[From the Lippincott's Magazine.] MURDER MOST FOUL.

Forth from the smoke and carpage, cut. His left haud, wrapped in bloody fences, straight ahead, with lips comhis feebly tottering steps and in the follows:
difficulty with which he kept from "MARY: I have chanced to see a letplunging headlong to the earth. At ter addressed to Mr. John Randall, this moment he came in view of a farm | Beeville, Virginia, by you, in which house, and the sight stimulated him to you claim that gentleman as your husattempt, but at length, as if with his secret here, and I am certain that neith-

until animation began to return to the faintly, he fondly murmured. "Indiana!"

His fevered brain evidently mistook her for another. Closing his eyes he to my father's." lapsed suddenly into a deep sleep Taking advantage of this, she hastily and his wife. Spreading a blanket, they placed the wounded soldier upon it and with difficulty bore him to a bed. "He is a rebel," said the old man.

"But is a fellow human," remarked

girl, who was obviously the daughter of | mand."

the aged couple. soldier whose fortunes we are following homaard with his bride. became aware that he had been left behind in the enemy's country. He vehicle. house of Mr. Ordolf, a plain but substautial farmer, whose wife and daughter were assiduous in their humane at-tentions to the disabled Confederate. His wife had mysteriously disappeared! They were mother and sister to him in his forlorn condition, and his grateful affection for them grew day by day as he was not missed. Where was she? Toward Mary Ordolf, the daughter, his feelings rapidly grew to be of a holier and more tender character. What she was in form and feature would have her simple daily life, exhibited in all

to choose between a Federal prison and penetrable. an attempt to escape to the Confederacy. under these circumstances. On the her content." third of July, 1865, she was sitting on the root of a huge oak which shaded the harped upon the injured hand : Mary swered :

"These things that I have briefly

mention ed, are, of course, inconclusive,

death. We give an extract :

"I did not do it, nor consent to it, nor

gallows. But I would not die leaving

Indiana Randall was said to be a

quaintances were requested to forbear

their visits until her recovery was an-

And it was so. She was mad, but there

was a terrible method in her madness .-

She sought to break from her confine-

ment and rush to the place of execution.

She shricked aloud avowals of her own

of John Randall She prayed to be

poor wretch! she was already beyond the vengeance of law. Could her guilt

have been established beyond a doubt,

"I knew," she cried, "that he had

around by the road. John strongly ob-

to accompany me, and he at last re-

"I had no idea of hurting her. The

came to the spot where her body was

found. There the path became so nar-

row that we had to go singly, and it so

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and thunder of the tremendous third her on the same plea. These comings all ! day of Gettysburg there staggered a be- and departures were repeated several I am too unnerved to write now (once perhaps a uniform) was blood-stained here and there, and his heatless had been shocked to hear the gossipforehead was marked hy a bleeding ing whisper that her husband had snoth er wife in Virginia, and she had to acbandages, rested in a sling, and he knowledge that his conduct was not limbed as he went with a labored gait. He bore no arms nor knapsack; these plausible assurances. On his last visit you! had already been flung aside; and now, the old farmer insisted that Randall The aged couple were heart broken had already been flung aside; and now, as he pursued his way, he divested him should at once decide either to settle down there with his wife or to take her one after another, and cast them impationally the ground. He took no path. He pushed on with unsteady yet rapid h strides through bushes, over rocks and to Virginia, and making hurried prepa- had been no worse than they at first be- by Tinsley, dropped there by some one rations for the journey, they soon went lieved pressed in silent agony. His apparently South together. It was during the trip wild and aimless flight had carried him that Mary first found resolution enough and apprehension of the murderer of some miles from the actual conflict to show her husband a letter which she the woman had stimulated one man to a but they are terribly suggestive, and I and silly jumble of imposibilities that (which was not yet decided), when his had received some months before patient and ceaseless investigation. He could not let John Randall die before groused naught but pity and incredufast diminishing strength was shown in from his home in Virginia. It ran as was a sort of amateur detective, named bringing them to public notice.

