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#### THE LAST LEAF.

I saw him once before, As he passed by the door; And again The pavement-stones resound As he totters o'er the ground With his cane.

They say that in his prime Ere the pruning.knife of time Cut him down, Not a better man was found By the crier on his round Through the town.

But now he walks the streets, And he looks at all he meets So forlorn; And he shakes his feeble head, That it seems as if it said, "They are gone."

The mossy marbles rest On the lips that he has pressed In their bloom; And the name he loved to hear Has been carved for many a year On the tomb.

My grandmother has said-Poor old lady! she is dead Long ago— That he had a Roman nose, And his cheek was like a rose In the snow.

But now his nose is thin, And it rests upon his chin Like a staff; And a crook is in his back And a melancholy crack In his laugh.

I know it is a sin For me to sit and grin At him here, But the old three-cornered hat, And the breeches, and all that Are so queer.

And if I should live to be The last leaf upon the tree In the spring, Let them smile, as I do now, At the old forsaken bough Where I cling. -Oliver Wendall Holmes.

# ON THE STROKE OF 13.

"What? asleep at your post, you rascal! Here's pretty doings in his Majesty's service, and no mistake! So I've caught yer at last have 1?" was the harsh remark of the corporal.

"I wasn't asleep, corporal-I wasn't upon my word! I was only jist restin' a minute on my gun like," Dick protested vehemently.

"Oh, yes, that just it-only restin' a bit; o' course you wasn't sleepin'-not a bit of it!" replied the corporal in a tone of brutal ever, but with an earnestness which there mockery. "Keep that for your court martial when you're tried, my fine fellow; it

#### like; for, instead of striking twelve, it struck thirteen!"

This last word settled the whole business against poor Dick; for his judges, one and all, were indignant that he should have dared to think of gulling them (as they said) with such a gross and impudent falsehood as this tale of his having actually heard a clock strike thirteen. All the witnesses who were brought forward to show that the prisoner's conduct had always been good, and that he had done his duty without a fault ever since he first joined the regiment some months before, only wasted their breath; Dick Selby was found guilty, and sentenced to be shot!

As the doomed man was being led away a hand was suddenly laid on his shoulder, and he heard the cheery voice of Frank Beechcroft, the junior Captain of the regiment, saying to him kindly, "Cheer up, my brave lad; I believe you innocent, and, with God's help, I'll try to save you yet!"

How this was to be done Selby could not think, and he had little or no hope that anything would come of it. But even the sound of those few kind words, and the thought that in the very midst of the stern and pitiless judges who had doomed him to die there was still one man who could feel sorry for him and believe him innocent, was some comfort to him in that hour of gloom and despair.

At sunrise poor Dick was to die, and there was no sleep for him that night; for though men condemned to die will often sleep their you expect to make any serious impress on soundest on the eve of their execution the doomed recruit's troubled thoughts were not to be thus laid at rest, and the soldiers who were sent to bring him out found him still tical illustration, 'the way out,' " he answerawake.

ing nearer and nearer and nearer.

But when the innocent victim and those who guarded him reached the place of execution, the found there not only the officer who was in command of the firing-party, but several other officers as well, among whom was grim and old Colonel Allerton himself. The moment the Colonel caught sight of Dick Selby he stepped forward and said, as stiff as was no mistaking:

torily proved, and that you are now free from arrest. I regret very much that I should have blamed you without cause; and-andhere's a couple of guineas for you."

## CHASE'S CHAPTER

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I. Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills are combination of valuable medicines in concen-trated form as prepared by the eminent Physician and Author, Dr. A. W. Chase, with a view to not only be an unfailing remedy for Kidney and Liver troubles, but also tone the Stomach and purify the Blocd, at a cost that is within the reach of all. The superior merit of these pills is established beyond question by the praise of thousands who use them—one 1'ill a dose, one box 25 cents.

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#### General Booth.

A Toronto Empire representative interviewed General Booth, the head of the Salvation Army, when he was in that city. Extracts of the article are here given:

"If your scheme proves most successful, do that awful mass of misery that your book describes as existent in London?"

