GEELONG'S HEART.

IT BEAT IN A BUSHRANGER'S BODY

BUT IT WAS TOUCHED.

How a Range Inspector in the Grewt Australian and he seemed in pleasanter mood. Bush Entertained a Bloodstained Highwayman Over Night, and by Treating Him Kindly Stayed His Appetite for Aurder.

ranging were the beginning of that great industry which has enriched the ed his pipe and smoked for awhile, and "And great industry which has enriched the ed his pipe and smoked for awhile, and "And you might hint to the boys demued by the ecclesiastical councils with "fine" and "summer" as texts, he colony by hundreds of millions—wool- I was beginning to feel a bit nervous that I don't care to be shot at as I ride on account of the pagan ceremonies at tells us: "Everywhere were the green growing. A vast extent of country was over his sullen demeanor, when he over the run."

it out long ago."

covered by grazing sheep and the herd-ers were obliged to live alone and far "I'd have been a different man if "I'd have been a different man if "I's against the law for me to help day was not peculiar to the Romans." The bestowal of gifts on New Year's day was not peculiar to the Romans. (1) "I," (2) "walking" and (3) "woods," he informs us: "As my feet pressed the from civilization. The bushrangers they'd given me a fair show. When I you along in your career, but in case of The Druids distributed branches of the soft moss faint forest odors filled the had no fear of the solitary herder, and think of how I've been hounded and accident or sickness you'll find the sacred mistletoe as new year's gifts air, the crackle of a dry stick was the latter was forced by circumstances to become an ally. It came to be an understood thing that the herder "You were transported, of course," I should permit the outlaw the shelter of replied. should permit the outlaw the shelter of his hut and provide him with a meal, and it was not exacted that he should shouted. "Out of thousands of hares I gruffly queried the man as he turned nual contributions. Under the Tudors the formation of the terminal contribution of terminal contribution

and it was not exacted that he should give any information to the police. Head he played spy as well as host, the bushrangers would have put an end to sheep raising by murdering all the herders. On the D, and D, run, which em-braced fmany square miles north of the Murray rivel, we hed over "0 herders. On the D, and D, run, which em-braced fmany square miles north of the Murray rivel, we hed over "0 herders. On the D, and D, run, which em-braced fmany square miles north of the Murray rivel, we hed over "0 herders. On the D, and D, run, which em-braced fmany square miles north of the Murray rivel, we hed over "0 herders.

Murray rivel, we had over 20 herders, treated like a wild beast and at the set- about, and retraced his steps. He terms "glove money" or "pin money." and the distance between some of them tlement they were determined to finish came right up to me, placed his hand In England the ringing in of the new was twelve miles. No two were nearer me off as soon as possible." was twelve miles. No two were nearer than five. Each had a rude hut of "I have heard how you escaped," I quivered a bit and was low and soft is now the only demonstration of joy ings on the great floating worlds out poles and logs and turf, and was sup- said, as he rose up and began pacing to he said:

plied with provisions once a month. and fro. There was a fireplace in each hut and a bunk and bedding for any traveler who might come along. We had a store stored and beaten and insulted me stored and beaten and insulted

house eight miles north of the Murray, till I was desperate. They were tor-and once a month two carts were sent turing me up to the point when I to rob, but there were fewer murders in quaintance—a custom dating back al-of our own globel the circumference out with provisions for the stations. As should make a break and they would his district after that. He retained his most to the settlement of the town by inspector for the company I had to have due excuse for finishing me off, liberty for nearly a year, and was then the Dutch, and which has been imitatvisit each herder at least once a week and report on the condition of his herd. but they didn't know what a desperate man could do. Had they let me alone, He was promptly tried, convicted and towns throughout the United If he was ill, which was sometimes the had they given me a show, I would sentenced to be hanged. I made an ef-case, I had to replace him with another have done my work and obeyed all the fort to see him, but the authorities fashionable. The legislature of Oregon man, and if he had become homesick rules. They drove me to murder and would not permit it. Through his law- has recognized this holiday and enuand abandoned his station, which was robbery and may they be accursed for yer, however, I got a letter which merated it among the days when Lo 000 miles—what wondrous sight would not a rare thing, I had to keep the sad- it."

