



As their comrades announced the return of their chief by tumultuous cries and cheers, the brigands who had collected in Sir John's cell returned to the outer cave, Annetti and the Frenchman alone remaining with the baronet.

"Barbi is telling the captain about your strange recovery," said the woman, standing in the doorway between the two caves. "Your fate will soon be decided, signor, Inglese. Perhaps the captain will fix your ransom this very day."

Sir John was thoughtful and silent. Half an hour passed while interrogatories were exchanged between Il Diavolo and his men and questions answer- Sir John said : ed; but at length Annetti announced that the captain had proceeded to his chamber.

In a few minutes more one of the brithen ? gands appeared in the doorway, stating that his chief desired to see the Inglese without delay.

The Frenchman clasped the baronet's there still, as she intended to become a hands as he rose to obey the summons, permanent member of my family. and expressed a hope that the interview would result favorably to him, and he then bade the guide lead the way.

He was conducted through the outer | tiful as she used to be? cavern-where the whole band regarded

end of the cavern, where a narrow pas- ley? sage branched off. This. passage conducted to a spacious cave, which seemed to have a second outlet.

said, evasively. In order to make the captain's apartment as quiet and retired as possible, a with whom we visit often. door has been fitted and furnished with a lock and key. This door was now a little ajar, and a hanging of heavy cloth could

the apartment. After giving the baronet a few direc- as his thoughtfulness became deeper.

tions, the guide retreated to the outer Your conduct is very mysterious, finally remarked the baronet. You quite be-

which I have gathered from different "I can hardly comprehend it. Why did you not live together ?"

The baronet was surprised, and con- "I kept Blanche quiet more than a year cluding, since the brigand seemed to but she finally demanded to be acknowknow so much about him already, that ledged as my wife. Of course during that reserve was useless, he said : year I was not all the time in Paris; 1

"Very well. I am ready to tell you had to be with my band. Blanche grew about my family. It is very small, con- jealous of these absences, for which I had sisting of my son and an adopted daugh-ter. Do you wish to inquire about either? she declared she would follow me the "An adopted daughter ?" repeated the next time I left Paris, and see where I brigand, thoughtfully. " How old is she? went. In the altercation that followed, I What is her name ?" foolishly confessed that I was Il Diavolo,

name is Amber Courtney," replied Sir ate her, but the discovery that I was no John with emotion. lord at all, but an impostor, overwhelmed The brigand looked disappointed. her, as I had feared it would. She for-

bade me her presence. I begged and "And that is all the family you have ?" implored of her to relent, but she would long gray beard that lay upon his breast he asked. "Yes, all."

"You are sure you have no visitors-no fellings towards me-for I was legally her walking amid those strange scenes, or husband-I returned to my band. When whether he was not dreaming. relatives living with you-' "Yes, I have visitors," responded the next I went to Paris, a few months later, baronet. "I have two cousins-brother she had gone, and her former chaperon and sister-living with me." either could not or would not tell me The brigand's features lighted up with where. All I could learn was, that two sudden interest.

nounced her departure, discharging her figured his fingers. maid—probably not wishing that witness How strange that "Tell me of your cousin," he said, the

Wondering more and more at the of our marriage near her-and had de-trange mystery of the bandit's behavior, parted. I searched vainly for her, but strange mystery of the bandit's behavior. could not find her. Until to day I have "She is named Blanche Longley-" had no clew to her whereabouts." The brigand uttered a strange cry. "But how did you know of me?" in "Blanche Longley !" he said, hoarsely, quired the baronet. Blanche Longley! She is at your house "Oh, Blanche used often to boast of

her wealthy relative, Sir John Courtney, The baronet mastered his astonishment but it never occurred to me that she sufficiently to reply in the affirmative. might have gone to your dwelling. " And how did you learn about Ralph's "That is," he explained, she was when I left home, and I presume she remains being in Germany? Blanche couldn't

have known that." "After I had learned so much about And you could have told me all this a year ago, if you had had your senses! family of English tourists, whom I fre-murmured the chief, regretfully. If I quently met in Paris. In that way I pick-must have been see I family of English tourists, whom I fre-that brigand told me the truth. Yet it had only known it. Is Blanche as beau. ed up a little informrtion."

"So Blanche is actually your wife ?" "Yes, she is very lovely. But what "Actually and truly my wife. And him curiously, his sudden recovery look- can one so dark and terrible as Il Diavolo, love her now more than ever. I would ing to them like a miracle-to the farther the brigand chief, know of Blanche Long- give all I have in the world to reclaim her. their way to Salerno.

