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MAKE HOME BRIGHT AND PLEASANT.

More than buildings showy mansions-More than dress and fine array-More than dome and lefty steeples-More than station, power and sway-Make your home neat and tasteful, Bright and pleasant, always fair, Where each heart shall rest contented. Grateful for each bounty there.

More than lofty swelling titles-More than fashions luring glare-More than Mammon's gilded honors-More than thought can well sompare, See that home is made attractive. By surroundings pure and bright, Trees arranged with taste and order. Flowers with all their sweet delight.

Seek to make your home most levely. Let it be a smiling spot, Where in sweet contentment resting. Care and sorrow are forgot; Where the flowers and trees are waving, Birds will sing their sweetest songs Where the purest thoughts will linger, Confidence and love belongs.

Make your home a little Eden. Imitate her smiling bowers, Let a neat and simple cottage Stand among bright trees and flowers. There, what fragrance and what brightness, Will each blooming rose display Here, a simple vine-clad arbor Brightness through each summer day.

There each heart will rest contented. Seldom wishing for a ream. Or, if reaming, still will cherish Mem'ries of that pleasant home. Such a home makes man the better. Pure and lasting its control-Home with pure and bright surroundings Leaves its impress on the soul.

Select Tale. A TERRIBLY STRANGE BED.

of our sojourn. One night we were idling about lish comrade, break the bank !" ment's sake, until it was amusement no longer, and into my pockets!

the chief gambling room. We did not find many to drink a bottle of champagne with me, and toast ed to lock, bolt, and barricade my door, and take ther knew why nor wherefore, looking hard at the people assembled there. But, few as the men were the goddess Fortune in foaming goblets before we my chance till the next morning. who looked up at us on our entrance, they were all part!" typer-lamentably true types of their respective

The quiet of the room was horrible. The thin, hag- Englishman, in whose veins circulates the vivacious fill of money under my pillow. pricked his piece of pasteboard perseveringly, to of bonbons with it !" more unfortunately as the event will show, I won- Or was the champagne amazingly strong? won prodigiously; won incredibly; won at such a "Ex-brave of the French Army!" cried I, in a less night.

it in every city in Europe without, however, the gle eyes, until I expected to see them slip out of in short, to pass the night in suffering all conceivation, beneath sible to lead me with him out of the house. I will every day of my life, the simple laws of health care or the wish to study the Theory of Chances— their sockets; placed his dirty forefinger by the ble varieties of nervous terror. that philosopher's stone of all gamblers! And a side of his broken nose; solemnly ejaculated "Cof- I raised myself on my elbow, and looked about vancing closer and closer to suffocate me where I lay. the boy, and was taken for the first time to the Play, come a second nature to me. It ceases any longer to be a sufficient to the play, and was taken for the first time to the Play, come a second nature to me. It ceases any longer to be a sufficient to the play, and was taken for the first time to the Play, come a second nature to me. It is almost like an gambler, in the strict sense of the word, I had never fee!" and immediately ran off into an inner room. the room—which was brightened by a lovely moon— I looked up, motionless, speechless, breathless. been. I was heart-whole from the corroding passion The word pronounced by the eccentric veteran light pouring straight through the window—to see The candle, fully spent, went out; but the moonfor play. My gaming was a mere idle amusement. seemed to have a magical effect on the rest of the light still brightened the room. Down and down, cross-examining and congratulating me in the same whole day is to be one of nervous exertion, I can i never resorted to it by necessity, because I never company present. With one accord they all rose to could at all clearly distinguish. While my eyes without sounding, came the breath as we marched at the head of our formidable very little till the exertion is over. I know that knew what it was to want money. I never practi- depart. Probably they had expected to profit by wandered from wall to wall, a remembrance of Le bed-top, and still my panic-terror seemed to bind posse comitatus. Sentinels were placed at the back two forces cannot be concentrated in activity at the ced it so incessantly as to lose more than I could my intoxication; but finding that my new friend me faster and faster to the mattress on which I lay tremendous battery of knocks was directed against much works, the brain must rest, and that when the afford, or to gain more than I could coolly pocket was benevolently bent on preventing me from get—ma Chambre," occurred to me. I resolved to imi—down and down it sank, till the dusty odor from the the door; light appeared at the window; I was told brain works, the stomach must rest. If I am going then without being thrown off my balance by my good ting dead drunk, had now abandoned all hope of tate the French author, and find occupation and lining of the canopy came stealing into my nostrils. to conceal myself behind the police—them came to be moving about out of doors a great deal, then luck. In short I had hitherto frequented gambling- thriving pleasantly on my winnings. Whatever amusement enough to relieve the tedium of my At that final moment the instinct of self-preservatables—just as I frequented ball-rooms and opera- their motive might be, at any rate they went away wakefulness, by making a mental inventory of every tion startled me out of my trance, and I moved at