and bushrangers. We put the police at me with a savage expression of coun- treasure he had secured as a freebooter, whose legislatures have failed to recogon their track whenever we could, and tenance, "but were you driven to this and a month after his death I was in nize it as a non-judicial day. many an inspector was tumbled from sort of life?" possession of it. Some of the colonial

his saddle by a shot from rock or thick-et. There were times, however, when hostilities were suspended. When the out of Australia. How long could I 000. The sheep herders insisted that police were not on a redhot trail, or the have escaped detection if I had not it was nearer £50,000. As a matter of oushrangers making a foray, there was taken to the bush, and how was I to fact after I had restored everything I not much danger on either side. On live without becoming a ranger? "The could find an owner for, the "swag" not note duage on either side. One occasion while riding through the serue, I came full upon the camp of six bushrangers. There was a sudden alarm and a rush for their guns, but I called out that I was only a ranch in-show to reme but to keep right on till the end comes." alarm and a rush for their guns, but I show for me but to keep right on till and earned in an honest way." "You see the papers now and then?"

spector who had lost his way, and was not fired upon. "Yes, and I see that every murder on

On the occasion of which I write I the road is laid to me. I saw by a had made a ride of thirty miles to Sydney paper the other day that the reach station 17, which was at the base | reward is up to \$1000.

"That's the figure, I believe." of a chain of hills with a vast plain in "And wouldn't you like to earn it?" tropic, moves to the other and returns, front of it. A creek ran along the base "No. I want no blood money. From or (what is the same thing) starting of the hills, and on the bank of this stream was the hut. The provision what I have heard your trial and trans- from the equator at the vernal equinox cart had been there a week before and portation resulted from perjury. I of our hemisphere it performs its comfound everything all right. I reached have been told that they used you bru- plete circuit to the veral equinox again, the hut an hour before sundown one tally at the settlement. I don't blame is, from the circumstance by which it afternoon to find the herder on the you for escaping, nor yet for feeling as is defined, termed the tropical year; point of leaving. The forenoon of the you do, but you deserve hanging for and because it is the period recognized previous day he had been visited by some of the murders you have commit- in legislation and history as the year, it two bushrangers one of whom had rec- ted."

ognized him as a witness who had giv- "Yes, I have shed a great deal of length is 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, en testimony against him in a case at blood," he said, as he sat down again. 49.7 seconds. Most civilized nations Sydney three years before. The fact "Sometimes I am glad of it and some- have adopted, as their mode of reckon-

1 bok after the flocks. It is the business hour to post up my report book and principal festival occurred on this day, powering that one could not be certain of the police to catch bushrangers. Ev- then turned into the other bunk, and I taking care that all they thought, said whether the original air had beer. "Coming Through the Rye" or "Let Me Kiss Him for His Mother." ery man to his trade. If I'd been in don't remember to have ever slept and did should be pure and good, since with the traps you ought to have found more soundly in my whole life. I was everything was ominous for the occur-

up and had breakfast ready when the rences of the whole year. They ap-"Mebbe so-mebbe so, he growled, bushranger turned out. Outside of a peared in the streets in festive garments but I noticed that his face cleared up "good morning" and a word or two and exchanged kindly salutations, and about the weather, we had no conver- gave to each other presents. This cus-I prepared him as good a supper as I sation until we had finished breakfast tom of making presents was made by doesn't nowadays satisfy a writer to had eaten myself, and not a word was and went outdoors with our pipes. some of the emperors an important

exchanged between us while he ate. Then I said to him: source of their personal revenues, until He was not over-hungry, and when "Look here, Bill, I want that herder modified by a decree of the emperor The palmy days of Australian bush-and and tobacco and my flask of whis-"I'll see that no one bothers him," he carly christian empe-"I'll see that no one bothers him," he continued to receive

their presentation.

Concerning the Great Planet. Our most eminent astronomers do

side of our own solar system, but withon the recurrence of the anniversary. in that monstrous aggregation every "I shall never be quite as bad again In Germany many ceremonies derived

note):

of our own globe: the circumference 275,000 miles at the equator, which would give the giant a volume exceed-ing that of the earth by 1,284 times. Were it possible to bring the earth and worked a sudden and wonderful change judicial business may be legally transdle till a substitute was found. There was no friendship between inspectors goes," I answered as he stood looking where Geelong Bill had buried the and Massachusetts are the only states times larger than that of our usual mighty attendant, and the surface of his disk would occupy a space greater than that of 1,600 full moons.