with despairing cry for "Water!" He When I first saw you, Mary, I was enhad luckily fallen near a spring house, gaged to her, and I have never had the his exclamation and saw him fall. She her or to my own family. I have weak at once approached him, put water to ly kept the secret, putting off the evil his lips, and washed the blood from his day as long as I could, or until my cir-She continued her ministrations cumstances wou d justify me in braving the wrath of my parents and all concern seemingly lifeless form. He opened ed. But matters have come to a crisis his eyes and gazed at her. Smiling A day or two will decide whether we are to be repudiated or kindly welcom-

"John," entreated Mary, let us return

"And thus confirm the gossips in their slanders? Never! The die is cast In proceeded to the farmhouse, whence dianua and her friends will rave; let He did so It was a weary hunt, joyfully beyond the tomb."
she soon returned with the old farmer them. Great God! what a creature she and would have seemed a fool's errand Indiana Randall was st must be. Did you answer her letter ?" to most people; but at length Tiusley raving maniac. From the first arrest of of that great and good man Stonewall "I did, giving her, in self defence, all the information she asked."

"And yet, with her full knowledge of my marriage with you, she has con stantly been eager for me to consum- convince him that John Randall's wife lover under such fearful circumstances walk towards the palace of Casar, and "And he is wounded—dying, perhaps, mate my engagement with her, indirect was the murdered woman found near had temporarily affected her physical as I stood attempting to read an inar from home and friends," added the ly urging it by every means at her comBeeville, and that John Randall was and mental health, and friends and acscription on the arch of Septimus Seve-

It was Saturday evening when On the fourth day of July it was arrived at the depot nearest to Beeville now he read Randall's letters written nounced. She was seen rarely, and me onward with a feeling of pride in known to all the army that Lee was re- and stopping at the hotel there that treating. That General had fallen night, next day Randall hired a conveyback into Virginia when the wounded ance (driving himself) and started plicity and atrociousness. The evidence

Monday he returned the horses and cast a veil over the scene that occurred

lady of Beeville, to a party, and there of their daughter's end. bore himself as gayly, apparently, as the

The public of Beeville and vicinity murder. It was incredible. His char- guilt and declarations of the innocence knew not of her coming, and therefore acter was excellent, both as a citizen.

miles from Beeville. A pistol ball was been sufficient excuse for this; and then found buried in her neck; on her throat had once been high in public estimation, its gentle purity before him and in his and from head to foot she had been ular indignation rose against him in a with her, and I watched daily for his behalf, was enough to subdue the most beaten and bruised in the most cruel tempest, and he was threatened with the coming back. Constantly alone in these Jackson." obdurate of masculine hearts. It did manner. The jury of inquest was not summary vengeance of an excited watches, I managed to get one of John's not take him long to learn that his love able to identify her, nor was there mob. was returned, and before he became found any likely clue to lead to the strong enough to leave his room detection of her murderer. Descriphe and his fair nurse were tions of the murdered woman and her and ornaments, that the dead woman my soul was in a tumult of emotions as "engaged." Was it a baleful con dress were published, and rewards were was Mary Randall, once Mary Ordolf: John according to them that Sunday afternoon, and my soul was in a tumult of emotions as junction, this of the "loyal" maiden and offered for the apprehension of her that the prisoner married her in 1865, his wife. His wife! Yes, I knew it monstration. the "rebel" lover? We shall see. murderer, but all in vain. The body and had since strangely kept that fact a was she before he told me. I had known "A great me As soon as John Randall (such was was baried, but within a few weeks the secret, not only from his acquaintances for months of his secret marriage. Supthe young Confederate's name) was excitement occasioned by the dreadful at Beeville, but from his own family; pressing my feelings as much as I was strong enough to march, he felt he could horror had completely subsided. It that, in short, he brought her to Vir- able, I endeavored to be calm. We had no longer remain where he was : he had seemed a hopeless mystery, forever im- ginia, and was last seen with her in a met just beyond the path which leaves