for play really was. My success first bewildered supper in solitude. The silence was now deeper In the nervous unsettled state of my mind at that Without stopping to draw my breath, without "He went away hours ago." ked without any care or consideration, I was sure ping, enlivened by no apostrophes or exclamations. furniture, and did nothing more.

in terms which rendered it impossible for him to ad- dier for giving you a word of honest advice." dress me again that night.

the bank !"

ered him, personally, as being rather a suspicious stammered out, that I felt dreadfully unwell-so wondered what he was looking up at. It couldn't specimen of an old soldier. He had goggling blood- unwell that I did not know how I was to get home. be at the stars; such a desperado was neither astroshot eyes, mangy mustachios, and a broken nose.he was the honestest fellow in the world—the most morrow—to-morrow, in broad daylight." Shortly after my education at college was finished, glorious relic of the Grand Army that I had ever I had but two ideas left:—one, that I must never valley. Every incident of the drive homeward through I happened to be staying at Paris with an English met with. "Go on!" cried my military friend, let go hold of my handkerchief full of money; the lovely scenery, which the moonlight made lovelier sufficeate me had failed, I was certain to be murderfriend. We were both young men then, and lived, snapping his fingers in ecstasy,—"Go on, and win! other, that I must lay down somewhere immediately, than ever, came back to my remembrance, though ed. Had I made any noise already? I listened in-I am afraid, rather a wild life, in the delightful city Break the bank-Mille tonnerres! my gallant Eng- and fall off into a comfortable sleep. So I agreed I had never given the pic-nic a thought for years;

over it at all. Let us get away from fashionable that's it !-shovel them in notes and all ! credie !

rate, that the regular players at the table crowded mad state of exhibitation, "I am on fire! how are What could I do? I had no book to read. And yet, have been on more than one occasion in peril of my had anything like concluded, he shoved all the passimply the fuel with which we are to raise steam for had anything like concluded, he shoved all the passimply the fuel with which we are to raise steam for had anything like concluded. round me; and staring at my stakes with hungry, you? You have set me on fire! Do you hear, my unless I found out some method of diverting my life, and have not lost my self-possession for an in-

for the first time in my life, I felt what the passion sort of vestibule which opened out of it, eating his may be made to call forth.

bility in favor of the bank. At first, some of the confidential tones-"listen to an old soldier's advice. post bed, of all things in the world to meet with in in my eyes. color: but I speedily increased my stakes to charming woman, with a genius for cookery!) to with the regular top lined with chintz—the regular round it, came down—down close down; so close sums which they dared not risk. One after another impress on her the necessity of making us some par- fringed valance all round—the regular stifling un- that there was not room now to squeeze my finger they left off playing, and breathlessly looked on at ticularly strong and good coffee. You must drink wholesome curtains which I remembered having mebetween the bed-top and then we went into the other words the want of Christianity in cooking this coffee in order to get rid of your little amiable chanically drawn back against the posts without and discovered that what had appeared to me from room above. Still, time after time, I staked higher and higher, exaltation of spirits before you think of going home particularly noticing the bed when I first got into beneath to be the ordinary light canopy of a four-

