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so she was ill pleased at his news.

THE MILLION SILVER DOLLARS.

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There were just two rooms and an attic in John Allen's home, an attic whose flooring was insecure that the rats had several times threatened to emigrate to a safer house; just the sort of place for a future President of the United States to tune.' choose his birthplace. But it John Allen ever becomes President I pity the people of this country. Not because John is bad but because he is lazy and suspicious, two qualities that would not suit a ruler of a republic.

John and his mother were so poor that the rats sometimes felt that it was not very creditable to their rodencies that they continued to live off the hospitality of the poverty stricken pair, but, after all, where there is food there is bound to be some crumbs, and so the rats stayed on and John and his mother wondered if people could be any poorer than they and continue to live.

One day John went cut to the spring to get a pail of water for his mother, as boys have done ever since there were mother's pails and sons and that's more years than even vou can remember. He lived near Summit, N J, on the Watchug range of hills, and his house was ugly in that hopeless New Jersey sort of way which is very different from the New England way and not half as nice. Give me Yankee ugliness every time, red paint and all.

While he was at the spring and wonder ing how he get through the rest of the day without ocing any work a hardsome. man on horseback rode up and asked John very civilly how far it was to Murry Hill, which is the name of Hamlet near Summit.

'About a mile, sir,' said John, who was not the sort of a boy to refuse to answer a question, although he liked better to ask them.

'Thank you, my boy. Would you like a million dollars in silver ?' You see the traveller was 1 ot above joking with the lad.

Well, now some boys would have promptly said to and would have run home with the water, but John dearly loved to talk, so he set the pail down by the side of

'Why, John, you should not have sus pected the good man. I'm sure no one likely that any one will again. I wish you had gone with him.'

'But mother I thought you wanted the water.'

'Oh, child, I was not so thirsty but that I could have waited until we got the million before I drank. Many men have given up all that made life dear to get a million and what's a drink of water against a for-

These words from his mother made John feel that he had not been wise, so he went out to the spring and waited there for the of work to do around the miserable house. But the stranger did not come back.

The next day at about the same bour and after a wait of an hour he was rewardtime from Summit. As soon as John saw just as poor as before. him he ran to me et him.

you think that you can trust me l'll take work. you to Summit and we'll hunt up that million dollars. It's there by now.'

Almost before the words were out of his mouth John had leaped to the horse's back in an ecstasy of joy and had said Go where you will. Mother said I could trust you.

'Now that was really kind in the lady. said the stranger with a queer smile. 'I will show ber that she did not mi judge me. I will confess that it vixed me yesterday to think that a poor boy like you should be straid of a millionaire, but then I thought you probably never saw one before and so I ecided not to bear malice. We'll go to Summit and I'll point out the car and pay the workmen in advance to help you get it up here and then you must bury it and use it as I have prescribed or'

The traveller did not finish the word, but John imagined the worst and sighed The way to Summit was neither hard

nor long and they soon reached it, riding station.

freight car that had nothing whatever in it

The men were not much surprised to

see all the money because they did not for

a minute suppose it was real. They

thought it was the waste from a tin factory

man would give one million silver dollars

to a twelve-year old boy and you can't be-

The stranger now had to take a train to

New York so he left his horse as a present

to John and shook hands with him and

John was so busy running his hands

through the money and letting it drop like

sand in an hour glass from one hand to an-

other that he actually forgot to thank his

It took the men several hours to empty

the car and I'm sure I don't know what

Summit people were doing that they didn't

notice the million dollars going over the

bridge and up the hill into the woods, but

His mother came out to meet the cara-

Bury it back of the house, John, dear.

The earth is softer there and it will be

van and she nearly went crazy at sight of

the money. Imagine twelve coal carts

lieve what's unbelievable.

sign a receipt for it

been paid.

benefactor.

-and the men began to shovel the money into the house. At the first shoveful about half fell through the chinks in the ever offered us that before and it is not floor to the room below and the rats deserted the house. But disregarding this warning he bade the men to go ahead and shovel it all in. Well, I'll leave it to you to figure how packed that attic became. One million silver dollars take up a good deal of room and weigh a good deal, as the old house evidently thought.

For, just as the last shovelful of dollars was pitched in, the miserable building tot tered and fell and Mrs Allen just escaped being buried under it.