If she would only forgive me I should be The brigand smiled strangely. supremely happy. "Would you give up your present oc-She is very secluded at your home? he cupation endeavor to become a respect-Quite so, although we have neighbors able member of society ?" asked Sir John

thoughtfully. "I would. I would do anything to re-Your son is at home?

gain her. I know her faults-she has To the best of my belief-yes. The brigand frowned. I do not like many-but I love her, and can excuse be seen inside, shutting out any view of that, he observed, as if musing. And yet them all. Do you believe she would for--and yet. His voice became inaudible give me, Sir John, and reinstate me in her

Arrived near Salerno, they dismount-"I do not know. She has been to ed, and their guide left them, taking his darling were suffering

CHAPTER XXXV. while it's getting ready, I'll tell you all the news. THE INNKEEPER'S NEWS.

He withdrew, countermanded th What exultant emotions thrilled the order for the vehicle which Sir John had ordered, gave directions for a dinner heart of Sir John Courtney as he found himself beneath the sunshine of heaven

suitable for his distinguished guest, and and with the fresh air fanning his then returned to the parlor with a calmer demeanor.

"When did you say this wedding was Although his year of captivity was as to be, Mr. Goss ?" asked the baronet. if it had not been, the very air he "I don't know the day, Sir John breathed seemed strange to him, and "She is about seventeen now, and her the dread brigand. That did not alien- the breezed that sighed among the trees but soon, of course. I've been hopin', had an unfamiliar sound. sir, that something'd happen so that

they wouldn't get married at all," said He almost doubted, as he caught sight of his ragged clothing and the the innkeeper, desperately.

"And why not, sir ?" demanded Sir not. Hoping that time would soften her whether it was indeed himself who was John, sternly.

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"Because, to my humble thinking, she ain't worthy of Sir Ralph-I mean He rubbed his eyes with his hands to Mr. Ralph-beg parding, Sir John.' assure himself that he was really awake, "Not good enough for my son! Miss Amber not good enough for my son and then started, as he for the first time months before my arrival she had an. noticed the long, claw-like nails that disrepeated the baronet. his sternness deepening. "Be careful what you say."

" I aint speaking of Miss Amber, Sir How strange that a year had dropped John," whimpered Mr. Goss. "She rom his life, like a bead from a string. How equally strange had been his aint to be the bride. It's to be Miss Blanche eturn to consciousness!

Sir John looked stupefied. In his great gladness he clasped the urgeon who had restored him in "Miss Blanche to be the bride !" he said, in a hollow whisper. strong embrace, and sobbed like a child.

"Yes, Sir John. So she told her When he had recovered his calmness. and had become somewhat used to his

The room seemed to reel round the personal appearance, he reflected upon the revelation that had been made him baronet

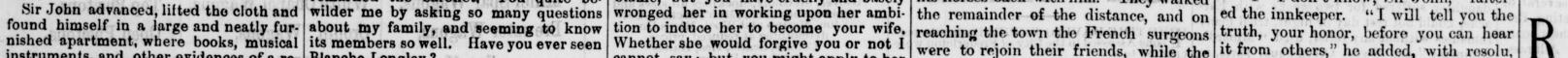
Could it be, he asked himself, that by Claonville. Blanche would commit a crime to obtain "Everything seems strange," he muryou I very naturally inquired about your mured. "I can hardly believe that the rank for which he had always been so ambitious ? Would she commit must have been so. If things would bigamy?

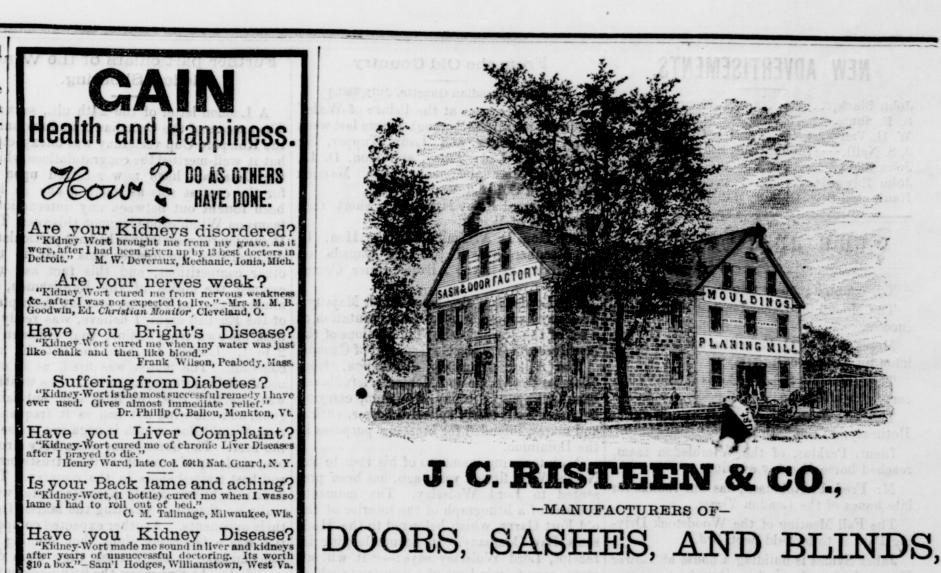
only seem more real! Then he thought of Amber-how They walked to the place where the carefully he had educated her to love horses were kept, mounted, and took his son, and of how terribly she must be stricken by this blow.

