The Coast Mail wanted out of this closet and I shall not

CHREPING UP THE STAIRS.

this softly failing twitight of a weary, weary they the a quick nice T entered Where the deliferies were at play; is browding o're some browhie, that had mai no unawares, bon a little yokes came situring, "Ar is creepin" up a stairs!"

A bi il fonched the tendorest heart-string, With a breadb and force divine, A structi melodice swekened as meto words chin sever define: And Lurned to see your darting, All feguaral of my cares, When I asw the little creature B owly sreeping up the states.

Step by step size bravely clambered On eer little mands and knees, Stepling up a construct chattering Line a magple to the trees, This almust she reached the topmost, When uver all her world's affairs the, dulighted, stood a victor; After creeping up the stairs.

Painting heart, behold an image Of man's beiet and strugging life, wh as best prizes must be capitared With a noise, earnest airds: Ow wrd, upward, resching ever, Bending to the weight of cares, Roning, tearing, still expecting. We go croeping up the stairs.

On their steps may be no carpet, By their side may be no rail, Haois and knews may often pain us And the heart may simost fail; Buill above there is the glory Writeb no sunfainess impairs, With its rest and joy forever. After creeping up the stairs.

EXPOSING A FRAUD.

"I mull a rat," sentententionsly remarked Miss Patty Pry; "I do most certainly smell a rat of immense proportions.

Young Mrs. Wrinkfield dropped her croichet work in her lap and started like a frightened little bird.

"What rat ?" she exclaimed. "Patty, I don't know what you are talking about.

She was a beautiful little blonde, with big, wondering eyes, a gentle, pleading face, and a voice as soft and sweet as the

cooing of a ring dove. Hor friend, Miss Patty Pry, was her perfect opposite. A tall, grenadier-like figure, with a perceptible beard on her upper lip, high cheek bones, and elbows angular that no dress goods could long confine them. Her newest dresses always bore patches in the region of the albows

"My dear child," continued Miss Patty, sinking her voice to a low whisper. thing looks decidedly suspicious. Wrinkfield secus so very anxious that you should choose this evening of all others to visit your mother, who lives ten miles from here.

Because he thinks it would be an cable change for me," replied Mrs. Wrinkfield, eagerly.

"Exactly," was the ironical reply, "and a very agreeable change for him, 100.

"What do you mean ?" breathed Mrs. Wrinkfield, as she turned her eyes anxionsly upon Miss Patty.

That lady gazed silently and sadly at her companion and shook her head.

'You are a timid little goose. He wants to get you out of the way so that he can have a jolly time, invite his friends here, turn the house upside down and all that. That is his real purse, you can rely upon it. I have it reliable authority that Dollabee, the caterer, has received an order for a hundred oysters on the half-shell, a zen bottles of champagne besides other pocket. wines, and a corresponding quantity of child I So you can easily see why your naband should be anxious for you to rible.

Then having nothing else to occupy

her mind with, Miss Patty constucted a sort of mental diving-bell by which abe descended in imagination down into the very substratum of her motives, and picked up one by one the principles which generated them. Having done this she came to four conclusions: came to four conclusions :

First-That her only object in con-cealing herself in another man's house the eyes of his wife, a dear friend of hers, to the rascally character and double dealing of her husband. Second-That such duplicity ought to

be exposed. Third-That, under such circumstan-

ees, the course she had adopted was perfeetly justifiable and in strict accordance with the golden rule.

Fourth-That, being justifiable, it was a duty, and being a duty, it was the proper course for a self-denying, upright, pions and high-minded woman like herpions and high self to pursue

The clock in the dining room struck four.

