

The CONVICT COUNTRY: Or: FIGHTING for a MILLION By CHARLES MORRIS BUTLER Author of "The Revenge of Phoebe," "A Town and Its People," "The Copyright, 1916, by Charles Morris Butler.

CHAPTER VII.

The silk robbery. "Show Mr. Regan," said the bank president. Regan was admitted. He looked surprised to see Lang. "What can I do for you?" asked the banker. "I had lost track of Mr. Smith," replied the detective comely. "You are looking for Mr. Smith, then?" "I am keeping the young man in view." "Why so?" asked the chief, and the answer to the question gave Louis the key to the situation. "I am aware that Mr. Smith was to receive a large sum of money from this bank, and it is my business to keep him under my protection," was the bold reply. "Then you are aware of the draft being drawn?" "Certainly!" was the decided answer. "An order from Jim Denver on this bank for \$10,000." "While not exactly afraid that the note was a forgery," said the banker, "we thought it best to send for Mr. Denver!" "That was not necessary," replied Regan, turning a little pale as the possibility of having got himself into an unnecessary scrape stared him in the face. "I can vouch for Mr. Smith." At one time Regan had been detailed to service at the bank, so was well known by its officers. Besides this, Denver and Regan had often been seen in the bank together when the former had transacted business with the bank. "Very well, officer," said the president, relieved, and seeing a loophole to let himself out. "I did feel as if we should not pay it, but in view of

And still another account. This was the daring robbery of Johnson's silk store.

Jim Denver who robbed Johnson's silk store, but it was not his pleasure to meet the robbers. He knew the passing of the forged check and the robbery were but links in the chain binding three desperate men together. However, no ordinary reader would surmise that the following had anything to do with the preceding: "The Chicago Rocky Mountain & Waboo railway sent out another special car of emigrants early this morning, among them fourteen women and four men bound for the extreme northwest."

But the four incidents narrated concerned the same people. On this emigrant train were the perpetrators of these crimes, as were also Jim Denver and several people of whom we have very little knowledge, but who will enter our story at a later period. The particular car we have interest in, is occupied by all emigrant trains are, by a motley assortment of people, twenty nationalities represented; sometimes of the men smoking, other drinking, others eating, yet a few walking up and down the aisles stretching their weary limbs, while some were grouped conversing. The group to which we call particular attention, occupies one half of one side of a car—the fourteen women and four men mentioned above.

The women of the Golden party formed a motley group. There were six large, strapping German women, new arrivals in this country, who had hired themselves out as farm domestics to, as they thought, as many different farmers. Unknown to themselves they were placing themselves

AMERICA'S BRIGHTEST WOMAN. Mary E. Leese Feels It Her Duty to Recommend Dean's Kidney Pills.

Mary E. Leese, formerly political leader and orator of Kansas, now author and lecturer—she, only woman ever voted on for United States Senator, writes:

Dear Sirs: As many of my friends have used Dean's Kidney Pills and have been cured of bladder and kidney troubles, I feel it my duty to recommend the medicine to those who suffer from such diseases. From personal experience I thoroughly endorse your remedy, and am glad of the opportunity for saying so.

Yours truly,
(Signed) MARY ELIZABETH LEESSE.
Post-Office Building, Des Moines, N. I.
Sold by all dealers. Price, 50 cents per box.

Stronger Telegraph Poles.
Cement covered poles for electric wires are the contribution of German inventor to aid in withstanding the sleet and gales so often destructive to telegraph and telephone service. Tests in the States on wooden poles covered completely with a layer of cement one and one-half to two inches thick have proved them to be entirely satisfactory so far as strength is concerned. It is believed they will prove as durable as well kept iron poles, over which they have the advantage of cheapness. The poles are made of wood, but the wooden poles are entirely surrounded by a layer of cement in brackets and bars and is then covered with cement. In a recent test a pole 29 feet 4 inches high was tested under a load of 124 inches at the base, and embedded 5 feet 3 inches in the ground, was subjected to a pull at a point 23 feet 5 inches above the earth until the pole broke. To accomplish this a force of 2370 pounds was necessary and the deflections of the pole were nearly proportionate to the force applied up to the moment of breaking.

