A Nervous Hero.

How He Trapped A Burglar.

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HAD nothing particular to send but I was truly glad to hear of my various modes of defence, the revolver, according to my usual custom-but it affair. the cutlass, and last, not least-Rover.

'Pray, let me be Rover's substitute for my revolver. think a mouse would stir without waking The cartriges were gone! the pistoi was ed. me. Why don't you send away your empty. I was transfixed a few seconds; valuables?' he continued, 'You should a cold thrill ran down my back bone. Lowton.'

'It certainly would not be a bad plan,' eyes they say, during which semi con-I agreed; 'at present it would be rather sciousness remains, a life-time of events a blow to be robbed.'

'I should think so,' replied Mr. Gordon. circumstances connected with my brother's But do you mean to say you would shoot friend flit through my brain. I had been a man in cold blood if you saw him in deceived; he was, without doubt, what, your house?'

'Undoubtedly,' I replied. 'Or run him through the body with scoundrel, who meant not only to rob my your cutlass?' laughed my companion. 'Or run him through the body with my the faintest resistance. cutlass.' I answered, with an immense tone of unhesitating valor and courage-

'just as cooly as I take my breakfast.' 'You are a brave man,' observed Mr. plice who would come to assist him in his Gordon. I would rather be robbed than depredations. It was not a pleasant

'Would you?' I responded, my courage he might be, and for me it was simply rising, with the unwonted accusation of terrific. bravery. 'I wouldn't.' I felt an arrant | It would be madness to go to his room imposter as I spoke, as I knew well enough and confront him; such a course would in my heart that my sentiments had been only precipitate matters; I must act most falsely expounded, and that I fully promptly; whatever I resolved to do endorsed the opinion he had expressed must be done, and done quickly. in preferring to be loyally robbed rather I resolved, after a short period of than imbrue my hands with the blood of deliberation, to lose not a moment in had often wondered, if it came to the to Lowton for assistance. I had not unscratch, what use I could possibly make dressed, so no time was lost in making

thick stick,' he replied: 'you may rely the dressing room door which led into upon my co-operation as far as that goes. the bedroom, leaving the door to it, which By the bye,' he continued, 'I am not sure opened on the landing, unlocked, so that that I ever saw a cutlass. It has a pirati- if my suspicions were correct-and I cal sound about it; I should like to have doubted less and less that they were soa good look at it.'

Of course I gladly acceded to his request; and another hour or more was spent in my dressing-room examining the weapons and talking over various matters concerning thein. The cutlass, a long, keen lying gently down, cautiously crept round for prin blade I steel, was handled very carefully to the back-yard. I feared Rover might in for a very searching inspection. 'You are a bold man,' he said, as he re-

placed it in its case, 'to keep loaded fire Rover, old fellow!' arms in your house; it has often led to serious accidents.' 'To tell you the truth,' I said, 'these are the last cartridges I possess. I have

ordered some more but they haven't come At last we parted for the night; but almost forgetting my possible danger. before doing so, I confided the cutlass to my friend, retaining the pistol myself, so

that in the event of anything occuring, we motionless under my anxious touch. were both fully prepared. However, nothing happened to disturb all over me. I was speechless with rage,

us. We met at breakfast, and mutually grief and indignation. But there was no laughed over my unnecessary precautions, time to indulge in such feelings. Mr. Gordon a more than ordinarily enter. on my horse was the work of a moment taining companion. He had evidently only; and favoured by the noise of the travelled a great deal, and possessed a raging elements, I led him out with the fund of general information which he certainty that no one in the house could quite understood how to make the most hear what was going on. Then I mounted use of it. I pressed him to extend his and set off at a hard gallop for Lowton. visit a few days, at all events until my I did not take long to explain my errand, wife returned, and he seemed nothing which I did by simply stating that I had loth. So two days sped agreeably away; suspicions something was meditated, from and on the morning of the third, I happen- the combined facts of Rover's death and ed to be sitting in the library, when, to the drawn cartridges. my astonishment, I heard a smothered | It did not require any persuasion to sound of voices in the drawing-room, as get a couple of stalwart policemen to if in whispered conversation. I was just accompany me back—they were so anxious going to get up to see from whom the to succeed in capturing the thieves that sounds proceeded, when Mr. Gordon ap- not a chance was thrown away. Accordpeared in the doorway. It might have ingly, leaving my horse at Lowton, the been fancy-it was treated then by me two policemen, myself, and a third con-

