

CURED AT 73 YEARS.

Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure Victorious. No other medicine can show such a record. Here is a reliable evidence of its power.



ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF THE CRIME.

CHAPTER I. A GENTLEMAN THINKS HE CAN COMMIT A CRIME AND ESCAPE DETECTION. "Jack Barnes never gets left, you bet."

"That was a close call, though," replied the Pullman porter who had given Mr. Barnes a helping hand. In his desperate effort to board the midnight express as it rolled out of Boston.

"Thank you for your good advice and for your assistance. Here's a quarter for you. Show me to my section. I am nearly dead, I am so tired."

"I'll give you a dissertation on crime. Attend! In ordinary business it is brains versus brains. The professional man contends with his fellows, and if he would win the race toward fortune he must show more brains.

"I'll give you a dissertation on crime. Attend! In ordinary business it is brains versus brains. The professional man contends with his fellows, and if he would win the race toward fortune he must show more brains.

"I'll give you a dissertation on crime. Attend! In ordinary business it is brains versus brains. The professional man contends with his fellows, and if he would win the race toward fortune he must show more brains.

"I'll give you a dissertation on crime. Attend! In ordinary business it is brains versus brains. The professional man contends with his fellows, and if he would win the race toward fortune he must show more brains.

"I'll give you a dissertation on crime. Attend! In ordinary business it is brains versus brains. The professional man contends with his fellows, and if he would win the race toward fortune he must show more brains.

venge. In this instance—I mean my own case—the object of the crime is so unique that the detective who discovers it should be able to convict me. A crime committed to decide a wager is perhaps new."

"It's very novel in your best safeguard." "Yet there are two ways by which it may be discovered, and that is two too many. Had I undertaken this affair secretly there would really have been but a single way for one to learn my secret—my own confession. As men have been weak enough to do this before now, I should even in that instance have taken precautions. But with my secret in the possession of a second party the position is more complex."

"I assure you on my honor that I will not betray you. I will agree to forfeit five times the wager in such an event."

"I prefer that you should be perfectly at liberty in the matter. I expect it to be thus. In your own mind at present you do not think that I shall carry out my purpose. Therefore your friendship for me is undisturbed. Then you consent that, if I do commit a crime, it will be some trivial one that may bring your conscience to excuse, under the circumstances. But let us suppose that a really great crime should be reported, and for some reason you should suspect me. You will hurry to my rooms before I get out of bed and ask me flatly whether I am guilty. As flatly I should refuse to enlighten you. You would take this as a confession of guilt. You would perhaps argue that if your surmise were correct you would be an accessory before the fact, and to shield yourself and do your duty you would make a clean breast of it."

"I am beginning to be offended, Bob. I did not think you would trust me so little!" "Don't get angry, old man. Remember that only a few minutes ago you warned me that you would not die dead after the crime. We artistic criminals must be prepared against every contingency."

"I did not think when I spoke. I did not mean it." "Yes, you did, and I am not at all angry. Let it be understood then that you will be at liberty to repeat the facts about this wager should your conscience prick you. It will be best for me to expect and be prepared for such action. But you have not asked what the second danger of discovery is. Can you guess?"

"Not unless you mean as you suggested, your own confession." "No, though that really makes a third chance. Yet it is so simple. Have you noticed that we can hear a man snoring?"

"No!" "Listen a moment! Do you not hear that? It is not exactly a snore, but rather a troubled breathing. Now that man is in the third section from us. Do you see the point?"

"I must confess that I would not make a detective." "Why, my dear boy, if we can hear that fellow, why may not some one in the next compartment be listening to our tete-a-tete? Mr. Barnes fairly glowed with admiration for the fellow's careful consideration of every point."

