shore of Lake Gaube in the Pyrenees. I asked.

A young fellow very elaborately marge marshes—a pastime said to be dressed made his appearance. He ad- very unhealthy." granite heights of the formidable Pique from his keen gray eyes. across his hollow chest hung a cup and neither eat nor sleep for thinking of an elaborately eased field glass. His it." ters, and his bony fingers grasped an ing glance.

gratify him, "You are equipped as elab- Garden of the Caesars, on the prome- ing she forbade him to drink another orately as if you meant to climb Vique- nade, shrill, incessant, excited young drop unless he first put her name in his

forty emerged from the neighboring went to the theater, then to the club. I thoughts were. drawing from his poeket a nail-file he by this adventure. used it thoroughly, without intermit- On my way I saw the last jet of gas way. There I said to him quietly:

some wraps and fagots.

mured one of them, glancing at the di- him. rection of the wind.

Having assured himself by a glance familiarity. that I was listening, the uncle said to

The other guide grumbled:

he had arranged for his nephew's expe-come under my notice.

There was in the uncle's face for a tered about him.

was prepared for some insolent rejoin- too bad. I liked you." and suddenly burst into a forced have been delighted to have a more in- denly he turned toward me.

the first place he is thirteen years old. you?" tell you. A determined fellow, aren't riage rolled away.

young and brave. Take advantage of go off!

stantial appearance.

skiff glided off in the sunshine, leaving often found myself wondering "And pened to her, but at the moment I turn far behind a trail of gold on the emer- Leonard? Is he dead? Yes or no?

ousy for the of their comrades. "He had some chance, that Leonard, being.

he was lucky. His people let him One evening at the Varietes I was ished in a broken voice. understand that, old fellow?"

My neighbor at the table leaned to- fans, opera glasses and caramels, from sadly: "At Marseilles," he said, "I knew es to make frantic signs to me. To- and so on."

son Leonard it is who is turning these the stage-box. young heads. "Ah?" said I interrogatively. 'Mr. Gasparel," he said, "had made curb of his stiff collar lent a noble car-

millions in oil and came near dying riage to his chin, his buttonhole was childless. It was only late in life he decorated with a camellia. had one son and not much of a one to "Leonard?" I cried, with some emoboast of either. The father and mother tion. are both dead, and Leonard has no rel- "Rascal." he replied, beaming, "at either to ascend or descend a staircase. ative but his mother's brother, who first you did not recognize me, did This difficulty has lately increased s with his wife's assistance devotes him- you?" self entirely to the orphan's education. I replied that he was remarkably The better to attend to his charge, the changed—and very advantageously— uncle has even sold out the business he an atrocious lie! In fact, aside from borne.

where, travel incessantly from north to too, and looked worn.

MY FRIEND LEONARD. this regime is exactly the healthiest for shall take supper with us. Shan't he, OUR PHOSPHATE MINES. me like a long liver."

"What motive brought them here?" insist, and perhaps it was for this rea "Mr. Miget's health. He appears to young fellow drew me into the corridor the lake and the mountains, and I had be very robust, but two years ago he and hastened to recount to me his exuestablished myself in a sheltered nook got some lung trouble going wild duck- berant joy at being launched upon soshooting with his nephew in the Ca- ciety.

vanced to the slip, where a little boat After a moment's silence, I remarked You can't imagine how good my uncle was moored, and there affecting not to casually how much anxiety it must is to me. We live just like two comnotice my presence, he surveyed with cause the Miget family to have such an rades." an important and critical air the dis- enviable fortune linked to such a frail "And your aunt? What does she tant glacier of Oulettes, and the steep life. My neighbor gave me a glance say to all this dissipation?"

and a feverish eye. From a strap think of it day and night. They can plied.