as such-but I did imagine he started and stable driving, started off after a short looked somewhat disconcerted for a very delay, in a small carriage, which we left brief moment; the next he was himself by itself, tying the pony to a gateway, again. 'I have been looking over your daugh- my place. Having first taken a ladder ter's musie books,' he said. 'Is she a from the stable, we groped our way to

very accomplished musician?'

'She sings a good deal,' I replied, 'and I touched one of my companions lightly is very fond of it; but I can't say she is on the arm, and in a whisper directed his very accomplished. She takes after attention to the dining room window, Arthur in her love of music.'

'Ah! indeed, responded Mr. Gordon. 'Does he still carry about his flute I Losing not another instant, I clambered asked. 'No; I don't think so,' he answered,

rather dubiously. 'By the bye,' I said presently, 'did you notice the new photograph we have of not missed me yet; probably the dressing-

him in the drawing-room? He sent it to room had not been visited, but that would follow immediately, for hardly had we us six months ago.' been five minutes in the house before a 'No; I didn't observe it,' he replied. noise, slight in itself, but still sharp and The photograph which was hanging on unmistakable, warned us that somebody the wall with others, was a most life-like was ascending the staircase-stealthy foot-

representation of Arthur; it was absolutesteps, voices muffled, but distinctly voices ly impossible for any one who had once -and presently the dining-room door was seen him to to mistake it; nevertheless, to my surprise, Mr. Gordon directed his softly opened, and we could distinguish a word here and there of a whispered congaze towards another photograph. Whether his quick instinct, or my invol- sultation, then came a slight metalic untary correction of the mistake by a sound, and a crack as if something had motion of my hand toward the real picture | given way, a jingle of silver-probably my helped him to a rectification of his error grandmother's teapot, our most precious I could not tell. The little incident heirloom-and then the hurried crinkling passed by; the photograph was duly ad- of paper. mired and pronounced a capital portrait: and we passed on to other topics. But was becoming quite rigid with nervous an impression had been made upon my excitement. I had fancied the police mind which I could neither resist nor would have rushed in upon them; but no: dismiss; nevertheless, it was there-an there he stood grasping his baton, im intangible something-a doubt, nay al moveable, as I could see by the expiring most a dread of my visitor. light of the fire, which I had fortunately

I would not press Mr. Gordon to stay; chanced to replenish just before my dis-I did not feel so cordial to him; and I covery of the drawn cartridges. was growing more and more uncomfortable | What was he waiting for? It was soon at what my wife would think of my having explained to me; they had not all come done so at all. How glad I would be to up stairs. More footsteps, more voices, see them all back again. The time had and then a hand was laid on the handle of never dragged so wearily as on the third my bed-room door, with no great regard day of Mr. Gordon's visit. I don't think to the continuance of my slumbers. I have mentioned that it was in the month | Locked ! and an oath, not necessary to of October all these things happened; the record, here followed. Then came the days were shortening, and on this particular sound of something vainly inserted in the style and workmanship. one darkness had come on more than keyhole, and then-that falling-there usually fast; it was raining, too, so we-my was a united crash against what was really wool Pickers, all suitable for country work. guest and I -- set in the library carrying a fragile doorway, and the next instant Supply Machine Cards, Crank plats Cleaners, &c. on a rather vapid conversation. At last what seemed to me a crowd of ruffians, the servant appeared, bringing in a lamp, came trooping in. There were really but NB, or Messrs James Harris & Co., St. John N. P. which, with its shade on, she placed near three men-quite enough to have robbed Feb. 5.

