Plain John Smith.

Cal IIAVE heard' it said that few, if grave without experiencing some promance in their lives. Bet this as it may, we will not stop to argue the point, but proceed at once to say that I incredible as it may appear, once acted the part of hero in a very promising little drama, the story of which I propose confiding to you.

Even now, after all these years, I am still struck with astonishment that this should have been alloted to me. I was such a thoroughly prosiac, matter-of-fact sort of individual, living so humdrum and commonplace a life, that it it is a marvel to me how any romance contrived to keep

There was my name, too-John Smith! Who ever heard of a John Smith winning spurs for himself, or rescuing distressed damsels? (To be sure, there was extant certain scions of our family, who, having aristocratic predelictions, dubbed themselves "Smythe," and I strongly suspect that I had an equal right to the y and extra letter, our great grand-fathers having been one and the same.)

I lived with my widowed mother in little ordinary house in a common little terrace-one of those everlasting red. bricked, bow-windowed, six-roomed domiciles, run up by jerry builders in such profusion on the outskirts of our large commercial towns; there was a tiny garden before and a tinier yard behind.

How well I remember it all!-the chimneys that would smoke, the windows that gamboled in the exuberance of their youthful mirth about our gate by day, twice in one day. and the members of the feline tribe who

early youth.

The only romantic thing about me at variety of manners. the time when I consider the romance of my life began was my age, which was twenty: and even this truth compels me which must per-force be shared in common with many another.

Looking back through the long vista of years, which enables me to judge impar- of my fellow.clerks who remained in the tially, I feel bound to confess that I was office, or even to chaff the "boy," who neither handsome nor good-looking; 1 fear I was not even of the ugly-interest- a high stool at a respectable distance from ing type, where manly figures and deep gray eyes prove saving points. No! I was merely an ordinary specimen of the seat, yawned, stretched myself, and lan genus homo, possessing no distinguishing guidly taking my hat, passed out into the feature to mark me out from among my street.

I was not imaginative; in proof of which let me tell you that I had read Captain Marryat and Mayne Reid, together with the usual literature with which schoolboys love to feed their fancy; and that my soul had never yearned after the delights of the "trackless prairie," the "Indian war trail," not yet the glories of the "Far West."

The thilling adventures of Dick Turpin and the Boy Tar had never strirred in me a spirit of emulation.

Later, I had perused Sir Walter Scott, Bulwer Lytton, and even Harrison Ainsworth, and never dreamed that I might possibly wake one fine morning and find myself some young Prince in disguisechanged, you know, in my cradle days. I can remember no wild visions of this sort crossing my mind; therefore I conclude I was not imaginative.

The sole ambition of my life at this time was the acquisition of hirsute adornments. I flatter myself I am by no means a vain man; but somehow I had become firmly convinced that my physique required these embellishments. The species vulgarly termed "mutton-chop' was the order after which my soul longed. Oh, the time and money I secretly spent in coaxing and fostering those manly accessories! How assiduously I cultivated the down upon my upper lip! and then how recklessly I shaved, in the delusive hope that next time it would grow more worthy the name of moustache. But who does not know the hopes and fears that assail the manly bosom of twenty concerning that to him all-important subject, "whiskers!"

All this I tell you that you may know what a very commonplace individual was and what very ordinary ideas occupied my mind.

My mother, dear soul, was just such another every-day kind of person, wholly engrossed in housekeeping and in endeavouring to stretch our small income to its utmost limit. Her one excitment seemed to be in discoving our domestic's various little dilinquencies, and her own pleasure in relating them afterward to me or one or two choice cronies who dropped in occasionally to partake of the "cup that cheers" with us.

She was a women much given to "cleaning." It's my belief that Spring was chiefly welcomed by her on account of the excuse it brought for the free use of dusters and brooms.

Spring cleanings were a great institution with my mother-I don't suppose such a thing as a cobweb was ever seen in our house; nothing was ever to be found awry; I don't think the chairs dare stand out of their places; and I am sure a paper would blush if it found itself by an accident left lying carelessly about.

The one extraordinary point about my mother was her firm belief in me and in my power of fascination.

