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EXECUTOR'S SALE OF A VERY VALUABLE

HOUSE AND LOT, AND LOT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY,

Near Gamber, in Carroll County, Md.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in the last will and testament of Joshua Wilson, late of Carroll county, Maryland, deceased, and an order of the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, the undersigned executor will offer at Public Sale, on the premises, on

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8th, 1905,

at 12 o'clock, M., sharp, all that House and Lot, containing

12 ACRES OF LAND, more or less,

situate on the Nicodemus road, about 8 miles from Westminster, and 1 mile from Gamber, and improved by a 2½ story Frame Weatherboarded Dwelling House, with 5 rooms, good cellar, pump of water at the door; meat house and wash house combined, small barn, room for 3 horses and 2 cows; corn crib, chicken house and all usual outbuildings on a small property. The land is in a good state of cultivation, and has thereon a good sized young orchard of apple, peach and pear trees, &c. This property is beautifully located, and convenient to churches, schools and stores. It has the R. F. D. daily, and is worthy of the attention of persons wishing a beautiful home. Possession of the buildings and property given upon day of sale, if desired by the purchaser.

Also, at the same time immediately after sale of the Real Property, the undersigned will sell the following personal property, to-wit.

1 SORREL MARE, 1 Carriage, Tob Buggy, Farm Wagon, hay rake, corn sheller, furrow and corn plows, harrow, shovel plow, drag, wheelbarrow, grindstone, crosscut and buzz saws, straw hook, shovels, forks, mattocks, hoes, fence wire, single trees, chains, wrench and pulley, cider barrels, set of one-horse wagon harness, set of buggy harness, set of lead harness, set of breechbands, fly nets, check lines, collars and bridles, riding saddle and bridle, halters, Clover and Timothy Hay, Corn by the barrel, lot of Potatoes, full set of Carpenter tools, set of parlor furniture, 9 pieces; table, cupboard, chairs, chest, cook stove, parlor stove, airtight stove, cook stove, iron pot, and many other articles too numerous to mention.

Terms of Sale of Real Estate:—One-third of the purchase money to be paid on the day of sale, or on the ratification thereof by the court, residue in two equal payments, the one payable in six months and the other payable in twelve months from the day of sale, the credit payments to be secured by the bonds or single bills of the purchaser or purchasers, with sufficient security, bearing interest from the day of sale; or all cash, at the option of the purchaser or purchasers. A cash deposit of $100 will be required of the purchaser of the real estate on the day of sale.

Terms of Sale of Personal Property:—All sums under $5.00 cash; on all sums of $5.00 and upwards a credit of 6 months will be given, the purchasers giving their notes, with approved security, bearing interest from day of sale. No property to be taken away until settled for.

WILLIAM WILSON, Executor.
Geo. L. Stocksdale, Attorney.
Elias N. Davis, Auctioneer. oct 13 4t

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage from John W. Etchison and Fanny E. Etchison, bearing date September 4th, 1886, and duly recorded in liber W. N. M. No. 24, folio 210, one of the land records for Carroll county, the undersigned, assignee of said mortgage, will sell at Public Sale, on the premises in Mt. Airy, Carroll county, Md., on

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd, 1905,

at the hour of 3 o'clock, P. M., all that tract or parcel of land, situate in the Village of Mt. Airy, Md., improved with a substantial two-story Frame Dwelling House, with Back Building, hog pen, hen house, &c., with a well of good water convenient to the house. There is a variety of fruit on the property, which contains about

ONE-HALF ACRE OF LAND.

A further description of the same will be found by reference to the deed from Milton B. S. Bussard to John W. Etchison, bearing date April 21st, 1886, and duly recorded among the land records for Carroll county.

Terms of Sale.—Cash.

The purchaser of this property will be required to make a cash deposit of $50 on day of sale. Conveyancing at the expense of the purchaser.

FRANK L. STONER,
oct 6 4t Assignee of Mortgagee.

PRIVATE SALE OF A

VALUABLE FARM.

