

The Senator and his fellow judges round the room, and his young conhad read stories in the great Collier's testant showed no little chagrin, for short story contest of last year until this had been his favorite exhibition, their eyes were almost blind, their which none of his associates had been brains almost too weary for consecu. able to accomplish.

tive thought and their ideas almost. The old fellow continued unconcerntoo chaotic from the long continued edly: "Now if it were a trial of strain to allow an unbiased decision, strength, perhaps some of you younger when the distinguished statesman fellows could tire the old man out." scholar took from the table the last of Then springing like a cat, he caught the many thousands of manuscripts with his right hand one of the rounds sent in, lighted a fresh Havana, and of a ladder by which the men climbed settled himself wearily in the depths to the second story, and pulled himself up with a single arm. Lowering of his big arm chair.

The sigh of satisfaction was still himself, he repeated this "chinning" more pronounced, when, as he tore operation several times with great open the envelope, he found but a few rapidity, first with one arm and then pages of typewritten matter, scarcely the other. Dropping to the floor he a thousand words in all, and his strolled over to a pair of 100 pound "Thank Heaven!" was re-coched by his iron dumb-bells and began handling companions as they also realized that the heavy weights as if they were hol-a short hal, hour would complete their low or made of wood, passing the bells

weeks of self-imposed labor. There had been silence in the room high without a tremor, and finally lay-The Great Work of Anthony Comfor several minutes, while the others ing them down without even the nowere thinking of the jumble of ideas ticeable quickening of his breath. that would for months occupy their The men looked sharply at one anminds where love and war, humor and other. Not the best of them could give pathos had created a heterogeneous such an exhibition of strength. The IGRS.

ass. Many of the stories submitted had who might you be, anyway?" when the been of a very high order of merit- alarm gong sounded, the firemen some of the very highest-and final sprang to their places and the little decision would, they realized, tax to old athlete was temporarily forgotten. the utmost their ability to select. A close observer, however, might have Some had been wifty and brilliant, noted him dart out of the door and some able but verbose, but many, very vanish around the corner with the many, had proven tedious and trashy, speed of a trained runner. many, had proven tedlous and trashy, and they each and all agreed they The fire was in a lately finished would never again care to read even apartment house and was well under way when the engines arrived. Lad-

the headlines of any "Short Story." "God!" exclaimed the Senator, half dera were quickly placed against the reverently, half profanely, "and so this building, and the brave firemen made potent than ever before. was the tracic end of our dear chum many trips, up and down, rescuing the of old '71, one of the best and bravest frightened occupants. Finally all the fellows who ever lived."

"For the honor of old Harvard, gentlemen," bowing gravely to ais assoclates, "let me read aloud this last of our short stories."

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whose scanty apparel gave evidence He sauntered into Station 17 of the Fire Department, late one stormy af- that she had but just awakened, appearternoon in December, a small, gray- ed at a window of the top floor, wringhaired, rather weazened specimen of ing her little hands and crying in exhumanity, looking as though he had treme terror, as well she might, for the not made the acquaintance of a square flerce flames were bursting from all the meal for many days. A close observer, lower floors of the building. Ladders however, would have noticed that his were set beneath her window, and eyes were very brigh and keen, his several of the more daring firemen at-



down the steep incline.

once too often and even while the and \$150 to reimburse him for his exwere sounding in his ears, the lifehe brave old heart suddenly ceased its buny work.

"He's dead, the dear old fellow, saying a young life of which he had never heard," whispered one to the other, and a young minister, who, from the

first, had watched the scene with an intense interest, bent over the body, and detaching a Greek letter hadge from the vest, read to the sympathiz-ing crowd, "J. R. H., Harvard, '71," adding revently as he removed his tall

hat: "Greater love hath no man than this."

To their credit, there were real tears in the eyes of these big, strong men of against the use of the mails for imthe world, as in silence they touched glasses with the Senator to the memory of that classmate, whose soul was still marching on, and whose heroic death had added another star to old Harvard's glory.

CRUSADE AGAINST VICE.

stock has Brought Splendid

Results. Few of those who have read of the accomplishments of Anthony Comstock in his crusades against vice, which have made his name known in every section of the United States, have any idea of the history of the man whose single-handed exertions have been largely responsible for the suppression of obscene literature and photographs. He has been painted as a crank of the weirdest sort, a notoriety seeker, a grafter using a cloak of morality to enrich himself, and every-

thing else wild and dishonest, but he is none of these and to-day his position is stronger and his influence more

His life has been threatened scores of times by desperate criminals whom infernal machines have been sent him through the mails and by express; he pravity; his honesty has been sneered day of the session of 1873. at and his every motive impugned, but he has gone unscathed amid physical perils and his reputation has escaped the cleverly planned pitfalls designed to ruin him in the eyes of the people and dissipate the enormous power for good which he has built up by almost lifetime of devotion to a high duty.

