THE FACE IN THE PLANK.

A TRUE GHOST STORY. Last summer I was living at the upswift East river current, and I became
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swift East river current, and I became per edge of Harlem. I always ame quite learned in the matter of tides down town in the morning by the elevated railroad, being usually in a hurry. In the evening having more time to tide would be favorable at least as far spare, I preferred going home by the as the mouth of Harlem, I invited boats that ran up the East and Harlem | Charley Gnest to take passage in my rivers. The air of the water was pleas- rowboat, and submit to a late dinner ant to me, and the kaleidoscope of the lighted river front continually presented new features of interest.

One evening when I was on the boat going up the East river, I had a strange took the rudder lines, and went up the and startling experience. Night had set in early, as the day

had been dark, and the river front was not yet fully lighted. The boat was mentioned, I had never again seen the running pretty close to the New York face in the plank. Therefore I was shore, and I was at my usual place, on compelled to connect it with the Harthat side of the boat, on the lower deck, lem boat and the suicide, and that as near to the water as possible, leaning | circumstance impressed me. on the rail and gazing alternately at the water and the docks.

my strange experience began. The pier that I speak of was planked up at the sides and at the water end with upright planks, which were pro-bably fastened to stringers across the piles. I had noticed that before, as I minute observer. At the time I speak of there was also a bright lantern light at the head of the pier, doubtless intended as a signal for some vessel that

was expected to land there. Suddenly, while I was gazing at the pier without being especially interested in it, a human face became visible in one of the planks near the middle, as if it had been framed there.

It was a man's face not at all good looking, with coarse and brutalfeatures and with wild and staring eyes. The light from above neither lighted it up nor cast it into the shade, but enabled it to be clearly seen from where I stood. I should add that the tide was then low, and that the spot at which the face was framed in the plank appeared to be a little below high water mark.

The vision—that was what I was compelled to call it-was so weird and unexpected that it startled me. Though not at all timid, I am a nervous person, of the pier. and I confess it upset me.

In another moment the boat passed beyond the pier, and I lost the view of that pallid and sinister face, but not by any means the remembrance of it. I had been working very hard of late

compressing a good deal of my sort of labor into a very few hours every day, and there had been more or less worry mixed with it, and the weather was some desperate work. very hot. It was natural therefore, that I should believe that I was beginning to be ill, and that my illness afflicted me with the unpleasant faculty of seeing things that did not exist.

As there is not a particle of supersti-tion in my nature, I told myself that I had been the victim of an optical illusion, and that there could not possibly have been any such face framed in the plank of the pier as that which I supposed I saw.

That was also the opinion of my wife when I related my experience to her.— Though I had reason to suspect that she took a more serious view of the vision than I did, she was of the opin-ion that I had been overworking my-self in the hot weather, and that I needed rest and recreation. There was noth ing for it, she said, as good as country air and an absence from work and business bother, and she was determined that I should have the air and the ab-

I left the matter in her hands, concerning myself only with arranging matters so that I could leave the city for a while and the result of her machinations was that our little family was shipped off to a farm house back of the Catskills, where we could not even get the daily papers until they were so stale that I cared nothing for them.

It seems to me that I led there as easy and indolent a life, as far as business cares are concerned, as a man could lead, and after a while the weird face which I had seen framed in the plank ceased to haunt my dreams. Then I considered myself cured.

We were in the country but two weeks, that being the limit of the absence I had allowed myself, and when we returned to town I resumed my former habit of taking the elevated road to business, and a Harlem boat home in the evening. It was on my second trip up the river by the boat that I had a recurrence of the vision which had so seriously troub-

led me. I was on the lower deck again, standing at the forward guard rail, watching | When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria, the always interesting panorama of the lighted river front, when the boat pass ed that same pier above Corlaer's Hook, and I noticed the same lantern hanging when she had Children, she gave them Castoria, when she had Children, she gave them Castoria,

Suddenly, directly under the lantern, and a little below high water mark, as I had previously judged, appeared the same weird, sinister, brutal, evil-looking face which I had seen there before, pallid and corpse-like, with wild and demolished several houses and threw a staring eyes, framed there in the plank freight train off the track.

as when it first confronted me. I was so startled and shocked by this second vision, that I staggered back we would recommend you to give at once from where I stood, and might have fall- Dr. McLean's Vegetable Worm Syrup, it en if a deck hand had not caught me is not only a safe and effectual remedy, but and held me up.

"What's the matter, boss? he asked Are you sick?" "I'm afraid that something is the matter with me," I answered faintly. Did you notice the pier we just passed?