Trailing Tramps of Air and Sea.
We don't know about most of the most common things. For instance, though we have been taught to fly along the coasts of the world for many centuries, no man knows where they go when they disappear from the shore waters and swim toward the deep sea.

So it is with birds. Though their annual migrations have been written and sung about ever since the memory of man, no one knows what tracks they take when they stop for rest, or how fast they travel.

Recently we have begun to wonder to some purpose about these things. The United States is putting copper tags on codfish every year now and turning the tags into fish along the coasts of the world for many centuries, no man knows where they go when they disappear from the shore waters and swim toward the deep sea.

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CALLS FOR CUBA FOR EXPERT AID

Calumet Baking Powder

Dr. Guiteras, Yellow Fever Authority, Joins Fighters at New Orleans.

Complete with the Pure Food Laws of All States.

Children Fall into Well.
A thrilling adventure befell a Birmingham (Eng.) girl the other day. With a child in her arms she went to a tap in the yard for the purpose of filling a jug with water. Without any warning, the bricks on which she was standing fell with a crash, disclosing a well full of feet deep. The girl managed to push the child into safety, and she herself clung to the water tap. Her screams quickly brought help, and she was rescued by the opening of the depth, dragged to the top. The collapse was due to the decay of some wooden beams placed across the well, on which the bricks had been laid.

TORTURED BY ECZEMA.
Body Mass of Sores—Could not Sleep—Spent Hundreds of Dollars on Doctors, but Grew Worse—Cured by Cuticura for \$8.
"Cuticura saved the life of my mother, Mrs. W. F. Davis, of Stony Creek, Conn. Her was the worst eczema I ever saw. She was hardly able to eat or sleep. Her head and neck was a mass of sores, and she despaired of recovery. Finally, after spending hundreds of dollars on doctors, growing worse all the time, I took Cuticura. Three bottles of Cuticura cured her. Geo. C. Davis, 161 W. 36th St., N. Y."

Early Indications.
"I guess our boy Tom is going to be a great statesman or author," said Farmer Cornerstone.
"Is he interested in the tariff?"
"No. But every time he runs across a funny story he looks as if he heart a full tuck at the dinner table."
Cleanliness in the Dairy.
To have healthful milk and butter, absolute cleanliness in caring for it is necessary. Milk should be free from all impurities as quickly as milk. Many housekeepers who give their milk the best of care and clean their milk cans with soap and hot water, and then wash their hands and buckets. ELEANOR R. PARKER.

An Easy One.
Church—what class of railroad employes get to the front first?
Gotham—Why, the motormen, of course.

More Flexible and Lasting.
More shake out or blow out; by using DeLana's Hair Pomade you obtain better results than possible with any other pomade, and one-third more for same money.
Camels in Hungary.
Camels were used as beasts of burden in Hungary up to the twelfth century.

Those Who Have Tried It.
There is safety in numbers. The more lady friends a bachelor has the more likely he is to remain a bachelor.
RHEUMATISM CAN BE CURED.
We have a guaranteed cure for RHEUMATISM, GOUT, GRAVEL, NEURALGIA, SCIATICA, MIGRAINE, and all other rheumatic affections. One bottle sent prepaid to you in return for a postal note for \$3.00. Dr. J. M. Marshall Co., 147 N. 3rd Street, Milwaukee, Wis.

Never ensure people because they happen to be rich. They may be just as respectable as you are.
No chromos or cheap premiums, but a personal quality, and one-third more of DeLana's Hair Pomade for the same price of other shampoos.

The charitable man is kind to the weak and the wise man is courteous to the strong.

I am sure this cure for consumption saved my life three years ago—Max. Thompson, Newark, N. J., Feb. 17, 1905.
Beware of effluence. The hand-shaker may also be a leg-puller.
Superior quality and extra quantity made of DeLana's Hair Pomade is taking the place of all others.

