in Boys Realing of Sport & Adventure.



TRELOAR CHALLENGE SHIELD.

A Complete Cycling Story, By A. S. HARDY.

ALLO!" cried Philip Backhouse, I looking up from his copy of Crycling." Here's news, boys! Billy Moore has resigned the captaincy of the Geswell. What a joily shame! I'd like to know what the Craswell would be a success their annual meeting is! And all because of Moore and his ability for organisation. It seems to me the older 1 get the more ungrateful and beauty the world it! A chap works hard, he does the honest thing all his ambitions, his friends turn against him, and concinies crop up everywhere."

Philip Backhouse was secretary of the Syrian Cycling Club, which operated in the west of local to the control of the control of

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pala."
"By Jove," interrupted North, turning over on to his stomach and looking along the track,

"just watch that beggar in the black-and-yellow! My stars, he can make his machine hum, and no mistake!"

Around the far side of the track, on the eastern banking, a rider was "whirling his machine, with head down, and pechal circling so the start of t

"Woodnotes will the service of the contemptuously, which wisk and North contemptuously, "Not he," said North contemptuously, "Look at the difference in their styles? Woodhouse is all strength and clumainess. The other chap's as neat and graceful a rider as Billy Moore himself."

"And be wad," cried Backhouse, springing

"Look at the difference in their styres; woon-thouse is all strength and culmatices. The other chapte is near and graceful a rider as Billy "And, by gad," cried Backhouse, springing to his feet, "it is Moore!" The two riders were half-way down the finishing straight now, and without making any professional to the straight of the str

two of the riders who have to come across the two of the riders who have to come across the Channel for the race," aside Indervise.

"Was that why you tendered your resignation," as the Indervise.

"It would be a simple the residual to the captain." It was a good deal of experience of race meetings and olib running. Ask Backhouse. It helped me to run an athletic club at school, and I'm hanged if it wasn't just as much income the control of the residual to th

ing a cropper!"
North, Inderwick, and Backhouse exchanged "And how about your chance of winning the Treloar Shield, Moore?" asked his old

"And how about your chance of winning the control of the control o

"Thore you are, Moore!" said Backhouse, clapping his hand on the ex-Creswell captain's shoulder. "You hear that? The Trelear Shield is as good as yours."
"I shall do my best to make it so," said the Creswell fiver modestly. "I am feeling pretty fit, though I have been kept very hard at work at the office lately. I want the best man myself, and I only hope, indeed, that the Creswell won't come a cropper over their race meeting."

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and social meetings are much better managed than ever they used to be; and whenever too jolly glad to have you, and we promise you from the start that there will be no bickering and hectoring of a jolly good man. So whenever you're tired of the Crewell, you come along and join the Syrian. We'll make you come along and join the Syrian. We'll make you come along and join the Syrian. We'll make you come along and join the Syrian. We'll make you come along and join the Syrian. We'll nake you come along and join the Syrian. We'll nake you come along and join the Syrian. We'll nake you can go you will be a so will

and it would have to be something very serious that would make me waver in my allegiance to them."

"I know," put in Inderwick. "Loyal, honest, good-hearted Billy Moore. That's work may be a serious that the serious content of the serious content in th

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final circuit. A third of the lap had been covered after the bell, when Jenkins, Jones, and Cummings leapt into a sprint, and seemed as if they would get right away. More was shut in! The holder would be beaten! He didn't stand a chance, not he. Ho

know—and if we can shut him in in the final straight, he won't stand an earthly,"
"You're a fine lot of sportamen," said Jen-kins, with a sneer. "But, all the same, I realise the importance of us keeping that challenge shield. It was the shield helped to make Crewell as a racing club, and without it we should lose pressige. I don't want to all the shield of the shield of the shield shield the shield of the shield of the shield of the shield of the club, mind. We've got to prevent him winning, somehow."

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Hotel on the morning after he's left for London."

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main an ornament to the clubheuse for another twelve months.

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grumbled Jones. 'It cuts each way. Moore will bustle us along, and win inside the time."

you're all bigger fools than I took you for. Now, look here, you three were saying just one that you reckoned you all stood a good chance of beating Moore. Now, I know some-shing of evoler-aring, and I know as bit more about 'Billy.' There isn't a member of the of a chance of licking Moore, and that's the plain, unvarnished truth."

"I think Goodheart is right thore," said

"I think Goodheart is right there, Jenkins reflectively. "Well, go on, heart, my lad!"

neart, my labal: In loading up to? "aid the X-You see willing unningly." Billy Moore will be away in France, and so full of business affairs that he won't be able to think about the club and the race until he comes back. He won't be back until the day of the race, or the evening before, at the earliest. He won't know anything about the positing of the new granted that wo've notified him, in the excitement of the meeting, of dressing, and a hundred and one other things, won't meeting it, at any rate, one of you can stand by Moore's side and distract his attentions so that you to the mark knowing nothing about the tem lims set on the mile for the Techoa Shield. Jenkins drew a deep breath, and his egglesmed. He began to catch the secretary's meeting now. You see what I'm leading up to?" said the

Building street a deep broath, and his eves sleamed. He began to catch the secretary's medming now.

"By George," he cried, "that's a great scheme! Go on, Goodheart."

"Well, then," said the secretary, "an the result of the secretary, and the secretary and sec

Jonkins slapped his shigh in centary.

"By Jowe," he cried, "is's a great scheme! Goodheart, I would never have given, you rould for some the conting I feered for the success of the claim-because if we regard for the success of the claim-because if we regard for the success of the claim-because if will mean us quarrelling with Moore—was that he might win the shield and rol us of the trophy. But that gets us out of the difficulty. Goodheart, conven a committee moet, the special general on the Wednesday following, when Billy will be full up with his l'arisian business, and the thing's us good as done, that we would not the special general on the Wednesday following, when Billy will be full up with his l'arisian business, and the thing's us good as done. But we would not the same that the same should be successed to the same should be successed the same should be successed the same should be successed the continuation of the Craswell. "Cet those pest-cards out to the members of the committee go down and have a drink to the success of the same should be successed the same should be successed the same should be successed the continuation of the Craswell. "Cet those pest-cards out to the members of the committee special country that is all for to-night." Then that's all for to-night. "Said Captain have a find the success of the same should be successed to the same should be successed the same should be successed the same should be successed to the

They unlocked the door of the club-room and trooped out. Ore or two of the members were there, and they glanced at the committee men, secretary, and captain with an inquisitive air. "I'd like to know what that precious lot have been talking about," muttered an old club member named Dyson, who could see no good for the club secreting from the new captaincy." Hatching no good, I'll be bound." Alsa for the calculations of Jentins and his conference, who had looked upon the weather conference, who had looked upon the weather

line by half a wheel from l'Asson, England's representative.

After that the spirits of the crowd simmered down again, whilst a flat mile. for remove of the winner, 4 min. 45 1.5 sec. of the winner, 4 min. 45 1.5 sec. and the band, in the doldrums, wailed dismilly. The cornet seemed to have caught a majly.

muly. The cornet seemed to have caught a condition to man out for the Troloar Shield!' cried Goodheart, in a rage, "Confound it, the thine's a blooming flasor: Has anybody seen Billy Moure yet?"

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Instead of teeming crowds hurrying towards the racing arena, only a few isolated enthursiants could be seen crossing. The weather had utterly ruined the fixture. Even the starter's pistol had caught the infection, and there was a dulness shout its pop well in keeping with the weather. The properties with the weather. The starter's pistol had caught the infection, and there was a pilla weep frequent. Not that they should lave been, for skillful riders can always keep their seats, but the men seemed to want to fall off, and the ambulance and the starter of

ex-captain of the Creswell.

"The time limit was printed in all the programmes," explained the secretary. "You had a letter acquainting you with the new rule that was passed at the special meeting held last Wednesday sent on to you to Paris, so that you can't plead ignorance. The judges have decided that the shield be held by the club for a cried that the shield be held by the club for a

year."
"Be hanged?" cried Billy Moore. "I knew, nothing of time limits. I could have won in well under the three minutes, as you know. Play fair. Why didn't somebody tell me?"
"You lied the letter," said Goodheart, with

and now Goodheart, the club secretary, came sauntering up.
"I'm sorry, Moore," he said, pointing to the board where the time—3 min. 10 4-5 sec.—had been written up, "but the race has been declared void."
"What is.

"What do you mean?" asked the astounded ex-captain of the Cresswell.

a smile.
"I never had the letter, and I didn't know.
It strikes me," said Billy Moore, looking hard
at the secretary, "that this is all a put-up job
to rob, me of the shield. Let us race for it

to roo me of the search and again,"
"Oh, no," said the secretary; "that is not possible! Besides, the others would refuse to

possible! Resides the others would refuse to turn out:

and an add Moron, turning away. "you can be very work of the control o

you, Moore? asked North. "You mado 'em look common backs. Hallo, what's all that hubbah dont." Tow was going on in the dressing-room, and they could hear Secretary Goodheart's voice alternately protesting and entrasting. They hurried to the door, and then discovered that the four professionals had refused the standard of the standar

Two THE COSTER KING. Striking Incidents From the Great New Story of SEXTON BLAKE Commencing THE BOYS' HERALD. ONE PERNY EVERY

as being certain to help them! The day on which, the great Crawell cycling meeting at the Czystal Palace was to be held broke dully, and ere noon fierce, threatening clouds were scudding across the heavens, that had been broken and wretched first two months of the summer. And at one o'clock, the very time when onthusiants would, as a general rule, have when on the summer. And at one o'clock, the very time when onthusiants would, as a general rule, have when on the state of the summer. And at one o'clock, the very time when out the summer. And at one o'clock, the very time when out the summer. And at one o'clock, the very time when out the summer is a general rule, have been deeper the summer of the summ

WFDNESDAY.

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It was a business with them, and they had been paid in redware.

The Crewell Club's excheques was empty. The standard of the provided the paid in redware.

At three o'cluck, the hour set for the first race, the first head of the novices' quarter of a mile, there were perhaps two thousand spectraments. The basedmen, clad in waverproof coats, and some of them protecting their in streaments, layed the remains a much spirit as the crowd showed.

meeting's dragging worse than ever. This means ruin."
"Well, we shall save the shield, at all events," said Jenkins, biting his lip.
"I don't know that youll even do that," answered the secretary wrathfully.
Canse, clang, clang, clang went the bell; Tellow, the secretary wrathfully.
Shield turned out one after the other into the recovering ruin.

and the men who ware to race for the Treloar Shield turned out one after the other into the purious raining raining and the correct to work the purious raining the purious and Jones on the scratch mark opposite the above his riding things, and joined Cummings and Jones on the scratch mark opposite the stand. Then Digweed, Mason, Italiey, Wallace, Stevens—all of the Creswell—tropped out. The men wore allotted their positions; to lock a si he willy Moore, the holder! It looked as if he willy Moore, the holder! It looked as if he willy Moore, the holder! It looked as if he willy Moore, the holder! It looked as if he willy Moore, the holder it looked as if he willy Moore, the holder it looked as if he willy Moore, the holder it looked as if he willy Moore, the holder it looked as if he willy Moore, the pred the stank of the purious the pred to the holder wick. North, and Backhouse. Then scarcely had Moore got his slots fixed in the pedals, then, hand off the lot trooped, to the noire of he sateries pisted.

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I appear in our noxt week's number, which
will, on the whole, be a humper issue. None of
my young friends should miss it.

"Teddy Lester's Chums."