I will sell my Valuable Farm, situated 1½ miles from Westminster, on the Uniontown Turnpike, containing

200 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

This property is improved by a 2½ Story Brick House, containing 10 large rooms and basement, and two very large new Bank Barns, Wagon Sheds, and all necessary outbuildings. It has four wells and a never failing spring, and there is running water in the barn. There is a splendid Orchard of all kinds of fruit and enough timber for the property. The land is fertile, under a good state of cultivation, and is exceptionally located, lying between three public roads and near to stores, churches and schools. This farm is noted for its productive qualities and offers a rare opportunity for any one wishing a beautiful farm or country residence. Call on or write to

Mrs. CAROLINE RINEHART,
179 W. Main St., Westminster, Md.
oct 6 tf

NOTICE TO HOTEL KEEPERS AND ALL OTHERS WHO DEAL IN LIQUORS.

For the information of all persons concerned, the following Act of the Legislature, passed March 24th, 1865, is published:

CHAPTER 191.

AN ACT prohibiting the sale of spirituous or fermented liquors in the several counties of the State on the day of election.

SEC. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall not be lawful for the keeper of any hotel, tavern, store, drinking establishment, or any other place where liquors are sold, or for any person or persons, directly or indirectly, to sell, barter, give or dispose of any spirituous or fermented liquors, ale, beer or intoxicating drinks of any kind, on the days of election hereafter to be held in the several counties of the State.

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be liable to indictment by the Grand Jury of the county where the offence is committed, and shall, upon conviction before any Judge of any of the Circuit Courts of this State, be fined a sum not less than fifty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars for each and every offence—one-half the fine shall be paid to the informer, the other half to the County Commissioners, for the use of public roads.

WILLIAM H. WILSON,
oct 20 3t Sheriff of Carroll county.

NO. 4947 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County, In Equity.

Elias C. Shipley, mortgagee, vs. John T. Edmondson, Nancy J. Edmondson, mortgagors.

Ordered, this 18th day of October, in the year 1905, by the Circuit Court for Carroll County in Equity, that the sale of the real estate made and reported in the above entitled cause by Elias C. Shipley, mortgagee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 20th day of November, next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper published in Carroll county, once in each of three successive weeks before the 13th day of November, next. The report states the amount of sale to be $1,55 .00.

DAVID P. SMELSER, Clerk.
True Copy—Test:
oct 6 2t DAVID P. SMELSER, Clerk.

NO. 4121 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County.

Charles T. Reifsnider, Jr., et al., plaintiffs, vs. Bettie S. Reifsnider, widow, et al., defendants.

Ordered, this 20th day of October, A. D. 1905, that the account of the Auditor filed in this cause, be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 6th day of November next; provided a copy of this order be inserted for two successive weeks before the last named day in some newspaper published in Carroll county.

DAVID P. SMELSER, Clerk.
True Copy,—Test:
oct 20 2t DAVID P. SMELSER, Clerk.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

The President and Directors of The Westminster Savings Bank have this 7th day of October, 1905, declared a semi-annual Dividend of

FOUR PER CENT.

on Capital Stock and TWO PER CENT. on Weekly and Monthly Deposits, payable on and after October 16th, 1905.

THOS. E. REESE,
oct 13 3t Treasurer.

SALE BILLS printed on short notice and at reasonable rates.

BABYLON & LIPPY CO.

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Announcement.

Since our last publication many departments have been completed with all the newest things the market can produce.

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Special display of favored cloths, in wanted shades, of Broadcloths, Crepe de Chene, Covert Cloths, Cheviots, Henriettas, Novelty Suitings, etc. We consider it the prettiest line ever displayed in Westminster.

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An incomparable variety of new and tasteful styles in Suits, Coats and Skirts.

The quality and correctness of our garments means no additional expense to you. You merely get the very best that can be had for the least possible money.

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We recommend and sell Madame Pohl's Corsets, "Silver Dollar" and "Dollar Reducer." For design they have no equal, for wear they have no superior. Try them.

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A word to the early buyer about Underwear. We have the line complete, of the very best that can be bought, and have on sale at such prices that comparison will only approve. All our garments are strictly first quality.

