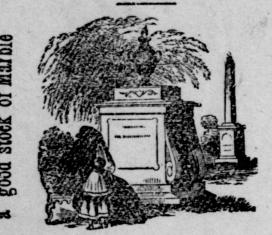


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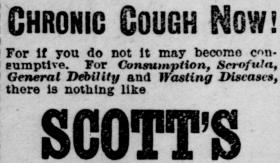
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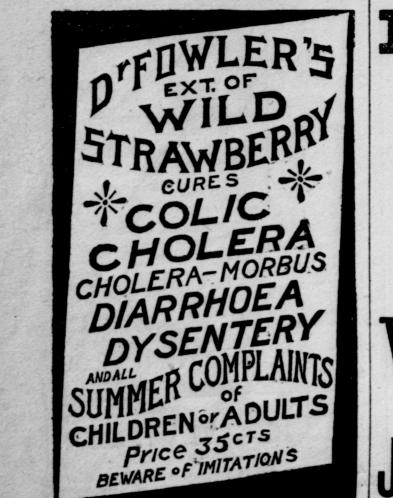
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word, "Troublesome! She'll be all the plagues of Egypt rolled into "I shall miss Uncle Anthony,

rejoined his wife. She felt that death required all three syllables, though the defunct had been known as Uncle Tony for the last "Methuselah and Old Parr were

missed, I've no doubt," answered the dean, driving his spoon through. the bottom of his empty egg shell. "Anybody can be missed if he lives long enough; but, Maria, for goodness sake don't expect me to express regret, for I can't and won't. When a man has the indecency to live to be 90 one's only feeling is

bility that his wife perceived his the dining room and onward to the than on his deceased relative. recall his mind to the fact of the bereavement she rose from table and decorously pulled down the blinds that faced the street. The dean looked up sharply.

not one particle of crape.' Uncle Tony was dead at last, at the patriarchal age of 90. He had hunted until he was 80; everything trembled at her coming the next. The Peerless Creamer, in the way of bones that a man The dean himself trembled when could break he broke, but at 80 he he looked at that buxom figure gave up hunting and took to falling down-stairs, and slipping on the oak flooring of the hall, but he There was an extremely unpleasant then only achieved dislocations. In money matters Uncle Tony was a perfect child. He had a faculty for muddling money away; it ran the extreme danger of the position, through his fingers like water. allowed no sign of hostility to ea-When his affairs become so complicated that he did not know whether Parker (with due decanal dignity

he was solvent or not, he sent for of course) on her general buxomhis astute nephew, Dean Thurlow, ness, but it was gall and litterness to put him straight. These visits to him. of the dean were a terrible discipline to Uncle Tony. The unhappy old gentleman went through hours of agony. They say the art of cross-examination is only to be learned at the bar, but this is manifestly incorrect, as the dean possessed it in perfection. When he got his uncle all to himself in the study he gave him many a very bad

mortgage of five hundred pounds in July last, that was principal; what have you done with the money, Uncle Tony?" He shook his finger at the squire till the old gentleman trembled in his shoes. Uncle Tony always said he was sure he had reinvested it, but he never had; then he swore it must still be at his bank, but it never was; ultimately, he was always compelled to own that he supposed he had used it. If a man were so blind to the ordinary rules of morality as to spend principle as if CHATHAM - - N, B. it were income he became at once anathema to the dean, especially when that principal was bequeathsuits or single Garments. ed by will to himself and his son. It was after twice convicting his uncle of this heinous crime that the dean achieved his great coup; he swooped down on his unfortunate uncle, called in his mortgages and outlying investments and clapped the entire product into consols, triumphantly investing it in his uncle's and his own name. His wife always said that when he returned from that visit there was a look of ineffable peace on his face.