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ND now a word about our new school of story. We must all regret that "The Fighting Fifth." by Mr. Maxwell course hat, like all coordinary practically run its expension of the story of the

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tion.

I am prompted to make this appeal to my friends who read this paper by the letter of a deeply-grateful reader who has been turned aside from a path of wrong-doing by a few friendly hint I was able to give him. The letter referred to runs as follows:

"Newcastle-on-Tyne.

"Dear Editor,—I send you this lotter with
great pleasure, and I also want to let you know
that I am still following your advice; but I am
proud to say that I am a different lad to-day
than I was two years ago.

than I was two years ago.

"I have only one to thank for this, and that is you, and if I can't repay you for your exercises, then I hope that God will. Sir, you do not know what a change you have made in me. At that particular time when you gave me your advice my wrong-doing meant my parting with woo if the dearest things. I have, and they are my home and the girl I love; but, thanks to you, this has been ascretch.

you, this has been averted.

"Sir, you will see by the heading of this letter that I have written my name and address in full, because I think it would be a cowardly action on my part if I kept it from you after the service you have done me: so if you would like to communicate with mo I shall be greatly

pleased.
"I think I will close my letter now, hoping you will reply, and also wishing you the very best of luck.

"May God's guiding hand ever be with you.
"Yours truly,
"R. Y."

To Settle an Argument.

E. F. are the initials of one of my London chums who writes to ask me to settle an argument he has had with his brother as to in which paper "Nelson Lee's Pupil," our, new "Boys" Friend" Threepenny Library, first appeared.

Well, then, to put an end—a pleasant one, I hope—to this brotherly difference of opinion, I may tell F. E. F. that the splendid story he refers to appeared originally in the first volume of "The Boys" Herald."
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ing reading also to many curses a my readers.

Now, as regards dict. Breakfast, which should be taken about an hour after rising, should contait of stale breads with only a little butter. Watercress may be calven, but jam, the contained of the

Beef, lamb, and multon may be eaten for dinner, together with small portions of well-cooked vegetables. If the athlete has a tendency to steutness, it would be better if had had no postatose, but des tate bread in their place. Fish, such as cod, soles, and whiting, cocked without flavouring sances, are good; cocked without flavouring sances, are good; dings and price abould be rigorously avoided, So long as dinner is taken from about mid-day to about two o'clock, time does not matter so much.

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Toa, consisting of a small chop, with bread or dry tosst, or good wholemeal bread-andorder if chops cannot be afforded, should have been taken about an hour before the athlete

butter it chops cannot be afforded, should have been taken about an hour before the athlete commerces serious work.

In supposing that "Sprint" and any athletic friends are oscaped during the day, and spend their evenings in practising running, and other vigorous pursuits. My Bridge of Allan chum asks me whether should take his weight down as far as possible, or whether merely to a certain weight, or whether merely to a certain weight, or whether merely to a certain weight, and the standard and fart rules. The chief thing, to my mind, is to rid oncestly of superfluous fat, and to get the muscles and body generally into as fit a condition as possible without going to extremes. Getting every onnee of fat out of the body down to so an atom of good, but on the supposition of the properties of the supposition of the supposi

rules.

If "Sprint" would like further information upon any particular point in training, I shall be pleased to do my best to satisfy him.

To Shorthand Writers.

AM sure that it will interest all my chums who write shorthand to know that the Editor of "Good Werde" of "ferries senders of the fewer best, short, transcribed extracts from a sermon procedured by any living minister of the Goopel at Sunday or weekday

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TOUR FIXTURE LISTS.

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The Loamshire Captain Puts His

Z 0!"

In the deadly silence that had fallen upon the cricket-field and the rang out sharp and clear. His hand was raised to point to the pavilion, his flashing open were fixed upon the first part of the field?

Go I order you of the field?

Go I order you of the field?

For once Lagdon had turned deadly paled him, and he did not know what to do. He had roused the sleeping lion at last; he had provoked his aparan until the provocation had been too great for Arthur Lovell's patience. The field is the field of the field, in the sight of his action, only spitchally gratified to know that to, disparious fromthe to the new captain of Loanshire. But he had never expected this? To be ordered off the field, in the sight of his friends in the partition, in the full view of thousands of Ho and the field in the sight of his friends in the partition, in the full view of thousands of Ho and cone to far, and the work he dead to the sight of the sight of the field.

spectators! He had gone too far, and the worm had turned at last—and turned with a vengeance! Lagden was pale as death, and his eyes dropped before Arthur's flashing glance.

"Lovel, ner you mad?" he muttered boares!s. "You-you order me off the field?"
"You-you must be mad! I will not so."

"Yes: 20" must be mad! I will not go!"
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A vin you will not be done while
Goolfrey Lagdon remained on the field.
Lagdon, as the cost even of defeat to his side,
was determined to theart hin, and Lagdon
against the men of Ken!
"You will go!" said Arthur. "What you
have already done is sufficient to make a cricket
and all and bring discrett upon Learnshire
and the game itself. You had better not add
to it."

to it."

Lugden cast an almost haggard glance round. If he hoped for support in the team he was disappointed. Whatever might be the feelings of the majority of the Loamshire players towards Arthur Jovell, they had no idea of revolting from their captain in the presence of the foat. If the greater part of the team had walked off the field en masse with Geoffrey Lagden. he would have gained a set of triumph. But that would have geined a sort of triumph. But that would have been giving away the match to Kent. And, although more than one player on the Loamshire side would have gone far to bring Arthur Lovell to the dust, not one of them had any thought of betraying his county for the purpose of effecting it.

Lagden's erve came hack to Lovell's face. The moments were fiving: the unpleasant reensure and and how! It was useless to defy his

must confident blow? It is a margine of the five option. A criclet captain is an autocrat on the field. If Lagden refused to go, he would be removed. Nothing was to be gained by a display of hooliganism.

And was an appeal any use? Could he bring down his spirit to appeal to the man he had defied and villed, and provided from sheer warntonness. Yos, he could, for anything was a continuous to the field in disprace, and the sheet of the field in the sheet of the sheet of the field in the sheet of the field in the sheet of the sheet o

grace. "Lovell," he muttered huskily, "consider a

"I have considered! You must go! There is no other way!" said Arthur quietly. "You are keeping the game waiting! Get off the field!"

"Listen—" I will listen to nothing!" Gooffrey Lagden ground his teeth in helpless rage. There was no help for it. It was usoless to remonstrate; worse than useless to dely, the turned away. He had to walk off the field under the gaze of thousands of curious eyes, with a score of field-glasses turned full upon

His pale face flushed as he went. Never had the walk to the pavilion seemed such a long one. And, as it drew near, he saw that every eye there was fixed upon him, in wonder and curiosity, and the flush in his face deepened to scarlet.

scarlet. Red with shame and respect burning with helpless fury, Lagden passed in, without a word or a glance on either side of him. But he was not to escape unquestioned. He had to pass the scat where Colonel Hilton was beside his daughter.

daugnter.
The colonel stopped him. The old cricketer's face was dark and stern.
"What has happened, Lagden?"
Geoffrey Lagden looked at him with a bitter expression. The colour was fading out of his

expression. The colour was fading out of his checks again.
"What had happoned?" he repeated.
"Nothing but what we might have anticipated when that outsider was made captain of Loam-

The colone frowned darley. Lagden was utterly reckless now, or he would never have spoken to the great man of the Loamhire County Club in such a manner.

"You forget Mr. Lagden, that I was chiefly instrumental in making Arthur Lovell county capitain" it rapped out.

"You have it, and I hope you are satisfied."

"You saw it. I have been ordered off the field."

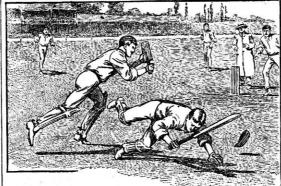
"You saw ...
field."
"For what reason?"
"Because my play was not up to the ideas
of Arthur Lovell, I suppose. Because he mulfed
a catch and wishes to throw the blame on me."

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CRICKET.

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The batemen were running hard, but Lagdon's foot slipped as they crossed, and he recied on the turf-recied against Levell and sent him staggering.

Nonsense!"

"Nonsense!" Lagden snapped his teeth.
"Very well, if my explanation is nonsense, rou cannot wish to hear it." he said. And would have passed on into the interior of the

The colonel stopped him.

The colonel stopped him.

Tasaid it was nonsense to attribute such motives to Arthur Lovell," he said quietly, and I say as again. There has been frieid, it has a superior of the property of the said quietly, and I say as again. There has been frieid, it more, but Lovell is incapable of meanness. It was the said to the said of the said of

nees was dark and worried.

"This is a most unfortunate occurrence," he said to Molly Hilton. "There will be an inquiry, of course, and no end of trouble. I suppose it is a case of insubordination. I begin to think that Lovell was right in desiring to avoid the captaincy, after all."

"I am sure My Lovell hear rate."

"I am sure Mr. Lovell has not acted from the motives Mr. Lagden attributes to him," said Molly decisively.

Molly decisive sure of that, Molly: "Yes, I am sure of that, Molly: "but there was no love lost between them, and Lovell may man to hear the performance of the molly of the performance of the molly of the performance of the molly of the performance of the perf

Loamshire were playing the champions England, and with such deep dissension

their ranks, how were they to fare at the hands of the men of Kent? That was a troublesome

their ranks, how were they to fare at the hands of the mon of Kent! That was a troublesome of the control of the their control of the their control of the c

or Not To Play?

To Play, or Not To Play?

"" WANT to speak to you, Lovell."
Colonel Hillon's face was very grave.
The pitch was being rolled preparatory to the commencement of the
Leamshire innings, and the Loamshires were
enjoying a brief and well-earned rest.
Arthur Lovell had said nothing so far.
He had been quite within his rights as eaptain in ordering an insubordinate player off
the field, but he knew that there was trouble
to follow.

THE CHIEF CHARACTERS IN THIS FINE STORY.

ARTHUR LOVELL. Loamshire's champion bal.
He becomes a professional. His uncle is ruined
KIY VALANGE, Loamshire's best bowler. Ho
first comes to notice in the Colts' match, where he
takes Arthur's firm chum.
LEN VALANGE, KI's win brother.

CEOFFREY LAGDEN, an smateur and a good bat. He is bitterly jealous of Arthur Lovell, whom he hates and endeavours to injure. He is Arthur's rival for the hand of Molly Hilton. A specified character.

snobbish character. #ES LAGDEN, who has ruined Arthur's uncle. BLANE, Captain of Loamshire, and the steady friend of Arthur and Kit. He is Moily Hilton's cousin. PONSONBY, Geoffrey Lagden's friend, and a man of similar character—enoblish to a degree.

of similar character—snoobsh to a segree.

The this instalment tells how Arthur Lovel distinguishes hinself in the Gets' match, in spite of the efforts which Geoffere Lagden past forth to keep him in the shale. Soon after, a change in his fortunes and turning professional.

Kit Valance, Arthur's bosons chum, hat a brin beaution of the control of the

Len makes a bad blunder, and strikes down Blane, the captain of the Loamsiire team, with a foul blow the captain of the Loamsiire team, with a foul blow the captain of the

refract the honour, men't to Colonel Hitton's chagning. Loannahire play the South Afficans, and the latter get desidently the better of the game, deficiently and the state of the game, deficiently and the property of the Walance. During the sext match with Hampatire Infating, During the sext match with Hampatire Infating, The match is alandoned owing to rais. The match is alandoned owing to rais. The order is the sext match in the play for some time. The match is alandoned owing to rais. The total control of the play of the play

hints to Arthur that his orders will not be object.