How his heart yearned over her at The day was beautiful-one of those ovely Italian days that linger in the that terrible moment. memory-but to the baronet all looked "I have returned to comfort her." he thought. "She shall find balm dreamy and unreal.

He almost expected to awaken soon her old father's affection." The tears sprang to his eyes, and ren his library at Courtney Hall. lieved the weight upon his brain, But as the party journeyed onward "Is-is Miss Amber well ?" he asked he lost this dreamy sensation, and began hesitating how to put the question in to look at affairs in their true light. the most delicate manner, and learn if

"I-I don't know, Sir John," falter blame, but you have cruelly and basely his horses back with him. They walked





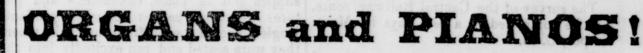
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W were to rejoin their friends, while the it from others," he added, with resolu, ILALVY AL, the Hallett and Cumston, and an number of other makers of Planos, which we instruments, and other evidences of a re- Blanche Longley ? cannot say; but you might apply to her baronet proceeded to a quiet hotel, but tion. "Miss Blanche drove Miss fined taste abounded. The only occupant | The brigand smiled, as he replied in the and express your repentance." will sell on easy terms. Call and try them at the store. "Would you be my ambassador to not before he had again expressed his Amber away from the Hall more than a of this chamber was Il Diavolo himself. affirmative. He was reclining on a lounge when the "What can Blanche Longley, one of the her?" asked the brigand, with feverish gratitude for the great service they had year ago." (Operating 443 miles.) J. F. MCMURRAY. baronet entered, but he arose, greeted purest and most saintly of women, have eagerness. "Will you bear to her a mes- rendered him. They declared that they "Drove her away ?" him by an inclination of the head, and the in common with a man like you? Where sage for me?" "Yes, Sir John. She sent her off were equally indebted to him, since they two men then surveyed each other with have you seen her ?" The baronet assented. owed him their freedom, and they one night, without any of her luggage, considerable curiosity. SUMMER TIME TABLE. "And will you use your influence in The brigand crossed the floor several Fire and Life Insurance. which is at the Hall this minute, and separated from him with much regret. The robber chief was about thirty years times with a thoughtful air, as if ponder- my behalf?" Miss Amber has never been seen since." The first act of Sir John was to subof age, tall and slender and with a coun- ing whether to contide in his prisoner or "No, I cannot promise that. I am very The baronet uttered a groan of tenance which, once seen, could not easily not, but he finally seated himself near the sorry that Blanche should ever have been mit himself to the hands of a barber, All trains are run on Eastern standard have been forgotten. Ilis hair and eyes baronet, and said : anguish betrayed into a marriage with you; but the second to a tailor. time, which is 36 minutes slower than were as black as jet, while his complexion You have never heard Blanche speak having been, perhaps the best had better "This - this is increditable !" he saint John actual time. With his beard removed and his English and American Companies, Old and Reliable. seemed to have been originally florid, but of me? be made of the affair. If you would rewhiskers trimmed, and with a decent gasped. was now burned to a deep bronze color. form you might have some chance with Never! suit of clothes, he felt more like himself. "Bessie, Miss Amber's maid, over-He wore a heavy moustache, the long It's a singular story-our acquaintance, her. Representing in Capital and Assets over \$100,000,000.00. COMMENCING JUNE 2nd, 1884, Trains will He had already begun to lose sight of heard the whole, Sir John. She listenends of which were curled, and a long, remarked the chief. No wonder you are "But, if you were my ambassador to Urun as follows his late experiences, and to look forward ed, I s'pose She said that Miss Blanche forked beard, which had a strange effect. surprised to learn that one so lovely as her, you would say nothing against mecame to Miss Amber's room, and told His dress, which had evidently just been Blanche should have anything in common nothing to prevent her forgiving me ?" St. John Division. to his return home. changed, was extremely jaunty and pic-turesque, and was composed of black vel-vet, trimmed with a profusion of gold cord aud gold lace. This personage re-vet, trimmed with a profusion of gold cord aud gold lace. This personage re-Imperial, of London, England. He pictured Amber's delight, Ralph's her she was a dependent, and that Mr. The baronet hesitated. Established 1803. DEPARTURES. Capital, \$8,000,000.00 He regarded the brigand narrowly and joy, at beholding him. and he almost Ralph hated her, and more stuff like 25 A. M., - From Water Street, St. John-Ætna. of Hartford, Conn. searchingly. wept in anticipation of the joyful scene. that, and told her to leave the Hall Mixed accommodation for Fredericton. Established 1819. Capital, \$3,000,000.00 Perhaps he saw in the anxious face be-30 A. M.