She woke in the night and heard him sighing softly. "Are you ill, dear?" "No, my love, only too happy to The dean had indeed achieved a

twenty thousand pounds of his uncle's money in consols in his own and his uncle's name. "The result of this is, Maria," he explained, as he sipped his glass of port over the fire on his return, "the result of this is that when Uncle Fony dies I save six hundred pounds for probate duty, and I take the twenty thousand pounds as sole survivor; his will cannot touch

that, nor all the lord chancellors

and cooks in Christendom." The allusion to the cook was in this wise. When Uncle Tony was 80 his faithful old cook died and he had to look about for a successor. Directly the dean heard of the pie when he travels. the death of the old historic family cook, and that Uncle Tony was hunting about for another, he packed off a woman from his own village to secure the place. He crammed Mrs Beeton's cookery book into her box, and gave her a special letter of recommendation. He said

to his wife: "I dare say she can bake and limited. Wholesale and Retail. boil, and if not she can learn, and she's 50 if she is a day, and well marked with the small-pox; one can't have them too ugly when the master is 80 and unmarried." But the best of schemes miscarry, and some extremely pungent utterances were to be heard next day at the Parker has been beforehand with have seen the last of it. her and secured the place.

That night, in a metaphorical

sense, Parker lay like dead upon

the dean's chest. The thought of

"What is she like?" asked the dean, sternly. "About 40, sir, rather a wellfavored party, and very genteel and fair spoken.'

her haunted him as he shaved and made his hand unsteady. The very next day he journeyed to Claxton manor, his uncle's place, and the result was that on his return he brought back with him a will duly executed and attested, by which his uncle left the entire residue of his property to himself and his son Jack after him. How he achieved that stroke of business was never revealed to a too curious public; "Troublesome!" replied the dean, but when he locked that will up in chafing at the inadequacy of the his safe and reflected upon the above-mentioned consols arrangement, then he felt that he could be at peace with all, even with buxom cooks. He had interviewed Parker

and finding her arrayed in . honest cotton, busily engaged among her pots and pans, he did not feel uncellent Parker washed no more pots and pans, a kitchen maid was hired to do that. The cotton dress was exchanged for alpaca, alpaca gave place to cashmere, cashmere to silk and silk to excellent satin at ten shillings the yard. When your cook dresses in satin the acute English matron sniff's danger from afar. By slow degrees, too, the wearer of these progressive gowns crept upward from kitchen to The dean spoke with such irrita- housekeeper's room and thence to master's study and ultimately to To his bedside, where for the last year of his life she kept faithful watch and ward. Of course the dean was aware of Parker's rise in the world and he suffered torments of anxie- CANADA EASTERN RAILWAY ty. Only once during the last year "Well," said he, "I suppose I did he succeed, by extraordinary must endure that, but, remember, finesse, in seeing his uncle and then, to his horror, he found a doddering, bedridden old creature who cried for Parker one moment and dressed in rich silk, and that calm, resolute face with the quiet smile. sense of proprietorship in the tone with which Parker pressed him to stay to dinner. The dean, seeing

> Two months after this distressing interview Uncle Tony died and the letter arrived with which our story

cape him and even complimented

"His will is in my safe and the twenty thousand pounds stand in my name as survivor." These were the last thoughts that filled the dean's mind as he sank to sleep that night, but Parker mixed herself up in his dreams and his slum-"Thompson, I see, paid off his bers were disquieted.

Next morning at breakfast the dean seemed in a hurry. will," he said, in answer to his wife's question.

"To prove the will?" she replied

in accents of utter amazement,

"Why, he is not buried yet!" The dean smiled. "I am aware that it is the conventional custom to read the will after the funeral and then prove it, but I am unconventional and shall

prove it first and read it afterward." "But you can't get it done; the funeral is in four days." "I shall try, my love," said the Galvanized and Sheet Iron Worker.

deacon, shutting up his black bag with a snap. Months before the dean had prepared for this emergency. Through the long winter evenings, while he sat by the fire sipping his port, line done with neatness and despatch. his excellent wife used to read Shop next door to Canada House, Water Street "Wilhelm Meister" in the original. As she read German with difficulty and that classic work is somewhat lengthy, it had already lasted her several years. The dean, she used to think, was asleep, but in truth he was projecting his mind into the future and arranging plans to circumvent Parker, and how best to invest his fortune when Uucle Tony was no more. So when that event occurred the dean was as well prepared for battle as a German good day's work; he had invested general is on the eve of a European war. He had procured a handbook, "How to Prove a will in Person." He was sole executor and

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