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"It might have," she returned, a light in her eyes, "but for a timely hand. My horse apparently does not preciate Scotch airs."

"Ugly brute!" Lord Ronsdale, a dis-tissed expression on his handsome untenance, approached. "A little of whip"— The words were arrest-The nobleman stared at John Steele or rather at the bare arm which the torn sleeve revealed well above

Th white, uplifted arm suddenly dropped. Steele drew the cloth quickly about it, but not before his eyes and met those of Lord Ronsdale and caught the amazement, incredulity, edden terror-was it terror?-in their pths. The nobleman's face looked brawn and gray. With one hand he ed almost clinging to his saddle. Steele turned his back. He was bending over the girth of his saddle, and his features could not be seen, but the hand, so firm and assured a ment before, seemed a little uncertain as it made pretext to readjust a fastening or buckle,

"Why, man, you look ill?" Captain Forsythe, furning to Lord Ronsdale, exclaimed suddenly.

"It's nothing much." With vacant ion the nobleman regarded the peaker, then lifted his hand and ed it an instant to his breast. Heart," he murmured mechanicallybeastly bad beart, you know, and etimes a little thing-slight shock Miss Wray's danger"-

"Take some of this." "Se captain, with solicitude, pressed a flash on him. The nobleman drank deeply. "There, that'll pick you up."

"Are you ready, Mr. Steele?" Jocetyn Wray waited a moment as the others tarted, looked down at that gentle-Her voice was gracious. Its oft accents seemed to say: "You may ride with me. It is your reward."

For one restored so quickly to favor, with a felicitous prospect of gay words and bright glances, John Steele seemed singularly dull and apathetic. It was impossible she should not notice as want of attention. She bit her ps once. Then she laughed.

"Do you know. Mr. Steele, if I were ain I should feel burt. You haven't eard what I have been saying."

Of course I can't afford to be barsh with my rescuer. Perhaps"-in the tone-"you really did save my life! Have you ever really saved any me any one else, shall I say-you. who are so strong?"

A spasm of pain passed over his nce. His look, however, was not for ber, and the girl's eyes, too, had now ome suddenly set afar. Was she thinking of another scene, some one er own words conjured to mind? Her nood seemed to gain in seriousness. She also became very quiet, and so, dimost in stience, they went on to the strance, down the street to her home. "An revolr, and thank you."

Goodby-at least for the present, added. "I am leaving London," bruptly.

"Leaving! To be gone long?" "It is difficult to say. Perhaps." "But-you must have decided sudenly?"

While we have been riding home? Is It—is it serious?"

"A Httle." Men make so much of business now-

days," she observed. "It-it always ns serious, I suppose. We-we are noving into the country in a few weeks. Shall I-shall we see you beore then?" "To my regret, I am afraid not."

"And after"-in a voice matter of fact-"I think aunt has put you down for July. A house party. I don't recall the exact dates. You will come?" "Shall we say circumstances permit-

"Certainly," a little stiffly, "circumtances permitting." She gave him er hand. "An revolr, or goodby if you prefer it." He held the little loved fingers, let them drop.

Good luck in your business," she bund herself saying, half gayly, half

He answered hoarsely somethingwhat?-rode off. With color flaming sigh, the girl looked after him until Lord Ronsdale's horse, clattering near, sed her to turn quickly.

CHAPTER VIII.

A CONFERENCE AND A DISCOVERY. HE bookworms' row, hardly a street, more a short cut passage between two important thoroughfares, had through the course of many years exercised a aubtle fascination for pedant, pedarogue or itinerant litterateur. Higher, we the little shops, small rooms, sched by rickety stairways, offered wiet corners for divers and sundry en whose occupations called discreet and retired nooks.

In one of these places, described on door as "a private, confidential in-

quiry office," sat on the morning following John Steele's ride in the park a little man with ferret-like eyes at a dusty desk near a dusty window. He did not seem to be very busy-was engaged at the moment in drawing meaningless cabalistic signs on a caused him to throw down his pen day. and straighten expectantly. A client perhaps-a woman-no, a man! With momentary surprise he gazed on the delicately chiseled features of his caller, a gentleman faultlessly dressed

"Mr. Gillett?" The visitor's glance ed with a faint flush.