-From Water Street, St. John-Bos-With an impatience and eagerness to immediately. Miss Amber was heart-Hartford, of Hartford, Conn. garded Sir John with considerable curi- the promised confidence. fore him the gleam of a better nature ; ton Fast Express for points West, and perhaps he thought that that erring soul clasp them in his arms, he left Salerno broken, and went on foot to the station. Established 1809. for St. Stephen, St. Andrews, Houlton, Woodstock, and all points North and osity, the clear, keen eyes, the anxious Capital, \$1,250,000.00 might yet be redeemed, for he answered; that very night, and proceeded to Paris where she took a ticket to Lun'on. Northern, of London, England. face, and the dignified carriage of the Established 1836. baronet presenting a strange contrast to his late listleness and melancholy. Capital, \$15,000,000.00 "No. I will do nothing to dissuade her with as little delay as possible. He did Since then no one has seen her." 4 30 P. M.-From Water Street, St. John-Ex-Fire Ins. Association (Ltd.) of London, England. from forgiving you. I will state your not stop in Paris over night, but sped The baronet pressed his hands against press for Fredericton. 8 30 P. M.-From Water Street, St. John-Night "You wished to see me?" said Sir words fairly to her, and leave her to act on to Boulogne, and hastened to his heart, as if to still its tumultuous Capital, \$5,000,000.00 Express for points West, and for St. Stephen, Woodstock, Houlton, and all John, in Italian. upon her own judgment." City of London Fire Ins. Co. (Ltd.) of London, Eng. London with the utmost rapidity. beating. "I sent for you," responded the bri-gand, in English. "Sit down, sir. You CHAPTER XXXIV. points North. "Then you shall go to her immedi-"We think, Sir John," ventured Mr. 1 09 P. M.-From Fredericton for St. John. Capital, \$10,000,000.00 Not a doubt entered his mind but ately," cried Claonville, eagerly, starting that the family was at Courtney Hall, British Empire Mutual Life Assurance Co. of London, Eng. "SHE IS MY LAWFUL WIFE !" do not look much now as you did the last Goss, "as Miss Amber got a situation 6 25 A. M .- From Fredericton, for points West, to his feet. "You shall start within the North and South, and St. John. and he proceeded thither without an as governess, though of course we knew time I saw you. So your year of captivity The brigand became silent and thoughthour. From this moment, Sir John, you 4 30 P. M.-From Fredericton for St. John. nothing about it. Only she didn't 7 00 A. M.- From Gibson, for Woodstock and here has been like a dream to you ?" No, not like a dream, said the baronet, cation, and Sir John began to fear that "But yo hour's delay in the metropolis. Detached Residences in town and country insured for 3 years at lowest rates. have much money, your honor, so Bessie "But your men-will they not object?" Arrived at Hepney, he crossed over points north. taking a seat. "I have not the faintest his curiosity was doomed to remain un-Large deposits at Ottawa for benefit of Policy Holders, " "I am master there !" returned the says, and if she's alive, she must be to Mr. Goss's Crown Inn, and demanded recollection of a single incident. In fact, satisfied, but at length Il Diavolo re- brigand chief, proudly. "They would a vehicle, with the swiftest horses at doing something. But she was such a FAIR RATES and PROMPT PAYMENT of LOSSES. I can hardly persuade myself that I have marked : ARRIVALS. not dare gainsay my word. Your money, delicate young lady, Sir John, that I not been taken captive to-day." JOHN BLACK. command 30 A. M., at St. John-Fast Express Train from "Before revealing to you the great mys- of course, was taken from you when you He waited in the shady little parlor much misdoubt if she's living yet." all points West, and from St. Stephen, Woodstock, Houlton, and all points North "Strange !" Agent for York County tery of my life, it may be well to explain came-how much had you ?' Sir John looked at the brigand with re- to you who and what I reallyam. The seof the inn while the vehicle was being Again the baronet groaned with his Office on Queen Street, over the Telegraph Office, directly opp. the Post Office. Sir John named the amount. 9 15 A. M., at St. John, Water Street-Express newed interest-it seemed so strange that cret will remain safe with you, I am sure, terrible mental suffering. The brigand drew his purse from his got ready. he should be speaking English, and with for reasons which you will soon discover. 4 30 P. M., at St. John, Water Street-Express pocket and handed it to the baronet. Mr. Goss hastened to the parlor to There's not one of the tenants, Sir from points West, and from St. Stephen. St. Andrews, Woodstock, Houlton, Fredeso little accent. I'am by birth an Englishman. My father That will more than cover your loss, offer his guest some refreshment, but John, continued the innkeeper, who "I have questioned you several times was English, mother Italian. My name is he said. Have you anything else to say during your stay with us," remarked the Claonville-" ricton, and all points North and South will be pleased with the new Lady almost fainted on recognizing him. 00 P. M., at St. John, Water Street - Mixed to me? chief, "but could not elicit a word from Courtney. But how I am rattlin' on, "Sir John Courtney!" he cried, sitaccommodation from Fredericton. "I have heard that name before," in. I wish to inquire about the two French you. You had even forgotten your name. terrupted Sir John, involuntarily. your honor, and the train going in a 4 35 P. M., at Fredericton from points West, ting down. "It is a ghost! Murder! surgeons who restored me to reason. Will North and South. You came to ransom a prisoner. Was he couple of hours. May I make so bold "You have. My mother possessed a you not set them free, too? Eavens !