Guardian of Youthful Morals.

Mr. Comstock is best known for his work in the prosecution of those who make it a business to sell indecent year since then. books, pamphlets and pictures to the young, but as a matter of fact he is but in the country at large. He travels sades in various sections of the country, and has frequently produced im-

talking it over. recent interview Mr. Comstock

aided his evidently failing strength Morris K. Jesup, the philantropist, took him up at that time. Mr. Jesup But the pitcher had been to the well gave him \$500 to help him in the fight

Since that time Mr. Jesup has taken blood gushed from his mouth, and a deep interest in the Comstock crusinking heavily to the ground mur-sades and has given his money free-mured, "Hold tight, little one," and ly. A meeting was held at Mr. Jesup's house in 1873 by prominent citizens, the New York Society for the Sup-

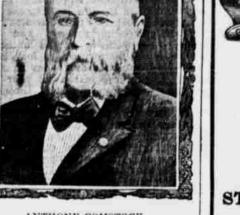
pression of Vice was formed and Mr. Comstock was engaged as its agent at a regular sainry.

A determined attack on the publishers and vendors of obscene literature and pictures was at once begun. and at a fitting time, for never had there been so many and such brazen violations of the laws of the land and decency as at that time. Advertise-ments were boldly printed in the pa-

pers and thousands of circulars were distributed by the dealers, many of the circulars being placed in the hands of children as they left school. An ineffective law was passed in

moral purposes, but it accomplished nothing, and Mr. Comstock endeavored

1872 ALL DECK



ANTHONY COMSTOCK.

to have a more stringent bill put through. Mr. Jesup defrayed his expenses to Washington and Senator Buckingham, of Connecticut, introinmates appeared to be saved and ef- he has deprived of their unlawful duced the measure in the Senate and forts were directed toward extinguish- gains and sent to the penitentiary. Clinton L. Merriam in the House. In-Many attempts have been made to tense opposition was met from a powstab, shoot and poison him; ground erful lobby of publishers, but the bill glass has been scattered in his food; got through by, a small margin, and got through by, a small margin, and with the aid of Speaker James G. Blaine, was among the last taken up has been accused of unprintable de- and passed on the night of the final

He Refused the Salary.

After the law went into effect Senator Buckingham asked Mr. Comstock to take a position as postoffice inspector to see that it was enforced. He ac-cepted the position, but declined the salary, on the ground that he might be placed under obligations to politicians,

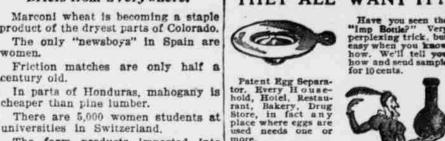
and on March 5th, 1873, was made a special agent of the department, which commission has been renewed each

So severe was the blow dealt the pub lishers of the profitable "sub rosa" litequally active in crushing out other forms of vice, not only in New York, to have the law repealed, and in 1887 London than in Africa. a petition containing 70,000 names and a great deal from city to city and has beened by Robert G. Ingersoll, backed by unlimited money and the most adroit lobbyists, was presented to Congress asking that the restrictions be portant results while others supposed removed. Mr. Comstock appeared to be helping him were engaged in alone before the House committee which had the repealing measure and in the face of severe and brutal con tells for the first time the history of demnation was successful in preventhis life and how he abandoned a prom- ing favorable action. As part of the campaign against him a book entitled "The Life and Crimes of Anthony Com. stock" was published, and seventeen never netted him more than a living thousand copies distributed. It was and has left him, in declining years, stated that he himself was a dealer still with a mortgage of \$10,000 on his in the very things against which he waged war, and that he had been ar He is sixty-one years of age and rested by five district attorneys, but was born in Connecticut. His brother he kept on his way, and never once let Gettysburg and young Anthony took Mr. Comstock is still a postoffice his place until the end of the war. agent without pay. He is allowed five cents per mile mileage and \$1,50 per tered a grocery store in New Haven, day witness fees while attending courts but later went to Tennessee, where he as a witness, but these payments he purchased supplies for the Lookout turns into the treasury of the society Mountain Institute. His health failed for which he is agent. In this way he and he went to New York, landing has turned over more than \$21,000 The work which Anthony Comstock it to take one at \$5 because he thought has accomplished and is doing to-day is of incalculable benefit to the moral fibre of the maturing citizenship of the an existence on this salary he found Republic. The man is one of God's appointed.





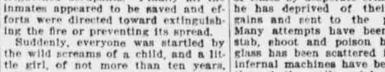
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THEY TOUCHED GLASSES TO THE MEMORY OF THAT CLASSMATE.

muscles well knit, his gait springy (tempted to ascend only to be driven and would, perhaps, have decided that back with scorched hair and blistered that the young men in the store were his physique did not require a very hands.

large amount of sustenance and that A cry from the crowd to the right he was ignorant of the pangs of dys-attracted the attention of firemen and pepsia. spectators, and all held their breath.