The police agent at once rose, "The same, sir, at your service. I-but I beg your pardon. Unless I am mistaken-

"Yes, a number of years ago on the Lord Nelson," said the caller in a hard, matter of fact tone. "We were fellow passengers on her until"-

ence! But won't you," with that deference for rank and position those of his type are pleased to assume, "honor me by being seated, Lord Rons-

The visitor looked at the table, the window, anywhere save at the proprietor of the establishment, then said, "I saw by an advertisement in the morning papers that you had severed your connection with the force and had opened this-a private consulta-

"Quite so." The other looked momentarily embarrassed. "A little friction-account of some case-unreliable witness that got tangled up. They undertook to criticise me after all my faithful service"- He broke off. "Besides, the time comes when a man realizes he can do better for himself by himself. I am now devoting myself to a small but strictly high class," with an accent, "clientele."

Lord Ronsdale considered. When he spoke his voice was low, but it did not caress the ear. "You know John Steele, of course?"

The ferret eyes snapped. "That I do, your lordship. What of him?"

"Ever think much about the Lord Nelson, Gillett?"

"She isn't a boat one's apt to forget after what happened, your lordship," was the answer. "And, if I do say it, her passengers were of the kind to leave pleasant recollections," the police agent diplomatically added.

"Her passengers?" The caller's thin lips compressed. "Among them, if memory serves me, were a number of convicts? "A job lot of precious jailbirds that

was acting as escort of, your lord-"But who never reached Australia!"

quickly. "Drowned-every mother's son of

them?" observed Mr. Gillett, with a possible trace of complacency. The visitor's white hand held closer

"Were they all

"No doubt of it. They were not released until the second boat got off. and then there was no time to get overboard the life rafts."

"True." Lord Ronsdale gazed absently out of the window. "Recall the gay on that memorable voyage you were telling us about them-who they were, and so on?

"One, if I recall rightly," went on Lord Rousdale, "was known as-let me see"-the elastic stick described a sharper curve-"the Frisco Pet? Remember?" He bent slightly nearer.

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piece of paper when a step in the hall- Miss Hazel Byrum, of Table Rock, ing late in the afternoon. way and a low tapping at the door were in town on business Wednes-

came up from Medford Saturday aunt, Mrs. Jennie Mee. and wearing a spring flower in his of this city.

veiled an expression of restlessness, few months ago, went to Medford close of the meetings. their home in that city.

of her small boats. An aging experi- cent letters received from Sacra- ciate. mento announce serious illness in the C. S. Hampton, H. A. Starr and than she had planned, and she will Wednesday. has made during her visit here.

at the tabernacle Tuesday evening by larly pleased with the Rogue River Evangelist Johnson, was largely at- valley. They leave on Saturday to tended, the tabernacle being, in fact, visit another daughter living in Ashcrowded with both men and women, land, although the posters scattered over town read. "men only," this being done to insure a large attendance of the sterner sex.

A party of four young people from Grants Pass, including Mr. and Miss Drake, Mr. Bishop and Miss Pattello, came down on the motor Sun- Secretary Medford Lodge, No. 1168. day morning and spent most of the

W. R. Byrum and his daughter, day with Miss Nellie Payne, return-

Misses Sara, Hazel and Mary Bebb of this city went to Ashland Misses Ruth and Annie Ensley Wednesday morning to visit their

evening to spend Sunday with their The business men's prayer meetparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ensiey, ings held each morning in the tabernacle at 10:30 are being well at-Ross Cline and wife, who disposed tended and will be a regular feature of their property interests here a of the evangelistic work until the

in town on Wednesday. Mrs. Minnie Fruit of Medford A fish dealer from Medford now spent Tuesday with her friend, Mrs. makes regular twice-a-week trips to Miss Isabel Curtis, a pretty and keepers every Wednesday and Satvisiting at the home of J. W. Mer- fresh halibut, salmon, cod, clams and "We became fellow occupants of one guest of Miss Esther Merritt. Re- of this city are not slow to appre-