In the Kent natch Arthur Level's miseriengs are proved to have been exerced. Lagden deliberated by the proving the proving a training to the proving a training training to the proving the pro

(Now read this week's instalment.)

Lagden had too powerful a backing in Loamshire county cricket for his ignounnious dischallenged.

That a storm would burst, Arthur knew, and he was quite ready for it.
Not an inch would be recede from the position he had taken up.
The position of county captain, and he had accepted it in obedience to the wishes and advice of the county manager.
But it was useless for him to hold the position unless his orders were obeyed, and now that he was a captain himself, he expected the same from others.

Without it, it was certain that a gamo could never be won.

never be won.

He had tried patience, and it had failed.

Bad had become worse, simply because he did
not put his foot down, and his patience was
construed into weakness.

From insubordination and covert opposition
Lagden had proceeded to direct treachery to
his side, and Arthur would not have been worth
his salt if he had allowed him to remain upon
And he was determined that, come what
might, Lagden should not play again in the
Kent match.

Either he was captain of the team, or he was not; he would have no half measures, and if he was captain there was no room in the side for his avowed enemy.

That was his determination, from which he

That was his determination, from whice ac did not mean to movo.

He knew that the outbreak was coming, but he did not go half-way to meet it; it was not likely that the storm would pass over, but ho was content to wait, and noither by word nor look did he give any indication of uncasiness of wind.

Ho turned respectfully towards Colonel Hilton when the latter spoke, but there was an expression upon his face the colonel had nover seen there before; a look of grim resolve which was not to be mistaken.

"This is a very painful matter, Lovell," said

Hilton.
"You are referring to the case of Lagden,

Voc was sorry to have to order him off the

field."
"Was there no alternative?"
"I should have taken it if there had been, sir."

s snown nave taken it if there had been,
"Yes-yes, of course," said the colonel
hastily. "Of course, this matter will have to
come before the committee, and you will be
saked for an explanation."
"I am prepared to give it."
"I trust that it is not the old feeling of
committee that it is not the old feeling of
committee that it is not the old feeling of
"It is that, and nothing clee, but the fault
was on Lagden's side, not mine. He showed
ne nothing but insolence and opposition from
the start of the Kent innings, but so long as
my personal feelings only were concerned, Itook no notice."

took no inview.

"But—"
"But when he proceeded to act treacherously, and play into the hands of our opponents, it was time to put my foot down."

Colonel Hillian looked agent.
Do you accuse him of doing that, Lovell?"
Yes.

"Do you accuse him of doing that, Lovel!"
"Yes.
"It is inoredible."
"He did so several times, and in the last instance he deliberately prevented me from "My dear Lovel! I have no doubt that it appeared so to you, and that you have very great reason to resent Lagdon's manner towards you, but that he was deliberately guilty of treachery I cannot imagine. Mind, I am you treachery I cannot imagine. Mind, I am you go to the service of the ser

Lagden too harshly. As a stilling you judge to conclusion hashly, or without ridence, said Arthur stilly. "I sup-pose I can trust my own judgement, and know what happened under my own eyes?" "I am afraid that your strong prejudice against Lagden coloured your judgement. When the committee, and I am ready to hand en by resignation as captain of Loamshire—ay, and as member of the team, in necessary. "Don't do anything of the kind, my dear Lovell. You can be a still the con-treastly needed."

sounty, I think, when your services are so greatly needed."

Arthur was silent.
"As for the captainty, that may have been a mistake," but he captainty, that may have been a mistake, but he captainty that the continuation of the captainty to the captainty to think that perhaps you were right. But it's an old reverb that it is had policy to swap horses while crossing a stream, and you must expand the crossing a stream, and you must expand the consistence of the continuation of the co

"But—"
"So I shall not resign of my own accord.
But if I am asked to, as I suppose will be the case now. I shall do so cheerfully, and without bearing malice. I hope you understand me-

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KING CRICKET. (Continued from the previous page.)

"I do understand you, Lovell. I know the ifficulty of your position, and I am only sorge hat it has not worked better. I still believe hat you are the ideal captain for Loanshire." Arthur smiled faintly.

"You will not persuade the team to believe that

that." In sorry it is so. But to speak of the present case. You are captain, and lagdon is one of our best men. A continuation of this dispute will place us at Kurlar mercy.

"I do not think so. It is wiser to play a man short than to piay a traitor in the ranks." The colonel drew a doep breath.
"I have said that I believe that you judge."

"I have suit that I believe that you judge Lagden too harshly."
"I am sorry that I cannot agree with you."
The old county cricketer seemed to bristle up

"I am sorry that I cannot agree with you."
The old county cricketer seemed to bristle up
little.
This was an entirely new tone for Arthur
Lovell, the professional, to take with Colonel
Hillon, the big gun of Loamshire county
cricket.

ericket.

It was evident that the young professional's back was up at last in deadly earnest.

"Am I to understand from your words, Lovel, that you do not intend to play Lagden again in this match;"

Yes."

again in this match:

"But reflect—"
"I have crossed his name off the going-in eard. I have reflected. If I remain captain of the tean, lagden et ayo ut of it.

"But reflect is in possible to make a charge in the "It is impossible to make a charge in the stage of the tean. Lagden et ayo the content to content to the color the color than the color th

suppose."
I was not thinking of asking for a substi-"Then you are thinking of playing a team of ten men against the champions of Eng-land?"

to the mean state characteristics of the control of the course to take."

"Lovell, I ask rou as a personal favour to reconsider this. Even if Lagden has been guilty of what you accuse him of, still there is no chance of his repeating the offence in the batting. Any oricketer, however disaffected, would in the nature of things try to keep the wiefest up as long as possible.

"I have made up my ming try to keep the was retting angrey himed, and cover the control of the course of the course

feeting angry inneat, man becauty man in the Linearshitz term who incurred it. But Arthur Lovell was not disunted.

And as he looked at the pale, set face of the young professional, Colonel Hilton realised that it was uncleas to dictate to him.

He had dictated to Fonsonby, when the latter exprained Loamshire for a brief season, but that was made of maniler stuff. Porsonby had hoped to cling to the captainey in spite of his unfatness for it. and had not dared to oppose the wishes of the captainey in spite of his unfatness for it. and had not dared to oppose the wishes of the colonel.

That was not the ense with Leafl. He was quite willing to stuff and willing and determined to resign on the spot if he were dictated to, even the greatest man in Leannhire county cricket circles could do nothing.

Atthur Lovell had infinitely more to lease by a break with the colonel than Ponsonby had, but he dielected that was the difference.

The colonel realised it, and, though it cost hot words that leaped to his lips.

There was a short silcnes.

Lovell waited for the colonel is speak, and sa he differ man effort, he refrained from speaking the lotter of the colonel of the colonel is speak, and as he difference have greatered to the lips.

Colonel Hilton made a heavy gesture to detain in. Wat a minute, Levell. I am not faithed.

Colonel Hilton made a nasty genture to cetain him.

"Wait a minute, Lovell. I am not finished yet. You are in no hurry. The groundsmen will not be done for some minutes yet."

Arthur Lovell nodded, and waited.

"I am going to make an annual to you," said

Arthur Lovell nodded, and waited.

"I am going to make an appeal to you," said the colonel, with rather a seriand look. "You have looked at this matter from your own point of view, and from that policy of the colonel, with rather a seriand look. "You have looked at this matter from you are right on the consider me, you are right of the consider me, and the consideration of the consi

"Mr. Lagden is down hore," resumed the colonel. "He has come down to see his zon, as he hopes, distinguish himsell in the match with the county champions. He is furious at Geoffrey being ordered off the field."
"No doubt."

"He has spoken to me about it. He has poken without discretion, and I need not

repeal to you the demands he has made, mostly impossible ones. But the fact remains that unless he is conciliated in some way he will withdraw his support from Loamshire county cricket. He has said so in as many words." Arthur's lip curied a little. It was the old, old store, as old as county cricket itself, of efficiency and the game fasely being sacrificed to prophitate the backers of a

It was the old, old story, as old as county cricket itself, of efficiency and the game itself being sacrificed to propitiate the buckers of a team.

"We are passing through a critical phase in county cricket history in Loamshire now of the county cricket history in Loamshire to the county cricket history in the county cricket history in the county cricket with that five the cannot saford to quarrel with a powerful backer like James Logdon-even if it were deent to do so. You know that he contributed five thousand, and the county cricket with that five thousand, said Arthur bitter!. The coloned knitted his brows.

"It would be distinctly ungrasted of us to be county cricket with that five thousand," said Arthur bitter!.

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Colond Hilton. "I leave it to your good teeling, Lovel."

There was a struggle in Arthur's mind. Colonel Hilton had always been a good friend to him, and a friend, too, at the time when the sum of t

and shock could be to be seen as a small almost a small a smal

"I shall speak to Lagden, and you need not ave the slightest doubt that he will play up

"I shall speed have the slightest doubt that ne not sight for his side."
"Very well. I will do as you wish."
The colonel looked considerably relieved.
"Thank you, Lovell! I don't think you will "Thank you had his doubte about you had his doubte about was a speed of the shall his doubte about was a second or the shall his doubte about was a second or the shall his doubte about was a second or the shall his doubte about the shall have been second or the

"Thank you, Lovell! I don't think you will regret it."

Arthur nodded. He had his doubts about that; but the die was cast now, and there was no more to be said.

It was time for Loamshire to commence their inmings, and Simpson and Tweedie, the Scots-man, were the first men sent to the wickets.

Foul Play.

IELDER bowled the first over for Kent, and when the Loamshire batemen saw him take the ball they looked out for squalls, and they were right. Fielder, who had once taken all ten winckes in a single innings on the historic ground at Lord's, was a bowler to be leared. And he looked as if he meant business now. Hour and a half to play. There was that was good, and the spectack watched with interest the commoncement of the Loanshire innings.

Loanshire innings.

Like loyal Kentish men, they expected the ristors' wickets to go down pretty fast before the bowling of Fielder. Fairservice, and Woolley. And at the start they were not disappointed, and at the start they were not disappointed, by the start of the start of

credit.

And there was many a smile and sneer in the pavilion. Arthur Lovell had sent a professional in first, and he had come out again without breaking his duck, and it cannot be said that any of the Loamshire amateurs were sorry for his want of success.

or nis want of success.

"That's one for Lovell." Ponsonby remarked to Lagden, as Tweedie left the wicket. "A duck's egg for one of the pro's! Can't say I'm

discs, was controlled and in the controlled and against Fairservice? By the way, you are going to bat, after all."

"Lovell crossed your name out after that little brozes over the fielding."
He's had to climb down, you see."
Pousonly looked at him curiously.
Pousonly looked at him curiously.
He's host the kind of chap to climb down when he's once got his back up, is he?
"I suppose the colonel had it out with him."
"I suppose the colonel had it out with him."
"Something of the port." Lagden encord.
"Something of the your Logden esc; but it wouldn't work. He's had to climb down. I'm going in eighth."

"He tried to ride the high horse, you see; but it wouldn't work. He's had to climb down. I'm going in eighth."
"Migh have left you to the last."
"He didn't venture to, you see. He would have been glad to make me last man in, so that that ass Chichester could run me out for two or them?

two or three

that that as "Anonexer countral me our tow or three."

