THREE LITON BOYS.

BY W. R. NORLIS.

R seemed best to answer him. "Mon-meur de Viouzao and Boauchamp have fallen ont." I regilied. "and unfortunately the difference has ended in a chailenge, you and I being nominated as Boauchamp's seconds. When you came in I was trying to point out that, as you are beir presump-tive to Boauchamp's estates, you could not be him risk his life in such a way."

We to reactioning a season, you contain how last him rink his life in such a way."
"I should have thought." remarked Bracknell, coolly, "that a man from whom one how expectations would have been the man of all others whom one would like to see risking his life."
"I doubt," I replied, "whether you would like it—onder the circumstances." "Oh, the circumstances, ch? And pray what are they?"
"It is incedless to speak of them," cried De Vieune, hefore I could answer. "Mr. Maynard has convinced me that I have been in the wrong, and I shall haston to offer my excases to Mr. Beauchamp. I bave only to add that if you consider your disposition."

"You seem to be spoiling for a fight," remarked Bracknell. "I don't know that I have any grievance against you; but I'll wy my best to indulge you by discovering The Frenchman bowed, pirousited round

The Frenchman bowed, pironetted round on his heels, and left the room. "Now, Harry," said Bracknell, "per-haps you'll explain yourself. Of course I on guess what those two idlots quarreled about, but it seems to me that "infamous wratch' is pretty strong language for a sautious fellow like you to use. Between you and me, what did you mean by it?" Perhaps I was hardly justified in tolling him, but at that moment I really did not see for whom sake I was bound to be roti-reard thany in such a woman as Hilda wishing to get Beanchamp out of the way and step into his shoes. It has always seemed to use that nurderers are only re-g ded with greater abhorence and punseemed to use that numberers are only re-g ded with granter abhorrence and pun-ished more severely than other criminals because we all have such a strong dislike to the idea of being murdered, and that the man who shauders or cheats me is morally just about as calpable as the man who knocks me on the head. Therefore, when I had related the events of the day to Brackmell, I was a good deal astonished

made her appearance just then, I don't know that catastrophe might have happened.
But the storm soon spent itself. Pressing quietly, "That Frenchman behaved ather well, I thirk."
"Well, yes," I agreed, "I think he did the is a gentleman, and he will hold his to go at a large income an a well at a signal year. That starspect that you won't see him at your house any more."
"Hardly! For the matter of that, is any possession will be sold up. Her the isse if I expects her go with be sold up. Her that you have a bouse mitch longer. That they a bouse mitch longer. The they are a bouse mitch longer. The they are a stars and a suppose every stick in my possession will be sold up. Her that is I expects the black gen living it here all that has happend, I don't see that I am bound to go on living with ber. Well, what are you making grimmess at? You think it's a protection of a longer to bake the her be not calling the ketter black perhaps? I'm black enough, goodnes knows it you yourself and you have a to presented to me that here to have a that you rousself and the work is to her here or way with regard to Beanchamp wind. If you like, was not prestry being you have a not you have to be shocked. I'don't see that you you should to go on living the ketter black perhaps? I'm black enough, goodnes knows it you you should they hour to infamy. I allowed her to have her own way with regard to Beanchamp will. I would here more nor less than that."
She must have been very attight to me that have black perhaps? I'm black anough, goodnes knows hat you gourself and benchamp will have the you have errest that is the rest well what you have the rown way with regard to Beanchamp will have the to heave the young fool was mad about her (hat balley for the should be who was with we well what we to be shocked. It don't shock Brackaell.

their own counses; and a very comforting thought this should be to the numerous their own counses; and a very comforting thought this should be to the numerous persons who have a choice bit of scandal above everything. That Be Vieuzac and Benachamp had had a mortal quarrel; that they had been within an nee of slit-ting one another's weasands in the good old fashioned style; that if. Ind only been pacified by the joint vertices of Lord Bracknell and the rest of slitter place subsequently between Lady Brack-nell and har incensed husband-these things were known all over the house be-fore 1 ker in y befroom the next morning; and when I made my appearance 1 found my fellow guests upon the tiptee of joyous excitement and errosity. If they gained no further information from me, it was not for want of asking for it; nor, I imagine, would the appeased rivals have escaped cross-examination, had not those gentlemen wisely sought safety in flight. They must have journeyed up to London by the early express together; and it should much have liked to hear what they conversed about by the way, but had no opportunity of making inquiries as to that until the whole subject had ceased to in-terest me.

opportunity of making inquiries as to that until the whole subject had ceased to in-terest me. However, that I may not seem to exalt myself unduly by affecting a superiority to the weaknesses of my neighbors, I will confees that I was most anxious to obtain some account of the lectures which Brack-nell had doubtless administered to his wife; because I thought it likely that this had been expressed in fine, foreible Eng-lish, such as one is always glad to listen to in these days of roundabout phrases and involved construction. My hostess, looking rather hard at me, informed me that the Bracknells were leaving that morning; so that I was obliged to bolt my breakfast in a terrible hurry. For, after all the trouble that I had taken in the matter, I should have been truly vexed had I been denied the satisfaction of see-jing her ladyship's face before she de-parted.

parted. As it fell out, I was privileged not only As it fell out, I was privileged not only to see her face but to hear her voice; and I don't know when I have enjoyed any-thing more than the interview of ten minutes or so which she was pleased to accord to me in the conservatory, where I discovered her. A deeply discomfited woman was she that day, and bitter were the reproaches with which she assailed me.