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Our Clothing Department is one of the most complete in the county. It is full of new and up-to-date Clothing for all classes and sizes, at all prices; no odds and ends, but strictly all new goods.

We feel confident, if quality and price can reach you, we can.

Our selections came from the largest manufacturers of Clothing in this country, thereby enabling us to give you the benefit of their experience.

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Come in and place your order. You can't help but be pleased and save $3 to $5.

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oct 11 1y 10 SHARRER & GORSUCH, Westminster, Md.

JOHN D. BOWERS.

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jan 23 04 1y 5 JOHN D. BOWERS, 47 and 49 East Main St., Westminster. Both Phones.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

This is to give notice that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, in Maryland, letters of administration on the estate of

GEORGE W. GARDNER,

late of Carroll county, deceased. All persons having claims against the deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof legally authenticated, to the subscriber, on or before the 10th day of May, 1906; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 10th day of October, 1905.

THEODOCIA GARDNER,
oct 13 3t Administratrix.

FOR SALE—COUNTRY STORE PROPERTY.

2¼ Acres of Land, improved by 2-story frame Store, Brick Dwelling House (12 rooms), Barn and other outbuildings; Freight and Express office, located on B. & H. division W. M. R. R. For further information apply to

F. LEWIS SCHAEFER,
oct 6 3t* Millers, Carroll Co., Md.

HOMES WANTED.

The Catholic Home Bureau wishes to find homes in good Catholic families where orphan children may be adopted and brought up under the influence of a happy, moral home. Families wishing to adopt or receive a child of any age, under 12 years, are invited to correspond with the

CATHOLIC HOME BUREAU,
oct 13 3t 105 East 22nd St., N. Y. City.

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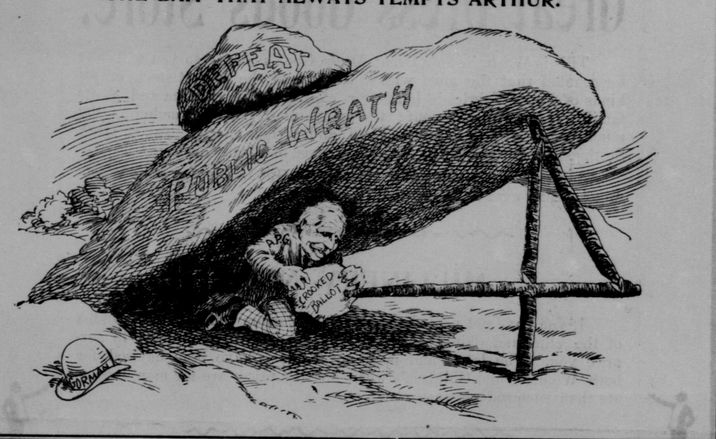
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SALE OF VALUABLE PERSONAL PROPERTY.

On SATURDAY, November 4th, 1905, at 11 o'clock, A. M., the undersigned will sell, on the premises of the late John W. Parrish, in Freedom district, Carroll county, 2½ miles south east of Winfield, the following Valuable Personal Property:

Two Work Horses, One Colt,

3 Milk Cows, 2 Heifers, 1 Brood Sow, 3 Hogs, 5 Pigs, 1 four horse Broadtread Wagon Western Wagon, Buggies, Binder, Mower, Plows, Harrows, Rakes and other Farming Implements, 3,000 Shingles, Corn, Rye, Fodder, Hay and Blacksmith Tools.

LEONARD PARRISH,
administrator of Jno. W. Parrish, deceased.
oct 20 3t

Public Sale

OF VALUABLE

LIVE STOCK, &c.

Having sold my farm, I will sell at Public Sale, on the premises, near MT. UNION, on

THURSDAY, Nov. 2nd, 1905,

at 10 o'clock, A. M., my

LIVE STOCK, FARMING IMPLEMENTS, Corn by the barrel, 10 Tons of Hay, &c.

Also 1 Parlor Suit, 40 yards of Brussells Carpet, other Carpets, and some Household Furniture, Dairy Fixtures, &c.

TERMS.—Six months credit on all sums above $5.00 on notes with approved security and bearing interest. Sums of $5 and under, cash. No property to be removed until settled for.

