The Charcoal Burner. NE evening in the latter part of this ruined castle? Since my childhood April, when the beer room of the I never have seen or heard of this place. Schierke was pretty filled with peo. Ah! my friend, I think we did wrong in ple, who were drinking and playing at accepting the charcoal burner's offer. cards and dice, here entered a young traveler who, casting his knapsack on the floor, anounced himself as Max Banermann, a poor scholar of Heidelderg, traveling for

pleasure and observation. At his appearance a number of the villages suspended their amusment for a moment to regard the stranger, and one of them, taking the long pipe from between his lips, courteously invited the new comer to sit down at the table, and partake of some beer. Nothing loth ban repast ermann found that he was very popular with the frequenters of the inn. During the week he tarried there this popularity increased, for he was a merry wight, who

could talk Latin, dispute, wrestle, drink deep, sink and play cards and this, in the minds of the simple folks of Schierke, was all sufficent for any man who was not a priest or philospher. But there was something so very singular in regard to Banermann's card playing that many of the people regarded him with a sort of admiration oftentimes mingled with awe None of them could win a game when he played, and, nothwithstanding they imagined they had good card players among them till he arrived, there was no one to be found who could successfully oppose

Sometimes, for the sake of testing his luck and skill, they resorted to unfair devices, but it was the same, Max Banermann drank roared, his merry staves, and, play ing on, put their schemes to naught, and pocketed all the stakes.

It chanced that Walpurgisnacht arrived while Banermann was still at the inn, and, as usual, was engaged at cards, seated at one of the small tables. A crowd of villagers surrounded the players, and were boisterous in their mirth as Max won each successive game.

"If the evil one was at your elbow," cried a villager, "you could not do better. Who but he could play as you?" 'What do you know about him ?" inter-

posed a stout charchoal burner from the dark woods by the river Isle, who had beeen standing among the throng, leaning on his fire prong, and watching the players. "What do you know about satan's skill at cards ?"

"Oh! not much, not much," replied the other; "but perhaps you were born on the Hartz, and, if so, I dare say you will deny the existence of which or demon.

'Indeed I do no such thing," answered the charcoal burner with a sarcastic leer. which looked doubly scornful on his harsh, black features. "But yet I think you ought to be a little more prudent in your speech on Walpurgisnatcht. Baner mann is a fine young fellow and remark ably luckly at games, but think you be cause he wins all your grochens, and you go away with empty pouches, he is the only man who has luck or skill ?"

A loud and prolonged laugh greeted these remarks, and several of the party in derision called out: Ah! he wishes to show his skill. Make place for the charcoal burner."

"You are not correct my frien is," re torted he, "I wish nothing of the kind and did but make the remark without such a thought. "You seem an honest fellow," cried

Bauermann, looking up, "and if you have a mind I'll play you, but only for love, as I'll warrant you pocket is light ." "My pocket is not very heavy, 'tis

Seating himself at the table amil the jeers of the company, a small bet was made and the game began. At first Banaway the stakes. Cheer after cheer now arose from the villagers, and many patted the winner on his soothy shoulders. Banermann scratched his head, and also joined play again. This time Banermann was suc. castle is, or rather was, the home of Count cessful, and the charcoal burner was laughed at and jeered by all in the beer room. But when they had played a third, the stranger had won them all, Max Bancible by the villiagers.

It was becoming late, and the charchai burner rising, said to Banermann: "You trave! ed would have brouget us in this stand your defeat like a man, and yet I such games as you never saw before in your life. No one should go to sleep to "And pray where is your dwelling? You

promise bravely," replied Max. "If you do not ask questions, my dear friend," answered the. stranger, "you will hear the fewest lies. But as you are par- a loud report like thunder, and the three ticular, Ill inform you. I reside between men stood alone when they recovered here and the Ilensten, and I promise you from their astonishment. a hearty welcome to my home. And if

a couple of villagers, "we'll go likewise." His fame as a historian and roet was "Let us set out, then," cried Ban-world wide. He was very learned and

read was good, and Max Banermann found was wont to say, 'believe that a small himself insensibly enchanted by his com- melon placed in your hand at night would panion's conversation, wich strangely become a lump of pure go'd when the sun enough turned upon the wonderfull arose in the morning?' secrets of nature. Max was also astonished 'We would not,' replied his hearers. at the charcoal burner's voice, which, from Neither could I have done so, but I its former rude and harsh tone, become | would now.' sonorous and grand. The two villagers | The villagers of Schierke long charished who travelled with them saw or heard a recollection of Max Banermaen, but nothing, doubtless only thinking of the they naver saw him again.

games they were about to witness. At length they came to a more steep path that led to a mountrin, and through the moonlight, made gray by the mist, rom a green hill.

they saw a square, ruined tower rising THE subscriber has just received two Cases "That's my home," cried the charcoal i ree quantity of Soft and Hard Felt Hats in

tern gate that was crumbling to decay, comprising Fine White Shirts, Linders, Collars and, the stranger leading the way, bade the times, which will be sold at prices to suit them follow. They were ushered into a large apartment, on the chimney hearth | Fton, May 21, 1877. of which burned a bright fire, for the weath. er was still cool. The walls of the room were dark with age and perfectly bare of ornament, and a long table, loaded with a substantial supper, and filled with flasks . MASES Hardware consisting of Meat of Rhine wine, met their astonished gaze. Great wax candles in enormous candle-

stick, threw a mellow glow over the scene and long benches were ranged on each side of the board. "Frederick," or ied one villagers to the | May 14

other, "we ought to know the Hartz pretty well. Can you tell me where we are?'

