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I have remarked that the paper had fallen away in parts. In this particu-lar corner of the room a large piece had peeled off, leaving a yellow square of coarse plastering. Across this bare space there was scrawled in blood-red letters a single word:

the detective, with the air of a show- When a man writes on a wall, his inman exhibiting his show. "This was stinct leads him to write about the overlooked because it was in the dark- level of his own eyes. Now, that est corner of the room, and no one thought of looking there. The murder- the ground. It was child's play." er has written it with his or her own | "And his age?" I asked. blood. See this smear where it has was that corner chosen to write it on? low. That was the breadth of a pud-I will tell you. See that candle on the dle on the garden-walk which he had mantel-piece., It was lighted at the evidently walked across. Patenttime, and if it was lighted this corner leather boots had gone round and darkest portion of the wall."

Steel Wire Nails, writer was going to put the female | zles you?" name Rachel, but was disturbed before | "The finger-nails and the Trichinohe or she had time to finish. You mark | poly," I suggested. my words, when this case comes to be | "The writing on the wall was done cleared up you will find that a woman with a man's forefinger dipped in named Rachel has something to do blood. My glass allowed me to obwith it. It's all very well for you to serve that the plaster was slightly laugh, Mr. Sherlock Holmes. You may scratched in doing it, which would not be very smart and clever, but the old have been the case if the man's nail

> As he spoke, he whipped a tape-mea- "And the florid face?" I asked. sure and a large, round magnifying-

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ed his tape and his glass in his pocket. invariably prints in the Latin charactiently.

some contempt. They evidently failed trick, and if I show you too much of after him," the policeman said, in an to appreciate the fact, which I had begun to realize, that Sherlock Holmes's smallest actions were all direct- ordinary individual after all." ed toward some definite and practical

"What do you think of it, sir?" they dit of the case if I were to presume ure at my words and the earnest way happen to see or hear a cab after the battle of Waterloo, and when the VARNISHES, Elastic Oak, Carriage, Copal, Demar, Furniture Hard Oil "You are doing so well now that it

Holmes took a note of the address. My Stock of General Hardware is complete in every branch and too

> "If this man was murdered, how was locality. The narrow passage led us the finest study I ever came across; and dressing are left undisturbed for it done?" asked the former. ly, and strode off. "One other thing, picked our way among groups of dirty round at the door: "'Rache' is the German for 'revenge'; so don't lose your time looking for Miss Rachel."

led me to the nearest telegraph office, slumbers." whence he dispatched a long telegram. He then hailed a cab, and ordered the he said. en us by Lestrade.

learn all that is to be learned." which you gave." "There's no room for a mistake," he answered. "The very first thing which I observed on arriving there

brought those two individuals to the

"Why, the height of a man, in nine When I got to the door-" cases out of ten, can be told from the length of his stride. It is a simple to the garden gate," my companion incalculation enough, though there is no use my boring you with figures. I had for?" this fellow's stride, both on the clay outside and on the dust within. Then I "What do you think of that?" cried had a way of checking my calculation. writing was just over six feet from

"Well, if a man can stride four and no mystery about it at all. I am sim-"And what does it mean, now that ply applying to ordinary life a few of you have found it?" asked Gregson, in | those precepts of observation and deduction which I advocated in that ar-"Mean? Why, it means that the ticle. Is there anything else that puz-

some scattered ash from the floor. It

"Ah, that was a more daring shot, glass from his pocket. With these two though I have no doubt that I was implements he trotted noiselessly about | right. You must not ask me that at I passed my hand over my brow.