He promptly made choice of the latter alternative. Giving his "parole" to the elder Ordolfs, and a kiss of eternal fieldity will understand why Mary employs me next day noted, that he intended that he intended that he intended that he intended that he path, while John drove that in generations yet to come some to the weeping Mary, he bade them all as her amanuansis when I inform you farewell and made the venture. He that she was so unfortunate as to have engaged to be married to Indiana Ran- jected to this, but she seemed anxious ponder over an an inscription engraven was successful, reaching Richmond her right hand severely bruised by a safely, and, being shortly declared duly exchanged, took his part in the remain She can not use it at all at present, but his wife had come to a natural death. "I had no idea of der of the war till the surrender of Lee. we are in hopes that it will soon be There was a cloud of other testimony to In the meantime, however, the Ordolfs well. With this exception we are en- the like effect, and though he was eloheard nothing of him. We leave it to joying ourselves here, and have every the immagination of her sex to conceive prospect of doing well. Mary is delightthe emotions, ever varying from hope ed with her reception by my relations and of murder in the dirst degree." to despair, experienced by Mary Ordolf friends, and desires me to assure you of When asked if he had anything to say

spring house, thinking mournfully of has caught cold in the hand that I told that day, two years before, when the you had been hurt, and it is much infainting Confederate fell at her feet ap- flamed, causing her great pain. A doc besought executive elemency, but withpealing for succor. In the midst of these tor has been called in, who expresses out avail. The day before that set for

here undisturbed I will care for them, of concealment. A freedman testined and water the flowers on her dear grave with my frequent tears. As seen as I have the heart to undertake the task, found a coal-black chignon near the evening, knowled to the furious and disheart." duce his wife to his own family. Mary and water the flowers on her dear grave I will send you all her clothing, etc,

The reward offered for the discovery Tinsley, who had no special fitness for his self assumed office, except an in-tense curiosity and a persistent brood ing that would sometimes bring form said : and purpose out of chaos. He haunted renewed effort. Forward he toiled, band. As I am an intimate acquaintance the spot where the corps was found, full of fresh hope, when, half way be and near relative of his, I am surprised and meditated upon all the circumstant putes to us a gross negligence in the detween him and the goal of his exertions at your pretensions (whether well or ces of the case with the dogged pertina there arose a high, broad stone wall. ill founded), for he is still considered a city of stupidity. A brighter person It seemed to him insurmountable, and single man here, where he was born and would have yielded the task in despuir, he groaned in anguish. Nevertheless he reared, and passes himself as such. If but his very dullness kept him at it, and vestigation suggested by the facts alessayed to clamber over the obstacle. he is married to you or anybody else, I at length gave him a clue that he slowMore than once he fell back from the assure you that he keeps the matter a ly but steadily followed up. Near the by Mr. Randall himself, and were acscene of the murder he one day found a cordingly abandoned by us."

chionon of coal black hair. The dead Randall was hanged in accordance last expiring energies, he managed to er his father or mother knows anything chiquon of coal black hair. The dead drag himself to the top of the wall, of it. Tell me all about it, and you woman's hair was auburn, and when Dizzily he looked about him, as he will oblige.