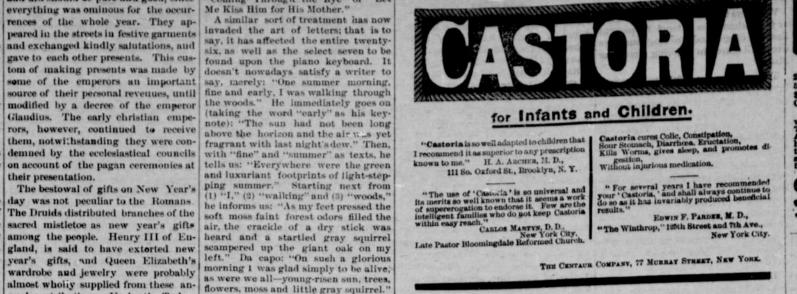
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makes a circuit of its celestial track a style of musical composition much in vogue known as "variations," says a once every 4,332 days. Thus it will be seen that a year on Jupiter is equal to distinctive plan of these compositions its orbit in the time given above, it must speed around the sun with a ve--and, whatever their individual char-

locity of 700,000 miles a day, or a little acteristic, they were, as a whole, without variation-consisted, first, in a more than eight miles per second. brace or two of banging prelude, close- It is now established that flowers

ly followed by a simple little air that somebody else had written. This definitely announced the theme to be tute a therapeutic agency of high "variated," which was next heard be- value, and that residence in a perfumed hind a thin screen of artfully arranged atmosphere forms a protection from arpeggios. Then it donned a deep dis-guise in the bass, to become barely phthisis. In the town of La Grasse, arrests guise in the bass, to become barely pathisis. In the town of La Grasse, recognizable in the treble with trills, ditto in bass, in the treble with runs, is largely carried on, phthisis is unditto in bass, and finally lost itself in a known







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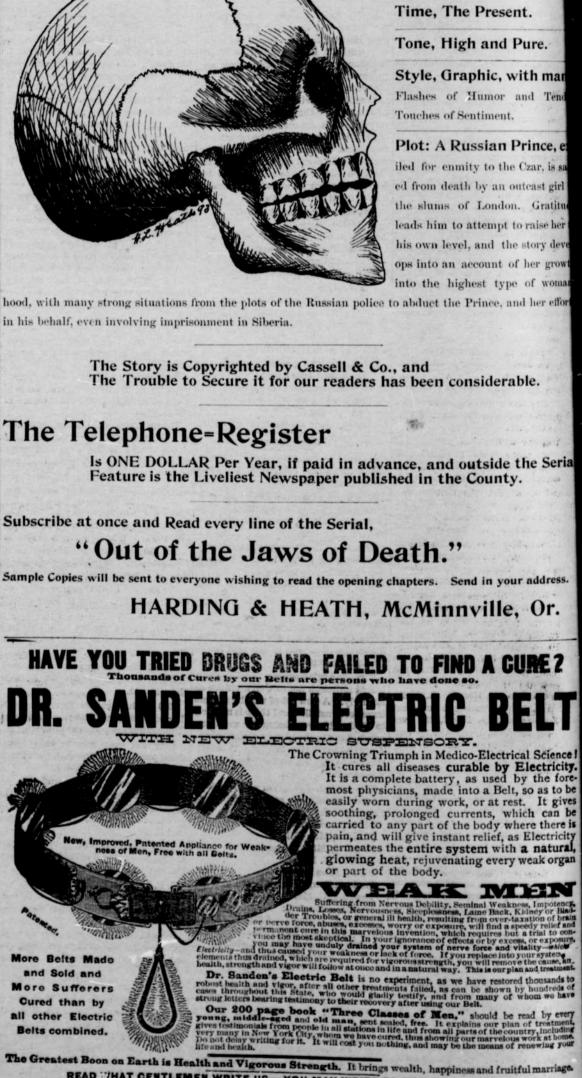
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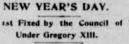
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that the herder had been anwilling times sorry. I have killed to get even ing, the tropical year which was direct witness now saved his life, though he with the world, and the world must ly derived from the calendar of the Rowas ordered off the run and warned balance accounts by taking my life. It mans. In attempting to devise a per that he would be killed if he returned, won't happen soon, however. I'm fect calendar, the chief difficulty in the To remain in defiance of the order good for five years more of bush life way of exactly conforming the circuit meant death. He must go, and while waiting for a herder to be sent out to take his plate, I must look out for his "You'll not last long in this part of herd. I gave him my horse and his the country. I have never given the which the natural year presents. For instructions where to report, and he police any information about bushran- convenience, the civil year must begin was off before sundown. He said that gers and it's hardly fair to post you as with a day, and must contain some I would probably have a visit from the to their doings, but I may say that two number of complete days. But if any bushrangers before I was out of it, but stations are to be established and the number of complete days is maintained I must take the chances of that. Things governor says he will clear out the last invariable, the effect must be in time that the days and months gain or lose were quiet just then, and if they paid one of you at any cost." "That's the game, ek? Well, if it on the seasons, and the latter are, durme a visit they would not be in any gets to hot we'll have to move on, I ing the lapse of long periods, thrown angry mood.