the center of the table by which Mr. and murdered me many times over, but Gordon was sitting. His hand was lying not too many to be trapped and caught listlessly upon it, and for the first time I in the neatest and simplest manner by observed the peculiar size of it, and the the triumphant constables, who, without long, lithe fingers—bony and thin, except a second's hesitation, surrounded the Attorney-At-Law Conveyancer. at the tips and joints, which were of astonished burglars before they had time extraordinary proportions. A powerful to realize the situation; foremost amongst hand—a clasping, clutching looking hand them I recognized my brother's friend Next above Nealis's Dry Goods Store, -not a pleasant one to encounter in Thomas Gordon, my agreeable visitor! anger. I could fancy -here I indulged Resistance was useless; they had left brother, and after dinner we sat in a terrifying reverie; but I checked my- their arms behind them, more than one talking of him for a long time. Mr. self; I called myself a fool. A man of murderous-looking weapon being found Gordon was a most agreeable companion, my time of life, giving way to such in the dining room. Besides which, my so well informed and conversable, that absurdities; it was degrading. I banished little stratagem—devised out of very fear CITY HALL, FREDERICTON the time slipped by most pleasantly, and them as well as I cou'd; but the light from had so far succeeded. I had purposely it was quite late when it first occured to the lamp still fell so directly upon that every night left out a couple of bottles of me to propose retiring to bed. It was hand that I was glad when the announce- drugged wine, which the unwelcome only then that I thought of telling him of ment of dinner caused a thorough in- visitors had unsuspectingly disposed of. sted. our chances that our rest might be dis terruption to my musings. We did not and which in a short time began to tell agreeably disturbed; but once having got sit up so late that evening-neither seem. visibly upon them; so they were easily upon the subject, I unburdened myself ed disposed to do so; and at about 10.30 secured, to the delight of the neighborpretty freely. That my house would I found myself safely shut up in my bed. hood and to the great credit and renown escape I confess I felt more than doubtful; room, preparing for rest. What prompted of myself, for I was supposed to have and I detailed, with one exception, my me, I do not know-it certainly was not signalized myself most brilliantly in the

was correct, doubtless he had more accom

from so soon discovering my absence.

But no answering sound greeted me

down and thrusting my hand into the

kennel, in my anxiety for my favorite,

I felt the familiar head and rough coat:

but it was a life!ess body that lay so

about a quarter of a mile before reaching

the front of the house, and as we got there

Through the chinks of the shutters we

could see plainly that a light was burning.

up to my half opened window, followed

quickly by the policemen, and there we

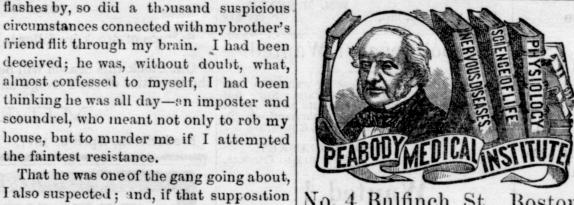
stood, hardly breathing, to listen. Every-

thing was just as I had left it. They had

Still the inspector moved not. I myself

occurred to me to take out and examine Gifford Ransford's butler identified the cidevant Tom Gordon, alias Joe Billings, to-night,' said Mr. Gordon. 'I am a There it was lying in its case, but did as his assailant; and the other two, also THE undersigned have this day entered into a particularly light sleeper, and I don't my eyes deceive me, or was I dreaming? well known characters, were also convict- and Attorneys, under the name and style of

One member of my establishment was missing on the morning after the seizure. have them deposited in the bank at could not doubt who had done it; and as and that was Mary, our new maid-servant. through whose agency, doubtless, Mr. GEO, BOTSFORD, in case with a drowning man, before whose Gordon had carried his personation of my brother's friend into execution. flashes by, so did a thousand suspicious



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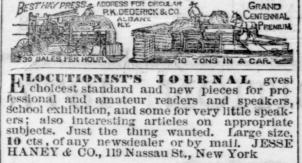
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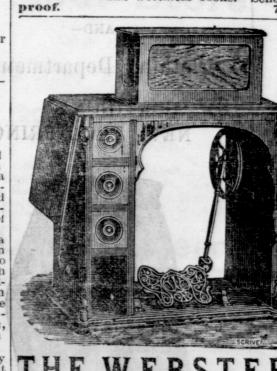
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