For particulars see hand bills.

DAVID H. ZIMMERMAN.
Pinkney Blizzard, Auct. oct 20 2t



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A large comfortable House, No. 156 W. Main St., with all modern conveniences, at reasonable rent. Apply to

WM. B. THOMAS,
oct 13 3t Westminster, Md.

FARM FOR RENT.

I have a farm of 150 Acres of Land for rent for a money rent, near Glyndon and Reisterstown. Suit Dairy business. A good chance will be given to a good farmer.

F. P. GOODWIN,
oct 6 tf Reisterstown, Md.

FOR SALE.

Fine Country Store Property, with or without stock of general merchandise, located at Daniel, Carroll Co., Md. An excellent locality for business. Fine cash trade. For particulars address

LARKIN A. SHIPLEY,
oct 13 tf Daniel, Md.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Western Maryland Railroad, held this week, a new board of directors for the ensuing year was elected. Joseph Ramsey, Jr., recently retired from the Wabash system was dropped, and several other members of the old board were not re-elected. Those who were are: Messrs. George J. Gould, Winslow S. Pierce, F. S. Landstreet, Edwin Gould, John W. Gates, James H. Hyde, Lawrence Green and S. Davies Warfield. The new members elected are Messrs. Howard Gould, brother of Mr. George J. Gould; Gardiner M. Lane, of the Boston banking house of Lee, Higginson & Co.; E. L. Fuller, of Scranton, Pa., and W. A. Wilbur, of South Bethlehem, Pa.

Rev. Dr. D. M. Gilbert, a distinguished Lutheran clergyman, for 18 years pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Harrisburg, Pa., died in that place on Monday morning, aged nearly 70 years. Dr. Gilbert was a native of Gettysburg, Pa., and a son of the late Dr. David Gilbert, an eminent physician and surgeon. Rev. Dr. Gilbert was formerly pastor of Lutheran Churches at Staunton, Va., Savannah, Ga., and Winchester, Va.

Rev. Davis N. Dittmar was installed pastor of the Reformed Church at Jefferson, Frederick county, on Sunday. Revs. S. S. Miller and J. M. Motter, of Frederick, were the officiating clergymen on the occasion.

WHY do they all want to use Elk Garden Coal? Try some and learn the reason why. Sold by Smith & Reifsnider, Westminster, aug 11 4t

A Twelve-Thousand-Pound Cheque.

From Waverly Magazine.

The hour grew late, and Mr. Brand paced his chamber in moody silence. The train had come in, but his messenger had not returned, and the merchant was troubled; troubled by a vague sort of doubt, which haunted him in spite of his faith in Lake. A merry, sober old trader of long experience had said that Lake was too young to fill the important position which he held, but Mr. Brand had never found his trust in Tom misplaced.

Having heard rumors concerning a house with which he had extensive dealings, the merchant had despatched Lake to London, telling him to make inquiries, and, in any case, to get the partners of the firm in question to settle their account.

So Lake had gone from Liverpool to London. The time appointed for his return passed, and still he did not come.

A lady entered, and stole to the merchant's side; her own sweet face was anxious, and there was a tremor in the music of her voice as she said:

"Do you think he will be here to-night, dear papa?"

"I hope so, Mary, but it is very late."

"Is there no other train?"

"Only the night express, and that does not stop except at the central stations."

"Perhaps he will come papa; he would not mind coming ten miles, even if he had to walk."

"He should not have missed the train," said Mr. Brand sternly; punctuality is an imperative duty with men of business."

"But, papa, something may have occurred to detain him."

"Nothing should detain a man who has given his word."

The fair pleader was silenced—her father was angry, and knowing his strictness of principle and how inveterate was his dislike to any breach of discipline or duty she did not even venture to speak again.