"For the soul of me," replied the other "I cannot. Came we not by the old road we know so well? Eut from whence comes What buisness has he in a spot like this?" The stranger laughed loudly at this re-

mark of his companion. ".Tush, tush!' he replied. "What is it that surprises you, my friend?" and he motioned to the benches. "Let's have OUR some supper first, and we will play after-

They were all hungry, for the walk had been long, so they forthwith sat down and were soon merry over the splendid

"Drink deep," cried the charchoal burner, filling their goblets. "You won't often get generous wine like this."

"Tis truly very excellent," replied Banerman, who emptied one flask after another. "I would like to be your guest

The charcoal burner laughed. "I will do you a good turn some of

these days, perhaps," he said. Supper over, they seated themselves and began to play The first game was won by Banermann. The second was a draw one. As they concluded the third game, Banermann cried: "Lost by St Nich-

"How can you expect to win, when you think and call upon saints?" said the stranger, scornfully. "We don't mention those names here." One of the villingers nudged the other

and gave hin a meaning look, as he whispered "I wish we were at home." Every succeeding game was won by the charcool burner, who insisted they should keep up the drinking.

"Here's health to you, comrades," he cried. "One more goblet, and then I'li show you a famous garden that will glad-

They swallowed their wine and, rising up, went after their host, who opened a heavy door, and led them into a garden filled with rare flowers, and trees laden

Max Banermann p'aced his hand to bis forehead, and with a bewildered look exc'aimed: "Apricots and melons in April. l never saw such a thing before." "I wish we were at home, Frederick,"

sighed the affrighted villager to his comp-"Look here, my friend," cried Banermann, "who in the demon's name are

"Said I not, you," replied the churcoal burner, " that he who asked no questions was told the fewest lies?"

you are what you seem. But be you char- the Errors of Youth or the indiscretions or ex-"I wish we were at home, Frederick,"

epeated the trembing rustic. "I am afraid evil will come of this. The saints Frederick, whose head, perhaps was the

most c'ear of the party, for the first time adressed the charcoal burner in serious

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be a armed, comrades, because I tell you |about to part company, he continued to most extraordinary work on Physiology ever turning about and adressing Banermann, and to you, good card p'ayer and sp'endil but still I have something in it, and I will toper I shall give a souvenir.' Stooping, I be sound by the result have something in it, and I will toper I shall give a souvenir.' accept you invitation, and stake a little he picked up a small me'on, and bidding to his guests follow him, he conducted them to the road. Pacing the melon in Banermann's hand, he bade him examine it in secret when he got home. These good | 1871 ermann seemed certain of winning; but fellows, he said, 'now that they are on pretty soon the charcoal burner swept the road, will take you straight from na whence you came, and in future years billiancy. when some things that you may find hard of its materials, and size, this is decidedly the to credit. But I will repeat you the truth . though I once had the reputation of being in the laugh, and they commenced to little given that way. This ruined o'd

never has man, before or since, commit- hor + 9 A. M. to 6 P. M. ermann was no longer considered invin. ted such crimes. Thank the saints! he has been dead these hundred years. I shouldn't have supposed the road we

doubt if I could always beat you thus. 'My friends,' rep'ied the charcoal-Come, go home with me, and I'll play you burner, 'One very frequent'y takes a road in life the determination of which astonishes him. Morta's are prone to err. Whenever you call to mind this Wa'purgisnacht, remember that you were entertained by Count Zimmerdorf, who

died a hundred years ago.' As the words were spoken there came

It will at mount of met think the first year than ! any of our friends here present will ac- Twenty years later there was a rich company us, I'll be glad to have them also.' scho'ar in Germany, who never cou'd con-"If it is only to see them play," replied tent himse f to abide long in one spot. ermann; "but hold! Landlord, more beer," credu'ous. He used to say that he was and they drained their flagons ere they prepared to believe anything no matter departed. how extravagant, until it was proved to The moon was shining brightly, the be impossible or faise. 'Would you,' he

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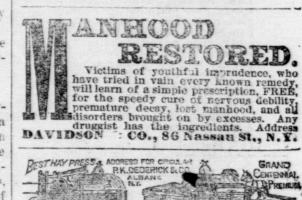
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