It isn't always the naughty plans that come to naught.
FITS GUARANTEED CURED. Do not be deceived after reading this advertisement. For more information, send for FREE BOOK. Dr. J. M. Marshall Co., 147 N. 3rd Street, Milwaukee, Wis.
The value of experience depends on the after effects.

"Dr. Dodd's Kidney Pills. Recently used by me, I had dropsical and other diseases cured. I had been a sufferer for many years. My health is now perfect." Flattery is the salt sprinkled on the trail of vanity.
FREE—26-page copyright book, "Advice to Victims of Greasy, Sticky, Tubercular, and Other Cures," by Dr. J. M. Marshall Co., 147 N. 3rd Street, Milwaukee, Wis. Send for it now. It is not worth the wait.

LEWIS'S SINGLE BINDER

STRAIGHT CUT CIGARETTES
\$1.00, 50 CENTS, 25 CENTS



"Refused!" hissed the man. "Refuse, and I brand you to the world for what you are!"

the changed circumstances of the case, so I will say it is so. Both Regan and Lang breathed easier. Regan was a designer, if not a bold rascal. His assistance to LANG was not given in his own accord. In describing Lang to Golden, it was necessary to tell about Louis' schemes for "raising" the \$10,000 and Golden had placed Regan on watch to guard against failure, and possible treachery on Louis' part. Knowing that Louis' failure would mean his own with Golden, Regan had been forced to extend a helping hand.

Without more ado the bills were counted out and handed to Lang. "I will give you a second to get a little ahead of me, Mr. Smith," said Regan, motioning to Louis to take his leave. "And I will follow behind you."

In ten minutes, when the bank president thought placing a "straw" on the track of the two it was too late, they were swallowed up among the masses.

We will skip over the events of the next twenty-four hours, and inform the reader of a few things reported in the evening papers the following day. First there was a column and a half about "A Detective Robbed." A most sensational description because the perpetrators of the crime were known. The life history of Lang and Regan was given, filled with abuse against Regan especially. The account ended up with the usual stereotyped expression: "The police hope to capture the pair and are already on the trail, among them Denver himself. Although the villains have fully twenty-four hours' start there can be no reasonable excuse for the police to let them slip through their fingers," etc. But they escaped.

It was never Denver's intention to have this robbery get into the papers. His idea was to honor the disputed draft when returned to him in the regular routine of business. But being discovered, and having the check prematurely thrust on him, he was forced to refuse it for fear of spoiling his game, so it was for the public, and sometime afterward Denver quietly reimbursed the institution. The same paper had another notice to this effect: "It is only known to a few that Simeon Golden, convicted of murder, succeeded in making his escape from Joliet—the second escape only in the history of this country. It is almost a certainty that he is in Chicago, or has been within the past few hours. It is to be deplored that such a sounder is at liberty," etc.

CHAPTER VIII.

Introducing a Few Prominent Characters.

"You have made my life a hell! I will make you suffer the tortures of a damned when I am free!" These words were spoken by Dr. Herman Schiller to Dr. James Huntington. Dr. Huntington had been the instrument of proving to twelve upright and conscientious gentlemen sitting as a jury that Schiller had been guilty of a criminal practice which resulted in the death of a woman patient. For this crime Dr. Schiller had been sentenced to ten years of prison life. The occasion and sentence had been pronounced against him that Schiller had made the above quoted threat.

Dr. Huntington was the youngest of three sons of Sir Karsh Huntington, and consequently without reasonable hope of ever succeeding to his father's estate and title. Two brothers stood in his light by birthright and would inherit at his death, the army of a father, large shares of property. But James, looked upon as an incubation, the unnecessary addition to an already crowded family, was given a stern and seditious training. He stared him in the face, the army of a profession. He chose the latter, and after graduating from one of the most famous medical colleges in old England, crossed the ocean and settled down to practice in a little country town in Ohio. He was of too sound timber to be kept down. He was the goddess of Fortune smiled on him, he became rapidly a man, the highest title mankind can bestow on man. He was twenty-five years of age when he arrived in this country;

TEETH NOT BONES AT ALL.