"No; Oh, no. I hope to show, by praced. "I am only trying to build a railway "Poor mother! who will take care of her that will carry the people from Darkest Engthe measured sound of that fatal tramp com- They will not all be pursuaded to use it in my time; they will not have a chance. But if the railway is built, and 'the way out' is made clear, that surely is the first step accomplished in the solution of this awful social problem."

"Out here in Canada it is hard to realize the difficulty," I said. We have so much room."

"That is it. There is plenty of room in many countries; but the 'the way out' means something more than the mere relief from

"No; I think we lay too much stress on heredity. I have sat at tables with fine patriarchal fathers and mothers, grown such by their own honest labors, whose sons and daughters, with all the advantages of college education, were yet of no use whatever."

He is also opposed to a Socialism that demands an equal division of property.

"What nonsense it is," he said, shaking his grey locks and looking out at me from beneath those heavy brows. "We are bound in as far as we can, to make onr fellow creatures happy; but happiness does not consist in an equal division of possessions, but in a chance to earn the essentials of life. You may need more than one, and less than annow?" muttered the gallant lad, as he heard land to a country where they will see light. other. I may require something that you do the measured sound of that fatal tramp come. They will not all be pursuaded to use it in not need at all. We have only a right to do what we can to place our fellowmen in a condition to be saved, and salvation is almost Let us pray.'

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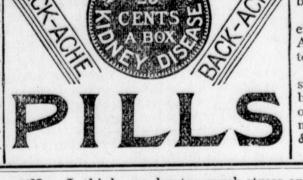


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boys; we'll soon see if sitch goings-on as them's to be allowed in our regiment!"

And poor Dick Selby, private soldier in the -th Foot, was marched away under arrest, to be tried by court martial on the charge of being found sleeping while on duty.

It was a terrible thing for any soldier to be charged with such an offence in the days of throne the dicipline of the English army had been falling lower and lower for some time days a thing to be rembered. past, and, as a natural consequence, all British officers were doubly severe just then upon any neglect of duty or breach of rule. So if this charge were proved against him, this poor lad (who was still hardly more than a boy) had nothing to expect but a dishonorable death.

The court martial was held, and Dick Selby was called before it. But everything was against the poor young fellow from the very first; for the greater part of the officers who were sitting in judgment upon him were stiff and hard-headed veterans of the old school, who would far rather condemn ten innocent strike thirteen instead of twelve that night; men than have run the risk of letting one guilty man escape.

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The malicious corporal (who had a private grudge of his own against poor Dick, and was mean and cruel enough to catch eagerly at this chance of taking his revenge) cunningly contrived to give his evidence in such a way that, while he appeared to be doing his best to spare the prisoner, he really made the case against Shelby blacker and blacker with every word he said. His testimony, too, was fully confirmed by that of four men who had been with him-solid, heavy-witted fellows, who gave the evidence which was to cost a man his life without a sign of emotion on their hard, brown, wooden faces.

These men declared that Dick Selby, when their party came up to relieve him, had been found leaning upon his musket, with his head drooping forward as if asleep; that when the corporal spoke to him, he had looked up with a start, like a man suddenly awakened; and that he had seemed troubled and bewildered, and had answered very corfusedly.

At every word of this evidence the faces of the listening officers grew darker, and the corporal turned away his head to hide an ugly smile of cruel satisfaction.

Then Dick Selby was asked what he had to say for himself; but so utterly unnerved was the ill-fated young soldier by this near prospect of a shameful death that it was some time before he could collect himself sufficiently to falter out:

"I wasn't sleeping, your honors- I wasn't indeed! I won't deny that I may have been a bit drowsy, for I'd been up all the night before as well; but I must have been awake, 'cause I could hear as plain as print, just afore the corp'ral and his men came up, the stroke o' midnight from Big Tom of West-

This wind-up came just in time to save from a somewhat lame conclusion the worthy Colonel's apology-an apology which, made King William III.; for when he came to the as it was by an English Colonel of 1698 to a recruit in his own regiment, was in those

But Dick Shelby scarcely heard what he said. After the long strain of the past night, the sudden passage from death back to life was more than the poor lad's over-tasked nerves could bear. His head whirled, and would have fallen to the ground but for the supporting hand of brave young Captain Beechcroft.