Speaking to no one in particular, he as a little old man was seen, climbing. remarked with a peculiar drawl; with the agility of a cat, the galvan-

"I sometimes think I would enjoy a ized waterspout on the corner of the job of this sort myself. It looks com- building. Reaching the top and grasping the cornice, he rapidly worked fortable here."

"Seventeen" was known as the crack himself along until he was directly company of the force. Its members over the open window. He must have credit an unparalleled record of bril- he seemed to expect, his left foot liant and impossible rescues.

At these words of the old man, grim of the entire department, replied:

Why, grandpap, we have to do things here when the bell rings. Children aren't allowed on the force."

"I know they are not, sonny, but after all, I judge that age isn't the burned near the middle, fell to the asked why he did not go into Nassau only thing that counts in this game." 'I'll tell you, grandpap," the young moment's loss of time he reappeared

fellow added with a wink to his companions, "if you can follow me in a window sill. Then with the child few little exercises we have here morn- strapped tightly upon his back, he bal- openly for sale, and on March 2, 1872, ing and night, I'll resign and recomanced carefully upon these, reached mend you for my place." up and again grasped the cornice. The

"Go chead, sonny, your friends can firemen at once realized what a desact as judge and umpire." perate plan he was about to attempt) The fireman walked over to the and quickly placed another ladder just other slde of the room, took up the oak around the corner of the building, not handle of a stone breaker, grasped it yet reached by the flames. Slowly and firmly in both hands, and with a sud- carefully the old man, with his preden wrench, broke it squarely through clous burden clinging to his shoulders. the middle. Throwing the two pieces worked his way along the insecure on the floor, he remarked faconically, gutter, his progress at times painfully but in a rather conceited tone, retarded and the distance seemed There's another handle in the corner great. Would he beat the flames in where I got this one, but I reckon you the race? Would he be able to hold out, encumbered as he was? The great won't care for it."

"No, perhaps this one will answer," crowd below held its breath. Finally said the old man, taking up the two he clutched the projection at the corshort pleces and looking them over ner and swung his feet upon the rather curiously. With a quick jerk rounds of the ladder. Long tongues he broke one of the halves and then the other, and throwing all the pieces lately occupied and seemed to be strike a mortgage for the rest, he used all on the floor drawled out:

than a trial of muscle."

ising business career, in which he might have made a comfortable fortune, to pursue a vocation which has house at Summit, N. J.

Samuel was killed at the battle of up in the struggle with evil. Returning to his native State he enthere with \$3.45 in his pocket. He got which he might have kept. a job at \$12 per week, but resigned

the new one offered better opportunities for advancement. While eking out readers of stories of the vilest sort, and he made his first raid. He learned

that a bookseller in a shop a few doors away was selling the books. Young Comstock took a policeman to the place and had the proprietor arrested and in the case involved resurrected what was a dead letter law. He won out.

Progressing rapidly in the commercial world, the young man was soon were all athletes and it had to its had a wonderfully correct eye, for as making \$1,500 a year commissions as a salesman, but his abhorrence of vice reached just to the top of the scaling was in nowise abated. He found a ladder below him. Placing his foot man named Simpson trading in obsmiles broke over the faces of the half firmly upon the slight support, he re-scene literature and told a policeman dozen men present. A young fireman, leased first one hand and then the his troubles. Instead of arresting the one of the most powerful and athletic other, sliding them along the rough man the policeman warned him to brick side of the building, as if skip out, and that was the pivot on grasping an imaginary rope. Cau- which the life of the young reformer tiously lowering himself to a stooping turned. He had the policeman disposition, he suddenly threw himself missed for the bit of treachery and inside the open window, as the ladder, the papers began to take notice. They ground with a crash. With scarce a street and proceed against the open violators of the law there. Mr. Comand piled several thick books upon the stock answered the question by going. On all sides illegal publications were when he was but twenty-eight years old, he caused the arrest of seven men. The fruits of this were the suppression of 169 different books, the raiding of three publishing houses, the confiscation of \$30,000 worth of plates and engravings from one man in Brooklyn, the seizing of \$16,000 worth of plates and books from a man in Manhattan, together with six tons of stereotyped plates from his printer, and the destruction of \$10,000 worth of bound books belonging to still another man. All of this was accomplished by Mr. Comstock without any assistance whatever from organization or committee.

He Found a Good Angel.

He had started to buy a home and ing at the rescuer and the rescued, in he could save from his salary to carry "Should call that more of a trick vicious though impotent fury, but on his crusade. He was a firm believer an a trial of muscle." strong and willing hands met and re in prayer and he believed that it was A murmur of astonishment ran lieved the old man of his burden and in answer to his supplications that

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