The newcomer persisted in his inspec- him, but all that day he did not appear fingers' ends. ing down his brows in his very careful name reiterated by childish voices rang glasses of port, of whiskey, of vermouth "For pity's sake?" I cried at last to four corners of the Esplanade, in the highly educated ladies interposed, sayvoices chanted the glory of Leonard. A will.

patronizing tone, for he looked me over Leonard was in the habit of riding "He will live to bury us all. you will the larger portion of which came from leisurely and superbly before answer- him. In a glass case in a dealer's win- see. hero had a collection of them.

A beavy rain was falling.

attention to him and he finally decid- saw at a table outside under the damp to enjoy the brilliant future your am land mine in North Carolina. while "Are you ready, Leonard" he ask- tall, bony woman, with a majestic your health. Sleep at night, eat in the land mines and eighteen river mines in of an opera director could have vened. "It is nearly time for you to be bonnet, crowned by a purple bird of daytime, and moderate your tastes for Florida. The number of acres con-

I was delighted to see the little tour- wished to inherit your fortune." ist safe and sound, but on the other It was rather brutal. So much the 252,138 acres. The total capital in-At this moment two guides brought hand, I regretted the familiar patron- worse. Leonard recoiled a step and vested in plant in Florida is \$2,140,582. down to the boat their hatchets and age with which I had accested him on said severely: bags, a photographic camera, a gun, the previous evening. I feared his "Upon my word! You are drunk! friends would consider me designing, You tread upon my deepest affections. and the land by \$100,000; in South Car-"It's going to be cold to-night," mur- and I passed on pretending not to see Good-by!"

> It was he who hailed me with great! "Well!" he cried, "Here I am back.

"You should be in bed," I replied, fatal to the friendship he had inspired You must see that he is well wrapped rather than drinking brandy at this in me. He was no longer "my friend 615, and the average earnings of a up and has a good shelter among the hour, out here in the cold, after such Leonard." And I forgot him com- miner amounted to \$270 per annum.

At this protest the uncle's face show- With a hand-shake I said good night people, at the most unexpected times South Carolina is computed at 14,000.

more dangerous than the precipices." sters who sat opposite me at table flut- A couple followed with slow foot-

timate acquaintance with you." "Ha! ha! ha!" he cried. "You talk "Won't you give me your address?" chanted to see you again." And turnof him as if he were a child. It is evi- he asked. "It would entertain me to ing to his companion, "Let me present dent that you do not know him. In write to you. You will answer, won't you to Madame Gasparel."

And then he is a determined fellow, I "Of course," I replied, and the car- heartily, and finding nothing better to

As I turned for a last look Leonard Miget. Leonard tried to laugh as hard as his uncle. A nervous shiver shook his mirers still hovering about him as he not know of the catastrophe? On the frail limbs and his eyes looked big with started off with his net. I did not lake of Bourget? All the papers spoke fright. His uncle added, as if in con- doubt that the famous pistol would be of it. Oh, my poor friend! God keep of the party, not a cap pistol, but a you from such a sight!" "Here's your chance, my boy, to be revolver with six barrels, that would He grasped his wife's arm the better

it. I only wish I were in a condition to make the ascent with you.

The proposed correspondence did not take place. Still, I often thought of My uncle was rowing, my aunt steered

Often when I could not get to sleep, fell into the water." youngsters were chattering, instead of to banish all remembrance of the day's ed.

climb Viquemale all alone; They let much puzzled by the signs made to me "All our efforts were useless, even to him drive a four-in-hand. He had al- by a black coat in the rear of a stage- recover her body. ready been up in a balloon. He always box. Above the dazzling white shirt I asked what had become of her hus carried a loaded pistol in his pocket, bosom the shadow of the draperies pra-band. just for fun. Yes, a real pistol, not just vented my distinquishing any feature Leonard indicated the wheeled chair a pistol for caps. A six-barrelled re- of the face. Two rather questionable and said in a low voice. volver that would go off. Dost thou looking ladies occupied; with a bored "I bring my wife on a sad wedding semi-attention to the play, the front of journey. We came here in the hope of They all called each other that. It the box, and were overwhelmed with prolonging my poor uncle's days, but was "Yes, old fellow," and "No, old attentions by a pair of masculine they are numbered." hat ds, which I saw supply them with He leaned toward me and whispered

very well Mr. and Mrs. Gasparel, whose ward the end of the act I started for I looked at Leonard's shrivelled face. At the threshold an elaborately at- in wonder. tired young man awaited me.