"My head is in a whirl," I remark-

"I shall never do that," I answered;

"you have brought detection as near an exact science as it ever will be brought in this world." in which I uttered them. I had al- that?"

ready observed that he was as sensitive to flattery on the score of his

ent-leathers stood still, while Square- seeking. There is no use of arguing in order not to add more distrust and "John Rance," he said. "He's off of the said of the sa all that in the dust; and I could read Come along, doctor." "Come along, doctor," he said; "we was walking all the while, and work- "The blundering fool!" Holmes said, increased length of his strides. He obviously uncomfortable.

two detectives. "There has been murfor the rest is mere surmise and conluck, and not taking advantage of it." quently break the bones of their legs, man. He was more than six feet basis, however, on which to start. We is true that the description of this tures can be easily cured with very lit-

was drawn by a horse with three old through a long succession of dingy shoes and one new one on his off fore- streets and dreary by-ways. In the leg. In all probability the murderer dingiest and dreary by-ways. In the what he came back for. If we have prepared for the fractured limb, pre-"That's Audley Court in there," he always bait our line with the ring. I said, pointing to a narrow slit in the shall have him, doctor-I'll lay you which is taken out. These splints are Lestrade and Gregson glanced at ach other with an incredulous smile. line of a dead-colored brick. "You'll two to one that I have him. I must fastened to the cotton with a drop of thank you for it all. I might not have glue, and held tightly in place by being

into a quadrangle paved with flags a study in scarlet, eh? Why shouldn't from three to four weeks; then the "Poison," said Sherlock Holmes, curt- and lined by sordid dwellings. We we use a little art jargon? There's leg is soaked in tepid water until the he added, turning children and through lines of discol- through the colorless skein of life, ture will have completely healed in ored linen until we came to No. 46, and our duty is to unravel it, and that time. Canaries and other pet a small slip of brass, on which the name And now for lunch, and then for Nor- of a fracture of a leg, only the elder With which Parthian shot be walked Rance was engraved. On inquiry we man Neruda. Her attack and her bow-splints are substituted by pieces of away, leaving the two rivals open- found that the constable was in bed, ing are splendid. What's that little cardboard, and the bandage is left but and we were shown into a little front parlor to await his coming.

She-Then I got right mad and told him what I thought of him. "I shall be most happy to tell you "Just let me hear it all in your Oh, I know what I think of him

good glasses, so come to all and be properly fitted or J. D. B. F. Mackenzie.

PECULIARITIES OF ESQUIMAUX. They Will Not Drink Whiskey, but Husky Thinks Little of Killing His D. Hanbury, Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, London, Eng., and

an explorer of some renown, spent a

part of last summer on the west side ton Road. It was precious dirty and lonely. Not a soul did I meet all the of Hudson Bay, leaving Winnipeg in way down, though a cab or two went June and going as far north as Marble outline of one of which was far more past me. I was a-strollin' down, think- Island, a little south of Chesterfield Inlet. Mr. Hanbury is thoroughly adian Northland. He spent seven East End Factory, Chatham, N. B. months with the Yellow Knife Indians, the night, and, therefore, that it won't have the drains seed to, though around the great water stretches of the very last tenant what lived in one the north, and when he left them was

Nothing can induce the Yellow Knives, or the Dog Rib Indians, the ex- who represents the following companies: plorer states, to come over to the Hudson Bay basin, as they are in mortal Rance gave a violent jump, and star- dread of the Esquimaux. It appears ed at Sherlock Holmes with the utmost that they were at war formerly, and the Indians received a severe drubbing, hence their fear of the Exquimaux. Mr. Hanbury, however, is delighted got up to the door, it was so still and with the Esquimaux, saying that they are first-rate people to travel with, and are as loyal and true as steel to trickled down the wall! That dispos-es of the idea of suicide, anyhow. Why es of the idea of suicide, anyhow. Why

That was the breedth of a pud
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first are gay, while the latter are moif I could see Murcher's lantern, but rose and sullen. The Esquimaux, alhappy, and will always be found laughing and in the best of humor. As for as a dog. Then I pulled myself to- their religion, Mr. Hanbury said, they gether and went back and pushed the have none. When a Husky dies that is the end of him, according to their belief; so the missions at Churchill and elsewhere have been unable to make even very little out of the Esquimaux. If they get plenty of tea and tobacco, the Esquimaux are all right, although time. it is only of late that the Husky drinks