"A romance?" "That is immaterial. Suppose that I should plan a robbery in order to decide this wager. As necessity would not urge me either as to time or place, I should choose my opportunity, let us say, when but one person guarded the treasure. That one I should chloroform and also bind. Next I should lay my hands on the designated plunder. Suppose that as I were about to depart a sleeping, unaccounted-for pet dog should jump out and bark furiously? I reach for it, and it snags at me, biting my hand. I grapple it by the throat and strangle it, but in its death throes it bites my vest, and a button falls to the ground and rolls away. The dog is at last silenced. Your ordinary burglar by this time would be so unnerved that he would hasten off, not even realizing that he had been bitten, that blood had flowed, or that the button was lost. Mr. Barnes is sent to the home the next day. The lady suspects her coachman, and Mr. Barnes consents to his arrest, not because he thinks him guilty, but because, as the mistress thinks so, he may be, and then more especially, his arrest will lull the fear of the real culprit. Mr. Barnes would observe blood on the ground, on the dog's mouth, and he would find the button. From the button he would find Mr. Thief, with his hand bitten, and there you are."

"But how should you avoid all that?" "In the first place, were I really wise, I should not have taken the buttons about me at such a time. But let us suppose that the time had not been of my own choosing; then the buttons might have been with me. Assured as I should have been that the only person in the house lay chloroformed and tied, I should not have lost my nerve, as did the other individual. Neither should I have allowed myself to be bitten, though if the accident had occurred I should have stopped to wash up the stain from the carpet while fresh, and also from the dog's mouth. I should have discovered the loss of the button, searched for and recovered it, untied the victim and opened the windows, that the odor of chloroform could pass off during the night. In fact, in the morning the only evidence of crime would have been the strangled dog and the absence of the pet."

"It is easy enough to explain your action under suppositions of circumstances. But I doubt if in Pettigill's shoes you would have been able to retain your presence of mind, and recover the lost button which led to his final arrest."

"It is possible that you are right, for I had been Pettigill I should have been coerced by necessities as he was. Yet I think I should not have planned such a robbery, choosing my own time as he did, and then have taken with me such a button. But from Mr. Barnes' standpoint, as I said before, very little of the artifice was needed. The button was constructed of a curious old coin. Mr. Barnes went the rounds of the dealers and found the very man who had sold Pettigill the coin. The rest was routine work."

"Well, you are conceited, but I don't mind making a thousand out of your egotism. Now I am sleepy, however, so good night."

"Good night, old man. Dream of a way to earn an extra thousand, for I shall win."

For Mr. Barnes himself sleep was now more impossible than ever. He was attracted to this new case, for so he counted it, and he was determined to trap the individual who wagered against his acumen. It was a long stop toward success to know as much as he had overheard. He would not lose sight of his man during the allotted month. He enjoyed the prospect of allowing him to commit his crime and then quietly taking him in the act. Carefully and noiselessly he dressed himself and slipped out of his berth. Then he crept into one opposite, so that he could have his eye on No. 8, and settled down for an all night vigil.

"It would not surprise me if that keen devil were to commit his crime this very night. I hope so, for otherwise I shall have no sleep till he does."

[TO BE CONTINUED.] Pursued by a Demon. How many suicides, think you, reader, have been committed by persons driven to despair by the haunting of their doom by the demon of chronic ill health? Countless. For instance, we know, do we not, that hypochondria is a monomania, a sort of madness produced by chronic dyspepsia? Again, insomnia, or sleeplessness, often a result of the same cause, eliminates in a moment the reasoning faculties. It is therefore of momentous consequence to prevent the arrival of disease at its chronic phase, which it daily and nightly scourges the sufferer in a dangerously uncertain goal. The medicine known as Banjos, as a means of arresting the malady to which it is adapted, exists equal to Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Among these complaints are chronic indigestion, kidney and rheumatic ailments, constipation and liver troubles. Appetite is improved by the Bitters, the blood is purified, and body substance and vigor increased by it.

PHYSICIANS. DR. J. S. HALY, Physician and Surgeon. W.H. Latham to call at 110 West 4th Street, O. Discover Fish & Co's Aggro-agro-agro.

HARRISON & SON, Physicians and Surgeons. OFFICE: River Street & Balesy's drug store, No. 100, O.

A. E. H. MAERKER, Physician and Surgeon. OFFICE: In Latham's Drug Store, Second Floor South of Star & Co's Bank.

DR. GEO. R. TEEPLE, HONORARY GRADUATE OFFICER, Ontario Veterinary College, Toronto, Canada. TREATS all diseases of horses and cattle; O. Acin Star & Balesy's drug store.