---7 30 P. M., at Fredericton from St. John. NEW RICH BLOOD MAKE your relative ?" haughty, unbending spirit, and my father The chief remained silent for several as to ask you how you came to be so "It is no ghost, my good Mr. Goss," 11 20 A. M., at Fredericton from St. John. "He was." And will completely change the Hood in the entire system in three months. Any perwas much like her. Their married life, minutes, and finally replied : exclaimed the baronet. "It is myself long away ? 4 20 P. M., at Gibson, from Woodstock and "Who are you ?" son who will take 1 Pill each ... ight from 1 to 12 weeks, may be restored to sound which began with love, ended with bitter They shall be freed too; they shall acpoints north. Another time, Mr. Goss-another First tell me-is he really dead ? ques- recriminations and abuse. Finally, in a company you. One of the men shall -Sir John Courtney in person. Did health, if such a thing be possible. For curing Female Complaints these Pills have no ne Pullman Sleeping Cars on Night Trains, and Dining Room Cars on Day Trains, to and tioned the baronet. "I will cling to hope fit of jealousy or rage, my father is said to guide you to Salerno, and you will hasten time! responded the baronet. in a low, equal. Physicians use them in their practice. Sold everywhere, or sent by mail for you think me dead ?" "'Eavens! What a question! We've choked voice. from Bangor. Berths secured at ticket office, as long as possible. eight letter-stamps. Send for circular. I. S. JOHNSON & CO., BOSTON, MASS. have caused my mother's death, and fled then to your home. "As sure as that you live. After your from England. I was claimed by my I will. But how shall I communicate Water Street-G. A. Freeze, agent. The innkeeper was awed by the buried you ! You're in the family vault. treachery, Barbi, who was with the men, I Italian relatives, who taught me to hate with you? CROUP, ASTHMA, BRONCHITIS, No train leaves St. John Saturday night Oh, I know this is a warning to me terrible emotion of Sir John, and stole being absent, gave the order to fire, and the very name of Englishman. That is I will follow you to England. Perhaps that I'm not long for this world-" JOHNSON'S ANODYNE LINIMENT will insta from the parlors, leaving his guest to A train arrives at St. John from the Wes ten. Information that will save your relative fell dead. There can be no my story. You heard the name of Claon- I will start within a week. If Blanche re-"Buried me ?" repeated the baronet. himself. Sunday morning and a train leaves for doubt about it. A bullet found its way ville when the news was one of the topics mains scornful, I will return; if she is ives sent free by mail. Don't delay a West Sunday night. tion is better than cure "What do you mean? Be sensible, Mr. to his brain. You may consider yourself of the day. My father died somewhere placable, I will go where she wills. You The dinner, hastily prepared, was JOHNSON'S ANODYNE LINIMENT (For Internal and Ex Through connections are made from Boston Goss. Explain your strange behavior." soon placed upon the table, but the fortunate that your treachery was not abroad, and I came into the inheritance of will tell her, Sir John, he added anxiously, punished by your own death." "But I did not betray you," declared place, which now goes by the name of the name? You will also mention that I lib-erated the French gentlemen at your de on Sunday nights ing at the Lungs, Chronic Hoarseness, Hacking Cough, Whooping Cou baronet made no effort to eat. He did Chronic Rheumatism, Chronic Diarrhea, Chronic Dysentery, Cholera Morbus, Kidney Troubles, Diseases of the Spine and Lame Back. Sold everywhere. Send for pamphlet to I. S. Jonxson & Co., Boston, Mass. Gradually recovering his calmness, Connexion is made at Vanceboro with trains of the Maine Central Railway to and from all points West, at Fredericton Junction for Frethe innkeeper became convinced that Sir not even take a seat at the table. An English Veterinary Surgeon and Chen He had pictured continually on the erated the French gentlemen at your de John was still alive, and he responded : dericton, and at Gibson by branch line, for all now traveling in this country, says that mo of the Horse and Cattle Powders sold her ing of those soldiers than yourself. I "I grew up wild and reckless," contin- sire? I want to appear as well as possible "Then we've buried the wrong man ! journey homeward the warm welcomes points North. acted in good faith throughout. No one was more surprised than myself when they appeared." I grew up whit and reckless, contine pressed for money, and not liking work, I joined this band as a lieutenant. The I can not let you go, eager as I am to But I could ha' sworn he was you, Sir John. Greggs fetched home a body as would impart to his family—but how Tickets for sale in Fredericton at New Bruns-Richards & Son's Ticket Agency, Queen street. are worthless trash. He ondition Powders are absolutely pure a immensely valuable. Nothing on earth will make hens lay like Sheridan's Condition Powders. Dose, I teasp'r ful to I pint field. Sold everywhere, or sent by mail for 8 letter-stamps. I. S. 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of the soldiers.'

