactly answering his tele con my round, and as I passed The graphed description had sailed a week graphed description had sailed a week graphed description had sailed a week the window. I could tell it was before on the liner Strelesia. He learned ing at the window. I could tell it was not Marsden, and I walked up to the nothing further upon his arrival in door, and as I reached there Gonnell opened it."
"What did he say?"

"He said. 'Keep off, or I'll brain you. Well ?"

"I said 'It's Dobsen, and he said dead on the floor. He said that he came there to get some more money out of from dor a man rushed out, nearly beeis I said: 'Then it's young Mars we don't want to be in this, and we'll clear out tot not the front way in

empe. And then he took me through the conseverer at the lack of The Grange, out down a fight of steps and "Next morning & hat a fearful fee ing that Gosnell had done the murder on himself, and I went over to his cottage

about 7 and told him et. "Me laughed and said i was mad and the placed it with the others in his probet of the paper from his probet, the paper I gave you. Mr. Darrent and said. I found this in old Marsden's hand the probet of the paper is given by the paper in the pape hand when I went into the library."

Audity !"

authorities but to bey inquise it American Lecoq, who had not long be-would be porte thousands to bled fore braided a hangman phoose for the Astray woman Gadsden Retched ma. A percent did not be bridegroom.

But all this was forgotten and bridegroom.

"Los bygone be bygones," said bridegroom.

"I am glad you are so forgiving."

"as Mr. Darrent's reply, "and, while this case has been a great disappoint-

he had been forging the some around an innocent man the guilty wretch had had time to out thousands of guiles between himself and justice. 'Where does Gosnell live ?"

"At a little house opposite The Grange, on the other side of the river." Oon.

'Come on. Look sharp."

Together they started off and, after looking in at the police station for a chisel, made straight for the abode of Silas Genell. There wils no answer to their repeated knockings ander of R 'Gone, curse him' Darrent mut-

"Now, then, Dobson, put your shoulder to it. Go on. Now, together-With a splitting, splintefing crash

the cottage.

Darrent, much to the amazement of Dobson, turned on his electric lamp and corner. There was no need for force girl as he di Every drawer had been left open, and a bright eyes. pile of burned paper in the grate showed that Mr. Silas Gosnell had had a good Sear out and had destroyed everything

he did not require before he shook the dust of Norcombe from his feet. A sheet or two of plain note paper two with the watermark of a five star

diamond, and Darrent placed them carefully in his pocketbook. "I think this is for you, sir." Dobson exclaimed, handing Darrent a note he



rent as he read the superscription felt a horrible desire to kick some one, or, for the matter of that, even himself, failing a better target.

"To the smart (?) detective in charge of the Norcombe murder case." With a curse he tore open the envelope and perused the contents, written in the same sprawling hand as his note of the afternoon:

To the American Lecou

away.

I thought when I wrote it if anything west
wrong it might be pleaded that the old man wes
going to write "a stranger," but I did not think

your blind stupidity and so sign mywif, always gratefully yours. gratefully yours, Darrent ground his teeth together in rage. He had been foolad from start to finish in this great case—he, Herbert rival of the swallow and bite was "Drink this," ejaculated Darrent, Darrent, the famous detective, the scarcely able to conceal his disgust at the pitiful state of the man, as he hand-fooled by an Englishman who despised of winter, while the setting of the ed him a glass of brandy and water. him so heartily that he had even left Pleiades gave notice to the plowman him a mocking letter admitting every- when to begin his work.

Gomell said we'd struck it rich, thing on the eve of his flight: "He's in New York by this tir possibly on his way to England, but I'll have him yet if the thing is possible! He told me to keave it to him, and Darrent cried, striking his knee in his veration. Hurrying to the nearest tele-graph office, Darrent sent a careful description of Silas Gospell to the chief of police of New York and then started was happy in the struggle that caded

Up to this point in the case he had been anything but a bloodhound of the law, although various people had referred to him as such, but now the appellation described him perfectly. Disappointment, chagrin, wounded vanity, had given him a feverish interest in the

he had not felt before. At Buffalo he was notified by the chief of detectives of New York that an New York and was about to sail for England-was on the dock, in factwhen he heard a newsboy shouting: "Extra, extra! Terrible loss of life!

Liner Strelana sunk! Two hundred and "Total wreck of the Strelesis," he

*Oh! I was just coming for you. There's been sourcer done here.' Then he took loss of life." And then: "A beat was me is and showed me the old man lying picked up in mid-Atlantic by the Majestic, having on board five of the crew of the missing steamship Strelesia, these being the only survivors of the ill fated

Then followed some brief personal narratives and the list of passengers. den. He's tack. 'Well,' be answered, among which was the name of Silas

case we can against any one and get Letah Marslen. Situs theneil had gone lain's Pain Belm, with good results, The sea had avenged the marker of before a higher court, a greater Judge.