THOS. A. CONWAY, Attorney at Law, NAPOLEON, OHIO. MONEY TO LOAN. Collections promptly made. Office, rooms 5 and 6, Vockeblock.

MARTIN KNUFF, Attorney at Law, NAPOLEON, OHIO. OFFICE: No. 1, Vockeblock, 3rd and 4th Sts.

CAHILL & DONOVAN, Attorneys at Law, NAPOLEON, OHIO. OFFICE on ground floor one door East of Cooper's hardware store, Washington street.

F. M. RUMMELL, ATTORNEY AT LAW, NAPOLEON, OHIO. OFFICE on Washington street over Cooper's Hardware Store.

PRINTS & DITTMER, Attorney at Law, NAPOLEON, OHIO. MONEY TO LOAN. OFFICE on Perry Street, over Sponger Bros' Co's Grocery.

C. F. FREASE, Attorney at Law, Napoleon, Ohio. Office in France block, opposite court house, Napoleon, Ohio.

HARRY C. HAGUE, ATTORNEY AT LAW. Abstracts of Titles a Specialty. OFFICE on the Hastings Street, one door east of the Engine House.

JUSTICES. J. P. DUNBAR, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE And Pension Agent, Marion township, Henry county, Ohio. Post office address, Napoleon, Ohio.

JOSEPH WEIBLE, Notary Public and Insurance Agent. FLORIDA, HENRY COUNTY, OHIO. DRESSES, Mortgages and Contracts drawn. A. G. F. First-class and reliable Phoenix Ins. Co. Hartford, and also agent for the People's Nat. Ins. Co. Benefit Association, of Westerville, Ohio. All business promptly attended to.

Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure. Restores Health. Sold by all druggists.

THE DAY OF WORSHIP. Time for Holding Services by the Several Churches. EVANGELICAL—Church 10:30 a. m., 7 p. m. Sunday school 9:30 a. m., 10:30 a. m., 7 p. m. Wednesday, 7 p. m. Rev. G. W. GREEN, Pastor.

COUNTY RECORD. COUNTY OFFICERS. Common Pleas Judge—J. M. Shea. Clerk—C. C. Brown. Probate Judge—J. H. Higgins.

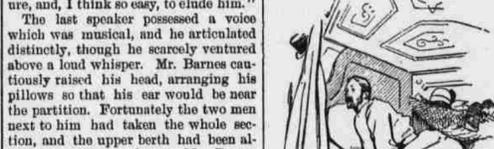
CORPORATION OFFICERS. Mayor—D. Meekins. Clerk—C. C. Brown. Treasurer—J. H. Higgins. Marshal—T. J. Birt.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE OF HENRY CO. BARTLOW TOWNSHIP. Joseph Fish, Jr., Desher. A. A. Brown, Pender.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP. D. Younkman, Tolson. C. H. Hanchell, Colton.

TOWNSHIP CLERKS. Township Clerk. Postoffice. Bartlow—C. C. Brown. Desher—D. Meekins.

FEMALE WEAKNESSES. Many beautiful women die in the very prime of life. Others live to middle age, but are seldom sound and healthy. Why is this? You ask? It is because they neglect their health.



Mr. Barnes cautiously raised his head.

thousand dollars to me, for, though I think you are not really intending to become a criminal in either event, I may as well profit by your offer."

"What do you mean by 'in either event?'" "Why, if you do not commit a crime, you pay, and if you do I am sure that you would be caught. Then, however much I should regret your disgrace, I warn you that I should cut you dead and take your money."

"Then you accept the wager?" "I do!" "Done. Now for the conditions. I am to have one month in which to plan and commit my crime, and one year for avoiding the detectives. That is, if I am free at the end of one year and can prove to you that I committed a crime within the stipulated period, I win the wager. If I am in jail awaiting trial, the bet cannot be settled until the law has had its way and I am either proved innocent or guilty. Is that satisfactory?"

"Perfectly. But what class of crime will you commit?" "My friend, you are inquisitive. The wager is on, and my boasted caution must begin. Therefore I must not tell you anything of the nature of my intended crime."

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.