But the worst of it was that as John had disobeyed the injunction of the great milrest of the day, although there was plenty lionaire, the money began to roll and roll through the woods and far away. Some of it went into the brooks, some of it went into woodchuck and snake holes, some of John again took up his station at the spring | it rolled a mile before it stopped but like snow in hot sun it all disappeared and a ed by seeing the stranger riding back, this | halt hour later John and his mother were

I wish I could say that John had learned Well, boy. fortune does not often knock a lesson and ceased to be suspicious, but twice at a man's door, but as fortune and I he didn't. To this day he haunts the are old friends I've made him do it and it spring, leaving his mother to do all the

But the stranger rides no more.



The Clay Potter who Escaped Being Crippled for Life by Almost a Miracle.

N. Wideman of Duptroon, Ont., Interviewed in Toronto-The Most Hopeless Care of Rheumatism on Record-A Living Monument to the Power of Dodd's Kidney Pills.

TORONTO, Feb. 19.-The wonderful es cape of A. N. Wideman, which found its way into the newspapers a tew weeks ago, is still a subject of interest here. He will be remembered as the man wto was so frightfully crippled with Rheumatism, being twisted and contorted out of shape.

He was fairly snatched from a miserable over a bridge and right down to the treight | death by Dodd's Kidney Pills, and he has been one of the greatest upholders of The stranger inquired at the office for a Dodd's Kidney Pills in Canada ever since. Mr. Wideman still has to use a stick

sor, with two assistante, as a special commission to go to Hongkong and study the plague in action. The three men arrived and took rooms at the Hongkong Hotel. They carried with them a complete equipment of a bacteriologic laboratory, the first that had ever been seen in that part of the world. Many of the instruments bad just been invented in the Koch or Pasteur school, and were unknown to the Chinese physicians.

Doctor Kitasto first demonstrated that the disease could be communicated to or trom rats, rabbits, guinea pigs and mice. His next demonstration was that the dust, and even the infected air in plague 'pots, could carry the disease. At this point he and his two assistants contracted the disorder, and were obliged to desist from their studies. Lest science should be the loser, each kept a careful record of the progress of the disease in the other two. The attacks were serious. The younger assistant died, but the elder one, Doctor Oyama, and Doctor Kitasato recovered. Shortly after this the Professor identified the bacillus of the plague, which he found to resemble that of the chicken cholers in its early stages, and lastly he published the results of his experiments His recommon dations were adopted by the Japanese Government the same year, and by the Board of Health in our new possession of Hawaii and other seaport cities thereafter.

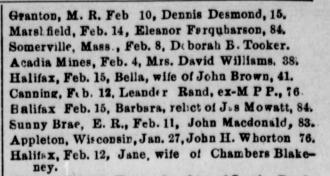
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Halifar, Feb. 15, Hetty, daughter of Lewis Good-

Kemptville, Feb. 14, Sarah, wife o' John T. Gavel, 55 years.

Arlington, Mass,, Feb. 9, Arn Yeo, wife of Robert Ellis, 57.

Dorset, England, Feb. 15, Rev. Robert George

Halifax, Feb. 16 Johanna, daughter of the late Geo. Coolen, 23

Ayles fo d, Feb. 12, Margaret. wife of Rev. J. P. Chadbourne, 32.

Black Point, Shelburne County, Feb. 10, Mr. Parker Matchews, 73.

Halifax, Feb. 15, Christianna, widow of late Mr. Justice Henry, 78.

Woltville, Feb. 10, Sarah S, relict of the late Reuben Green, 76.

Moncton, Feb. 17. Whilemine, child of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Comier.

Cape Island, Feb. 4. Chloe Ann, widow of the late Freeman Nickersen, 46.

Charlottetown, Fcb. 14. Elle, daughter of James and Catherine Morgan, 11.

Head of Hillsborough, Feb. 10, Catherine Rose A., wife of Fred F. Douglas, 25.

Pless ant Valley, Feb. 17, Ann Macker zie, widow of the late Duncan Macdonal, 103.

Dartmouth, Feb. 14, Charles Edward, child of Henry and Florence Stear, 10 we ks.

Granville Ferry, Feb. 11, Clifton W. Stevenson, son of Alfred and Elen Stephen on, 5 m nths.