INDIANA." found she wore a chignon of the same thought to rest himself a moment; but "That girl is my evil genius!" ex- color. Close to the chignon lay a piece found she wore a chiquon of the same fession or denial. euddeuly all grew blank and he became claimed John Randall, excitedly, when of muddy paper. It proved to be an unconscious. claimed John Randall, excitedly, when of muddy paper. It proved to be an unconscious. cousin, and has always loved me from It was simply addressed to "My dear tionate wife, Mary." Nobody but Tinssley would have attached any importance and a startled girl, pail in hand, heard courage to announce our marriage to to these discoveries, but it being his know of it until the awful deed was done taken ! habit of min I to refer everything to the beyond remedy. I would willingly have case then in hand, he at once believed sacrificed a thousand lives for her, as I that he had found the key to the awful now sarifice life and reputation to screen mystery. Yet how easy it was to ac the one who is really guilty. With Mary count for the presence of those things perished every desire in me for li'e. I there! Hundreds of both sexes, from long for death-even the death of the far and near, had visited the noted scene, and it was very probable that some you forever under the horrible belief of these had lost the chignon and the that I am the murderer of our darling letter. Tinsley, however was not at all Oh! I adjure you to credit me when I impressed with this view of the matter swear here, in the presence of God and and he thought it worth his while to go eternity, that I am innocent. Mary, to Gettysburg and inquire for "Mary." got on the tract of "Mary." and he persue a John Raudall she had exhibited symp- Jackson. After describing her visit to sned it till he was welcomed by the Ortoms of a mind unsettled by the weight the church of St. Maria di Ava Coeli, dolfs as a friend and neighbor of -John of sudden and overwhelming grief. - Miss Brock writes as follows: Randall! He already knew enough to Her family gave out that the loss of her From the Church I contin the minister who married them, and

> Tuesday night he escorted a young what he believed to be the true story All Beeville and the country around was amazed when it was announced that John Randall had been arrested for the and soldier, and he was noted for his permitted to die in his stead. Alas, abstinence, not only from the vices but from the follies into which young men Ten days after the body of an unknown commonly fall. Yet when all the damn woman was found in the woods a few ing developments appeared, it seemed she was now insane, and it was too late impossible to doubt his guilt. As he to save the condemned. so now he fell, like Lucifer. The pop- gone to see his wife, perhaps to return

since the hellish deed, and he thrilled

with horror at their cold blooded du

was appallingly overwhelming. We

On the trial it was positively estab lished, by the identification of clothing met them that Sunday afternoon, and carriage driving through Beeville on the main carriage road, and cuts off Meanwhile the Ordolfs heard regular. the Sunday we have already noted; that about a mile of the distance to the house she never reached; that he was

why sentence of death should not be "Nothing !"

His counsel appealed, but in vain-

with her parents upon the pretext that his home was not quite prepared for her. He was absent two months, corresponding regularly with her, however. At the end of this period he came again, staying some weeks, and again leaving her on the same plea. These comings and departures were repeated several times, until Mary and her parents began the condemness of a man partition of a disordered mind. Calm yourself, in a disordered mind. Calm you with her parents upon the pretext that her. She was sensible to the last, but another or others. The man who first become a substitute for him. My child, day of Gettysburg there staggered a bewildered fugitive, wounded, fevered.
and half blinded by pain and blood
His luded, torn, and tattered, clothing

scene, which was not claimed as Mrs. tracted John and besought him to signandall's. A certain young lady witness, with raven tresses, posessed of a motive quite equal to that alleged against Randall, admitted that she knew me you will allow him to be sacrificed!

> Thus she raved of her real or imaginary part in the horrid tragedy, giving now a coherent version, as plausible as it was astonishing and anon a confused

ringing them to public notice.

"JUSTICE."

The scaffold from which John Randall had been launched into eternity was counsel published a card, in which they still standing in the jail yard, when, one night, close on the stroke of twelve, the "The communication in yesterday's guard beheld with terror the noiseless tence of our client. W can only say, guard watched its motions with breathin self-justification, that the line of arless attention. Entering the yard, it gument indicated and the course of inproceeded at once to the scaffold and mounted it. In a few moments the ders, where, after some convulsive motions, it remained stationary. To with his sentence-dying without conthat guard it was the ghost of Randall, and he fell fainting with alarm. In his fall his musket was discharged, and this bringing the jailor and others on the After the execution the sheriff forscene, it was speedily discovered that warded to Mr. Ordolf a scaled letter the ghost was a woman! Eluding her from Randall, written on the eve of his guardians, and providing herself with a cord, Indiana Randall followed the man

> Was he alone guilty? Or were both guilty?
>
> W. C. ELAM.