The time dragged slowly on; Mr. Brand continued his restless walk, and Mary sat subdued and quiet, watching him. She saw that he was listening as the night express went whirling by, and from the depths of her heart there went a prayer that Lake would come safely home. The girl loved him, would have staked her life on his truth, and knew that he was not beyond his time through any weakness or wrong. Two slow weary hours passed. Mr. Brand was reading the commercial news; but for the first time in his life it did not interest him; he was thinking of the young clerk and the heavy sum of money that would be in his possesion should the London firm have paid him. And Mary, reading her father's thoughts, felt pained and chilled by the slur cast on her lover's honesty by his suspicion—her every thought was a denial to his doubts, and as the rapid clatter of a horse's feet rang out, she ran to the window.

"Look?" she said dashing the curtains aside with an eager hand; "look, look, papa I said he would come—I knew he would."

The merchant's stern face relaxed with a smile of pleasure; he was not emotional or demonstrative, but his daughter's gladness pleased him.

There were a few moments of expectancy, and then Tom Lake came in. He went straight to Mr. Brand, only noticing with a bow the lovely face who thrilled his soul.

"They have paid," he said quietly as he placed a thick pocket book in the merchant's hand, "but I think we were just in time."

"Indeed!"

"There was a consultation at the banker's before I could get the cash for the check."

"Do you think they will break?"

"Hopelessly. They have given me an immense order, but it would not be wise to forward the goods."

"You did not hint that we had the slightest fear?"

"No; but I was glad to get the money. Twelve thousand pounds would have been a heavy loss."

"It would have done me serious injury just now."

"And yet," said Tom gravely, "this morning the odds were considerably against its ever reaching you."

"How?"

Tom took two chairs and placed them side by side near the fire, led Mary to one, and seated himself in the other. He had done his duty as the merchant's clerk, and now was Mr. Brand's prospective son-in-law and partner.

"I had an adventure," he said; "I was the hero of a strange story in a ride by express."

Mary bent forward to listen—Tom clasped her hand in his own. Mr. Brand sat opposite them, interested by the speaker's manner as he began!

"When I got the cheque I had an idea that all might not be well, so to make sure I presented it to the banker's. There was, as I told you, a consultation before they cashed, and while the consultation was going forward, I noticed a stranger looking at me intently. I knew the man in my younger and wilder days. I had met him often at the race course, in billiard rooms and in other places more or less respectable. Now he was changing a cheque for some petty amount, and was evidently astonished by the immensity of the order I had presented. I left the bank with my pocketbook full of notes, and I found that I had lost the train. The next would be the night express, so I strolled into a billiard room. A man is just as safe with a fortune in his pocket as if penniless, so that he is wise enough to hold his tongue. There was some clever play going on, and I stood watching the players till some one challenged me to have a game. If I have one special vanity, it is my science with the cue; I accepted, and as I did so a strange feeling, which had been growing upon me, took a sudden turu which startled me.

My challenger was the man whom I had noticed at the banker's. There was nothing strange in the fact of his being in the room, one of his favorite resorts, but I was posscssed by the vague shadow of a single idea. I had read somewhere of a man being followed and plundered in a train, and somehow I associated the story with the man before me. It was the first ttme I had ever paid him any particular attention, but I gave him full observation now. The more I looked at him the less I liked him. He was handsome, gentlemanly, with a fair form and elegant figure, full of suppleness and strength. His manner was singularly unassuming, his face frank and genial, but by looking closely at him you could see something sinister-looking in the depth and softness of his eyes.

"I never liked a stranger to be affable and prepossessing, and my friend was the very pink of affability and grace.

"We played for an hour with alternating success; he was an amusing companion, well informed, and had traveled, but I, still having some time to spare, went to see a friend in the Temple.

"When, at the expiration of some thirty or forty minutes, I emerged into Fleet street, almost the first person on whom my gaze fell was my late antagonist at billiards.

"I thought there was something more than a mere coincidence in this second meeting since we stood together at the banker's. He was in a cigar shop opposite.

"Not a hundred yards from the Temple gate stood a man whom I recognized with a very welcome feeling. It was George Vixen, the detective.

"He was fashionably dressed, and looked an aristocrat of the first water. I went up and greeted him as I should an old familiar, held out my hand said:

"Step into the hotel office. I have something to say."

"He shook hands in the most natural way possible. I took his arm, and we entered the door of an adjacent hotel.