"It is still quite carly, and I shall have a long time to wait," mused Miss Patty, "but it's better to be too early than too late. If I had delayed longer I might have encountered Wrinkfield somewhere. It is not well to be too venturesome." The clock ticked monotonously, and

the minutes dragged on, one by one, till two more hours passed by. At 6 Mr. Wrinklfield came in alone

and sat down to the solitary meal which Barbara, the active little maid, had prepared for him, while Miss Patty obliged to crouch as low as possible in the darkest and most uncomfortable corner of the big closet to avoid being discovered by the little maid as she brought out and replaced the tea things. 'Patience now," thought Patty. "It cannot be long now before the guests be-

gin to drop in. Little Barbara put coal on the fire, ad-

justed the curtains and withdrew. Left alone, Mr. Wrinkfield lit a cigar

thrust his feet into slippers, took a book from the centre-table, drew his arm-chair up to the stove, and having fixed himself in a comfortable attitude, proceeded to read

Will he not soon go to his room and dress up a little ?" queried the aston-ished Miss Patty. "I had no idea he would take things so coolly.'

The clock struck seven-eight-ninten-still no guests. Mr. Wrinkfield read and smoked, turned paper after paper, book after book, uninterrupted while Miss Patty grew more uncomfortably anxious and figety.

The clock struck eleven ! Mr. Wrinkfield dropped his last paper, stretched himself, yawned sleepily, arose from his chair, walked across the room to the china closet and locked the door of the same as his wife was accustomed to do, turned out the gas, left the room and went slowly up stair to bed.

To her utter consternation Miss Patty found herself consigned to solitary im prisonment, in utter darkness.

As soon as Mr. Wrinkfield had unfolded his morning paper, on the morn-ing following, the little Barbara came running to him, breathless and frightened.

"Oh, sir!" she panted, there are certainly thieves in the china closet. There is something in there making an awful noise

"But the door is locked," said Mr. Wrinkfield, "and I have the key in my "Then they must have been in there

er salad, for this evening, my dear since yesterday," suggested the little maid. "Oh, my, the noise is really ter-Won't you please come and see what it is? Mr. Wrinkfield armed himself with a revolver and carving knife, marched boldly into the dining-room and unlocked the closet door. There, crouched in one corner, sat Miss Patty with her handkerchief pressed to her face, swaying her body to and fro and moaning with a severe neuralgia. "The dence!" he ejaculated, hardly knowing whether to believe his eyes. 'You here, Miss Pry?" "I-I was locked in here by some

A Dare-Devil John

Buffalo Bill tells a good story about a party of Englishmen traveling on the plains before the Pacific railroad was finished. They came tumbling into Laramic, abusing the driver and the coach and the "blarsted country" generally, because, they averred, there was no "coaching or driving ontside of Eng-land." Their contempt of all things American was shown in the most offen-American was shown in the most offen sive manner to all the people standing around as they alighted. It happened that Bob Scott, the finest driver and most reckless dare-devil on the plains, was to take the coach to the next station; eight miles westward from Laramie, and mind to give them a specemen of purely American coaching. The stable boys American coaching. The stable boys led out six colts that looked as if they had never heard of a stage before; the reared and snorted, plunged and kicked until the noble Britons were quite delighted with the anticipation of a fine

drive. "Now, driver, you know, just give 'em their heads and let 'em go; don't you be afraid, my boy."

"Yes," says another encouragingly, "my good fellow, just go ahead." Bob mounted the box slowly while a man held each horse, he gathered the reins and said quickly, "Let 'em go.' And they did, and the colts plunged and reared but Rab's income held the reared, but Bob's iron grasp held them in. With the aid of the California

brakes he held them down to a walk for three miles, while the passengers blasphemed at him for a "cad" and a sneak. At the end of that three miles they got to the top of a hill, and one Britain poked say something, but as he did a wild, unthe same time Bob threw all six lines the very best speed they could make. this situation, plainly depicted by him-Amother yell from Bob, and they seemed self in sepulchral tones through the air to increase it, then to help matters he drew his revolver and began firing over

the horse's heads. "Great God," cried the Britons, lunatie

"Stop, Stop!" shey shouted; but the mad team and crazy driver tore faster and faster, while the stage went bouncing over the rocky road in a way that threatyelled into the window:

the leaders with a wild Comanche war whoop.