south, from east to west. I doubt if "No excuses?" said Leonard. "You pr. Miles Nervine for Nervous Prostre

Much Importance.

son that I accepted the invitation. The

ties, operas, suppers, every pleasure!

"Oh! she doesn't know half. At any Loque. The little man had a long "Yes," said he gravely, "it is a cruel rate it is certain that she never got nose a lifeless complexion, white lips uncertainty. The husband and wife along better with her husband," he re-

me, but Leonard gave me much more. thin legs were equipped with new gai- We exchanged, with reserve, a part- It was his uncle Miget who had made the acquaintance of the two charming iron-mounted stick, half again as tall I went to bed and dreamed of Leon- young ladies who were with them, laard. The next day I looked out for dies of education and musicians to their tion of the mountain, and evidently at Caurerets. The thought of him The supper was rather dizzy, Leonsought to excite my interest by draw- haunted me. Besides, the sound of his and ordered and drank innumerable the inadequate and rapidly decreasing

This information was sufficient for

The young man did not relish my frisky and dangerous horse pranced by. "Let him alone," cried the other.

dow was one of the poisenous lizards Thereupon Leonard proceeded to un-"That is in fact just what I mean to found among the rocks, The popular fold the plans he was forming for his coming of age. He was very proud of named, was credited with 400,000 tons. At eight o'clock in the evening Leon- them, but I cannot say they enhanced after which should be placed Belgium amused me and I continued the con- ard had not yet returned to the hotel. my admiration for my friend. His with 200,000. The entire output of the uncle listened in silence. His opaque Pretty soon a gentleman of about In spite of myself I was anxious. I black eyes told no tales of what his

He had an air of repletion, and lost my money and my umbrella was At two o'clock in the morning, no came slowly toward us, but stopped stolen, or my money was stolen, and I one having started to leave, I made a spicuously in demand for the cotton some little distance away. He exam- lost my umbrella. At any rate I re- pretense of an important errand to do crop of the south, for the fruit and ined me with a suspicious air as he turned without money or umbrella, but on my way home. No one remarked vegetable crops of the east and for the stroked his fine black beard. Then at least distracted from other thoughts the singularity of the time chosen, and grain crops of the west. As regards

ting his study of my person. I paid no burning in a cafe. As I approached I "One word of advice. If you want seven river mines; that there is one awning; Leonard, accompanied by a ple fortune opens to you, take care of there are no fewer than eighty-eight what the Migets encourage as if they is 179,848; in North Carolina, 2,500, and

I tried to say a word.

"No," he said, "Good-by," And I left. This interview with Leonard, where

The lady with the purple bird replied But while we may never meet on the has been taken by the department "There's no sense in it! Why couldn't with cold scorn:

he go like the rest of the world, sleep "It is not by bringing up boys wrapif the inn and start in the same house, there is, on the other in the same house, there is, on the other in the same house, there is, on the other in the same house, there is, on the other is the same house, there is, on the other is the same house, there is, on the other is the same house, there is, on the other is the same house, there is, on the other is the same house, there is, on the other is the same house, there is, on the other is the same house, there is, on the other is the same house, there is, on the other is the same house, there is, on the other is the same house, there is, on the other is the same house, there is, on the other is the same house, there is, on the other is the same house, there is, on the other is the same house, there is, on the other is the same house, there is, on the other is the same house, there is, on the other is the same house, there is, on the other is the same house, there is, on the other is the same house, there is, on the other is the same house, there is, on the other is the same house, there is, on the other is the same house, there is, on the other is the same house, there is, on the other is the same house, there is, on the other is the same house, the same house, the same house, the same house is at the inn and start in the morning at ped in cotton wool that you make men hand, a fate which delights in bringing pected to be delivered hereafter from peo us face to face with the most unlikely