That you may understand more clear suppose, but we'll give them a try for successively into all parts of the civil let me explain that while most of the it. Do you know why I came here to- year. Such was the want of harmony between the early Roman civil yea huts had only the earth for a floor, this night?" "To see if the herder had gone, prob- and the tropical, that in the time of one was elevated three feet from the Julius Cæsar, the months in which ground and had a floor of split poles. ably." The elevation was on account of the "That's it, and I was hoping he spring occurred were those originally usual overflow of the creek, and the hadn't, so I might shoot him. I saw belonging to the season of summer herder being something of a carpenter, yar through the chinks and had my Historians have variously stated the had put in his spare time fixing it up. finger on the trigger twice. I should Roman year to have contained twelve I had prepared and eaten supper and have shot you if you hadn't come to the and ten months. The latter was probably at first the real number and behad a cheerful blaze on the hearth, door." "A man must be a fiend to go about gan with Martius, (March). An at when the two dogs began to growl and show other signs that strangers were murdering people in that way," I said tempt was made to correct the variation growing up between the civil and as I looked at him.

I thought it best to take the bull by "You are right," he replied, though tropical year, but appears not to have the horns, and after a bit I threw the he first scowled fiercely at me. "There door wide open and stood there a fair are times when even the worst of my ever, the month of Januarius and Febmark, while I called out to know if men get afraid of me and skulk away. ruariny bad been introduced, making anyone wanted food and shelter. Al- I was in such an ugly mood this morn- the year twelve months in length; but most immediately a man stepped out of ing that all of them left camp. Even up the beginning of the year which was intended to occur at the winter solstice, "good evening," as he stepped past tended to do for you. Can you had receded until in Caesar's time it me into the hut; I closed the door and guess what my plan was?"

turned around to find him standing "I have no idea." previously. In 46 B. C. Cæsar, aided by the astronomer Sosigenus, undertook ed him as a notorious criminal known cel and roast you before the fire." as "Geelong Bill," who had been bush "Well, I am much obliged fo you for year the number of days requisite to exranging for four years and had rewards changing your mind, as I prefer to live tend it to the winter solstice, ordering amounting to £1000 on his head. In on and earn £8 per month. It's only that its length should be 445 days. his hand he had a long and heavy rifie fair to state that I have had as many The next year and all following were and in his belt two pistols and a knife. as ten good opportunities for shooting to have the length of 365] days, but for He was a man about 38 years old, and you since you entered the hut, but I convenience the fraction was to be inweighed about 180 pounds, and it need don't want your blood on my hands," troduced in the form of an additional

"Yes; I remember your face. How "Ierhaps you'll change your mind

I pleasantly answered, as I put some easy matter to knock me on the head with an ax." meat to cook.

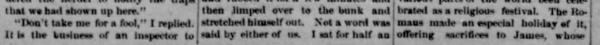
"Mebbe so,"he growled, as he leaned I got a stick of wood from the heap his rifle against the wall and sat down and by using it as a lever he was soon New Year's Day! This, the first day before the fire. "I suppose you order. enabled to draw his leg clear. He sat of the year, has for many ages and in dered the herder to notify the traps and rubbed it for a few minutes and various parts of the world been cele-

actually took place some seventy days to correct the error and to the current

We was a man about 180 pounds, and it needs at a glance to tell you that he was all muscle. He had a short neck, the jaw of a bulkieg, and a more wicked face, taken from chin to forehead, you never looked into.
"Glad to have your company," I said, as 1 threw a fresh stick on the fire was an opening caused by "TII have you a bite to eat in a minute or two. Looks like a storm before morning."
"Where's the herder." he growled as I prepared his coffee.
"Gone off the run according to or ders."
"And you are a company inspector?" he inquired.
"Yes, I just got here this evening and will have to stay till a man comes out."
"Yes; I remember your face. How

thority of the council of Trent. The did ye dare come out here?" "A man who minds his own business dares to go anywhere in this country," about the £1,000 reward now. All you have to do is to slip out and fasten a rope around my ankle, or it will be an "Bing out the all ring in the set Gregorian reformation was at once ac-

"Ring out the old, ring in the new. Ring happy bells across the snow; The year is going, lot him go; Ating out the false, ring in the true."



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