"Well, I'm glad it's blown over. It would have been a bitter pill to be kept out of the rest of the match,"

"Yes." said lagden, snapping his teeth. "That was what he intended at first, and I shall not forget it."

"I'm in fifth," remarked Ponsonby, "and Lovell himself is fourth. You won't bat to-day, Lagdon.

"I don't know. Fielder seems to be out on "I don't know to be 'U now, and the word of the pill to be a match of hard leather on wood, and Simpson's wicket want to ruins.

the warlath fords," Language and, as units was a crash of hard leather on wood, and Simpson's wicket went to chime white.

"Two down for 11. This looks lively."

"There goes Lovel!"

Simpson, the new recruit to the Leamshire team, carried his bat away from the wicket for a single run, looking very crestfallen.

"Bad luck," said lagden, as he cane in. "It was hard chosee," and Simpson. "Fielder seems to be a different to the Lovel! will recruit the said to th

chimistant he was overdeady and animoto or the Learnstire skipper, and Lagden turned Arthur Levell left the pavilion with his bat under his arm, and went down to the wicket vacated by Simpson. With two wickets down for a single ran, Learnshire could not be said to have started their innings well, but with Lovell at their innings well, but with Lovell at the Fielder was still bowling, and he put in his best against Arthur Lovell. He put it in in vain! Levell stopped a couple of balls, and swiped the last of the over fairly across the boundary. It was plain that that the Kent bowler would have all their work cut out to dismiss him.

The field crossed over, and Tunstall received the bowling from Fairservice. The latter seemed to be in as good form as Fielder.

He did not capture Tunstall's wicket, but the ver proved a maiden, and all the ground saw on the bush and all the ground saw of the Loamshire man was to lefend himself.

over proved a marden, and all the ground saw how hard put to it the Loambire man was to defend himself.

The balls came down like lightning, and like lightning Lovell's bat flashed at them. Lovell was setting down already to brilliant cricket, as steady as it was brilliant for the last ball of that over-and no more! For Fielder sent it down with a break on it shat was a hidden mystery to Tunstall, set that the shidden mystery to Tunstall, as that it was a bright cricket. "Out!" Tunstall returned to the paylion with a big

"Out!"
Tunstall returned to the pavilion with a big round nought as a reward for his efforts. Three down for 20! And of those 20, 13 belonged to Arthur Lovell!
The Learnshire captain was going strong. Possonby was next man in. He came down to the wicket with something of a swagger, as he usually did, though his performances when he arrived there were not exactly calculated to justify it.

now.

The bowling was good, very good, but the misfortune for the Kentish man was that the batting was better; and, indeed, there had soldom been seen a finer display with the willow on any ground.

winow on any ground.

Loveli's style was simply masterly.

Luck had been going against Loamshire, and
it seemed as if the captain was determined to
win a way ahead for his county by his own
efforts.

citorts.

The runs piled up as he slogged Fairservice's balls all over the field.

Three twos and a couple of boundaries rowarded him for the over, and the last ball he stopped dead on the crease.

Marsham, the captain of Kent, knitted his

brows a little.

Ile hadn't looked for a bateman like this in
the Loamshire ranks, and he realised that the
Kent bowlers would have all their work cut
out to shift Lovell from the wicket.
But if the Loamshire captain was gotting
set at the wicket, such was not the case with
hearten the best of the load of the load.

Ponsonby lived through a few overs, but it as only by the skin of his teeth, as it were. It was a ball from Fairservice that finally P

laid his wicket in ruins, when he had the in significant total of 10 runs to his credit. At the same time, Lovell's score had gone up randly, and out of a total of 80 runs for Loanshire, he had bagged 69. The crowd had their eyes fastened upon Thours and the result of 10 runs for coursen order, and that they had an opportunity now of seeing a display such as seldon fell to their lot. It eraplace Ponsonby: Fortescue cam in cheer ped across the pitch. With the exception of Simpson, Fortescue was the only amateur in the Loanshire team who heartily backed up the new capital for the remainder to back up Lovell like a granting. It came to the wicket now with the determination to back up Lovell like a granting. To say to that. Each before he had generally to haddle the nimble learned and the wicket he had generally arriance of dismay the young bowler quitted the wicket he had tried in vain to guard. Five down for Loanships; If not as a thick as leaves in Valambrosa, a leat a rate which have the hearts of the Kentish men looking on. Maynard came to the wicket now; and

leaves in valuances, and the second process of the Kentish men looking on the second of the stopping the balls sent down to him, he soon fell a victim to the Kentish though he succeeded in stopping the balls sent down to him, he soon fell a victim to the Kent ideling.

With 9 runs to his name he was caught by Hutchings from Fielder's bowling, and so he went boatless home.

Geoffrey Lagden was next man in.

A shade came for a moment over Arthur Andrew State of the second provider with his bat under his arm.

He had not wished to be Lagdon's partner at the wickets.

But luck had been against him. The rapid fall of the Loamshire wickets before the Kent bowling had brought Lagden to the pittel long before he might have been expected there.

Had things gone better for Loamshire, in and the sear salled upon to

expected there.

Had things gone better for Loamshire, in fact, he would not have been called upon to bat till the following morning. Now there was still a quarter of an hour to play, and Geoffrey Lagden was Lovell's parmer at the

Lagden's brows were bent, his eyes gleaming +h

under them.

Arthur was close upon his century now, and
there was no reason why he should not continue to bat through the rest of the innings,
and perhaps finish with a double century to
his credit. Lagden gritted his teeth at the

thought.

Tame were black and bitter thoughts in his mind as he taced the bowling. In such a mode he was not likely to shine as a hadman. He stopped the bowling, but he did little more, and of the runs that continued to pid up, three-fourths were due to Arther Lovell. A roar of cheering greeded the completion of the century for Lovell, while Geoffrey Lagden had only two runs to his name. And Lovell was still batting stoutly. Findler, Faircervice, Hardinge, and Frank Woolley exerted themselves against his wicket word, and the still be the control of the co

1201 130! Luck Lovell's figures were still going up. Luck came Lagden's way, and he began to put on the runs a little, but nothing in comparison with Lovell. When the Loamshire score was at 180, and they required only 16 to tie with Kent, Lovell's individual score was 140. It had been the Loamshire captain's game from the start of the innings.

But the cup of Lagdon's bitterness was run-

But the cup of Lagdon's bitterness was run-ning over now. Another ball from Fielder, which would have taken many a good batsman by surprise, but which Lovell swiped away as if it were the easiest thing in the world. Away went the whizzing leather, and the Kent feldmane were running, and the batsmen

Away went the whizzing leather, and the Kent fieldsmen were running, and the batemen were running, and the batemen were running too. Once, twice, the least of the second of the least of the second of the least of

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THE FIRST CHAPTERS IN BRIEF.

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tions.

Roddy applies for a job at the Coed Coel Colliery.

He is taken on, and Tom Hughes with him. The boys are at once set to work as hewers, and cause no little surprise at the large amount of cost latiled to them each day. In the evenings they return to Starve-Crow Farm.

such day. In the evenings they return to Scarve-town
Al last, fare many thrilling adventures and
numerous narrow escapes from death at the hands of
have accumulated sufficient capital to commence
operations upon their own seam of coak, which they
accordingly do. A few days there of the control of
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(Note read this work's instalment.)

Now Torn Dealt with the Mortgage Deed.

ADABS the layer was convulsed with feer and wrath. His thin face were sticking over red as bestroot, and, after were sticking to the feet of the converse of the conve

lawyer.

"I forget how the crane works!" said Tom.
"I forget how the crane works!" said Tom.
"At least, I think I do! I shall have to do
a lot of thinking before I can pull you back."
"I'll prosecute you for assault—in the
criminal courts—I will!" raved Mr. Adams.

criminal courts—I will?" raved Mr. Adams.
"It's no good findin fault with me!" Tem
replied, seating himself beside Roddy, who
was still laughing till his sides shook."
never saked you to six in our basket! An' I
shouldn't kich an' struggle like that, if I were
you, You're n'ong way to go, if the wickerwill be the six of the structure of the wickerterm of the six of the six of the six of the wickerThe lawser's force heard.

you. You've a long way to go, it in wiscer work breaks for changed, and he screwed. The lawyer's free changed, and he screwed. The lawyer's free changed, and saw the sheft gaping beneath him. Till now, he had not quite he had to the change free he was. He gave a violent start, and his top-hat rolled off and fell down the change freeenly reaching the bottom with a hollow plunk. Mr. Adams turned very pale, and at once became still as a mouse. "I'll me in! Take me out!" he gasped, in "Pull me in! Take me out!" he gasped, in "You're all right as long as you keep still. I shouldn't climb about, if I were you, bough."

though." Mr. Adems, in fact, was not in the least danger; the basket, which was banded with steel, could have held six of him. But he thought he was, and such adventures were not in his line.

in hr. line.

"I heard her creak a bit, didn't you,
Ton;" said Roddy, with interest.
Mr. Adams shivered.
"Why did I come here, among these moun-tain ruffans?" he meaned. "Why didn't I send my elsek?"
"Selfain brute! I suppose your clerk's got "Selfain brute! I suppose your clerk's got Roddy.
"I should trink it'd be a happy release for any elsek of yours to fall down a mine-shaft," added Tom.

"I should think it'd be a happy reasen too; any clerk of yours to fall down a mine-haft," added Tom.
"It's an early deasth!" Roddy put in. "One "It's an early deasth!" Roddy put in. "One that you had been as the best of the same a case onco—". "What shall I do?" gurglod Mr. Adams, who looked as if he were going to be ill. "One will be the same a case onco—"" "I have a same a case onco—"" "Young the work of the same a case onco—"" "Young the same a case onco—"" "Young the same a case of the same a case

The lawyer almost forgot about the shaft in his indignation.
"You atrocious little scoundrel!" he snazted.
"De you know this is highway robbery!" confidence of the confidence

the windisss, "though there were a many the began to wind the lawyer down into the shaft. Mr. Adams gave a startled whoop, and gripped the sides of the basket consulsively. The guide-rope which steadied the affair was not there, so that, as they descended, the basket and lawyer twizzled slowly round like a most jack to provide the start of t

ally. "Help!" Help!"

"Have a good look at the seam while you're about it!" said Tom unsympathetically, lower-

"Have a good look at we seemed about it!" said Tom unsympathetically, lowering away.

The outeries of the visitor became hollower.
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The outeries of the decended. To make the way down, and let it stay there in mid-spec for a time. Then he wound it up gagin. The lawyer's eyes were saturing out of his head when he appeared above the shaft's edge once-mires.

warezeu Mr. Adams. "This is dishonast!" "Rot!" said Roddy sharply. "D'you think we don't know the whole thing's a putup swindle, an' that you an' Kenyon Price are tryin' to do us! We're treatin' you say you be thrown into a horse-pone! If we can get that papes, it's perfectly fair on our part! It's you that is the robber-even if you're inside the law. "It's part of the price is t

said Tom.
"Will you give it me back?" said Adams

"Will you give it mo back?" said Adams haltingly.
"Not likely! What d'you take us for?"
"Then I refuse?"
"All right." said Roddy, turning away.
"Come on, Town going?" cried the lawyer.
"Where are you going?" cried the lawyer.
"Where are you going?" cried the lawyer.
"But what am I to do?" cried Adams, aghast, his feet wriggling above the bask." I can't stay here over this awful precipies."
"Can't you? Well, just as you like?" Tom replied, following Rockredl.
"I can't stay here over this awful precipies."
"Can't you? Well, just as you like?" Tom replied, following Rockredl.
"I would be deed! Coally let me out first."
"On the contrary, we'd like the deed

"What d'you think of the seam?" said Tom, while Hoddy wiped away tears of mirth. Fine, rich one, ain't it?" Mr. Adams could find no words to reply in. Tom began lowering and winding him up again rapidly, a few yards each "wy." and winding him up again rapidly, a few yards each wy." as well as the words of the words

"You're making me sick!" gasped the lawver.