The firm tones, and the clear gaze that met unflinchingly the keen scrutiny of law. the brigand, produced a strong effect

upon the latter

mistaken ?" he murmured.

remarked : "I have spared your life dur-ing your illness, on account of the inter-is very well content in being left in com-He left the chamber, proceeding to the est taken in you by Annetti, Barbi's wife. mand, and the men think all I do is right main cavern. Although the men were anxious to put you to death for your supposed treachery, the woman's counsels prevailed. But it ightful existence. I visit Paris, England the men with the found the frenchmen the center of a band of bandits, who were eagerly ques-tioning them as to the mode in which they It you recover your senses, your life was to be paid a forfeit. I find it hard to doubt your word, having had great experience in reading faces, and think it probable where I go by the title of Lord Claonville. in reading faces, and think it probable where I go by the title of Lord Claonville. in reading faces, and think it probable where I go by the title of Lord Claonville. in reading faces, and think it probable where I go by the title of Lord Claonville. in reading faces, and think it probable where I go by the title of Lord Claonville. in reading faces, and think it probable where I go by the title of Lord Claonville. in reading faces, and think it probable where I go by the title of Lord Claonville. in reading faces, and think it probable where I go by the title of Lord Claonville. in reading faces, and think it probable where I go by the title of Lord Claonville. in reading faces, and think it probable where I go by the title of Lord Claonville. in reading faces, and think it probable where I go by the title of Lord Claonville. in reading faces, and think it probable where I go by the title of Lord Claonville. in reading faces, and think it probable where I go by the title of Lord Claonville. in reading faces, and think it probable where I go by the title of Lord Claonville. in reading faces, and think it probable where I go by the title of Lord Claonville. in reading faces, and think it probable where I go by the title of Lord Claonville. in reading faces, and think it probable where I go by the title of Lord Claonville. in reading faces, and think it probable where I go by the title of Lord Claonville. in reading faces, and think it probable where I go by the title of Lord Claonville where I go by the title of Lord Claonville where I go by the title of Lord Claonville where I go by the title of Lord Claonville where I go by the title of Lord Claonville where I go by the title of Lord Claonville where I go by the title of Lord Claonville where I go by the title of Lord Claonville where I go by the title of may therefore consider your life as safe, to it. But it's not every Englishman who they were saints.

provided the proposed demand for your studies the peerage, and foreigners, of We'll try their saintliness, growled Bar-The baronet bowed. As a preliminary to business, resumed

the brigand, "you will tell me your name emotion passed over his face, and then ransom. and station. continued The baronet hesitated.