She was apparently in perpetual dread lest some designing fair one should run away with me.

The dexterous way in which she contrived each Sabbath to interpose her dear old form between my line of vision and the pew in which sat the three Miss Robinsons, supposed to be irresistible. was simply unique. Diplomatists might have taken a lesson from the very clever manner in which she always frustrated our neighbor Miss Sweetlove's little attempts to get up a mild flirtation across the front-garden pailings; horticultural proclivities leading that young lady thitherward, each Summer evening, about the time I wended my steps toward home and the eventide meal. How sweetly she blushed amid the Virginian stock and consumptive-looking mignonette, that struggled for existence in our luxuriant

life must have been of the dismalest; she showed such anxiety lest her son showed such anxiety lest her son Esq., or to Edward A. A. Sterling, Dated at the City of Fredericton, in the County of York, this sixteenth day of December, A. D. 1876. should be tempted to enter into that state-or, was it that she wished to spare | Dec. 25, 1876.

my susceptible heart, doubting its power of resistance against the wily charms of

On what grounds she founded her fears I never could make out-certainly I showed no predeliction for female society; but any, journey from the cradle to the this was my mother's idiosyncracy, and perhaps this accounts for the singular fact that, at the romantic age of twenty no more romantic ideas filled my brain than the proper cultivation of my whiskers. As yet I had never come in contact with any young person who for a moment I had fancied as a desirable possessor of "my heart and me."

Was I not ridiculously commonplace and

I had served my time in a wool broker's office, (I wont tell you the name of our, firm, because it's of no consequence; nor will I tell you the name of the town in which we sojourned, lest, from my graphic descriptions, you should some of you make inquiries concerning said John Smith, and so, finding me out, quite frustrate my intentions.) As I said, then, I had received the last penny of the hundred pounds, paid me in course of my five years' service per agreement, and being a steady young man, not given to smoking, drinking, or other little irregularities these things are supposed to lead to, was still kept on as a sort of junior clerk. earning a modest salary, with distant prospects of a "rise."

It was in consequence of another fixed idea of my mother's (which led her to suppose that no diet contained the same nutritive qualities as that prepared beneath the maternal roof and eye) that neatly-packed parcel of sandwiches, intended for my luncheon; the more subwouldn't fasten, the rain that came in, stantial meal of dinner being incorporated and the draughts that we couldnt't keep in our six o'clock tea, since the distance out-the children who screamed and between our house and the office was too great for me to undertake it more than

This arrangement had to my mind its did ditto during the silent hours of night advantages and its disadvantages. One quarter of the time allowed us for dining, Such was the exciting scenes of my I had generally a considerable period at

One warm day toward the end of July, having finished my frugal repast, to which meal a large number of bluebottles and to observe, was but an ordinary occurence, flies had invited themselves, (encouraged, I suppose, by the fact that it was much too hot to object in any lively way to their company), feeling too lazy to talk to those sat munching his dinner, perched on his superiors-becoming sick of the smell of the oily wool samples, I rose from my

With my hands in my pockets, thinking of nothing in particular, I sauntered along. How was I to know I was on the point of experiencing the first chapter in the one mance of my life?

Slowly I loitered through the crowded horoughfares, and reached at last the imposing edifice where law and justice -which so often, it seems to me, resolve themselves into chance - are dispensed. Here I stopped for a moment, debating listlessly within myself whether I should cross the street and go on, or whether I should return to the office, the flies, and the wool samples.

Pausing thus, I idly watched the stream of faces that swept past me—some rushing along with eager, preoccupied visage, which seemed to say that, even with the thermometer at 80° in the shade, business must be attended to; others (the fat, well-conditioned kine these) puffing and blowing, to all appearance in a melting state, stopping every now and then to mop their faces, and endeavour vainly to catch a breath of air. One buxom dame, burdened with a fair share of "too, too solid flesh," I heard ejaculate to some remark of her companions, with as much acrimony as heat would allow:

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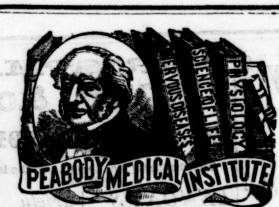
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