"Whith an ungrateful beggar it is!" said "Whith seems to Blease him! I'm said to be soon to be soo

"The Boys' Realm" Football League Map.

Showing how England and Wales will be divided into

Two Sections - North and South. (See page 184.)

beforehand, if it's all the same to you!" saidTom, strolling back to the pit.

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Mr. Adams said Tom simply. "Not an inch!"

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Tom slowly awung the orner isled sown the naper from his breast-pockst.

Tom slowly awung the erane till the basket was within reach, and, leaning over, took the paper from the lawyer's hand. The boys.

They did not know much of law, but it was proty plain that they had the mortgaze deed in their lands. It was properly drawn up, and stated that Matthew Matthews, of Aberts and stated that Matthew Matthews, of Aberts Bryn her Gardi, Form. The boys was all the strong strong strong the strong strong the strong strong the strong strong strong the strong strong strong the strong strong strong strong the strong strong

2500.

To read the mertgage through, and therefore it across the middle. He doubled it up and rent it into flide bits, which he flung down upon the coaly ground.

"Thank you!" he said to Mr. Adams.

"That's settled. Now you can come out of it, if you choose.

"That's section."
If and Roddy swung the erane away from
the pit an I over solid ground once more. The
lawyer twisted himself out of the basket, and
stood looking at the boys with a dark, wrathful

stood looking at me togs word.

face, ou will pay for this!" he said thickly.

Do you think you have besten us? or't stop to
make speeches, but skednelde. I shoulded
takes a man to hold his own up here."

1 takes a man to hold his own up here."

takes a man to hold his own up hare."

"Better not wait to kiss us good bye," said
Tom; "there's a bulldog of ours on his way."
Mr. Adams choked and departed. He said
not another word, but wont away down the hillside a good deal quicker than he had arrived.
Dafydl and Gripe came to the shalt just afterwards, and the former announced that he had
arrived.
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Roddy related the little adventure and
Dafydd's face became wreathed in delighted
grins.

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"That's what we aren't sure about, sir, an' we'd like your opinion," said Tom—" at least, Roddy ian't sure; but I'il bet if you'd sêen that lawyer yesterday you'd have said it was our win!" And he detailed the story of Adams's that lawyes, and be detailed the own with "And be detailed and many with the work of the w

visit. Williams pulled a long face at first, but could not control himself, and he roared with laughter. You young femons? he said. "I must say, if I had any evil designs on your property, I'd as soon walk into a enge of lyeans as show have known heater. But it's a serious thing, you have known better. But it's a serious thing, you have known better. But it's a serious thing, you have known better. But it's a serious thing, you have known better. But it's a serious thing, you have known better. But it's a serious thing, you have known better. But it's a serious thing, you have known better. But it's a serious thing, you have heave he without our knowing it? And who on earth would have lent poor old Matt Matthews £500 on Bryn y Carthi. It's nonsense!"

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I feer the mortgage that it will be good out nothing about it when the will was proved, is beyond me. I've only just discovered about it, and was going to let you know of it to-day. I would be a serious to the same think it growled Roddy. "When's John Youghan, of Cardiff!"

"Never heard of him," said Mr. Williams, but the said of the said of



out of it. But that don't matter, sir. This Adams chap handed me over the mortgage doed, as he called it, an't live sorn it to hist."

"Here are some of 'em,' said Roddy, pulling it live a sorn of 'em,' said Roddy, pulling it done. Only I'm afraid it's no good. That doesn't do away with the mortgage, any more it done. Only I'm afraid it's no good. That doesn't do away with the mortgage, any more it done. Only I'm afraid it's no good. That doesn't do away with the mortgage, any more it done. Only I'm afraid it's no good. That doesn't do away with the mortgage, any more in Thours' it's as if a dip paper. The work of the paper is not of the paper in the paper in

to raise the money, it you much to raise the money it you can much through some —"
"No, thank you, sir; we owe you too much kindness already. It's good of you to offer it."
"Betler take it, my lad, while you can. It might be impossible, if you leave it to the last

might be impossible, if you leave it to the sax moment.

"It'd queer the mine's luck for good if we went borrowin' on it, sir," he said decisively.

"Beaides, even now it ain't possible to say whether the seam might turn out a failure, after all, an't hen you'd less your money. We'll find a way."

"I say, sir," said Tom, "I thought I'd settled the mortgage, but that Adams man was in which we have been a seam of the said way."

"By George, yes! It'd be awkward if he charged us with—with something or other," and Roddy anxiously; but Mr. Williams laughed.

charged us with—with something or other," said Roddy anxiously; but Mr. Williams lauched.

Institute of the said of the said of the said, and the said of the said, "but I don't think you need fear any consequences. Adams won't presecute you, for fear of getting himself laughed at. Think how ho would feel!" chuckled Mr. Think how ho would feel!" chuckled Mr. Think how ho would feel!" chuckled Mr. Think how ho would real!" chuckled Mr. Think how ho would real! chuckled him of the said of the sai

The Great Flood.
"I will obline the world is it to be done?"
said Tom, as they walked rapidly
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said Tom, as they walked rapidly
away from the lawyer's office.
"There's no good discussin' it
all now," replied Reddy. but we'll make a
beginnin' at once, an' I think I see a way to
the first stage, an' start hewin' to-morrow. I
want you to got back to the shalf as quick as
you can an' one. The to the shalf as quick as
you can an' one. Get Dayful to ladpy you no
won't mind a spell of underground work for
once."

the second road. Get Datydd to help you—hee
won't mind a spell of underground work for
one.
Right you are?"

"It's a bleasin' we've got the shaft-pillar
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start. We can be thankful now that we've
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that is or in I'm late."
Tom departed in the direction of Bryn y
Garth, wondering what his partner meant to
the Roady intended spending the day in Aberford, and the younger boy, always pleased to
even if he had to be underground—reached the
corne in from a foraging expedition.

"Well met, my fiery headed mountaineer!"

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night, so you won't refuse a hand, will you? There's a good chap. We're done if we don't hustle!"

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would not do it for \$20 a day for anyone else. Come along? In spite of his dislike to underground labour. Dafydd was handy at any kind of woodworking. They had all the tools and timber they needed from in the shaft, and they toiled without a day of the shaft, and they toiled without a time the timbering of the road which most needed it was fruishod.

Dafydd, being the most nimble climber, sweemed up the rope, and then wound from up in the basket. As soon as they had washod and Dafydd had the dimner preparing, Rody turned up. He looked far more white and they have the shaft of the sha the Brya y Garth I'll' start earnin' money! What!' or i'end Tom. "But how the dickem some we can sale lith coad at a profit when the same we can sale the coad at a profit when the same with liery Jervis, the dealer a small one to start with. He's had my samples, and he'll take 500 tons to start with."

"Sounds fine. It'll do till we can afford a windin'-engine. An' how's the coal to be got to Aberfords" teams. I've arranged with Payton, the horse-dealer, for six o' em. That's what cuts our profit down so much—the expense we chall not \$20 on this cheef it all out, an' we chall not \$20 on this man, and the three times as much, but—"I'le jam-absolute jam' said Tom, with immense feeling. "Won't Kenyon Price be sick."

immense feeling. "Won't Kenyon Price be sick."

They were so excited that they could hardly sleep that night; except Dafydd, whom nothing except immediate danger could keep they were ap betimes, and at a country of the scene in great force, Terry Lloyd at their head, his pick over his shoulder.

"Hurroo!" he yelled. "This is a job afther me own heart! Nuter round, ye spalpects, an give a choir for the young bosses!"

They work they were the state of the scene in the state of the scene hearth, and the young bosses and the scene descript, and the young hearther shock them all enthusiastically by the family of the scene of the scene hearth, and the young hand.

"Mates," cried Roddy, jumping on to the orano windlass, "our job's fairly started at lett." We're not goin' to put on any employer airs with you, for we're all old pals, an' as for the scene of th

all!"
There was another cheer, and somebody blew a blast on a tin trumpet, by way of a steamwhistle for starting the shift to work, and everybody laughed. They were carnest

With a deadly, hissing rush the black flood swept the howers off their feet and over whelmed them, feaming enwards through the dark tunnel with pitiless force.

With a deadly, hissing rush the bisck moor wholmost them, caming onwards throw "Geat Scott! At what price?" "Eighteenpence a too less than the Cood Geroff of the state of the state of the state of the state of the state." "You're a great man, Roddy, I'll swear! But where on earth are the six hewers an 'the But where on earth are the six hewers an 'the Cood Coch old boy. I tackled 'em when the shift was over this evening. K. P. has been makin' things ugly for 'em again-quite on the alyebra of the state of th

enough when it came to work, however, and once mustered, they made a quick and businessible entry into the pit.

Roddy and Tom were everywhere at once, Tom instructing the workers of the windlass and crane, and Roddy, in the shaft itself, acting as viower and manager togother, and and reads, and the shaft itself, acting as viower and manager togother, and the shaft itself, acting as viower and manager togother, and the shaft itself, acting as viower and manager togother, and the shaft itself, acting the picks were swinging merrily and the coal was being holed out. So thick was the soun that the work was not hard as far as the coal was being holed out. So thick was the soun that the work was not hard as far as the coal was being holed out. So thick was the coal was being holed out, and have the coal was being holed out. So thick was the coal was being holed out, and hored out to the worked out.

They were old hands, and needed to looking after once they had been shown how it must be driven and the face of the coal worked out. In the work was to oversee, and between times Roddy helpod with his pick at the holing-out. When the day came to an end, and the pitmen, after a cordial leavened at the crane, and announced that over two tows at the crane, and announced that over two tows at the crane, and announced that over two tows the state of the work of the crane, which caused some delay. On the pick was the property of the crane, which caused some delay. On the pick was the pick at the farm was all kept going, while Roddy and a gang of mon from Aberford set up a "borsegin," as it is called, and this, once started, acted as a winding-engine and brought the commonly pleased with themselves. Expenses and wages had made a big hole in their

capital, but they get their first week's money from Jeeris for the coal—Redde had insisted on a weekly settling—and they had had a settling to the seam, and at the beginning of the seam, and at the beginning of the seam and there, showed plain signs of water consign through, and in parts there was a good deal of it. So far, the boys owing to its position. There are few collisions of the seam and there, showed plain signs of water consign through and in parts there was a good deal of it. So far, the boys owing to its position. There are few collisions that do not show some water; indeed, water and fire-damp are the curses of coal-mining, and the Bryn y Garth Pit up to now had been of the bryn y Garth Pit up to now had been in the bryn y Garth Pit up to now had been on the last day or two. It often costs thousands of pounds to keep a wet mine free from water; you have to keep a wet mine free from water; you have to keep a wet mine free from water; you have to keep a wet mine free from water; you have to keep a wet mine free from water; you have to keep a wet mine free from water; you have to keep a wet mine free from water; you have to keep a wet mine free from water; you have to keep a wet mine free from water; you have to keep a wet mine free from water; you have to keep a wet mine free from water; you have to keep a wet mine free from water; you have to keep a wet mine free from water; you have to keep a wet mine free from water; you have to would turn the each.