RAILROADS.





On above train every Thursday, from MONTREAL and runs to SEATTLE, without change,

the spring and said, 'Yes, sir, I would if I weren't so atraid of being robbed.'

The traveller burst out laughing.

'Why, have you thought of that part of it already ? That doesn't generally come until after we have secured the millions and then it is a disquieting thought, 1'll admit. So you'd fear robbers ?'

'Yes, sir, I bet one million dollars would tempt them if it was known I had so much money and I'd never dare do anything but guard it day and night, but that wouldn't be so bad, for then I would not have to hoe. I read something in a paper that I take to mean that it is wicked to hoe and I don't want to be wicked, and anyhow hoeing makes me tired and slants my brow, mother sava. so I generally let her do it.'

Now what in the world John was driving at I don't know, but it only shews that children ought not to be allowed to read the newspapers-except the children's department.

The traveller laughed again and said "Poor Markham ! whatever he meant, and then he said : 'Boy, you ought not to be so suspicious. I have a hundred millions and no one ever stele a cent from me.'

John was interested but not convinced. Because the traveller had been free from thieves it did not tollow that he would be. As for the traveller although he had start ed in to chiff the boy, he now decided to try bim and see what use he would make of a million dollars and whether it would benefit him or the reverse. He was in the habit of giving a million dollars to found hospitals and libraries and soup kitchens as freely as you give five cents to the Leathen when your father gives it to you for that purpose. So a million dollars for the poor boy would be nothing to him and he said :

.Well, if you will leave that pail of water there and come with me to Summit, I'll give you a million dollars just as soon as I can arrange to have it sent out from New York. Of course I have not that much with me-in silver-for my horse is built for speed and not for strength, and of course there are certain conditions that go with this money. I never give without naming some condition. You must bury all of the money except what you need for daily use, and you must regularly give to to the poor or else you will be sorry.

John, like most people, hated gitts that had strings to them. The best gift is a free gift and at first John was tempted to say to the horseman, 'Ob, keep your money.' But when he reflected that the million dollars would not only buy - him a loaded to overflowing with bright, new, new suit and a bicycle and a new shawl gleaming dollars. Wby, It would have atfor his mother and pay for the services of tracted attention even in Wall street, a professional hoeman who didn't care a where every man is a millionaire-or scrap about his brow he left the spring and | wishes he was. the pail of water and approached nearer to the wonderful stranger.

.Wien do you think the money will come ?'

The traveller looked at his watch. 'It | 'I don't know as I care how hard it is for is now twelve. It I telegraph to have it them to dig, mother. They've been paid, shipped I ought to get it by four o'clock, so what's the odds ?' for I'll have it sent on an express car. It | Well, now you know there was a good

was out of sight in a minute.

but a million silver dollars. The freight when he walks as the disease has left him with one leg shorter than the other. agent, who was very busy, said: 'I be-

With this exception, and with the delieve that such a car came in but I've got fect due to the breaking of his teeth from so much to attend to that I can't be sure. Go hunt it up and take the money and taking mercury medicines, Mr. Wideman some time when I'm not so busy you can is as well as ever he was in his life.

"I never heard of anything like the way Dodd's Kidney Pills worked in my case, So the stranger hitched his horse to a truck that stood on the platform said he. "They drove the Rheumatism clean out of my system. You know work and then walked across the track to was slack in the earthenware works, and I to the switch on which was the car. took a chance to work in the harvest field. Sure enough, when they opened the door, several hundred dollars rolled out I got soaked several times with rain and and all over the ground. John did not that brought on the worst attack of Rheubother to pick them up as there was so matism I ever heard of. I was in bed five many more where they came from. The months. My legs were twisted out of shape, stranger had already hired workmen to the toes pointing inwards. Well, nothing cart the money away and twelve men with the doctor could do did me the least good. cosl carts now appeared on the scene all My teeth broke off from the mercury he gave me, that was all." ready to do the work for which they had

' How did you come to take Dodd's Kidney Pills ?' Mr. Wideman was asked. "A neighbor of mine, Mrs. Boyer, got me to try them. I did so to please her, but

continued their use because they were curing me."

simply because it was beyond belief that a "And you ascribe your present health and strength to Dodd's Kidney Pills ?" "I certainly do. It it hadn't been for

Dodd's Kidney Pills I would te in my grave at this minute," said Mr. Wideman emphatically.