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The the short of being muritered, and that the man who should are or cheats me is morally just about as culpable as therman who knocks me on the head. Therefore, when I had related the events of the day to Bracknell, I was a good deal astonished at the effect produced upon him by my narrative. He strode up and down the room, muthering furious imprecations and working binned in pinto such a state of blind rage that I determined not to let him some calmer. If Lady Lracknell hat made her appearance just theil. Pres-working burne, and and yr the know what catastrophe might have hap gened. But the storm soon spent itself. Pres-mying quietly, "That Frenchman behave ather well, I tituk." "Well, yes," I agreed, "I think he did the is a gentlyman, and he will hold his tonget; but I suspect that you won't see ins st your house any more."

pects by getting Alfred Beauchamp killed out of the way." "I admit no such thing," she returned, "and I defy you to produce one atom of proof that I wanted him to fight M. de Vienzac. I will admit that I firted with him. If that shocks you you are welcome to be shocked. It don't shock Bracknell, who knew quite well what I was doing and why I did it. That much be couldn't deny last night, in spite of all his raving and storming."

come down and meet me, which was highly flattering.

but as it was evident that Jim had a great deal to say to me, I would not balk him of his purpose. The upshot of what he had to say was that he had been numble to refrain from avowing his love to Lady Mildred, and that, to his unitterable joy, he had dis-covered that his love was returned. She had, however, declared most positively that she considered herself bound in boor to carry out her father's wishes, should it be in her power to do so, and I gathered that the only thing which had hitberto that, after all, this would not be in her power. Even Lord Staines—who, in ac-cordance with the intention that he had expressed to me, had remonstrated firmly but kindly with his daughter—had ac-knowledged that there is no known method of marrying a man who won't ask you to marry him. "And I really ba-lieve," added Jim, "that it Beanchamp had distinctly refused to come forward, he wouldn't have had any serious objec-tion to me."

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THE VELOCITY OF LIGHT.

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 "Ty te got the dog cart here," he added, "so that I can drop yon at the house if you like, but don't you think a walk would do you good, after boing shut up in that stuffy railway carriage? The cart take yous trays out for yoo."
 It was not exactly pleasant weather for walking, the roads and lanes being deep howing all day from the northwest, with mod, and a gasty wind having been howing all day from the northwest, with carata stowers of cold rain, which a gast to make so to the artis's broker does not be succeeded by snow; but as it was widen that Jim had a great, they would be as far from one another as doal to say to me, I would not balk him of his purpose. would run for stort of material to unre-the distance out to the earth's broker danes, Neptme. Again, if you could use all this material of men, women, children, dogs and cats, and put them out so that they would be as far from one another as Boston is from San Francisco, your line wouldn't be half long enough to reach to the nearest star. the nearest star. On a clear night the average eye will

On a clear night the average eye will readily sees stars as low as the sixth magni-tude. Stoch a shining beauty as Sirins winks at you so archly that it seems ab-most impossible that years are consumed in the passage of its rays to the earth, when we remember that light travels more than 150,000 miles in a second. Yes, if the nearest of the beantiful twinklers should be blotted on: at this moment we should still see it without the slightest change in appearance two or three years after Chi-cage cleans up the debris of the World's fair. But even a star so far away as that seems nearly within touching distance when we

the family ought to go the wall." "But sile won't consent to that," any swered Jim reaffully. "Exactly so; and therefore I don't set what course is open to yot, except to stand and look on. Have you method, and all anthorities now agree that the velocity of any alternative plan!" "Now," he replied disconsolately. "If was in hopes that you, who fire so much import the intervent of the mind to grasp and the so that for the mind to grasp and to simper than 1 an, might me able to sug-gest something." I was gratified by the compliment, but nonacious of my inhibility to show myself weethy of it. Certainly i could have been essential to obtain Lady Middrei's nequi-terement which weether so be done, so long as the victim obstinately refused to raise her lead from the diock. However, not to discouring my unfortunate friend mor-timits the dilemms over very care-fully; and, etter because drowning me-wild that he dilemms over very care-fully; and, etter because drowning me-wild that he because drowning me-wild that she dilemms over very care-fully; and, etter because drowning may indicate because drowning me-wild that he dilemms over very care-fully; and, etter because drowning me-wild batter because drowning me-wild batter because drowning me-wild that she dilemms over very care-fully; and, etter because drowning me-wild batter because drowning me-ter batter because drowning me-wild batter because drowning me-ter batter because drowning me-ter batter because drowning me-ter batter because dro

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TAMING WILD BIRDS.