muttered chorus of oaths and exclamations in dif- duty to yourself to have your wits about you. You hurry to pour it out, was still dripping, slowly and its fringe. I looked up and saw the four-posts ri- tively at the spot he had stamped on, and ordered ferent languages, every time the gold was shovelled are known to be a winner to an enormous extent by more slowly, on to the brick floor. Then two small sing hideously bare. In the middle of the bed-top the flooring there to be carefully taken up. This across to my side of the table—even the imperturb—several gentlemen present tonight, who, in a certain chairs with my coat, waistcoat, and trowsers flung was a huge wooden screw that had evidently worked saw a deep raftered cavity between the floor of this able croupier dashed his rake on the floor in a point of view, are very worthy and excellent fellows; on them. Then a large elbow-chair covered with it down through a hole in the ceiling, just as ordi-(French) fury of astonishment at my success. But but they are mortal men, my dear sir, and they have dirty-white dimity, with my cravat and shirt-collar nary presses are worked down on the substances se- this cavity there ran perpendicularly a sort of case one man present preserved his self-possession; and their amiable weakness! Need I say more? Ah,no, thrown over the back. Then a chest of drawers that man was my friend. He came to my side, and no! you understand me! Now, this is what you with two of the brass handles off and a tandary moved without making the faintest noise. There ed the screw which communicated with the bed-top that man was my friend. He came to my side, and no! you understand me! Now, this is what you with two of the brass handles off, and a tawdry, had been no creaking as it came down; there, was below. Extra lengths of screw, freshly oiled; levers whispering in English, begged me to leave the place must do-send for a cabriolet when you feel quite broken china inkstand placed on it by way of ornanow not the faintest sound from the room above: covered with felt; all the complete upper works of satisfied with what I had already gained. I must well again-draw up all the windows when you get ment for the top. Then the dressing-table, adorned Amid a dead and awful silence I beheld before me a beavy press constructed with infernal ingenuity so do him the justice to say, that he repeated his war- into it-and tell the driver to take you home only by a very small looking-glass, and a very large pinnings and entreaties several times; and only left through the large and well-lighted thoroughfares. cushion. Then the window—an unusally large by suffocation as might have existed in the worst —were next discovered and pulled out on the floor. me and went away, after I had rejected his advice Do this; and you and your money will be safe .- | window. Then a dark old picture, which the feeble

Shortly after he had gone, a hoarse voice behind lachrymose tones, the coffee came in, ready poured looking upward, shading his eyes with his hand and me cried :-- "Permit me my dear sir !- permit me out in two cups. My attentive friend handed me looking intently upward-it might be at some tall me in all its horror. to restore to their proper place two Napoleons which one of the cups with a bow. I was parched with gallows at which he was going to be hanged. At you have dropped. Wonderful luck, sir! I pledge thirst, and drank it off at a draught. Almost in- any rate, he had the appearance of thoroughly de- ered by having taken an overdose of some narcotic. practice. you my word of honor as an old soldier, in the statnly afterwards, I was seized with a fit of giddi- serving it. course of my long experience in this sort of thing, ness, and felt more completely intoxicated than This picture put a kind of constraint upon me to had preserved my life by keeping me awake! How police agents—every one of the inmates being re-I never saw such luck as yours !-never! Go on, ever. The room whirled round and round furiously; look upward too-at the top of the bed. It was a sir—Sacre mille bombes! Go on boldly, and break the old soldier seemed to be regularly bobbing up gloomy and not an interesting object, and I looked saks of my winnings, to kill me in my sleep, by the returned with me to my hotel to get my passport. and down before me like the piston of the steam-en- back at the picture. I counted the feathers in the surest and most horrible contrivance for secretly "Do you think," I asked, as I gave it to him, that I turned round and saw, nodding and smiling at gine. I was half deafened by a violent singing in man's hat—they stood out in relief—three white. accomplishing my destruction! How many men, any men have really been smothered in that bed, as me with inveterate civility, a tall man, dressed in a my cars; a feeling of utter bewilderment, helpless- two green—I observed the crown of his hat which sleep, in that bed, and had never been seen or heard "I have seen dozens of drowned men laid out at ness, idiocy, overcame me. I rose from my chair, was of a conical shape, according to the fashion of more! I shuddered at the bare idea of it. If I had been in my senses, I should have consid- holding on by the table to keep my balance; and supposed to have been favored by Guido Fawkes, I But, ere long, all thought was again suspended pocket-books were found letters, stating that they