Miss Sallie A. Brock of Virginia, who s now on a visit to Rome, is furnishing a series of interesting letters from the Eternal City to the New York Metropolitan Record. From her last letter, who knows me guiltless, will meet me dated February 15th, we make the folbe read with pleasure by every admirer reliance.

From the Church I continued my rus an incident occurred which I think well worth relating-at least that sent then under the closest surveillance. As my heart which must have been akin to the day of Randall's execution ap- that which many a Roman woman has proached, it was rumored that she grew experienced at mention of certain names worse, and on that day it was whispered | that gave a brighter glory to Rome.

cast a veil over the scene that occurred that she was so violent as to require Wishing some information, I venture I when Tinsley told that old, bereft couple strong restraint and constant watching. a question to a friendly priest who passed me. At that moment a French soldier, in the uniform of the Pontifical Zouaves, approached, and politely lifted his hat. When the priest had given me an answer, he said :

"Are you not an American lady?"

"Are you not from the States of the South?" I proudly confessed my nativity in Virginia, and a gratified smile lighted

up his sunburnt visage. "I thought so !" "I thought so !" he exclaimed "I cannot mistake the accent. I was a soldier in the Confederate army! I fought for the South under Stonewall

You may rest assured I was not plstols from his room, and this I carried with me, but only for self-detence. I expressing gratitude in all the language I could at the moment command. The priest stood by in astonishment,

not understanding the remarkable de-"A great man !- a great man Stonewall Jackson was!" continued the soldier, while a shade of the deepest sadness settled over his countenance, and

he touched his hat and passed on. As I looked forward to the Arch of Septimus Severus, and further on to that of Titus, and still further on to that of Constantine, I could not help thinking one might stand, as I did theu, and upon some monument somewhere on the soil of my own dear mother State "I had no idea of hurting her. The recording the name and deeds wish was strong in my heart that God of Stonewall Jackson-not less great,

would strike her dead, but I had no in- and far more good, than those which tention of raising my own hand against her. As we proceeded, talking as well and arches, and immortality for all as my state of mind would allow, we This episode of the morning almost unfitted me for research. I found myself, as I walked on, seeing and yet chanced that she went before. It flashed searcely seeing. In imagination I was upon me like lightning from hell! The back again in the capital of the South place was desolate and lonely. There ern Confederacy, and from every lip I she was, ... few feet in front of me, all listened to the praises of him whose unconscious and at my mercy. It was praises so gladly leaped from the heart reminiscences she thought she heard a fears as to the result unless great care the execution of the condemned man, a mad impulse, but in a moment I drew of the French soldier, and anon I noise on the stone wall near her. Turn is taken. But he is noted for mak- the following communication appeared the pistol and fired! She fell, but at- beheld a long military and civic

reaping to the ground. She recognized him in an instant.

"Mary"
"John!"

And the long separated were once anited. Within a fortingther the word content. Within a fortingther were married.

Way Heaven below to be the fact. While a fortingther were married.

Randall did not long remain with his young wife—his business, be said, calling him to Virginia—and he left her

The case appear worse than it really and civing instructed and east ablished in physical, the the years of east and the real to rise. I sprang upon her in a fronzy of excitement, and kicked, beat, the thin instructed and east ablished in physical, the way hill, and choked her until she lay quite mistructed and east blished in procession, a noble heares with nodding instructed and east ablished in physical, the way from the mix Med and notes of the forty of excitement, and kicked, beat, the uniffed drum, and the old wall of us the original of the process of the late John being on the first Med and notes of the procession, a noble heares with noding instructed and east ablished in physical, the transfer of the following remain unchanged, but the Yandher's cholership remain unchanged, but the stand his dead of the wild and notes of the wild drum, and the old drum, and the old drum, and the low still—dead it will be removed extended in physical, instructed and east blished in the found form, and the old drum, and the low still—dead it will be not the wild drum, and the low still—dead it will be not the wild drum, and the low still—dead it will b