The affrighted passengers presently saw the station in full view; the question was how was that team to be stopped. They gave themselves up for gone, and hung on desperately to the seats. It seems that the horses were accustomed to go right into the stable, coach and all, and up they came to the open door at full speed. sembled stable attendants and tavern loafers, then a fearful crash as the whole top of the coach went off, throwing three Britons out and breaking two arms and a Bob came out of the stable, picked up an clay wall. But soon new precautions Englishman, and said:

"Never mind, sir; we'll have a dog-gone slow, and I'm powerful dry.

Those Englishmen waited and sent for a doctor, but they did not put anything disturbed the sand as to cover his face,

Forty-Eight Hours Under Ground.

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Virginia.

A recent issue of the Nasonville, Wisstory of a brave and successful attempt to rescue a man buried alive in a deep well: Last Friday, at noon, a well being dug at the Fair Grounds caved in the bottom after it had reached a depth of 116 feet, burying William Selves, work-man, under about thirteen feet of sand, measuring from his head while he was in

sary. An upright curbing in sections four feet long was used. While putting as that gay Jehn heard the remarks of the Britishers, he slowly make up his well took place, first crushing in the lower section not yet finished, and pin-ning Selves in solid sand and nearly to his armpits. It was instantly followed by the three sections above, which were crushed into the center, leaving a vacuum there. On seeing it start, Selves had instinctively raised a section of the curb-ing over his head, bending backwards,

face up, with the arm supporting the place of curbing stretched over his head. name of the paper. In this position the sand settled about him, completely binding him, except his head and one arm, which he could move

at that time. The section of curbing which he had raised above his head created a vacuum, which for a short time communicated with the vacuum through the center of the well made by the coming together of the barrel-like curbing. As soon as possible a gas pipe, for the purpose of pumping air to him, was inseried through the opening -Selves, who had one arm at liberty, placing it as near his mouth as the boards over him would his head out of the window and began to permit. Soon after this was accomplished the sand settled solidly above him, leavcarthly yell waked that vicinity, and at ing only the vacuum under the board which soon filled so close as to imprison down. The coach seemed to lift from the arm that had been at liberty, and the ground, and those six colts started at also to render his head immovable. In

tube and perfectly audible at the top of the well. William Selves, then six hours without food, and scramped and chilled by the cold sand, said he would hold on

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lease, knowing full well the danger of those who might undertake it in a hurry. The task was to remove from thirteen to eighteen feet of sand from the bottom of ened to pound the passengers all to a well 110 feet deep, by putting in new pieces. Bob craned his neck over and curbing while taking out the sand and debris of the old curbing, and to do it

"Gents, I'm just getting 'em started; they'll do better after a while." And he took out the lamps and hurled them at workmen of a fresh caving of the well,

now more imminent than the first, for above the ominous vacuum made by the caving of the sand hung the hundred feet of clay wall, with no support but its own adhesion, its natural foundation of sand being gone. The bore through the clay being but 27 inches in diameter could not, for the lack of both time and space, be curbed. In the face of these There was a yell from the as- discouragements, there were brave hearts enough found to work night and day, never slacking, except for a short time on Saturday morning, when for a time further attempts seemed suicide, by reason leg, besides other slighter accidents, of the caving in of a small portion of the

were devised, and the almost hopeless real work went on to its practical conclusion nice drive to the next station. I was at 1 o'clock this (Sunday) morning, when obliged to take 'em along slowly over that a friendly hand raised the plank and ere bad road. Boys, put in the other brushed the sand from the now nearly team in a fresh coach, and give me a unconscious face. He had retained his couple of cocktails. Its dull driving so dog-gone slow, and I'm powerful dry." fore, when the tenderly cautious hands

> and to interrupt the su of air from

except on this occasion. There was no

property, and the question to be decided was, "What should be done with the rec-

ords ?" He suggested depositing them

for safe keeping in some public institu-

tion. At Lexington, he said, they were

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in glass jars. True, the cancers are there,

your mother this evening. Well. well, it takes me to find out the men.