His voice betrayed a barrackroom intonation of the even his voice seemed to be bobbing up and down as lows, and he was going to be hanged presently. above evidently believed that their purpose was as you took it? slept in it? were smothered in it? worst order, and he had the dirtiest pair of hands I he spoke-" my dear friend it would be madness to Would the executioner come into possession of his ever saw—even in France. These little personal go home in your state; you would be sure to lose comical crowned hat and plume of feathers? I former place. When it reached the upper extremi- placed in their pecket-books? No man can say how peculiarities exercised, however, no repelling in- your money; you might be robbed and murdered counted the fathers again - three white, two green. fluence on me. In the mad excitement, I was ready with the greatest ease. I am going to sleep here to "fraternize" with anybody who encouraged me do you sleep here, toc- they make up capital beds and intellectual employment, my thoughts insensibly in my game. I accepted the old soldier's offered in this house—take one; sleep off the effects of the began to wander. The moonlight shining into the picious eyes. pinch of snuff; clapped him on the back, and swore wine, and go home safely with your winnings to- room reminded me of a certain moonlight night in

the neighborhood of the Palais Royal, doubtful to And I did go on-went on at such a rate, that in arm of the old soldier, carrying my money with my ly have recalled little or nothing of that scene long solute silence everywhere. Besides locking and bolt-My friend proposed a visit to Frascati's, but his "Gentlemen! the bank has discontinued for to-night." passed along some passages and up a flight of stairs tell us we are immortal, which speaks the sublime against it, which I had found under the bed. To the croupier, left me for the night.

spectabilities of such a social anomaly as a respective my worthy sir," said the old soldier, as I wildly in my jug; poured the rest out, and plunged my membering, quite involuntarily, places, people, con- entresol, and looked into the back street, which you table gambling-house. "For Heaven's sake," said plunged my hands into my heap of gold. "Tie it face into it—then sat down in a chair and tried to versations, minute circumstances of every kind, have sketched in yout view. I raised my hand to I to my friend, "let us go somewhere we up, as we used to tie up a bit of dinner in the compose myself. I soon felt better. The change which I had thought forgotten forever, which I had thought for the letter. can see a little genuine, blackguard, poverty-stricken Grand Army; your winnings are too heavy for any for my lungs, from the fetid atmosphere of the gam- could not possibly have recalled at will even under They keep vigilant watch in a House of Murder. gaming, with no false gingerbread glitter thrown breeches poekets that ever were sewed. There! bling-room to the apartment I now the most favorable auspices. And what cause had If any part of the frame cracked, if the hinge creakoccupied; the almost equally refreshing change for produced in a moment the whole of this strange, ed, I was a lost man! It must have occupied me at and I became for one whole week (which is a long Frascati's, to a house where they don't mind letting what luck !- Stop! another Napoleon on the floor! my eyes, from the glaring gas-lights of the "Salon" complicated, mysterious effect? Nothing but some in a man with a ragged coat, or a man with no coat, Ah sacre petit polisson de Napoleon! have I found to the dim, quiet flicker of one bed-room candle; rays of moonlight shining in at my bedroom winragged or otherwise."-" Very well," said my thee at last? Now then, sir-two tight double knots aided wonderfully the restorative effects of cold wat-

picture again.

Accordingly, I secured myself against all intru- Looking for what? dim one, on the hearth among a feathery litter of and feathers, what dusky object was it that now hid was nothing but tragedy—mute, weird tragedy. "Bravo! the Englishman; the amiable, gracious wood ashes, and got into bed, with the handkerchief his forehead, his eyes, his shading hand?