"That's a fact," said Tom seriously. "Let's hopp it won't be much."

The water did increase, however, though not would turn the each of craimin."

The water did increase, however, though not seen when the working at fact, and Tom seriously and slongly mine from some the workings. It only made along the seam doop into the hill's interior.

The water did increase, however, though not

How d'you know that?"

"They had got man there watching it is night, but I got through. It is a deep shaft, for I dropped a poble down it." "Bored a deep shaft in that time?" said Roddy, in surprise.

"Yes, inteet! It is a fory narrow shaft, though—loo, narrow to got coal, I should had not been made several day now, I think, and he been made several day now, I think, and they are fary busy below in ter daytime."

I think, and they are fery busy below in ter daystime."

I think, and they are fery busy below in ter daystime.

I asy," said Tom seriously, "d'you think they could affect our colliery any way, sinkin' they are a good way off us. Wish we knew a bit more about water in mining; there was very little at Cood Coch. I'll look they are a good and the brooks. I are a good they are the are they are they are they are they are they are the are they are they are they a

spare the time from superintending.
On the second day Tom bimself came to bear a hand with the hewing, for they had cut heir first regular stall halfway up the "long road," and it was something of an event. They worked away merrily at the good steam coal, and had done splendfully by dinner-time. They took that meal in the stall.

"We're polishin' off Jervi's contract so quick we shall have to hustle for a new one," what's that!"
What's that!"
What's that!"

What's that?"

He paused in the act of raising a cun of cold to pause and the act of raising a cun of cold to the pause and the

He darted out of the stall into the road, and He darted out of the stall into the road, and the others followed him. The roar was terriblo now, and the road was a foot deep in a few seconds. Down from the top of the workings came a rolling, black torrent, aweeping on towards the pistues.

"Ram for your lives," cried Roddy, "to the shaft!"

shaft!"
They turned to fly. But even as they did
so the black flood overtook them. With a
deadly, hissing rush it swept them off their
foot and overwhelmed them, foaming onwards
through the dark tunnel with pitiless force.

(To be continued in next week's special Test Match Number of THE BOYS' REALM.)



THE OPENING CHAPTERS IN BRIEF.

CHOTA LAL NATH CHANDEA DAS, an Indian prince, and a new boy at St. Ninian's School, who is placed in the Fifth Form. He is in possession of a certain gold locket, around which centres a mystery.

OTTO HEINRICH, a mysterious German, who strives

locket.

ROBERT HAMILTON | Nelson Lee's wards. (Nipper) DICK STARLING

GARDNER, PROCTER, RUSSELL, ARKLE, pupils at St. Ninian's School.

St. Ninian's School.

Olto, Heisrich, the implorious German, becomes acquainted with Frauden Haffmann, a mintree at a girs' school in the village, Being of the same nationality she sides with him. Estimich disguisses the sides of the left of the sides of the sides of the left into his confidence, and related to be the impact we considered to the sides of the left into his confidence, and related to the left his his last sponsession. In the sides of the side of the sides of the s

Plot and Counterplot.

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barricaded!" asked Nipper, addressing Mr. Boswell.

"They say so," replied the chemist.

"How would it be tog oupstairs and make sure? suggested Nipper.

"Wilshaw, who was atanding hard by.

"Well, there's no harm in making sure," said Nipper. "Let's go up and see."

"It's not a bad hidea!" said the sensorial to the door, and method to could terrify turn into submission. It's worth trying, anyhow. Come on."

the door, an' mehe I could terrify 'cm into submission. It's worth trying, anyhow. Come on."

Followed by Nipper and Dick, Mr. Boswell and Sergeant Quiggin, and half a dozen othors, the constable led the way into the building and up. His half and the least of the l

well's subsequent remarks there were no compliments!

Is has already been described how Mr. Trigg and Mr. Wimple told "Uncle Fritz," alias Otto Heinrich, that they had een Fraulein Hoffmann walking arm in arm with her "lover." It has also been related how Otto Hoinrich, asspecting that the "lover." might be Fraulein Hoffmann a brother Karl, thurried off to Hampton Heath, and witnessed the meeting between Karl Hoffmann and his sister in the

tween Karl Hoffmann and us seem ravine.

It must now be added that when they parted, Henritch shadowed Karl and discovered that he was lodging at one of the farmhouses at Hamp-Now. Henritch had known for some days that Karl had escaped from his German prison, hough it is hardly necessary to add that he had not communicated this news to Fraulien Hoffmann.

not communicated this news to Fraulein Hoffmann.

Knowing that Karl had escaped, he was not at all surprised to find that he had come to England, for he realised that it was only natural that Karl should seek out his only living relationship to the state of the transfer of the transfer

Karl. On that day, as the reader may remember, Fraulein Hoffmann spent the afternoon with the wife of the headmaster of St. Ninian's, and accidentally discovered that the keyword of the safe was "Dust." And when she returned to her cottage, as previously mentioned, since soriobled a hasty note to Karl.

tage, as previously mentioned, also scribbled a hasty note to Karl, that had discovered.

Heisrich was in the room when she wrote that had discovered.

Heisrich was in the room when she wrote that his had discovered had blotted it, and lope, and addressed it to her brother, and had gone down to the village to post it, theinrich book post post of the rest of the root of the ro

the sheet. Many of the words in the concluding portion of the note had also left no impression, the control of the note had also left no impression, the control of the note had also left no impression. The control of the note of the control of th

mentioned."

And then, after taking off her gloves, but without taking off her hat, she had scribbled his note to her brother, and taken it down to

this side to ner profiler, and taken it down to the village to post. Heinrich was not a fool, and the moment he read the above words on the sheet of blotting-paper, he divined in an instant what had hap-nened.

paper, he divined in an instant what had hap-pened.

His suspicions were well-founded. Frauei-Hoffmann was playing him false. Karl was in-led the property of the second of the second in league with time locket, and his sister was in league with time locket, and his sister was in league with time locket, and the second of the She had discovered he key-word of the safe —had doubtless discovered it that very after-mon. She had written to Karl and told him what the word was. (Unlackily for Heinrich, that part of the note had left no impression on that part of the note had been and the second to word was almand also informed Karl that the word was almand also informed Karl that the word was almand and the would not get her note until Thursday morning; this meant that there were only two days left during which the information she had given him would be of

there were only two days left during which the information she had given him would be of any value.

As it was obviously impossible for Karl to break into St. Ninian's and rifle the safe in the daytime, this meant that he had only two nights in which to accomplish his purpose. In section, the safe of the safe in the control of the safe in the control of the safe in the safe i

GOOD deal of fun has been poked at Mr. Trigg in the preceding pages, and it must be admitted that the mathematical master at St. Ninian's offered a fair target for the shafts of the

At the same time, one must not less sight of the fact that Mr. Trigg was after all, a human being, with a human heart; and there is no doubt whatever that his love for Fraulein Hoffmann was very real and very sincere.

Now, Fraulein Hoffmann, as the reader knows, had never given a serious thought to Mr. Now, Fraulein Hoffmann, as the reader knows, had never given a serious thought to Mr. Trigg had no suspicion of the German girl's continuous the serious three triggs had no suspicion of the German girl's the hotself. It is equally unnecessary to add that the hotself is a serious three triggs had no suspicion of the German girl's the hotself in the hotself in

leart.
So much did ho feel the blow, in fact, that he felt he could no longer remain in the same neighbourhood as the girl who had deceived him-could no longer suffer the torture of seeing her, meeting her being her, be decided he must leave St. Ninian's, an seed; semplyment slewhere.

and seck employment elawhere.

He came to this decision on the morning
after that never-to-be-forgotten after-moon when
he and Mr. Wimple had tried to drown themhen and the sum of the same avening he
see. And the same evening he
interviewed 1 is and copressed his redunsior
of St. Ninian, and corprased his redunsior
relieved of his duties at the end of the present
term.

term. "I am aware," he said, "that it is customary to give a term's notice; but certain events have to give a term's notice; but certain events have many heart so that make it advisable, for many heart so that the said of the said of

notice, and permit me to leave at the end of this term. And, who had heard vague rumours of the undignified scone on the feech on the previous afternoon, was rather glad than otherwise that Mr. Trigg had decided to leave. He readily agreed, therefore, to waive his legal rights, and allow Mr. Trigg to depart at the ord of the terms Sunday, however, the sight of Francis in Hoffmann at church responsed his owners of the term of the term

(Continued on the next page.)



The carriage, after slowing half round, ran full tilt into the hodge, with the result that Mr. Trigg was flung out into the ditch, with most of his baggage on top of him.

The Head was very sympathetic, but pointed out that it was quite impossible for him to release Mr. Trigg until he had secared another master to take his place.

The secared was been in communication with a very able man who was with me at Winbury College. I have offered him the post of mathematical master here, and he has accepted it and has agreed to to him again to-day, and if he can come at one—and he is diseaged at present, so he may be able to come at one—I shall have no objection to acting you free.

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So you may leave the same evening, if you wish, "concluded the Head. "On the other hand, if you can buy with and I will be very pleased to have you."

pleased to have you."
"Thank you," said Mr. Trigg; "but, with
your permission, I will leave on Thursday

your pormission, I will leave on Thursday evening."

All this had been kept a dead secret from the bays; and it was not until the conclusion of dinner on Thursday afternoon that the lead of the significant of the significant of the lead of the significant of the lead of the significant of the lead of the

shouts of "Speech!" Speech!"

Mr. Trigs, who was seated between Mr. Darlow and M. Course was of the junior unsiers, iranged the though of the junior unsiers, iranged the though of the junior at last, organized the speech of th

Ku.

Go on, Piggy!" cried an encouraging voice.

Boys of St. Ninian's," began Mr. Trigg hip, "from the bottom of my heart I thank a for the orthusiastic way in which you have eaved the news that I am leaving you. At least, I I don't mean that! Of course not! I that is well, you know what I mean den't you?

Nobody did, but they cheered him neverthe-

Nobody citi, was seen and public-houses."

Incombined at I am to public-houses."

Incombined "What? How aburd! I mean,

the continued as I am to public speaking, it

is impossible for me to express in adequate

terms my sincer regret at leaving you all.

I am conacious that I have often failed in my

later to you."

I am conscious that I have otten failed in my duty to you."

"Hear, hear!" said Mr. Cottle. At any rate, it appeared to be Mr. Cottle who interjected the romark, which was greeted with a storm of groans and hisses by the indignant

boys.
Mr. Trigg regarded Mr. Cottle with a look

Mr. 1718; "spansor of pained surpriso."
Anyhow, I have always tried to do my duty, sir!" he said, in dignified tones.
"Rot!" said Mr. Cottle rudely and em-

Platically.

At least, it appeared to be Mr. Cottle who uttered this rude word, though a careful observer might have noticed that his lips nover

more than indignant schoolboys howled!