Courtney Hall--"

"Is it possible? The wealthy baronet? less. I stopped the horses-it was not a And Colonel Courtney, whom you came difficult thing to do so-and the two ladies to ransom, was your brother ?"

dering at the brigand's strange agitation. I met often. I was known to her as Lord "How strange! Why did I not suspect Claonville. 1 grew to love her with all it?" muttered the chief, arising and pac- my strength, she was so different from me ing to and fro. "Yet how could I? Col. I delighted in her golden hair and soft Courtney never mentioned that his broth-er was a baronet, and I did not see the own dark looks, and she loved me-I address on the letter he dispatched."

"You have heard of me, then, before ?" inquired Sir John, in astonishment.

"Often, sir often. In truth, I regard most worshiped her !" you as a relative."

The baronet began to think that his convulsed with emotion, Apparently companion was taking leave of his senses. ashamed of this weakness, he struggled "Regard me as a relative !" he ex- to recover his calmness, and soon suc-

claimed. "An English baronet the rela- ceeded. tive of an Italian brigand !"

a strange smile. "Ob, if I had only sus- stronger than her love, as I now know. I pected the identity of Colonel Courtney, told her a very plausible story about not he might have been living new. But he being free to marry before I had attained was so reserved so determined to reveal the age of twenty-eight-I was then nothing of his circumstances."

The brigand seemed to feel a keen re- deceived Blanche thoroughly in that regret as he said this, and after a pause he spect. But I assured her that I could around the chamber for her. I would continued :

"Have no fears of me, Sir John. We be ultimately acknowledged. She bewill arrange the affair of your ransom lieved me a lord, and immensely wealthy, peared from his late cell. after a little conversation. Will you be She consented to a secret wedding." kind enough to talk to me of yourself, Sir John uttered an exclamation. your family, your relatives ?"

"Yes," continued the brigand, thought-This singular demand quite puzzled the tully, "she consented. Anything can be but this regret was speedily lost in her done with money, Sir John and we were ioy at his recovered freedom. haughtily : "I do not care to speak of my married in a quiet chapel, with but two Heaven bless you, Annetti, said the

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exclaimed Sir John, the prospect of go. He seemed to feel a sort of gloomy ing home having greatly excited him. propounded. pride in thus confessing himself an out- The sooner I depart the better. "I like ease and gayety," he resumed,

and's mood "and sometimes tire of this cavern and Your clothes are very shabby, Sir John "Can Barbi and the men have been mistaken?" he murmured. He was thoughtful a moment, and then I feel thus restless I go somewhere and men, as I wish to explain your departure "I our clothes are very shadoy, on your shadoy,

has always been understood that, should Naples-any place I for the moment pre- had performed their miraculous cure upon

course, are easily imposed upon in that bi. One of our fellows is getting worse, asked, his voice choking with emotion, and I forsee that these prisoners are and his heart throbbing with excite He paused a moment, while a shade of bound to lose their heads or pay a big ment.

A long laugh greeted this remark. "It was in one of my visits that I met

A moment's reflection, however, con- Blanche Longley. Our first meeting was appeared among them. The Frenchman acquired. Peace, my men ! said their chief, as he vinced him that frankness was the best rather romantic. She was driving, with have done well with the wounded, as you course he could adopt, and he replied: the lady who acted as her chaperon, in told me yourselves. I am going to send "I am Sir John Courtney, Baronet, of Courtney Hall--"

A low murmur was the only response trol over them. Her friend screamed "Sir John Courtney ?" he repeated. with terror, but she sat pale and motionthe brigand received from his men. A couple of simple surgeons cannot pay a ransom, continued Il Diavolo, unheeding the slight demonstration of his band. were so kind as to think that I had saved "He was," replied the baronet, won- their lives. From that time, Blanche and They and the Inglese are free. look displeased at this statement.

> making another journey soon. You will, of course, be left in command. It thereknow she did! I delighted in her deliinsubordination. cacy of appearance, so opposed to my own rude strength. In short, Sir John, I al-

His voice trembled and his face was

"I said Blanche loved me," he said.

"Even so," responded Il Diavolo, with "I was right: but her ambition was ed to take its departure.

> twenty-seven-and, astute as she was, 1 contract a secret marriage, which should bid her farewell.