Mr. Hanbury says life is just as safe in those remote wilds as in any Canadian city, although he has a photograph of a Husky who broke all his family ties by killing his wife and all her relatives. This, however, is an isolated case, and the affair would be "Don't get arresting me for the called a family trouble in civilized murder," he said. "I am one of the countries. The murderer still lives hounds, and not the wolf; Mr. Greg- up there, and his crime does not apson or Mr. Lestrade will answer for pear to rest very heavily upon his con-

The explorer says the Esquimaux are exactly in the same condition as in the large of Franklin and their number exactly in the same condition as in the days of Franklin, and their number however, losing his mystified expresdoes not seem to have either diminished or increased. They are total abstainers in spite of the stories afloat about these people getting liquor from the American whalers and becoming drunkards. He has seen them refuse Laths to taste liquor time and again, and for some reason they hold it in the great- Paling est horror. They will follow the white man anywhere.

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From that day a dark shadow seemed to rest over the formerly spritely and gay Marie Antoinette, and was only swept out or ner life by the guillotine. "He must have left it behind," mut- The same bird is said to have flown

My companion flushed up with pleas- tered my companion, "You didn't wheeling around Napoleon just before Emperor saw it he turned pale and seemed to lose his nerve. Again it "There's a half-sovereign for you," my appeared just before the seige of Paris by the Germans in 1870-71, and swept down and gorged itself on the carrion

authorities have ordered that no menthat, as he walked, he grew more and We started off for the cab together, tion of it shall appear in any of the

MEND YOUR BIRD'S LEGS. Young chickens and other birds freman tallies with your idea of the sec- tle trouble. As soon as the injury ond party in this mystery. But is noticed the fracture must be careafter leaving it? This is not the fully cleaned and washed with warm water, and then wrapped with a bit of "The ring, man, the ring,; that was antiseptic cotton. Splints are then no other way of catching him, we can ferably of split elderwood, the pith of Audley Court was not an attractive gone but for you, and so have missed wound with linen thread. The bandage the scarlet thread of murder running bandage comes off easily. The fracthe door of which was decorated with isolate it, and expose every inch of it, birds can be similarly treated in case thing of Chopin's she plays so magni- two weeks on the little winged pati-

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> the room, sometimes stopping, occasion- the present state of the affair." ally kneeling, and once lying flat upon his face. So engrossed was he with his occupation that he appeared to have ed; "the more one thinks of it, the forgotten our presence, for he chatter- more mysterious it grows. How came ed away to himself under his breath these two men-if they were two men the whole time, keeping up a running |-into an empty house? What has befire of exclamations, groans, whistles, come of the cabman who drove them? and little cries suggestive of encour- How could one man compel another to agement and of hope. As I watched take poison? Where did the blood him I was irresistibly reminded of a come from? What was the object of pure-blooded, well-trained, fox-hound the murder, since robbery had no as it dashes backwards and forward part in it? How came the woman's my time," he said, "but never any one

> were entirely invisible to me, situation succinctly and well," he said. help. and occasionally applying his tape to "There is much that is still obscure, the walls in an equally incomprehensi- though I have quite made up my mind ed Sherlock Holmes. ble manner. In one place he gathered on the main facts. As to poor Lesvery carefully a little pile of gray dust trade's discovery, it was simply a irritated at this digression. from the floor, and packed it away in blind intended to put the police upon most minute exactness. This done, he ticed, was printed somewhat after the appeared to be satisfied, for he replac- German fashion. Now a real German tice them?" Holmes broke in impa-

"They say that genuis is an infinite ter, so that we may safely say that capacity for taking pains," he remarked, with a smile. "It's a very bad declumsy imitator, who overdid his part.