"Booh! Turn him out! Insulting beat!
Soon, Pigg! Take no notice of him?"
Such were a few of the cries which range through the hall. Mr. Rant and the rest of the mastere gazed at Mr. Cuttle with representing lances. Then the Head rose to his consideration of the mastere gazed at Mr. Cuttle with representing lances. Then the Head rose to his consideration of the master gazed at Mr. Cuttle with representations of the master gazed at Mr. Cuttle with the meaning the master gazed at the construction of the master gazed at the master gazed to the master gazed to the master gazed to the construction of the master gazed to the

torm."
"Oh, you bully!" exclaimed the well-known voice of Mr. Chadwick, another of the masters, who was seated behind the Head.
"Sir." thundered the Head, wheoling round and addressing Mr. Chadwick, "You forget wourself."

and addressing Mr. Chadwick. "You forget
"I" said Mr. Chadwick, in surprise. "I"
beey your pardon, sir. I don't understand you."
"You charged me with being a bully!" said
the Head holy. a:
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your private opinion may be, it is extremely bad taste on your part to interject such remarks in the middle of Mr. Trigg's farewell

remarks in the intense of an appearance of speech." I sir" said Mr. Cottle, in a bewildered voice. "But I didn't intorject any semarks, sir! I never spoke!"
"Ob, what a whopper!" said Mr. Darlow—at least, it appeared to be Mr. Darlow who

Mr. Cottle sprang to his feet, white with

indignation.

"You dare to accuse me of telling an untruth?" he demanded, glaring at Mr. Darlow.

"Cortainly not!" said Mr. Darlow.

"Octainly not!" said Mr. Darlow.

"You are quite mistaken if you think it was I who

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"Then who was it?" domanded Mr. Cottle. Ere anybody could reply to this question. Mr. Rant's deep voice reverberated through the room. On, five hundred lines!" he said.
"To be brought to my study before twelve o'clock to-morrow."

"What for, sir?" called out Nipper, in an injured voice. "Why have you given me five hundred lines!"
"As a reward for the exhibition you have

hundred lines?"
"As a reward for the exhibition you have just given us of your remarkable powers as a vent-iloquist," said Mr. Rant quietly. "It was very clover, and well worth five hundred

"Cute beggar!" growled Nipper to Dick, as roar after roar of laughter greeted Mr. Raut's discovery of the author of the interruptions. "Fancy him twigging it was me! However, as he says, it was well worth five bundred lines!" After this there were no more "interruptions," and Mr. Trigg was allowed to conclude his speech in pozoc. Mr. Cottle then apologised to Mr. Darlow, and the Head apologised to Mr. Chadwick and Head apologised to Mr. Chadwick and Head apologised (Sould Fellow) had been sung, the assembly dispersed, and schoolwork was resumed.

The Face in the Corows.

HIRD school lasted from two to three, and was followed by "compulsory games" on the playing field. At half-past five the boys trooped back to the school for tea, and the first thing they asw when they entered the quad, was a rather ancient between the control of the

There was no need to ake what the carriage had come for. The initials, M. T., on the bags and suit-case were sufficient evidence. It had came to take Mr. Trigg to the ration. Plane in the large was to take Mr. Trigg to the ration. Nipnor. Line up, you chapt, "cried Nipnor, but the large of the part of the the carriage.

No somer had he taken his seat than the same idea appeared to occur to all the boys at the same time, and the quadrangle rang with a mighty shout of "Unharness the horse! Let's him to the station!

drag him to the station!"
It was in vain that Bartlett vigorously pro-tessed. It was equally in vain that Mr. Trigo begged to be allowed: to go to the station quietly—and, he night have added, safely: Amid a seen of wild enthusian, the horse su-the front of the carriage. And five minutes later the carriage was being dragged from the other carriage was being dragged from the with three as many marching and singing alongside and behind it!

drive by a team of thirty sturdy schoolboys, with thrice as many marching and singing alongside and behind it at the singing alongside and singing and singing

that Mr. Trigg was flung out into the ditch, with most of his baggage on the top of him.

"I-I think I'll walk the rest of the way to the station." The fallowed, as key helped him to his feet, and handed him his hat, and whell the But the topy would not hear of this, and insisted on his getting back into the carriage. "We'll it one of the ropes to the back of the carriage," and Nipper, when the baggage had us will held it back and prevent it going too fast, till we reach the bottom of the hill!"

This plan having been adopted, the foot of the hill was reached without further adventure; there is the contract of the hill was reached without further adventure; there did not overturn as it awang round the corner into the road that ran down to the village. that Mr. Trigg was flung out into the ditch, with most of his harrage on the top of him.

corner into the read that ran down to the vilphory one agonising moment both off-wheels
burg poised in mid-air, at least a yard from
the ground, whilst the carriage leaned over at
an angle of forty-five degrees. On this corason Mr. Trigg contrived to retain his seat by
clinging to the side of the conveyance, but once
again his bagsage was pitched out into the

cumping to the side of the conveyance, but once again his baggage was pitched out into the road! whall miss my train, I know I shall "waited Mr. Trige, wringing his hands. "It is very nice of you to honour me in this way, but please let me get out now and walk the rest of the way!"

"You'll'she all right now, sire" said Nipper with the rest of the way!"

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"You'll have you there in time, mover fear! Now, then, you chaps, pick up the carriage." Now, then, you chaps, pick up the carriage." So the way had been the carriage. The way the way the carriage was the carriage. The way the way the carriage was the carriage. The way th

before.

For a moment Lal stood rooted to the spot with excitement. What ought he to do? Follow the man and find out who he was not where he lived? I have been and try to capture him? What ought he to do? "Hurry any with that unbrells, Lal!" should Kipper impatiently. "We're waiting for you."

As Lel usade so to pre-elevance 350 dated across the road, as ached the umbrella from his hand, and dashed back to the carriage. A moment later the boys were tugging at the ropes again, and the carriage had resumed its journey to the station. For an instant, but only for an instant, but hexited the state of the state of the state of the lives. The turned swiftly on his heel, and glided round the corner.

ARL HOFFMANN, as previously mentioned was lodging at a farmhouse at Hampton Wingrave, where he was known by the name of Batter, and clerk, who had come to append a few weeks at Lampton Wingrave, it may further be organized was a sleepy little village about five or six niles from Cleveden. There was only one small shop in the place and one publichouse, the rest of the village consisting of three farms and fifteen or twenty cottaged.

The properties of the village consisting of three farms and fifteen or twenty cottaged. The proprietor of the shop was the postman. He reoprietor of the shop was the postman. He rough the control of the roads. If yeleve the clock had a four in the fartenoon he drove into Cleveden eagain with the letters which the villagers had posted at his shop during the day.

Now, Fraulein Holfmann, ether cader may remove the control of the roads at his shop during the day.

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ing with more than usual interest and impaticance.

The postman arrived about half-past ten, and
there are no words in the English language—or
the Gorman language, either, for the matter of
that—to describe hastier's letter and loanned
that she had secretained that the key-word of
the safe was "Dust."

"So now you know the word which opens the
safe, you ought to have no further difficulty."
she wrote, after telling him how she had accishe view of the safe was "Dust."
That if you wish to secure the locket, you must
lose no time. The attempt must be made either
to-morrow, or Friday, as the word, I understand,
is changed overy Saturday. Unless you act

promptly, therefore, this golden chance of securing the locket will be lost, and may never a considerable the locket will be lost, and may never complete the locket will be lost, and may never complete the locket will be lost, and may never complete the locket will be lost, and may never complete the locket the locket

lowing him. No matter how often

quickly he turned reund, however, he never aw any body.

Yet his magnior has become a moral certainty. By that time, too, the san had est, and dask was rapidly despensing into darkness.

About half a mile, past the prison gates the road turned sharply to the left, and just beyond the head stood a couple of tumbledown and desented cotages, with a nairow, occored passage between them, feeding to a yard at the back.

"Now, I'll soon find out if anybody is following me," muttered Karl Hoffmann to himself.
"I'll conceal myself in this passage, and, if my
suspicions prove to be correct, I'll give my follower a lesson that he won't soon forget."

He darted into the covered passage between
beyish figure sole round the turn in the road
aiready mentioned.
"Hallo! Where has he gone?" muttered
Lal-for such it was, of course, when he turned
the corner and discovered that the man he was
shadowing had disappeared. "Ah, those
shem, and is living there." I'll jutt make sure,
and then I'll harry back to Cleveden and inform
the police." nd then I'll hurry back to Cleveden and inform he police."

He stole on tiptee down the darkening read

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ip to then the darkness had prevented his recognising Lal.

"Thunder and lightning, it's the young Hindoot'h egysped, in German.
So great was his surprise, so completely was he taken abuck, that half unconsciously he relaxed his grip on Lal's arm. It was only for an instant, but it was enough. With the slipperiness of an else that the same he did so the German Iselval out with his fist and caught him a vicious blow on the side of the head.

Half stunned by the blow, Lal recled and fell in front of one of the cottage doors. As he fell he struck the back of his lead on the edge of the stoon stop, and when Karl Monann spang tion of securing him, he found that the young Hindoo was insensible.

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CYCLING:

Mr. A. E. WILLS, the holder of a world's record for cucling, tells readers how to excel at this magnificent sport.

PRELIMINARY TRAINING

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THERE is no doubt that the competitive side of cycling offers a great attraction to every rider. Racing will not harm anyone who is sound of body and implicated in previous articles, for the extra exection entailed. It will then become a very pleasurable sport. The novice will feel somewhat nervous when he makes his doubt on the path, and must not be disappointed it he does nothing during the first few attempts. Special training whould, in the first instance, chamience as follows:

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int top speed, followed, after a rest, by a hard
mile, closing with a fast sprint over the last
130 yards of the distance.

The young rider by this time should have
shown such improvement as to enable him for
able in the first instance that a club handicap
should be his initial essay. Much more consideration will be shown him by the handicap
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should be his initial essay, such a race the
practice work must be cased, and the spins on
the track should take the form of gentler riding
exercise, to keep the muscles supples only. The
rick Now fibuse should not be worn in a race;
they, should be first donasd in practice. After
riding a mile or two in them, the marks of the
pedals should be noted, and deep blocks of
the pedals should be received in the pedals of the pedals
because the starting processor of the pedals
pedals, the is a little risky for the novice.

In a cycle race, especially over a short
good start. The young rider should take some
practice at starting price to riding in his first
ace. If the services of a man of expresses
and be obtained, so much the better. I always
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in a sprint race. It may, therefore, be of interest to describe a method of starting which has always been attended with so much success.

inkerest to describe a method of starting which has always been attended with so much success. The rule in starting for a cycle race is that the rule of the front tool must cross the line that of the front tool must cross the line ever, which states that the front wheel of the ever, which states that the front wheel of the starts, it is better to less this distance, for it starts, it is better to less this distance, for it starts, it is better to less this distance, for it starts, it is better to less this distance, for it are seated in position on your machine, waiting for the pistol crack, your right pedul uppermost, see that your starter himself stands just behind the mark, with the machine more behind than in front of him. At the pistol propert he is in a benition to pull the machine and continuing the movement as the machine and continuing the movement as the machine gides past him, puls every concey justo a strong push to the full limit of his arms.

The superjority of this method may at once

grows pass min, pure overy energy me a strong pash to the full limit of his arms, at a once he seen. If the state of aims arms, at a once he seen, if the state of aims his opnose postal, he can get nothing like the way on the machine that a vigorous pull and push will give; but to accomplish this it is necessary for the rider to place the fore part of his front wheel a little way behind his proper starting mark, as the state himself must not overstep the line. The result of this pull and push starting method is a state himself must not overstep the line. The result of this pull and push starting method is the competitions by reason of the machine being so quickly under way. It is often possible to sail by the nearest opponent before he has got going. The illustration on this page serves to show the position of the machine and starter in the method I have described.