> family of Miss Curtis, which neces- Frank Woodard of Portland registersitates her return home a little earlier ed at the Central Point hotel on

> probably leave for Sacramento on Robert H. Murdock and wife, par-Thursday morning, much to the dis- ents of Mrs. Ella Wisdom, a recent appointment of the many friends she arrival, came this (Wednesday) morning from Portland, where they Mrs. Fred Yocum, who gave birth have been spending a week en route to a little daughter in this city last from Macon, Ga. They are sur-Tuesday morning, is critically ill with prised and delighted with the signs what threatens to be septic fever, of prosperity shown everywhere on The lecture on "Booze," delivered the Pacific coast, and are particu-

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THE LESSER PEACH BORER

By A. A. Girault, Engaged in Deciduous Fruit Insect Investiga tion for the Department of Agricul-ture.

ing twelve setae, in two groups of third one-third shorter than the secthree each on each side of the meson, ond, and obtusely rounded, the fourth all separated, and the caudal one of a distinct tooth, but abruptly shorter, the first group separated by a suture; approaching the fifth, which is a mere latered of the shield, cephalad of serration; the two mandibular setae spiracle, a group of three from a cal- are larger. The lateral margins of loused tubercle, of which the cephalic the clypeus are straight, each one two are much the longer; directly changing angle at its basal third. laterad a group of two from a fleshy making the clypeus shaped like front elongate tubercle, the caudal seta the elevations of a house, instead of trilarger; between these setigerous tu- angular; the basal corners of it are bercles, caudad and opposite the spir- truncate. The parclypeal pieces are acie, is a narrow nonsetigerous tuber- generally straight, but curving basally cle, much narrower than the second to follow the margins of the clypeus; setigerous one (one next to the fore they are uniform in width. The first drowned, by the way?" he observed as | and "vill" small, on the venter (?) if seeking casual information on some and base of fore leg. On segments subject that had partly passed from | II and III, i in the dorsal region consisting of two setae, the laterad lar- is a less number of crotchets in the the same, slightly advanced, prolegs, ranging from 8 to 16, and in dorso-lateral aspect; ili single, minute, caudad between ii and iv, nearer the latter; iv single, large, in a exist, they can not be recognized in line laterad with iii, advanced slightly all points without considerable study. beyond i, and in the stigmatal line; and an examination of a series of v small, its setae larger than ill, sin- larvae. The most conspicuous differgle, much advanced, cephalo-laterad of iv; vi some distance caudo-laterad of Sanninoldea exitiosa and its difof v. about in a line transversely with , single, equal to iv, above base of leg; all in the second annulet. A calloused spot behind iii, and a small- ing of the skin marking the end of a er one above vi. some distance cau-dad of v. Segment IV, single, i cephalad, small, in first annulet; it lar-evidence by rearing to show how ger, caudo-laterad of i: i and ii from many of these instars there are, but dorsal aspect, forming a trapezoid; iii some distance from | in a transverse line, equal to ii, apparently in the limited sizes in each instar, and This institution closes the school first annulet, just above spiracle; iv therefore by measurements of year June 15. The term of 1909 and and v combined just below the spir- large series of the heads of these 1910 has been the most successful acle, the seta of v larger; vi caudad, nearer to vii than to iv and v; vii in its history, with enrollment larger consisting of two setae in the ventro- I. The larva molts five times. The than ever.

Professor Ritner recently purchased the equipment, together with las of th business school formerly connected with the College Prepara
consisting of two setae in the ventrol and vii of one setae in length of the separate instars has not been determined, but Mr. Quaintance records a little over seven ment V, the same, vii consisting of two setae in the ventrol.