Another Spanish Excu e.

A belated war story comes from Porce, Puerto Rico, and is told by Lieutenant Juan Arato, of the Spanish Engineers. 'When the war broke out,' said the Lieutenant,' we found that our ammunition of all sorts was very low. Some was new and some old; some was black and some was brown; some was old tashioned and some was smokeless and mysterious. There was one lot of brown smokeless powder which was marked Use with care

and to it was attached a legend that it had

small charge in a gun, and to my snrprise very much disguted, and one of them said: 'Bah, this is no good for war. I'll use it for cooking our supper."

handful into a small campfire. Judge of our feelings when we saw the fire go out. I afterward learned that powder of this sort deteriorates with age, and that long before this case was opened it was as harmless as wet sand.

Doctor Kitasato's Heroic Experiment. So said his mother, but John replied:

The honors that have been showered up on Prefessor S. Kitasato, the eminent Japanese physician, are justified today by the spread of the bubonic plague and the res. lization of his recorded predictions. The story of his work has never before been told in full, as he is very modest and cannot be induced to talk about himself. When the plague broke out in Hongkong in February, 1894, Doctor Kitasato wrote a me. moir in which he claimed that the new pestilence was the ancient disease known as the 'black death.' He said there was grave danger of the malady spreading rapidly to many lands. His assertions were laughed at by the European physicians in Japan. His own countrymen upheld him and brought the matter before the Government. to be fond of a thing you had never seen, not more than ten feet from the ground It acted promptly, and selected the Proles- Yarmouth, Feb. 10, Freeman C. Gardner, 49

Windsor, Feb. 11, to the wife of Mr. Towell, a son. Windsor, Feb. 10, to the wife of Geo. Wilson, a son. Amberst, Feb. 6, to the wife of Emil Wolfe, a son. Truro, Feb. 12, to the wife of Lymn Cox, a daugh-

Hartville, Feb. 5, to the wife of Geo. Burgwin, a

Falmouth, Feb. 8 to the wife of Arthur Lynch, s Sydney, Feb. 10, to the wife of John McKenna,

Windsor, Feb. 10, to the wife of Harry Colwell,

New Haven, Jan. 3, to the wife of H. McLood,

Long Island, Feb. 11, to the wife of Elias , Eagles, a

Trurc. Feb. 8, to the wife of Arthur McInnis, a

New Glasgow, Feb. 12, to the wife of Dr. Parker, a son.

Parrsboro, Feb. 8, to the wife of David Welton, daughter. Sydney, Feb. 4, to the wife of P. C. Campbell, a

daughter. Falmouth, Feb. 6, to the wife of H. Payzant, a

daugh er. Windsor, Feb. 11, to the wife of Fred Shand, a

daughter. Milton, Jan. 27, to the wife of James Hunt, a daughter.

Baddeck, Jan. 12, to the wife of Edward McKay, a daughter.

Caledonis, Feb. 7, to the wife of L. Thompson, daughter.

Welsford, Jan. 22, to the wife of Frank McConnell a daugiter.

Raddeck, Feb. 3, to the wife of Allan McDonald, a daughter.

Sheffi ld Mills, Feb. 6 to the wife of Alfred Ellis, a daughter. Mount Uniacke, Feb. 13, to the wife of John Bridle,

a caughter. Atlington, Mass., Feb. 6, to the wife of Henry

Wood, a son. Tatamagouche Bar, Feb. 2, to the wife of Joseph

Roberts, a scn Mt. Caroll, Feb. 4, to the wife of Rev. Judson Kemptor, a son.

Coverdale, Feb. 12. to the wife of Stratford Colpitts .a daughter.

Neil's Harbor, C. B., Jao. 24, to the wife of D. P. Montgomery, a son.

Lexington, Mass, Jan. 31, to the wife of Harry Patterson, a daughter.

Upper Builington, Jan. 26, to the wife of Sydney Brigh ma:, a daugiter.

Wolfville. Feb. 4, Thomas Harrington to Annie Messem.

son to Annie Grey.

Doyle to Mary Hant.

Weeks to Susan Stacy.