spoke; the flabby, fat-faced, pimply player, who old soldier, order another bottle, and half-a-pound awake, and in a high fever. Every nerve in my the bed really moving down—sinking slowly, rebody trembled—every one of my senses seemed to be gularly, silently, horribly, right down throughout fortable place, I thought I heard a sound of breath- whether we were running on an up-grade, or downregister how often black won, and how often red— "No no, ex-brave; never—ancient grenadier! preternaturally sharpened. I tossed and rolled, and the whole of its length and breadth—right down ing outside the door. The chill feeling of horror grade, or on level ground and according to the num never spoke; the dirty wrinkled old man, with the Your bottle last time; my bottle this. Behold it! tried every kind of position, and perseveringly upon me, as I lay underneath? vulture eyes and the darned greatcoat, who had lost Toast away! The French Army!—the great Na- sought out the cold corners of the bed, and all to no My blood seemed to stand still. A deadly para- blowing softly into the room. The next moment I Now how many are there who watch their furhis last sou, and still looked on desperately, after he poleon!—the present company! the croupier! the purpose. Now, I thrust my arms over the clothes; lyzing coldness stole all over me, as I turned my was on the window-sill—and the next I had a firm nace, to see that they get in neither too much nor could play no longer—never spoke. Even the voice honest croupier's wife and daughters—if he has now, I poked them under the clothes; now, I vio- head round on the pillow, and determined to test grip on the water-pipe with my hands and knees. too little fuel? Men shovel in food without any reof the croupier sounded as if it were strangely dulled any! the Ladies generally! Everybody in the world!" lently shot my legs straight out down to the bottom whether the bed top was really moving or not, by and thickened in the atmosphere of the room. I had By the time the second bottle of champagne was of the bed; now, I convulsively coiled them up as keeping my eye on the man in the picture. entered the place to laugh: but the spectacle before emptied, I felt as if I had been drinking liquid fire near my thin as they would go; now, I shook out The next look in that direction was enough. The me was something to weep over. I soon found it -my brain seemed all a-flame. No excess in wine my crumpled pillow, changed it to the cool side, dull, black, frowsy outline of the valance above me necessary to take refuge in excitement from the de- had ever had this effect on me before in my lite- patted it flat, and lay down quietly on my back; was within an inch of being parallel with his waist. pression of spirits which was fast stealing on me. Was it the result of a stimulant acting upon my now I fiercely doubled it in two, set it up on end, I still looked breathlessly. And steadily, and slowly Unfortunately I sought the nearest excitement, by system when I was in a highly excited state? Was thrust it against the board of the bed, and tried a __very slowly_I saw the figure, and the line of going to the table, and beginning to play. Still my stomach in a particularly disordered condition? sitting-posture. Every effort was in vain: I groan-frame below the figure, vanish, as the valance moved ed with vexation, as I felt that I was in for a sleep- down before it.

houses—because they amused me, and because I had in a body. When the old soldier returned, and sat article of furniture I could see, and by following last. There was just room for me to roll myself after the Sub-prefect was in the passage, confronting And I have made eating with regularity, and with down again opposite to me at the table, we had the up to their sources the multitude of associations sideways off the bed. As I dropped noisolessly to a waiter half-dressed and ghastly pale. This was reference to what I have to, a habit so long, that it

moment, I found it much easier to make my inven- wiping the cold sweat from my face, I rose instantly "He did no such thing. His friend went away; ereise, and general cheerfulness. bxicated me. Incredible as it may appear, it is A sudden change, too, had come over the "ex- tory than to make my reflections, and thereupon on my knees to watch the bed-top. I was literally ertheless true, that I only lost when I attempted brave " He assumed a portentously solemn look; soon gave up all hope of thinking in Le Maistre's spell-bound by it. If I had heard footsteps behind not here! he " not here! he " stimate chances, and played according to pre- and when he spoke to me again, his speech was or- fanciful track—or indeed, of thinking at all. I me, I could not have turned round; if a means of "I swear to you, Monsieur le Garcon, he is. He the contrary, I hold that a civilized man ought to be

(I was to all intents and purposes gambling-drunk) Do this; and to-morrow you will thank an old sol- candle dimly showed me. It was the picture of a

fellow in a high Spanish hat, crowned with a plume Just as the ex-brave ended his oration in very of towering feathers. A swarthy sinister ruffian,

England—the night after a pic-nic party in a Welsh might seem to make the cool exercise of my recolwas thoroughly tired, in fact, of all the ghastly re- "Tie up the money in your pocket-handkerchief I ran to the wash-stand; drank some of the water lection almost out of the question; nevertheless, re-