"I told him my suspicion, told him of the sum in my possession, and of the journey I had to perform by rail.

"I saw that, watching through the glass of the door, he was taking a mental photograph of two men.

"'They mean business,' said Vixen, quietly, 'but I shall be with you. We must part at the door, or they will see we have scented the game.'

"'And you,' I said, 'how will you act?'

"'I,' he said, 'shall travel to Liverpool by the night express.'

"He left me. I had no fear now—knowing him to be a clever and determined fellow.

"Taking a casual glance across the road, I saw my man with his companion. It was quite evident that they were tracking me, though I lost sight of them before reaching St. Paul's.

"I strolled along the churchyard, wandered nearly to Islington, then went through the city again before I made the station; my acquaintance of the billiard room did not come in sight, though I kept well on the alert.

"I took my ticket, lingering almost to the moment of starting before I entered the carriage, but my man did not appear. Two men were in the compartment with me. I could not see the face of one, and the other was a stranger.

"The bell rang. The guard had just time to put a bewildered old gentleman by my side and we were off.

"The man whose face I had not seen turned toward me.

"I could scarcely repress an exclamation. There was no mistaking that frank, genial countenance, nor the lurking devil in those eyes, whose softness was so sinister.

"He had met me then at last! Vixen had broken his promise! and I was left to travel that perilous journey alone, with the man who had followed me so skilfully—another who might be his confederate, and an old gentleman, who after grumbling out his indignation against all railway servants and locomotive traveling in general, was fast asleep in the corner.

"That the intentions of my billiard player were bad was manifest by the fact of his having assumed a false mustache and beard. They added to the beauty of his face, but left to his eyes that sleepy, cruel glitter that is characteristic of the Asiastic.

"He spoke to me, remarked the oddity of our being traveling companions, and grew pleasantly familiar. I answered him, not wishing to appear churlish or afraid, knowing that I conld trust something to my own strength should the worst come.

"We had made the last stoppage, and were rolling swiftly through the gloom, when, among other topics, our conversation touched on jewelry; he drew a showy ring from his finger, telling me it was a curious piece of workmanship, having a secret spring, which he said I could not discover.

"I took it, searching in vain for a spring, then returning it to him. It dropped and rolled under my feet.

"I stooped to pick it up, and so did he, but in that moment, while my head was down, he had me tightly by the throat, and threw me to the carriage floor.

"His confederate was upon me in an instant. I could scarcely breathe, and could not struggle, for a heavy knee was upon my chest, and two strong, brutal hands were clutching the life from my throat.

"Though the horror of that situation did not last a minute, it seemed an eternity to me. I felt the ruffian's hands searching for the pocketbook, and I strained desperately for a chance of resistance.

"Their work was nearly done. Cramped in that small space, I was powerless, and the veins in my throat and head were swelling like sinuous bars, when the old gentleman in the corner awoke and came to my assistance.

"I heard a low, quiet whirr of some weapon in its decent, and my first assailant reeled from me, stunned. The old gentleman, with a strength and rapidity of action wonderful to see in a person of his age, seized the scoundrel, lifted him away and dashed him down on a seat.

"There was a brief struggle, and then I heard a sharp click—scoundrel the second had a pair of handcuffs on his wrists.

"'They were more prompt than I expected,' said the old gentleman, removing his woolen comforter, with which he fastened my first assailant's hands behind him, 'and a railway carriage does not afford much scope for a struggle.'

"The pocketbook was safe. The ruffians were securely bound, and the old gentleman who, without his spectacles and muffling, stood out in pleasant relief as the detective, kept guard over them.

"At the station they were handed over into the custody of the police. I was all right by that time. Vixen rode with me as far as the hotel nearest here, and to-morrow he will call to see if I am any the worse for my ride by express."

The contents of the pocketbook were Mary's bridal dowry.

The detective speaks of the senior partner in the firm of Brand & Lake as the most hospitable and generous man he ever met in the course of his professionel carcer.

Lake was quite cured of his love for billiard playing. He had too narrow an escape, and he did not forget the lesson.

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