It was neeless to proceed further.

Consequently Darrent returned to Chiher continually for size years. We rage, where he found another note have tried all kinds of medicines and swaiting him, another of Genetic's dortors without receiving any benefit mocking opistles:

after Darrent's return to Chicago the by Delta Drug Store, "That went into the library."
That went the pager that excused Marveen, and Astray soon found himthe popessor of a snug fortune -the fortune that had been his uncle's

Bot long thereafter there was a hap-"Well, he gave me set term one as post of the direction o

it the murder." Tas Mr. Darrent's reply, "and, while ow, then come on," crie bar this case has been a great disappoint-"Let's see if we can find Mr. ment to me professionally, I freely for-Silas Gosnell."

Hadegan to realize that he had been too wedded to one set of incidents alone, had ignored all other clews, and while is my very worst. In the future I shall is my very worst. In the future I shall is my very worst.

A charming little story is told of an encounter between the Emperor Alexander of Russia and a guick witted

During the occupation of Paris the Emperor Alexander was present at the auniversary of one of the hospitals. Plates for contributions were passed the frail door gave way beneath their by the patronesses of the institution united efforts, and they stumbled into to the visitors of the day, and a particularly pretty girl presented but plate for royalty's attention.

The emperor dropped a handful of made for an old writing desk in the gold on the plate, saying to the young girl as he did so, "This is for beautiful

The pretty maid courtesled low and ngain presented her plate to the gen-erous donor.

"What, more?" asked the emperor with a smile. "Yes, sire," was the reply, given witi eyes demurely cast down and mouth

well under control, "now I would like something for the poor." The second handful was even more liberal than the first, and the emperor evidently felt that his speech had been well met and matched, as he smiled after the pretty girl, who went her way rejoicing to the next visitor .-Youth's Companion.

d Butt Boy & Wire In lapland the crime which is punshed most severaly neat to murder is the marryine of a siri against the co-

When & milton spades his sousarance he says nothing to the girl, not does ents inform hee that hee hend has been upplied for Then on & das appointed the got her parcare and friends meet ther med air oppraise to one An when an they thee can tipe each othor's face and converse treets. When the feast is over, the company copair wife" is to be suc. The usual distance Is about a querter of a mile, and the

idvance of the starting point. If she in flort of fact and does por care for her sultor, she can easily ngain. If, on the other hand, she wish es to have him for a husband, she has only to lag in her flight and so after him to overtake her. If she is particu larly struck with him and would signify to him that his love is returned. she can run a short distance, then stop and turn and invite him with open arms.

Primitive Chronology.

The most primitive method in chronology is that which enables man to orient himself in the world of time by associating particular lunations with vicissitudes of weather, with sessoual aspects of vegetation and with the con stantly changing eights and sounds o the animal world. In the calendar of the Crees, for example, we find such designations as "duck month," moon," "leaf moon," "herrice ripe month," "buffelo rutting moon, "leaves entirely changed," "leaves in the trees," "fish catching moon," "coldest moon," "ice thawing moon"

and "eagles seen moon." So in the calendars of Central Amer ice and Mexico the mouths are asmed enriously after the arrival of birds, the blossoming of flowers, the blowing of winds, the return of mosquitoes and the appearance of finbes. The Greeks constantly used the movements of birds to mark the sessons. The ar

Surely if anything is more int child. The poor little thing is produced by all nations and races, from the Angle-Saxon to the Slav. Its father in success. When it grows old, its own children will perhaps be happy in the can bring is the third generation. But the child of the man grown suddenly enjoyer, having neither the satisfaction of the one nor the pleasure of the oth er, hated by its inferiors in fortune and chase of the Norcombe murderer that a source of amusement to its othic and aesthetic bettern.-Marion Crawford



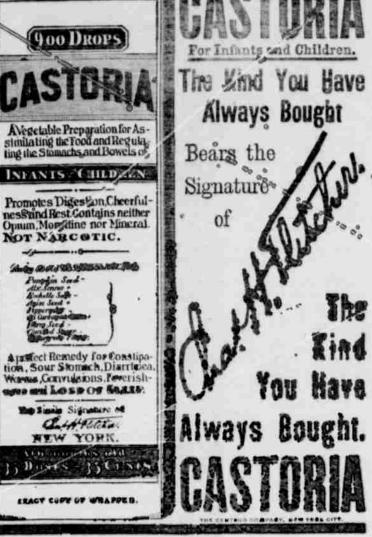
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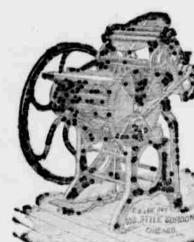
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