"I should think I did notice them, seeing that I had to prop him up— it flew right up on to the window me and Murcher between us. He was from which Marie Antoinette was leanfinition, but it does apply to detective into a wrong channel. I'm not going part muffled round—" Gregson and Lestrade had watched to tell you much more of the case, doctor. You know a conjurer gets no became of him?" panion with considerable curiosity and credit when once he has explained his

"It would be robbing you of the creto help you," remarked my friend. would be a pity for any one to interin his voice as he spoke. "If you will let me know how your investigations go," he continued, "I shall be happy to give you any help I can. In the meantime, I should like to speak to the constable who found the body. Can you give me his name and ad-

20 Kegs Horse Shoes, \$3.90 per keg; 15 Boxes Horse Nails, \$3.00 box. dress?" Lestrade glanced at his note-book. Cast Steel, Bellows, Chain, Nuts, Bolts, Washers, Grindstones, Grindduty now. You will find him at 46 Audley Court, Kennington Park Gate." shall go and look him up. I'll tell you one thing which may help you in the case," he continued, turning to the live told you all I know myself, now, ing such an incomparable bit of good in the live told you all I know myself, now, ing such an incomparable bit of good in the live told you all I know myself, now, ing such an incomparable bit of good in the live told you all I know myself, now, ing such an incomparable bit of good in the live told you all I know myself, now, ing such an incomparable bit of good in the live told you all I know myself, now, ing such an incomparable bit of good in the live told you all I know myself, now, ing such an incomparable bit of good in the live told you all I know myself, now, ing such an incomparable bit of good in the live told you all I know myself, now, ing such an incomparable bit of good in the live told you all I know myself, now, ing such an incomparable bit of good in the live told you all I know myself, now, in the live told you all I know myself, now, in the live told you all I know myself, now, in the live told you all I know myself, now, in the live told you all I know myself, now, in the live told you all I know myself, now, in the live told you all I know myself, now, in the live told you all I know myself, now, in the live told you all I know myself, now, in the live told you all I know myself, now, in the live told you all I know myself, now, in the live told you all I know myself, now, in the live told you all I know myself, now, in the live told you all I know myself, now, in the live told you all I know myself, now, in the live told you all I know myself, now, in the live told you all I know myself you all the live told you all I know myself you all the live told you all I know myself you all the live told you all I know myself you all the live told you all I know myself you all the live told you all I know myself you all the live told you all I know myself you all the live told you all I know myself you all the live told you all I know myself you all the live told you all the live told you al Cart and Waggon Axles, Cow Bells, Wire Screen Doors, Window Screens, Green Wove Wire 14c. yd., Barbed Wire Fencing, Counter Scales Weigh Beams, Steelyards, Carpet Sweepers, Blasting Powder and Fuse, der done, and the murderer was a jecture. We have a good working Sporting Powder, Guns, Revolvers. To arrive from Belgium 35 Single and high, was in the prime of life, had must hurry up, for I want to go to small feet for his height, wore coarse. Halle's concert, to hear Norman Nesquare-toed boots, and smoked a Trich- ruda, this afternoon.

inopoly cigar. He came here with his victim in a four-wheeled cab, which our cab had been threading its way had a florid face, and the finger-nails driver suddenly came to a stand. of his right hand were remarkably long. These are only a few indications, but they may assist you." each other with an incredulous smile.

mouthed behind him. CHAPTER IV.

driver to take us to the address giv-"There is nothing like first-hand sively. evidence," he remarked; "as a matter "We thought that we should like of fact, my mind is entirely made up to hear it all from your own lips," he upon the case, but still we may as well said. "You amaze me, Holmes," said I. anything I can," the constable an-"Surely you are not as sure as you swered, with his eyes upon the little pretend to be of all those particulars golden disk.