Yarmouth Jan. 29, by Rev. N. B. Dunn, Alvin A. Crosby to Mary Porter.

Artigonish, Feb. 1, by Rev J. R. Munro, John Mc-Innes to Grace J. Grant.

Bridgewater, Feb. 10, by Rev. S. March, William Smith to Carrie McKean.

Halifax, Feb. 11, by Rev. N. Le Moine, Beverley R. Newberry to blanche Stubbing.

North Sydney, C. B., Feb. 6, by Rev. T. C. Jack, Walter C. Young to L. zzie Munro.

Clementsport, Feb. 14, by Rev. J. E. Eaton, J Troop McClelland to Bertha M. Lent.

Woodstock, N. B., Feb. 11, by Rev. F. W. Black mer. H. H. Tucker to Mary A. Burpee.

West Cape, P. E. I. Feb, 7, by Rev. D. Maclean, Andrew Livingstone to Marganet Macleas.

St. Eleanor's, P. E. I., Feb. 12, by Rev. Neil Mc-Laughlin, Hamilton Matthews to Florence Craswell.

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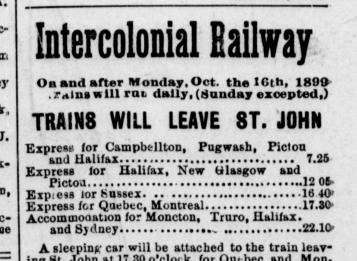
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they didn't, and in mid-atternoon John arrived without acceident at his miserable shanty. Oh, I torgot to say that when he went to get the horse which had been hitched to the trunk, he found it had eaten Very powerful! keep cool and dry the whole top off that receptacle, much to

the disgust of a woman who wanted to take the next train but who had to go into town burst a Krupp field gun.

"I determined to try it. I employed a it refused to go off. My gunners were

"We all jumped as he threw a double

and buy a new trunk and repack it on the station plat orm with the wind blowing her belongings all along the D. laware, Lackawanna road. It never entered John's

selfish head to pay ber for the damage the horse had done. His mind was too engrossed with his suddenly acquired wealth.

MARRIED.

Windsor, Jan. 29, by Rev. A. Shaw, Reuben John-

Halifax, Feb. 12, by Rev. A. P. Parker, James

Dartmouth, Jan. 30, by Rev. W. Ryan, Moses

you want it, jump up behind me at once deal of odds. There's no use in piling and come alorg, as I have a directors' work on a man of woman just because meeting to attend at two and I must make you're paying him. All people have feelings, even men with shovels and hoes. haste.' But now John was suddenly overcome

And the first digger took a dislike to John right away and determined to come with suspicions. This might be a highsome dark night and carry off some of the wayman who would rob him of his rags, so 'money' and give it to his children to play he said, not gratefully, but in a tone of doubt, 'I don't know you. Suppose'store with. You see none of them could But at this the stranger slapped his believe it was real money.

easier for the men to dig.'

But John suspected him of having such borse's flank with the flat of his hand and thoughts and he said, forgetting the warn-John filled the pail and went into the ing of the stranger. 'I guess l'd rather house and told his mother what had hap- have it where I can have my eyes on it day pened. She was one of the most artless and night. Just put t in the attic.' Of course he was boss and the men had women who ever handled a hoe and as unanspicious as John was the opposite and to obey him so the first cart was backed she was tond of money if you can be said up in front of the attic window-which was



Baltic, Feb. 12, Hugh Matthews. Halifax, Feb. 15, John Brady, 73. Pictou, Feb. 12, Mark T. Pace, 64. Ballic, Feb. 8, Patrick Kilbride, 84. Moncton, Feb. 18, Amos Gould, 29. St. John. Feb. 18, William Girvan, 88. Halifax, Feb. 14, Hannah L. Shaw, 65. Canning, Feb. 10, David M. Dickie, 68. Comeauville, Feb. 15, Frank A. Comeau. Monaghan Road, Feb. 13, James Connolly. St. John, Feb. 15, Mrs. Letitla Suilivan, 80. Dundas, Feb, 17, Miss Penelope Matheson. O. kland, Cal., Feb. 9, wife of James Gossip. Quincy, Mass., Feb. 14, Matthew Lyons, 37. Halifax, Feb. 10, Bertha A Duggan, 10 years.

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