Englishman was going, and she felt a little Mr. Goss applied natural regret at losing her late charge, his eyes, as he said :

baronet with the solution to the enigma already a husband living, and Amber, his darling, had been driven forth from "It was my brother's body, Mr. Goss. her rightful home into the hard, cold

This eagerness accorded with the brig- He fell dead beside me, and Greggs world.

must have thought it was me. But I It was no wonder, then, that the should have thought he would have baronet was almost distracted with his grief.

Mr. Goss explained that the body in The minutes dragged like hours to question had been robbed of its clothing. his tortured mind ; he paced to and fro "Then it was Colonel Courtney as with hurried step, inaction seeming we mourned over, Sir John. There was torture, and indulged in all sorts of no mistake about this being a Court- conjectures as to the whereabouts of Amber.

The baronet took the ticket and pre-"How is the family at the Hall?" he ceded Mr. Goss to the front of the inn, where a small crowd of his tenants had assembled, Mr. Goss having hastened to

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spread the marvelous news of their land Mr. Goss was silent, and his usually lord's return to them alive and well. ruddy face lost the color it had just re-Sir John was greeted by them with

enthusiastic cheers, and he mechanically Sir John was instantly alarmed, raised his cap in acknowledgment of the honor, but he had the look of a

blind man groping about in a strange "Oh, no, Sir John-leastways, I hope place. His pale countenance awed many, and some of the tenants were convinced that it was the ghost of their " Left the Hall ?"

lord that they beheld. "Yes, Sir John, and gone up to The innkeeper, startled at the Not a man, except Barbi, ventured to Lun'on for the season. They are havin' baronet's physical weakness, begged him to lean upon him, and he then conducted gay times, with balls, and parties, and Lieutenant, said the chief, I think of such like."

The baronet felt a pang of disappointhim to the station, and soon after placed him in the train. It was late in the afternoon when Sir

John reached London, and he drove "So they are at our town house?" he asked. "You think they are all immediately to Courtney House, dismissed the cab, and knocked at the door well ?

who found themselves unable to compre-hend the scene and said : Contlored ways for the scene and said that was, but who is now married to a likely young fellow-she had a letter from The surgeons expressed their gratitude Miss Longley's maid the other day. those sufferers from Kidney and Liver at the brigand's unexpected act of justice saying that her mistress told her that

"The wedding !" interrupted the relief from other remedies and from baronet, his face losing its extreme doctors. Natures great remedy, Kid-Where is Annetti, to whom I owe my pallor. "Then my great and lifelong ney-Wort, has effected cures in many life? asked the baronet, vainly looking wish is about to be realized. This is joyful news to meet me on my arrival.

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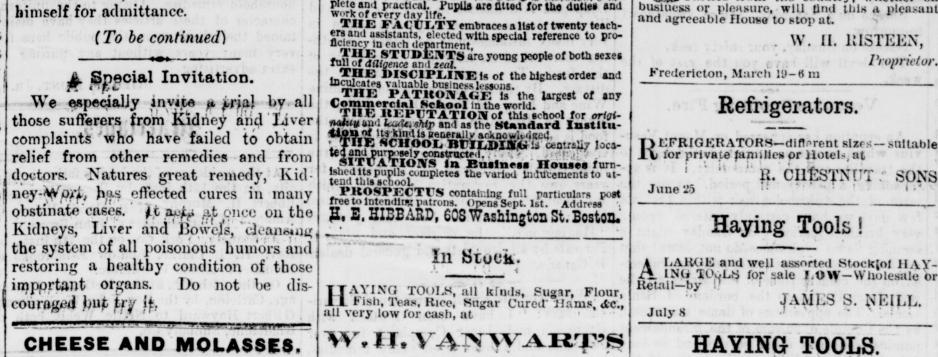
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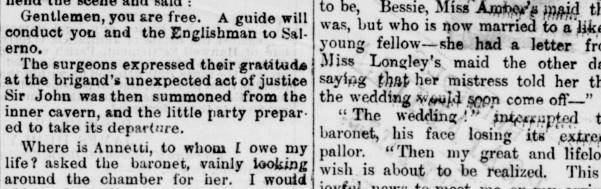
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At the sound of his voice Annetti ap-She had heard the captain say that the welcome for being unexpected.

ment fore ill becomes you to set an example of Had be been so soon forgotten ? Barbi's face was instantly wreathed with smiles at the thought of soon again being the nominal captain of the band. "Well, yes, Sir John," responded bimself for admittance. The chief then turned to the French-

The dear children will have one guest

Mr. Goss applied his jacket-sleeve to

"Are they ill?" he faltered. Amber-Ralph-dead ?" not," replied the innkeeper, finding his voice. "But they have left the Hall."