They are all alike, every one of them." Mrs. Wrinkfield began to cry. " won't go," she sobbed; "I won't go. I'll

No, my dear child; that won't do at all; you will at once proceed to make yourself as pretty as possible and then take the children and go on your visit. Who knows when you will have another such a chance? You can leave it all to me; nothing that goes on here during your absence shall escape my ears and

'Yes; but how will you do it?" asked the young wife, whose head 'elt as if it was all in a whirl.

"Oh! nothing easier in the world. When you have left, I will steal into the arms. house by the back slairway, to which you must give me the key, and then conceal myself in the big dining-room cupboard. There I can sit and quietly watch all that goes on in the dining-room; I will hear all the nice stories this hypocritical male sex spice their banquets with; all those spicy secrets they keep so carefully from us; and when you get back I will tell you the whole story from beginning to end

"But-will that be honorable?" queried Mrs. Wrinkfield.

"Honorable!" sneered Miss Prv, with a shrug of her shoulders. "My dear child, don't you know that we must make use of every means in our power to hold this tyrannical male sex in check.

"Yes! yes! you must be right," nerv ously murmured Mrs. Wrinkfield, "but I never thought my dear Charles could play me such a trick." "Oh, the men are all alike, every one

of them," reiterated Miss Pry, "and we en must keep a close watch on them. wouldn't marry one of them, if forty were to go down on their knees to me. No, indeed! I value my independence too highly;" and she elevated her head,

half triumphantly, half defiantly. Mrs. Wrinkfield was a good-natured, unsuspicious, trusting, confiding, creduas little body, who entertained an immoderate amount of veheration for the

But, as her husband, coming home an hour later to see her off, helped her so erly and carefully into the carriage, and bought oranges for the baby and lit-le Minnie, her heart misgave her, and and be would have told him all had not Miss ty been so close by. I shall count the seconds till your re-

turn," said Mr. Wrinkfield, as he kissed

her good-bys. "Oh! the deceiver," whispered Miss Patty from the other side of the carriage. "You can't think," continued the un-

without you and Minnie." and champagne!" whispered

"Ormers and champagne!" whispered iss Patty, viciously, with her lips so one to Mrs. Wrinkfield's car that every nel sounded like a drum-beat. "Oh with her lips so

al very, very lonely!" The carriage drove off and Mr. Wrink-ici returned to his office. Having seen rs. Wrinkfield, with the baby and little afoly aboard the train that was innie sately aboard the train that was ronvey them to their destination. Miss atty hurried back to the house, let her-it in by the back way with the key Mrs. Finkfield had given her, slipped noise-saly up stairs into the dining-room, en-oneed herself in the big china closet,

ind propaged to wait and watch. "Dollabes always furnishes his own amous and dishes," she soliloquized, "so aro's no danger of anything being

oversight, yesterday," moaned the wretched woman. "Please let me out." At the same moment feet pattered on the stairway. It was Mrs. Wrinkfield and

the children. The little woman flew to her husband's

"Ob, Charles," she sobbed, "I couldn't sleep all night, for thinking how I left you here under espionage." "Espionage?" screamed Miss Patty,

behind her handkerchief. "I have seen no spies here; nothing but rats and mice and big black bugs that nearly frightened me to death. I think it's a real shame!

"Oh, Miss Patty! when you know you persuaded me-

Miss Patty was rapidly growing hysterical from pain and shame, and could contain herself no longer.

"If I had known you were such a seak, pitiable creature, Mary Wrinkfield. I would never have consented to assist you in this.