I. The larva molts five times. The length of the separate instars has not been determined, but Mr. Quaintance records a little over seven months as the length of the larval stage for an individual reared on peach out of doors, from September tory, and with increased advantages in all respects, with a thorough and complete course of training, and with unsurpassed facilities for assisting students to success, the management gos forward into the new year with the greatest confidence.

solete. Segments VI, VII, VIII and IX. the same; vil, three setae on cephalo-lateral aspect at the base of proleg; the intermediate seta of vii longest. On segment X, il caudad of I, vii consisting of two setae, the inner the larger, vi nearer to vii. Segment XI, I and II closer, the latter also closer together trans-Appreciating the liberal patronage versely, ili cephalo-mesad of the spir-of the past, we will use every enof iv in a transverse line, iii and iv exudations and the reddish frass of combined; v minute, between iv and vi, slightly cephalo-laterad of iv; vi

large, cephalad; vii and viii single. Anal shield subobsolete, pale, bearing four large setae on each side, minutely maculate. Segment XIII, four minute cubercles across the venter (vii

oval, inconspicuous, variable in number, often unsymmet-* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * rical.

For the first four prolegs, the crotchets vary from 11 to 18 in number; for the anal proleg they vary There are generally more present than in Sanninoidea exitiosa.

As compared technically with the full-grown larva of the peach borer, the latter is 34 mm. long, 6 mm. in end is against the opening. If it is greatest width, with the width of the near the edge of ruptured bark. head at least 3 mm. The head of S. which is more commonly the case exitiosa is slightly darker in color, with a distinct, though variable, sub- boundary of the wounded area, so triangular pale area on each epicra-that the pupa easily pushes out when nial lobe, where they join below the ready to issue as an adult. In old vertical triangle; the mandible is relatively more robust, darker at the cocoons are usually found in this teeth, four of the latter distinct, the position. second tooth longest and more slen-

Cervical shield pale yellow, bear-ider, the outer next in length, the two ocelli and the sixth are practically pigmentless. The shields are relatively larger, as are also the accessory warts and the setae. There

> the anal proleg from 5 to 8 Though these technical differences ence is the greater size of the larva

ferent aspect. During the course of its growth the larva molts several times, each castseparate period of larval development called an instar. There is no direct it has been shown that the heads of lepidopterous larvae are of certain larvae, the conclusion is reached

there is left a small pile of fine reddish wood dust. It is partial to wounds or diseased areas on the trunk, but, as formerly stated, may occur anywhere on the tree, from the crown of the root to the larger branches, and thus may be found feeding side by side with the peach borer.

In confinement the larvae will feed readily and grow on fresh pieces of peach bark; Mr. Quaintance has one for several days on peach leaves. When young, they are able to suspend themselves with silk, and Bailey (1879) has observed them 'drinking" moisture.

After the larva attains full growth and is ready to pupate, if some distance from the edge of a wound or crack, it cuts a hole through, or nearly through, the outer bark, and constructs a cocoon under this in a suitable cavity, so that its anterior the cocoon is made just within the

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THREE DROWN, TWO KILLED OUTRIGHT

LIBBY, Mont., June 16 .- Preparations are being made today for the funerals of five victims of a ferry boat accident here yesterday afternoon in which three persons were drowned and two killed when the ca ble attached to the ferry broke under the strain and swept a number of persons into the Kootenai river.

His face, although mask-like, was tint- this week and will hereafter make Dr. Lockridge of Grants Pass was it capsized. Six persons were aboard

A large number of persons gathered M. M. Cooksey, of Central Point. Central Point, calling on the house- ing the struggles of the victims, when charming Sacramento girl, has been urday, and the opportunity to get strain. It curled over the crowd and ritt for the past two weeks, as the oysters is one that the housekeepers river. John Mullinex and Theodore lashed them, hurling a score into the Wall were killed outright. Several were badly hurt.

SOMEONE SHOULD GIVE THIS BOY SEASON TICKET

DETROIT, June 16.—The police hauled Sam Niesman, 14, from under the bleachers in Bennett Park yes terday. Sam has been missing from his home ten days. He explained that he wanted to see the Detroit Americans in every game, but had only the price of one admission ticket. He thought it would be a good scheme to bunk under the bleachers all the season. He lived on scraps of food picked up about

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