own way, as it occurred." was that a cab had made two ruts sofa and knitted his brows, as though

clearly cut than that of the other in' between ourselves how uncommon three, showing that that was a new handy a four of gin hot would be, when shoe. Since the cab was there after suddenly a glint of a light caught my the rain began, and was not there at eye in the window of that same house. any time during the morning-I have Now, I knew that them two houses in Gregson's word for that-it follows Lauriston Gardens was empty on acthat it must have been there during count of him that owns them, who of them died o'typhoid fever. I was able to speak a good deal of their "That seems simple enough," said I; knocked all in a heap, therefore, at "but how about the other man's seeing a light in the window, and I suspected as something was wrong. that was said in the same tongue. "You stopped and then walked back

was a fight at the White Hart; but,

bar that, all was quiet enough on the

beat. At one o'clock it began to rain,

and I met Herry Murcher-him who

has the Holland Grove beat-and we

stood together at the corner of Hen-

rietta Street a-talkin'. Presently-may-

be about two, or a little after- I

thought I would take a look round, and

see that all was right down the Brix-

amazement upon his features. Why, that's true, sir," he said though how you come to know it, Heaven only knows. Ye see, when I so lonesome that I thought I'd be none the worse for some one with me. I inspecting the drains what killed him. The thought gave me a kind o' turn, and I walked back to the gate to see would be the brightest instead of the Square-toes had hopped over. There is there wasn't no sign of him nor of though quite ignorant, are absolutely There was no one in the street?" "Not a livin' soul, sir, nor as much

> door open. All was quiet inside, so I went into the room where the light was a-burnin'. There was a candle flickerin' on the mantel-piece-a red wax one-and by its light I saw-" 'Yes, I know all that you saw. You walked round the room several times, and you knelt down by the body, and then you walked through and tried the kitchen door, and then-" John Rance sprang to his feet with a frightened face and suspicion in his

Where was you hid to see all that?" he cried. "It seems to me that you know a deal more than you should." Holmes laughed, and threw his card across the table to the constable. that. Go on, though. What did you science. Rance resumed his seat, without,

"I went back to the gate and sounded my whistle. That brought Murcher and two more to the spot.' Was the street empty, then?' "Well, it was, as far as anybody that could be of any good goes.' "What do you mean?" The constable's features broadened

through the covert, whining in its ring there? Above all, why should so cry in" drunk as that cove. He was eagerness, until it comes across the the second man write up the German at the gate when I came out, a-leanin' lost scent. For twenty minutes or word Rache, before decamping? - I up agin the railin's and a-singin' at more he continued his researches, confess that I cannot see any possible measuring with the most exact care way of reconciling all these facts."

They have Returned to France at a Critical Confess that I cannot see any possible bine's New-fangled Banner, or some cal Period. the distance between marks which "You sum up the difficulties of the such stuff. He couldn't stand, far less

John Rance appeared to be somewhat an envelope. Finally he examined with his glass the word upon the wall, going over every letter of it with the most wind the done by a German. The A, if you noticed was an uncommon drunk sort of man," he said. "He'd ha' found hisself in the station if we hadn't been so took up." "He was an uncommon drunk sort "His face-his dress-didn't you no-

"W'd enough to do without lookin'

"How was he dressed?" A brown overcoat "Had he a whip in his hand?" "A whip-no."

fere." There was a world of sarcasm art as any girl could be of her companion said, standing up and taking his hat. "I am afraid, Rance, that "I'll tell you one thing," he said. you will never rise in the force. That in the city. "Patent-leathers and Square-toes came head of yours should be for use as Having always appeared prior to in the same cab, and they walked down well as ornament. You might have some calamity, and appearing again the pathway together as friendly as gained your sergeant's stripes last after some twenty odd years, when the possible—arm in arm, in all probability. night. The man whom you held in whole of France seems on the eve of When they got inside they walked up your hands is the man who holds the a national upheaval, it naturally and down the room-or, rather, Pat- clue of this mystery, and whom we are seems to forebode a dark future, and

more excited. That is shown by the leaving our informant incredulous, but papers. fury. Then the tragedy occurred. lodgings. "Just to think of his hav-

why should he come back to the house

ficently: Tra-la-la-lira-lira-lay."

lark; while I meditated upon the many-sidedness of the human mind. (To Be Continued.) THE WAY OF A WOMAN.

He-What did you say? She-I don't remember. That's queer. You ought to know what you think of him.

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Rance sat down on the horse-hair thought of him just then.

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