They Are in Fact a Part of the Skin, Says Professor Thompson.
Prof. C. W. Thompson, Gresham professor of medicine, in the course of an address at the Polytechnic, Regent street, London, on "The Evolution and Degeneration of the Teeth," remarked that while the bones of man and animals had decayed greatly during the last 6,000 or 7,000 years, the teeth had been preserved in a much better condition.

Teeth were not part of bones, but part of the skin—they were, in fact, dermal appendages. Old people were surprised to find that when the teeth of the lower jaw departed there was very little of the jaw left. This produced what was called the nut-cracker physiognomy. Referring to the fact that the crocodile had an animated toothpick in the form of a bird, which remained, the lecturer enforced the lesson of the necessity of attending carefully to the cleansing of the teeth and recommended attention to them at night as being more important than in the morning.

Trains for Irish Trip.
Noting that in a speech at Southport Marshall Hall, M. F., had begun in the English language, but he was equally good, and one was a little better than the other. The London Standard remarks: "Mr. Hall leaves for Ireland to-day."

Resigned.
"I understand the old man has given up Bitter. He was not, and is going to stop his Saturday. He doesn't seem to be worrying though."
"Oh, no! I overheard him telling some of the other clerks that he resigned."—Detroit Tribune.

Worth All It Cost.
Hacon—I see it cost that fellow Green, who ran for office last November, and he was defeated.

Robert—Well, it was worth every cent of it.

HEART RIGHT

When He Quit Coffee.
Life Insurance Companies will not insure a man suffering from heart trouble. The reason is obvious. This is a serious ailment, and the husband or father who is solicitous for the future of his dear ones. Often the heart trouble is caused by an unexpected thing and can be corrected if taken in time and properly treated. A man in Colorado writes:

"I was a great coffee drinker for many years, and was not aware of the injurious effects of the habit till I became a practical invalid, suffering from indigestion, general nervousness to an extent that made me wretchedly miserable myself and a nuisance to those who witnessed my sufferings."

"I continued to drink Coffee, however, not suspecting that it was the cause of my ill-health, till, on applying for life insurance I was rejected on account of the trouble with my heart. This I became almost, and on leaving off coffee I felt much better, so I quit it altogether and having been attracted by the advertisement of Postum Food Coffee I began its use. The change in my condition, was remarkable and it was not long till I was completely cured. All my ailments vanished. My digestion was completely restored, my nervousness disappeared, and, most important of all, my heart was set down and became normal, and on a second examination I was accepted by the life insurance Co. Quitting Coffee and using Postum worked the cure. Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

There's a reason, and it is explained in the little book, "The Road to Well-Via," in each pkg.

RADICAL DEFENDS A MAGNATE.

Leader of Social Democrats Calls Pfister's Indictment an Outrage.
Milwaukee, Wis., dispatch: It is commented on almost in every social democrat, who at the last election elected seven aldermen and polled nearly as many votes as did the republican. It is a statement scoring the local grand jury for its recent indictment of Charles F. Pfister, which he calls an outrage. Mr. Berger says he would rather trust his pocketbook in Pfister's hands than in the hands of the men in the district attorney's office. "The followers of Governor La Follette," says Mr. Berger, are by instinct, makeup and past history a wicked set of crafters as their stalwart brethren ever dared to be. The indictment of Mr. Pfister for stealing is absurd on the face of it."

Heavy Damage Is Reported to Corn and Tobacco.

Sparta, Wis., Jan. 30.—Much damage has been done to tobacco and corn all along the Viroqua branch of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway by a terrific rain and hail storm. The storm, which was a practice ruined. The railroad's track is badly damaged in places. Section men worked all night repairing the damage. The storm was especially heavy in Vernon county.