friend, "we needn't go out of the Palais Royal to each way with your honourable permission, and the er. The giddiness left me, and I began to feel a I was still thinking of the pic-nic-of our merrifind the sort of company you want. Here's the place, money's safe. Feel it! feel it, fortunate sir! hard reasonable being again. My first thought was of ment on the drive home—of the sentimental young just before us; as blackguard a place, by all report, and round as a cannon ball—Ah, bah! if they had the risk of sleeping all night in a gambling house; lady who would quote Childe Harold because it was left side ran the thick wafer-pipe which you have as you could peribly wish to see." In another only fired such common balls at us at Austerlitz— my second, of the still greater risk of trying to get monlight. I was absorbed by these past scenes and drawn—it passed close by the outer edge of the winminute we arrived at the door, and entered the house, nom d'une pipe! if they only had! And now, as out after the house was closed, and of going home past amusements, when, in an instant, the thread dow. The moment I saw the pipe. I knew I was the back of which you have drawn in your sketch. an ancient grenadier, as an ex-brave of the French alone at night, through the streets of Paris with on which my memories hung snapped asunder; my When we got up stairs, and had left our hats and army, what remains for me to do? I ask what? a large sum of money about me. I had slept in attention immediately came back to present things down upon me! sticks with the doorkeeper, we were admitted into Simply this: to entreat my valued English friend worse places than this on my travels, so I determin- more vividly than ever, and I found myself, I nei-

Was the bed moving?

flercely watched the turning up of the cards never bottle is empty. Never mind! Vive le vin! I, the but that I could not even close my eyes. I was wide drunk? dreaming? giddy again? or was the top of

But on this occasion it was very different—now, room to ourselves. I could see the croupier, in a which even a chair, a table, or a wash-hand stand the floor, the edge of the murderous canopy touched the short dialogue which immediately took place:— ceases any longer to be a subject of thought. It also the floor, the edge of the murderous canopy touched the floor, the edge of the murderous canopy touched the floor, the edge of the murderous canopy touched the floor, the edge of the murderous canopy touched the floor, the edge of the murderous canopy touched the floor, the edge of the murderous canopy touched the floor, the edge of the murderous canopy touched the floor, the edge of the murderous canopy touched the floor, the edge of the murderous canopy touched the floor, the edge of the murderous canopy touched the floor, the edge of the murderous canopy touched the floor, the edge of the murderous canopy touched the floor, the edge of the murderous canopy touched the floor, the edge of the murderous canopy touched the floor, the edge of the murderous canopy touched the floor, the edge of the murderous canopy touched the floor, the edge of the murderous canopy touched the floor, the edge of the murderous canopy touched the floor that the floor the floor the floor the floor that the floor the floor the floor that the fl

too strongly, I had been saved f om being smoth- the men whose money you won were in better How I had chafed and fretted at the fever-fit which We left the house in the sole possession of two recklessly I had confided myself to the two wretches moved to prison on the spot. The Sub-prefect. nfwho had led me into this room, determined, for the ter taking down my "proces verbal" in his office,

by the sight of the murderous canopy moving once had committed suicide in the Seine, because they had nore. After it had remained on the bed-as nearly lost everything at the gaming-table. Do I know how as I could guess-about ten minutes, it began to many of those men entered the same gambling-house "My dear friend," answered the old soldier, and loger nor astronomer. It must be at the high gal- move up again. The villains who worked it from that you entered? won as you won? took that bed now accomplished. Slowly and silently, as it had and were privately thrown into the river, with a ties of the four posts, it reached the ceiling too, many or how few have suffered the fate from which While I still lingered over this very improving Neither hole nor serew could be seen; the bed be- you have escaped. The people of the gambling-house came in appearance an ordinary bed again—the kept their bedstead machinery a secret from us canopy an ordinary canopy, even to the most sus- even from the police! Tho dead kept the rest of the

Now for the first time, I was able to move—to rise ing, Monsieur Faulkner! Be at my office again at from my knees-to dress myself in my upper cloth- nine o'clock-in the meantime, au revoir !" ing-and to consider of how I should escape. If I

tently, looking towards the door. to the proposal about the bed, and took the offered though, if I had tried to recollect it, I could certain- of a tread, light or heavy, in the room above—abwhat amusement we should next betake ourselves. another quarter of an hour the croupier called out : disengaged hand. Preceded by the croupier, we past. Of all the wonderful faculties that help to ing my door, I had moved an old wooden chest suggestion was not to my taste. I knew Frascati's All the notes, and all the gold in that "bank," now into the bed-room which I was to occupy. The exremove this chest (my blood ran cold as I thought owners identified; and that he; the croupier; another as the French saying is, by heart; had lost and won lay in a heap under my hands; the whole floating brave shook me warmly by the hand; proposed that a strange house of the most suspicious character, in disturbance was impossible; and, moreover, to think plenty of five-franc pieces there, merely for amuse- capital of the gambling-house was waiting to pour we should breakfast together, and then, followed by a situation of uncertainty, and even of peril, which of escaping through the house, now barred up for information of uncertainty and even of peril, which of escaping through the house, now barred up for information of uncertainty. the night, was sheer insanity. Only one chance was inferior persons attached to the house knew anything left me—the window. I stole to it on tiptoe.