'I don't want your assistance," torted Mrs. Wrinkfield, growing cour- a shot-gun. About the same time a "Get a husband of your own if ageous. you want to play the spy. I won't allow you to spy upon my husband again." Miss Patty tore out of the house in a

rage, vowing she would never again speak to such a weak fool of a woman

"I know I was right," she said. "Men are all alike, every one of them. To be sure, Wrinkfield entertained no comcany on that particular evening. But that was not my fault and I'm not to blame.

"That ungrateful woman! To think of the terrible hours I spent cramped up in that miserable closet for her sake, and such thanks as I got for it! What base ingratitude!

But Mrs. Wrinkfield's confidence in her old friend's superior sagacity had declined fully fifty per cent.

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Eugene Hale did not suffer from hem orrhage of the lungs, but from malarial fover.

in their note-book about American dr ing .- Washington Capital.

It is by far the most painful episode in the history of the church at Maltese Cross Roads. The talented minister of hands released, the work went bravely on, he himself helping materially after his hands were released the church was awarded the degree of At 3:30 o'clock, nearly forty hours after his incarceration, William Selves stepped firmly from the mouth of his doctor of divinity by one of our colleges

a few days since, and soon as the comliving grave, and was received in the mencement exercises were over, he telearms of his young wife amid the glad graphed the news to one of his deacons. The telegram. as he sent it, read: "I've shouts of the throng who had so long shared his suspense. His operations in assisting to free himself had given him the use of his limbs again, and, when he just been D. D.'d by my ala mater," but as the deacon received it it read: "Tye. just been d-d by my alma mater." The descon had the most exalted opinion of reached the surface, about all he seemed to need was nourishment, which he has his dominie, not only of his intellectual not had since the Friday morning before, abilities, but of his moral worth, and at

once called an indignation meeting of nearly two days. the church, at which, in the most scath VETERANS OF 1812 .- It was a sad and ing terms, he denounced the college which had presumed to d-n a reverend sorrowful meeting, that which was held gentleman who was of unimpeached recently in the Merchant's Exchange soundness in doctrine, and whose pratice was in strict conformity with his preaching. He carried all his hearers building for the purpose of dissolving the association known as the Veterans of with him, and his motion that the salary the War of 1812. Charles Hudson, of of their dear but sharpefully abused Lexington, presided. There were seven- Agent for Oregon and Washington Territory pastor be increased \$500, and that a comteen aged warriors present, and the most mittee be appointed to purchase a silver service to be presented to him on his re- intense interest in the proceedings was manifested. In opening the meeting Mr. Hudson congratulated his comrades turn, was carried unanimously, and there wasn't a dry eye in the house. The newly-degraded minister, bearing his on the large attendance and good health blushing honors with graceful humility

arrived home one morning shortly In the afternoon, the after. ing out the suggestion made at the last deacon, we regret to say, dissolved his connection with the church and bought meeting to dissolve the organization. The members, as was to be expected were fast passing away, one having died but a few days since. He himself had not been out of his house for two weeks genial and urbane operator began leav-

ing for parts unknown as fast as the lightning express would carry him .- [Burlington Hawkeye.

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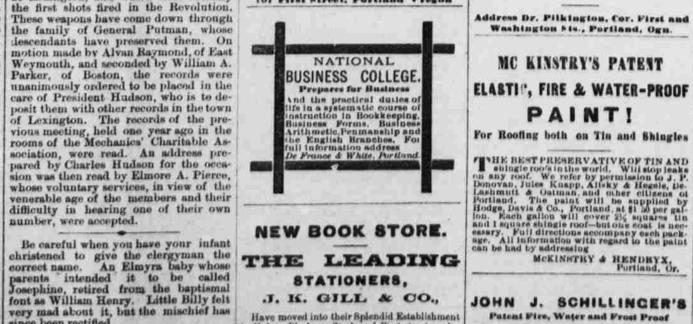
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