Fouthered Creatures tree as Susceptible to Khulmes as Luman Lengs. When young I ruis d many wild birds, and as the time is examp for their mating and buy season for building and rearing their young it may give some young folks pleasare to explain the method by which I was perfectly successful. I watched the next of such as I desired to get until the young brief as even old enough

I watched the next of such as I desired to get until the young birds were old enough to feed and not old enough to fly or get scared. I then lossened the next carefully, placed it in a tight engenerat the bars, with a ledge outside from which it might be convenient for the parent bird to feed them. The care should be lung in some convenient place near where the next had been located, on a tree or lunsh, out of the reach of case.

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At first the old birds are shy, and manifest their disapprobation by rapid darting around and scaling in load voices, yet I never found them to desert their offspring, but feeding them regularly. I would then begin to feed them, too, with a liftle sweek biscuit, berries, seeds and worms or some green stuf. The old birds attended them for a time, finally leaving them to my care. There is a current idea alloat that after they did their ourse, the old birds attended them for a time, finally leaving them to my care. There is a current idea alloat that after they did their ourse, the old birds attended them for a time, finally leaving them to my care. There is a current idea alloat that after they did their ourse. If fer them in the usual way, paying the same attention to cleanly any apping the same attention to cleanly and almost similar in color. The plumage of the female was of a bright pelow olor, wings, tail and crown black. The plumage of the female was more of a shownlah yellow. They build their meta brownlah yellow. They build their meta way may apping the same of the shows the side with one set of substance. They were very thick around the bouse, as they generally are where mustard seeds are plenty.
There is the ourse, as child would, and found more for a numper com. I cannet to the field and exceed the outset is turned in the top most is down any pay in the size of the main which in the set in the bouse I called to it, and received its and received its ourse the bouse I called to it, and received its and there is provide, field pays the bouse I called to it, and received its and they for the targe which I had set in the bouse I called to it, and received its and they for the should, and found my bird perched in the top most is a bindwed meto open the in the cays again, and they stong its fracted met.

Nature's Realm Tatleyrand Meets Bousparis. I had never seen kim. As already mea-formed, he had written to me-on the or-casion of my appolationent as minister of bound discover a different man from the one he had hitnerto shown himself on the stage of public affirs. On the very even-ing of his arrival in Paris he sent me an aid-decamp to inquire at what time be could ase me. I replied that he would call on me at 11 o'clock the next morning. Of this informed Mme. de Stael, who the bound age me. I replied that he would call on me at 11 o'clock the next morning. Of this informed Mme. de Stael, who the bound age me. I replied that he would call on me at 11 o'clock the next morning. Of this I informed Mme. de Stael, who the holdwing day at 10 o'clock was in my drawing room. There were also present. Teollect that Bougainville was among hem. The general heig announced i wegi them hereing and an estimation to here and and any statistic to him, but he hardly paid any attention to here andreas one pleasant words. The first sight he struck me as a charming to be comming to youth, a handbone eye, a

addressed some pleasant words. At first sight he struck me as a charming figure; the laurels of twenty victories are so becoming to youth, a handsome eys, a pale comploxion and a certain tired host. We went to my study. This first conversa-tion was, on his side, without reserve. He referred with much courtesy to my ap-pointment to the ministry, and laid em-phasis on the pleasare he had field in our-phasis on the pleasare he had field in our-responding in France with a person of a different stamp from the directors. Then, with scarcely any transition, he such to my study in the same and the second to my. "You are a nephew of the architectory with the Count of Lille."? ''i, too; 'he aidde.'' have an uncle who is an architector in the same as being a hishop in France.'' We soon returned to the drawing room, which was now full, and he axid alonds "Clizzon, i fred deeply the greeting you accord me. I have down and alonds."

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her ill epent life." CHAPTER XYA Murder, the proverb tells us, will out; and although, of course, we do not know how many murders have remained undis-covered, appearances seem to lead support to the timesry. In like manner, J tavo al-ways observed that anything in the shape of a scandal is sure to become public groperty, however much it may be to the interest of those concerned in 15 to keep -

get what I due you. You day will come when you will be sorry for having med-dled with me.¹⁹ That day may come; but it has not come yet, and I am skill unrepentant. I believe I am one of the very few people who can boast of having put Lady Bracknell into a presion.

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A New York Story.

A New York Story. At a table crowied with journalistic lights and "literary fellers" I saw a dark cycd mm, bis fuce ornamented with vory thack whishers' who some one behind ma-taid some one else was Washington Na-than. "You all remember the famous Na-than muricr, over which there was so much excitement and such a long trial a good many years ago." this somebody ex-planed in adiscreetly lowered tons. "Well, air, Wishington Nathau is the son of that rich old man who was killed in his bed. There were ugly insinuations cast about at the time of the trial, but muthing was proved, and whom the great Twenty-third

We soon returned to the drawing room, which was now full, and he said aloud: "Citizon, 1 feel deeply the greating you accord me. I have done my best when carrying on the war, my best when making pease. It is for the directory to know how to turn my efforts to profit for the happi-ness and prosperity of the republic," Whereupon we repaired together to the directory.-Talleyrand's Memoirs in Con-ury.

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