> east live intuition, reclaiming by there not hours reckoning by suspense-to open that window. succeeded in doing it silently—in doing it with the dexterity of a house-breaker--and then looked down into the street. To leap the distance beneath a correct copy of the gambling-house bedstead. me would be almost certain destruction! Next. I saved. My breath came and went freely for the first time since I had seen the canopy of the bed moving bed-canopy descending to suffocate me in the silence

To some men the means of escape which I had discovered might have seemed difficult and dangerous enough-to me the prospect of slipping down the pipe into the street did not suggest even a thought Excellent ex-brave! Convivial ancient grenadier! sion; looked under the bed, and into the cupboard: Good God, the man had pulled his hat down on practice of gymnastics, to keep up my schoolboy doing, I could not but think how much wiser men Champagne by all means! An English cheer for an tried the fastening of the window; and then, satis- his brows!—No! the hat itself was gone! Where powers as a daring and expert climber; and knew were about iron and steel machinery, than they We had come to see blackguards; but these men old soldier! Hurrah! Another English fied that I had taken every proper precaution, pull- was the conical crown? Where the feathers—three fully in any hazards of ascent or descent. I had too of the pump to the capacity of the boiler; the were something worse. There is a comic side, more cheer for the goddess Fortune! Hurrah! hurra

chief at my back by my carvat.

I thought I should, and immediately set off at the day, when they are quiescent, when they have less top of my speed to a branch " Prefecture" of Police, air and exercise than on other days, and when their which I knew was situated in the immediate neigh- stomachs are not in a condition to digest as much borhood. A "Sub-prefect," and several picked men food as on other days, they eat a double portion. If among his subordinates, happened to be up, matur- it is a day when they are to undergo severe taxation ing, I believe, some scheme for discovering the per- and work, and when they can least afford to do petrator of a mysterious murder which all Paris was without food, oftentimes they become anxious, and talking of just then, when I began my story, in a neglect to eat because they are so anxious. As a breathless hurry and in very bad French, I could see general rule, when the body needs the basis of food that the Sub-prefect suspected me of being a drunk less than at any other time, they eat the most, and en Englishman who had robbed somebody; but he when it needs more than at any other time, they eat superstitious eyes whispered to one another, that hero of Austerlitz? Let us have a third bottle of mind, I felt certain that I was in the condition to stant; but when the conviction first settled on my dered a file of soldiers, desired his expert followers I have been asked, sometimes, how I could perform the conviction first settled on my dered a file of soldiers, desired his expert followers. imagine all sorts of horrors; to rack my brain with mind that the bed top was really moving, was stead- to get ready all sorts of tools for breaking open so large an amount of work with apparently so lit-The game was Rogue et Noir. I had played at forebodings of every possible and impossible danger; ily and continuously sinking down upon me, I look- doors and ripping up brick-flooring, and took my the diminution of strength. I attribute my power ily and continuously sinking down upon me, I look- doors and ripping up brick-flooring, and took my the diminution of strength. I attribute my power to a longformed habit of observing. sible, to lead me with him out of the house. I will every day of my life, the simple laws of healthhe was not half as much pleased as he was now at to be a matter of self-denial. It is almost like an the job in prospect for him at the gambling-house! instinct. If I have a severe tax on my brain in the

the law!" At that terrible summons bolts and locks never exceedingly bad. But if I am engaged actively "We want to see the Englishman who is sleeping most takes care of itself. I attribute much of my

he remained. Show us to his bedroom. "I swear to you, Monsieur le Sousprefet, he is tion. It is not a matter of, epicureanism that a man

as calculation. If I left everything to luck, and namented by no oaths, enforced by no finger-snap- looked about the room at the different articles of escape had been miraculously provided for me, I slept here—he didn't find your bed comfortable—he civilized in his cookery. I attribute much of the could not have moved to take advantage of it. The came to us to complain of it-here he is among my unhealth that exists among men, to the abominable win—to win in the face of every recognized prowhole life in me was, at that moment, concentrated in his bedstead. Renaudin! (calling to one of the not responsible, perhaps, for the adulterated articles on the not responsible and the not responsible are recognized proin his bedstead. Renaudin! den present ventured their money safely enough on I have been to the mistress of the house (a very Paris!—yes a thorough clumsy British four-poster, It descended—the whole canopy, with the fringe man, and tie his hands behind him. Now then, store. They may not be responsible for the pois on

gentlmen, let us walk up stairs!"