"Don't be upset, my good fellow; it's all right now!" said the young officer, as cheerily as ever. "I have brought back with me the keeper of the clock-tower at Westminster, who declares positively that the clock did and his mate had said the very same thing. So your innocence is clearly proved, you see, and God be thanked for it!"

Such was, indeed, the case; and Dick Selby lived to tell to his grandchildren, as an old man of eighty-nine, how he had once been saved from death by hearing a church clock strike thirteen.-David Ker in Harper's Young People.

### Robberies and Prize Fights.

Public Opinion, Washington, has the folowing:

One of the boldest, shrewdest and most successful train robberies in the annals of crime was committed within a few mile of the Natsonal Capital. Half a dozen men secnred a very large amount from the express messenger, and made good their escape. The same night two men robed an express car near Sacramento of about \$50,000 and are still at large. The discovery has also been made that employes in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Washington have stolen at least 50,000 and possibly as many as 200,000 two-cent postage stamps. And finally, it may be stated in this connection perhaps as appropriately as anywhere that Corbett and Fitzsimmons have formally agreed to engage in a prize fight for the champinship of the world and a purse of \$41-000 offered by an organization at Jacksonville, Fla., the fight to take place at Jacksonville after July 1, 1895, unless the Governor of Florida shall, as he declares he will, prevent it.

Mother-Why do you pack up your toys o carefully, Ethel? Ethel-To keep them for my children,

mamma. Mother-And suppose you never have

labor, self-support and self-respect." "Yes, we have room in the colonies for all

of Darkest England; but naturally we do not want criminals as settlers," I said.

"Of course not," assented the General. 'But criminals are not the worst class of the underworld. There are some splendid men among criminals. Loafers-the men who will not, or cannot, work-are by far the most difficult class to deal with. Besides, to supply the work, we must put the men in such condition and environments that they are able and willing to do it. A half-starved, intrained man is useless as a workman."

The Army leader was started on the subject nearest his heart, and leaning forward, with hands on his knees, his shaggy, lion-like head shaking in emphasis, he talked freely and at length.

"What country affords the biggest field for the Salvation Army, General ?"

"I think India presents the biggest field," he answered, thoughtfully.

"Then you do not believe that Buddhism greater than the Christian faith ?"

"No," emphatically.

"General Booth, will you tell me what you lo believe?

"I believe in God, the Father, and in Jesus Christ, His Son; I believe in the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the dead and the life everlasting."

His words were nearly those of the beautiful Apostle's creed, and quieted his hearer for a moment.

"A real, personal Christ, General ?" "A real, personal, divine Christ," he said.

"And a real resurrection, a real Heavennot viewed in some beautiful abstract sense?' I asked.

"A real resurrection and a real Heaven," he repeated simply. "Oh, I know all about t. I have had Humanitarians, Trinitarians, Unitarians come to me saying beautiful abstract things, enunciating fine mystical beliefs; but I say, 'Friends, the simple Bible faith-the faith that saves-is enough for me.' Much harm is being done by certain fine religious writings of today. Drummond's Ascent of Life, for instance-

"I havent read it yet," I said. "Don't read it," answered the General, briefly. "It is like a fine exotic, beautiful but unhealthy. Keep within the simple lit-

eral Bible faith. It is enough." "I suppose it is better. There is such a wide, wide outside," I said slowly.

"And there is such a wide, wide inside," he replied. "For what you call the insidethe simple, childlike Bible faith expands with your growth in grace until it reaches far beyond these vague religious fantasies. I haven't time in this world of perishing souls and bodies to take up these esoteric beliefs. Whatever I may have accomplished has been not by my own might or power but by simple belief in God-in the God of the Bible.

General Booth doesn't believe much in heredity-or rather he is unwilling to shift responsibility from the sinner to the sinner's forefathers.

"By heredity," he said, "I am acquisitive. My father spent his earlier years of his life n making a fortune, and the latter years in losing it. I inheredited the tendency to acquire worldly possessions; but by training and by the grace of God, which came to me in my youth, the tendency to the willing

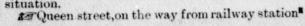
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