to explain to me with what solicitude curious fate which had accidentally Last winter at Mentone, on the mole the present rate of production, will ex- of population dition. Touched with an instinctive The next morning as my valise was the Mediterranean, I passed a consumpspmpathy for the imprudent boy, I placed in front of the carriage waiting tive's wheeled chair. Pushed along by for me, Leonard came down to the ho- a lackey in rich livery, one of these "This child, sir," I said, "is going to tel entrance. Without relaxing his unfortunates, in spite of the sun's arrun a great risk. Believe me that on grave demeaner, he was carrying a but- dor, shivered among his heap of cush-

steps, dressed in half-mourning. The second such a gleam of hostility that I "Ah!" he said. "Are you off? That's wife, small and dark, had a sweet face. The husband was loooking back and I der, but he mastered himself instantly "Indeed?" I said. "I too would saw only his thin side whiskers. Sud-

"Ah!" he exclaimed cordially. "En-I congralulated the young couple

add, asked after Monsieur and Madame

And to assure me more completely of my friend, though we had no point in I was fishing. One moment I leaned his own incapacity he emitted an in- common of age, taste or position, and far over to draw in my line. Suddenly significant cough, which only attracted although our entire intercourse was it seemed to me the boat rocked. I my attention to his deep chest and sub- limited to three conversation which al- glanced backward and saw my aunt, together did not occupy ten minutes. who had risen and was coming softly Having embraced his relative, Leon- No matter, he was still my friend Leon- toward me. My uncle explained to ard took leave of me with a pretentious ard and it was four years before I again me later that she was frightened at my saw a trace of him. But often the position and was coming to draw me "Good luck!" I murmured and the thought of him recurred to me, and I back. Alas! I do not know what haped she drew back so suddenly that she

That evening at the hotel-table three and in the vain attempt to do so tried "And she was drowned?" I exclaim

eating their soup. They were consumed events from my mind, in its empty "She was drowned," repeateed the with a mixture of admiration and jeal-spaces the thought of Leonard would nephew, in a sepulchral tone, which I recur and take possession of my whole felt contrasted with my own. At the

time to time interrupting these exercis- "Consumption! Too many suppers

his slim little body, and left him, lost

accident at Windsor castle eleven or twelve years ago, when one of her knees was injured, she has found it very troublesome and sometimes painful much that an elevator has just been placed in the private apartments of Windsor castle for her majesty's use. uncle has even sold out the business he was engaged in at Cette. This is generally thought to be the more meritorious, as the Migets have no fortune."

Thon, lowering his voice,
"Between ourselves, the business amounted to very little, and the pretext for selling out was very timely. Now the Migets, with their pupil, have left their own country, and, settling nowhere, travel incessantly from north to too, and looked worn.

and another is to be fitted up at Osborne than ber of steps to ascend at Osborne than at any other of the palaces, as her own apartments are in the pavilion near the top of the house. Elevators are also being made for Buckingham palace are and Balmoral, which will be ready for use in the spring. There was one in Buckingham palace for some years, where, travel incessantly from north to too, and looked worn.

states is put down at 1,000,000 tons, while Florida is credited with the

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States, was \$30,000 tons.

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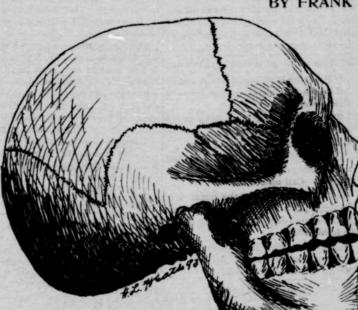
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