and still wen. The excitement in the room rose to —you must, my good and gracious friend! With the room. Then there was the marble-topped washplace, commanded everybody to be silent, stamped kitchen that sends out food that will not me. e. Chrisfever pitch. The silence was interrupted by a deep, all that money to take home to-night, it is a sacred hand stand, from which the water I had spilt, in my substance of which was concealed by the valance and twice on the floor, called for a candle, looked attention men sicks!

-in the nineteenth century, and in the civilized as to join the fixtures below, and when taken to days of the Inquisition, in the lonely inns among After some little difficulty the Sub-prefect succeeded the Hartz Mountains, in the mys crious tribunals of in putting the machinery together, and leaving his Westphalia! Still, as I looked on it. I could not men to work it descended with me to the bedroom. move, I could hardly breathe, but I began to recov- The smothering canopy was then lowered, but not so er the power of thinking; and in a moment I dis- noiselessly as I had seen it lowered. When I mencovered the murderous conspiracy framed against tioned this to the Sub-prefect, his answer, simple as was, had a terrible significance. "My men," said My cup of coffee had been drugged, and drugged he, " are working down the bed-top for the first time

the Morgue," answered the Sub-prefect, in whose secret for them. Good night, or rather good morn-

The rest of my story is soon told. I was examinbetrayed, by the slightest noise, that the attempt to ed; the gambling-house was strictly searched all through from top to bottom; the prisoners were among them made a confession. I discovered that of the army as a vagabond years ago; that he had been guilty of all sorts of villanies since; that he was in possession of stolen property, which the accomplice, and the woman who had made my cup of coffee, were all in the secret of the bedstead .of the suffocating machinery; and they received the benefit of that doubt, by being treated simply as thieves and vagabonds. As for the Old Soldier and his two head-myrmidons, they went to the galleys: the woman who had drugged my coffee was imprisoned for I forget how many years: the regular attendants at the gambling-house were considered "suspicious," and placed under "surveillance;" time, the head "lion" in Parisian society. My adventure was dramatized by three illustrious playmakers, but never saw theatrical daylight; for the censorship forbode the introduction on the stage of

> One good result was produced by my adventure which any censorship must have approved :- it cured me of ever again trying "Rouge et Noir" as an amusement. The sight of a green cloth, with packs of cards and heaps of money on it, will henceforth be for ever associated in my mind with the sight of a and darkness of the night.

> > CARE OF THE BODY.

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While riding on a locomotive, last week, and f peril. I had always been accustomed, by the talking with the engineer, as I had the privilege of remembered the handkerchief filled with money uit- relation of the cylinder, or of the steam generated, der my pillow. I could well have afforded to leave to the work to be done-all these things were in the it behind me, but I was revengefully determined engineer's mind. He was continuously watching gard, long-haired young man, whose sunken eyes blood of France! Another glass? Ah, bah!—the I soon felt not only that I could not go to sleep, I turned on my back and looked up. Was I mad? miss their plunder as well as their victim. So I every side, so as to keep every part in its proper went back to the bed and tied the heavy handker- condition. The stoker, or fireman, was applying or withholding food, so as to keep the engine in just Just as I had made it tight and fixed it in a com- that state in which it would work best, according to ran through me again as I listened. No! dead silence ber and weight of the cars being drawn-for we were

I slid down into the street easily and quietly, as gard to what it is going to do! If it is the Sabbath

ability to endure work, to good habits of eating, and constant attention to the laws of sleep, physical ex-

There is one thing more to be said in this connecthat is palmed upon them over the counter, a' one Every man and woman in the house was secured with things they are obliged to have. But in liffer,

is a very fertile cause of much sickness and suffer No object that was at all extraordinary appeared ing. I suppose one of the infallible signs of the