'That one where the lantern hangs?
I'most always notice it, but I didn't

look that way to-night. Is there any- Ont. thing the matter with it? "Did you see a ghost there? "No, but I wouldn't be a bit surprised to see something in that line. It was

just off that pier that a passenger on this boat jumped overboard and committed suicide. He was standing just where you were a bit ago, and all of a sudden he got over the rail, and into the water he went. We stopped the boat and did all we could to save him, but nothing was seen of him after he yard's Yellow Oil is the best external and went overboard. 'What kind of a man was he?'

'I thought he had been on a big spree, and that he had got a touch of the jim-jams. He was a hard-looking ease, one of the toughest subjects I ever saw. His face was as pale as a She was burned to death. Jealousy was sheet, and his eyes were wild and the motive.

queer. I saw him just before he jumped and he had the look of a crazy man. Say, boss, don't you think you had better go into the cabin and rest a

captain about me, as some person cone nected with the boat kept me in sighuntil I was safe ashore in Harlem.

afflicted with lingering disease is best remedied by the invigorating and restoring properties of B. B. B. As I have said, I am not a bit sughosts, even such as are provided by

perstitious, and am no believer in our spiritualist friends; yet the coincidence of the suicide with my vision and the similiarity between his des' cription and the face in the plank troubled me more than I care to con-

I made no mention of my last experience to my wife, as I thought she had been worried enough about that matter; but I did consult my family physician about it, as I considered my second illusion to be indicative to some serious constitutional disorder. He was of the same opinion, and advised me to take an abundance of exercise, so that was the only thing, except an entire absence from work and worry, and a complete change of air

I hired a rowboat for the remainder of the season, arranged for shortening my working hours, and rowed myself

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

all the way down and up the Harlem and East rivers whenever the tide would serve me. Of course I could

One evening in September, as the at my home in Harlem.

Charley was detained by business, as it happened, and it was dark when we got away. I took the oars and he East River with the tide.

In rowing up previously, though I passed close to the pier which I have

On this occasion we had passed Corlaer's Hook, and were a little below It was when we were passing a pier a and in sight of that pier, when a rowlittle way above Corlaer's Hook that boat came up and passed us swiftly. It was rowed by two men, who were evidently pulling their best, and in the stern was seated a man whose face strikingly reminded me of the face [ had seen framed in the plank. Opposite the pier he jumped overboard, and had everything slong the river, being a the remaining two men in the boat without seeming to notice his performance, pulled swittly under an open dock, and dlsappeared.

Charley and I allowed our attention to be attracted to the man who went overboard. He partly dived and part- 100 Chests of well selected TEA ly swam to the pier, showed his head there a moment, and then suddenly and which wil be sold low at small advance for unaccountably sank.

Before we could recover from the surprise, another boat came from the same direction, with two oarsmen, and a man in the stern and one in the bow. Their uniform at once told us that it was a police boat, and the detective sergeant in the bow hailed us quietly, and wanted to know if a rowboat had passed us there.

As briefly as possible I told him what we had seen, and he caused his boat to be pulled in there, and followed with mine, watching him while he appeared to be examining the planking

'Aha!' he exclaimed, in the tone of a man who has found something, and he requested me to stay there, and to take one of his men into my boat, while he went for more help. I could not make out the meaning of this, and my policeman could not or would not Shortly after I heard voices and the tramping of feet on the pier above,

and then a sergeant's boat came round to where I was. 'Those chaps are getting to be mighty smart,' said he.
'What chaps? What do you mean?

What are you after?' 'River thieves, and it is very lucky that you happened to be just where you were, so that you could point out their den. Just look here.'

He pulled a spring catch near the edge of the river—it was then almost high tide—and a square of plank opened outward, showing a hole into which the water flowed freely. A pistol shot from within told us that somebody resented this intrusion. The corrected sented this intrusion. The sergeant closed the hole at once, and it was not long before the rising tide covered it

I heard the rending of planks above, and then two shots were fired. I may call the bowels of the dock, and two policemen brought to the head of the pier the man whom I had seen in the rowboat that escaped.

'That's the man,' said the sergeant.
'Take him in and lock him up tight.
That is Dan Skilly, he continued addressing me, 'one of the worst of the river thieves, and the leader of the East River gang. I might never have found his den if it had not been for you.' C. M. BOSTWICK, & CO., I was not at all surprised at this since had seen the man in the rowboat and

up to Harlem in a hurry. At home I took pleasure in explaining the affair to my wife, and the beauty of it was that Charley and I were not called upon to

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