— The greatest luxury of wealth is one the rich but little avail themselves

of,—the pleasure of making the poor DRUGS, MEDICINES -"Tom, said a girl to her sweetheart," you have been paying your dis-tresses to me long enough. It is time

you make known your contentions, so as not to keep me in expense any long-A daudy swell in New York is in a bad fix. His pants were made so tight for him that he can't get his boots on, and if he buts his boots on first, he can't

get the pants on. - Whittemore, like one of his illusious predecessors of Congress, knows no North no South-in fact, no point in he compass, except one, on which he is

particularly strong-West Point. -Over three thousand invitations were issued for a marriage ceremony at St. Paul's M. E. Church, in New York, the other evening. It took a hisho and three ministers to "tie the knot."

-Habit is like the dropping of water pon a rock, -it wears into the life, and the marks it makes can never be effaced without the chisel and hammer of self denial and self discipline. -We are constantly hearing new

names for the villainous compound at present sold for whiskey. The last comes from Iuka, Mississippi, and hits the nail on the head. "Ripgizzard" is the word. - Advertising is the financial railway

to success. It is an art possessed by a few; but these few are the merchant princes of to-day. - Sidney Smith once said : "Philan-

thropy is a universal sentiment of the human heart. Whenever A sees B in trouble he always wants C to help him." she loved through the same exit he had - The executioner of Paris has been by turns a navy surgeon, a bill broker, a

commission merchant and a guillotinist. First he lanced, then he shaved, then he scalped, then he beheaded. —A certain amount of opposition is a great help to man. Kites rise against the wind and not with the wind; even a bad wind is better than none No

man ever worked his passage anywhere in a dead calm. Let no man wax pale therefore, because of opposition; opposition is what he wants, and must have, dated February 15th, we make the fol-lowing interesting extract, which will is the native soil of manhood and self

The annual report of the New York commissioners of immigration is in course of preparation. There have landed during 1869, two hundred and fifty eight thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine aliens, a greater number. eighty-nine aliens, a greater number than has been registered in any one year since 1854. Of these the majority settled in New York, while the remainder were almost entirely absorbed by Illinois, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania. The Sun states that the class of immigrants now Boots, Shoes, Hats, coming in seeks employment rather than

-The very pretty optical illusion by which gold fishes and canary birds are made to appear to be joint occupants of a huge vase of water is getting to be popular. It is very simple. The bottom of the vase is concavo-convex, the apex rising about fifteen inches above the base of the circumference. This dome forms the superstructure of the bird cage, and the bottom supplied with drawers and properly ventilated, serves as a pedestal for the vase. Until recently this pretty arrangement has not been seen outside of museums. It is now getting to be a part of household orna-

-A letter from New York, says "There is a marked pressure, just now, to sell real estate. Houses of almost every description in the upper part of the city, as well as in Brooklyn, can be had on very easy terms. In many cases sales have been effected by the purchaser paying down only a year's rent. This would seem to indicate that holders have no confidence in maintain- BAUGH'S RAW BONE PHOSPHATE, ing existing prices. In Jersey city there is a great deal of property advertised, without finding a solitary bidder thus far. The effect of this state of things on rents, as May day draws near, is anxiously looked for.

- How incalculably would the tone of a conversation be improved if it offered no exceptions to the example of Bishop Beveridge : "Resolve pover to speak of a man's virtues to his face, nor his faults behind his back :" a golden rule, the observance of which would banish flattery and defamation from the earth. Conversation stock being a ioint and common property, every one should take a share in it, and yet there may be societics in which silence will be our best contribution. When Isocrates, dining with the King of Cyprus, was asked why he did not mix with the discourse of the company, he replied:
"What is seasonable I do not know, and and what I know is not seasonable."

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