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LIFE SAVING:

Mr. WILLIAM HENRY, Secretary of the . WILLIAM HENKY, Secretary of the Royal Life-Saving Society, coaches readers in the important arts of Swimming, Diving, and Life-Saving.

PROMOTION OF BREATHING

HEN a person has been lifted out of the water has should be treated with care, and the first aim and effort of promotion of breathing. To promote breathing, lay the patient on his back, with the head slightly higher than the foct, remove all tight clothing about the neck, chest, and abdomen, pull the tongue forward, and obstruct the passage of air to the lung, which have been been been been been and take hold of the head and take hold of the patient's arran and pull then against the chest and apply firm pressure. By pulling the arms above the head the chest inflated, and by applying the pressure the air is driven out of the chest.

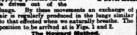
is univen out of the chest.

These movements must be performed regularly at the rate of, say, fifteen times a minute, and then an exchange of air is introduced into the lungs.

Respiration by Artificial Means.

There are three well-known methods of retoring natural respiration by artificial means. Each of these methods have been practised for many years. I have a support the same object, but each has a different method for procedure. In the first place, the "Silvester" has been adopted by most institutions in this country, and the method of inducing artificial respiration in as follows: A roll of blades, and the operator or recuer kneeling at the patient's head, takes hold of his arms below the clobows, and draws them upward and outwards, above the head, until fully setteded in line with the body. Having held the position for about one second, they are taken to the sides of the patient, folded across the patient, folded across the patient, folded across the great and not provided across the patient, folded across the

patient, folded across the chest, and firmly pressed against the sides and front of the chest of the patient for about one second. By pulling the arms above the head the arms above the head the chest is extended and the lungs are inflated, and by folding them against the sides of the chest and



The method adopted to obtain the same results by the "Howard" method of restoring suspended respiration is as shown in Figs. 3 and 4. In this method the roll is placed nearly in the hollow of the back, and the restores research astrick the patient, while someone hearty in the hollow of the back, and the restores traces astrick the patient, while someone hearty in the hollow of the back, and the restores traces his open hands on the lower part of the patient's when the patient's chest, and applies pressure firmly by leaning over the patient: then he springs up and lifts his hands off the patient. When the hands are lifted off the chest the air naturally restores the lungs, and thus is artificial respiration effected. As in the Silvester' method, the movements must be continued at the restored that the patient is rolled from face downward to his side backwards and forwards as in Figs. 5 and 6. When the patient is face downward, with his cheese the shoulder blades, and thus the air is forced out of the lungs, and when the presence in released and the patient turned on his side, the air rushes into the lungs again and takes the place of the impure air previously marked the mount of the

takes the place of the impure air previously pressed out.

After natural breathing has been restored by any of the methods that I have described, the procedure in promoting warmth and circulation is the same. To promote the face of the procedure of the same to promote the face of the procedure of the same to promote the face of the same that the same

CRICKET:

Mr. ALBERT TROTT, the famous County Cricketer and Coach, gives some very valuable instruction to Ambitious Chielestone

MEDIUM PACE BOWLING.

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OYS should remember that to deceive the batsman they must accelerate the speed of the ball, or diminish it. When one tries to bowl a faster ball than usual, one must remember that the object of the experiment is first to make the bassman play slower to the ball than he has been doing, and that the result will be lar more easily accomplished by pitching a good length ball than by a short one

and that the roult will be far more easily accomplished by pitching a good length ball than by a short one.

The bowler should bowl a medium-pace, full-pitched ball straight at the stumps. Such at a ball is not so easy to hit as it appears to the hall is not so easy to hit as it appears to the or medium often causes him to hit a trifle slower than he should do, when the ball goes up in the air, hitting the top or splice of the bat halves a house a parishility for on-side hitting than with ollors, as it is never a difficult on the half of the halves a parishility for on-side hitting than with ollors, as it is never a difficult on the play quietly. It is only when the batoman tries to hit quickly that it becomes a hitten by running out and slashing at every ball, is demoralising bowler, fielders, and the whole side. If the bowler sees the inteption of the hitter to run our before the hall is delivered—and he is often able to de this-chol medium-paced full-pitch straight at the top of the middle stump. If the batoman runs out to this, ha is not only aga to overrun this faster-than-band ball, and let it pass over the tos send it high into the air, from the above-mentioned cause of catching it with the top of his bat or the splice. There is, however, mentioned cause of raching it with the top of his bat or the splice. There is, however, who runs out to every ball, and evinces his intention of doing so before the ball is delivered. Sometimes you will come across a hitter who runs out before the hall is delivered. Sometimes vou will come across a hitter who runs out before the hall is delivered. Sometimes vou will come across a hitter who runs out before the hall is delivered. Sometimes vou will come across a hitter who runs out before the hall is delivered. Now, if a part of the proper is the wind and the

middle stump.

Don't lose your temper, but remember there is nothing else so hard for a rushing batsman to hit as a ball outside his legs on



The False are some of the most prominent fast bowlers at present before the public:
Amsateurs: W. Brearley, of Lancashire;
N. A. Knox, of Surrey; J. Kotze, the
South African; H. H. Pritchard, of Hampshire; J. H. Hunt, of Middlesex; and A.
Cotter, of Australia.

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Professionals: G. H. Hirst, of Yorshire; A. R.
Warren, of Derbyshire; W. Lees, of Surrey;
T. Wass, of Notts; A. Fielder, of Kent; W.
Bestwick, of Derbyshire; G. J. Thompson, of
Northampton; and A. Kermode, of Lan-

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THE REFEREE:

By Mr. G. L. B. COVERDALE, Hon. Sec. East Riding of Yorkshire F.A., and a member of the East Yorks Referees Examination Committee.

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TRIALS OF THE REFEREE.

THE referee of a football match generally comes in for a large amount of ill-usage, even if it is only with the interest of the state of

words.

Players, and especially younger ones, should remember that a referee has to pass many tests and devote a lot of time to the study of the laws of the game before even he is allowed

tests and devote a lot of time to the study of the laws of the game before even he is allowed to efficiate in a junior league match.

The English Bootball Association hest season. The English Bootball Association hest season are consideration that they deserved from the central authority, and towards the close of last season a commission of the Football Association was appointed. This commission research is the formation as the test of the manner in which the various referees a sociations were managed, and as to how the examinations of referees were conducted. It was found that there was a very great difference as to the methods of these commissions for forces were conducted. It was found that there was a very great difference as to the methods of these commissions for forces were conducted. In under or questions and test that candidates for refereeing should be subjected to, which tests I shall refer to later.

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The chief source from which now referees are obtained is from old players, and these, in my opinion, make the best referees, and for this reason—they have played the game, and, therefore, know the marty artful dodges by which some referees and many spectators are hondwinkel. By this I do not and dodges; but there are black sheep in every fold, and it is the black sheep that gives the referee the most trouble. An aspirant for refereeing should put himself into communication with the secretary of the secretary of

The nile contained therein.

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THE BOYS' REALM FOOTBALL LEAGUE. THE SCHOOL

First Announcement Concerning our STARTLING NEW PROGRAMME for 1907-8.

SOLID SILVER CUPS, SILVER MEDALS, AND HUNDREDS OF MATCH FOOTBALLS TO BE GIVEN AWAY!

Your Editor is propared to present a Large Number of Solid Silver Challenge Cups to Qertain Bona-fide Foc ball Leagues throughout the country. Secretaries of Leagues desirous to possess one of these handsome Trophies should make application now. Form of application will be found below.

The following are the Conditions under which the Cups will be given:

I. The Leagues must play the game according to the Rules laid down by the Football

Association.

If. Each League must be a properly constituted League in which the clubs engage in a genuine

on.

Each form of entry must be accompanied by full particulars of the competition, which
f one season's standing, or if formed this season must be accompanied by proof that it is a must be of one season genuine competition. LEAGUE RESULTS.

In connection with these great League Competitions for The Boys' Realm Challenge Cups we she not to publish records of the positions of the closh in the various Leagues as the season progresses, and to award veckly prince of footballs for good performances.

You both Club Secretaries are requested to draw the attention of their League Secretaries to this hanouncement of Your Editor's sphendid offers.

THIS FORM FOR FOOTBALL LEAGUES ONLY.

Name of League Year of Formation

Number of Clubs in League

Secretary's Name and Address....

This form, together with full particulars of the League, to be addressed to the Secretary, The Boys' Realm League, 2, Carmelite House, Carmelite Street, London, E.C.

The following Leagues are being formed for the benefit of Unattached Clubs throughout the country-Section 1. "THE BOYS" REALM" LONDON LEAGUE.

TWO HANDSOME SILVER TROPHIES (Senior and Jusior) for open competition.

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Finalists (Sonior and Junior) in each Division to play each other at close of Season for the Cups. The learns in the Finals to receive Solid Silver Medias.

Average age of teams in Junior Division not to exceed fifteen.

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OF THE BOYS REALM SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

Open to any probable club in the South of England, excluding Greater London.

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Section 4. "THE BOYER REALM" SOUTS LEAGUE.

Open to any located state to Societies.

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TWO HANDSOME SILVER TROPHIES (Senior and Aunior) for open competition.

Average age of teams in Junior Division not to exceed fifteen. Average age of teams in Junior Division not to exceed fifteen. Average age of teams in Senior Division not to exceed eighteen.

N.B.—Those Trophies are only to be put up for competition on condition that a certain number of clube make application to compete for them, such number to be decided by Your Editor at an early date.

(c) Only clubs which have been established at least one season (exclusive of 1907.8) are eligible for entry, and the respectability and standing of each club must be vouched for by some responsible person.

(b) Clubs desirous of catoring one of the above contests must fill in the form below, and send it, together with a list of their engagements with the average age of members of the orposing clubs, and a letter from the content of the club, to the Secretary, Borris Ranar Scotchill Engineering the content of the content of the clubs in each section with Your Editor, the Secretary, and another referee, consider to hold the best records in the first twenty-four matches actually played. It does not matter on what date the first match is played. Wednesday and Thursday clubs may compete. Points to be awarded as follows: Two for a win, one for a draw; the points to be counted as in the First and Second Divisions of the Football League. If two or more clubs and the first sand Second Divisions of the Football League. If two or more clubs and the first sand Second Divisions of the Football League. If two or more clubs and the first sand Second Divisions of the Football League. If two or more clubs and the first sand Second Divisions of the Football League. If two or more clubs are considered to the correct (Your Editor, the Secretary, and another) on any question of dispute in this competition shall be find finds.

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(4) After the context has started we shall, from time to time, publish tables showing the positions of the clubt as the time of going to press. Socretaries must herefore, send it a such week the full result of their makehes. Leading the started was accompanied by a notification from the Greeket the Secretary of True Boys' Ratard League at the above address not later than the Tuesday morning following the match. League at the above address of the Striet investigation will be made by the custrollers of the League into the bona-fides of the contenting clubs and their fatures.

(5) All matches to be played und No olub which has previously won a Cup will be allowed to purpose again for a poriod of three years, although they may send in their reports in order to participate in our weekly award of Prize Footballs.

(6) Opposing teams must, in every case, be of the same average age.

THIS FORM FOR SINGLE UNATTACHED CLUBS ONLY.

Club..... Playing Ground

Average Age of Members

Colours

The above cub is desirous of entering The Bors' Reach League (Section), and the members are to conform to the conditions governing the convex, and to abide by the decision of Your Editor, the corretary, and a returned in any case of dispute.

Secretary's Name.

ON THE CLIFF.

A Magnificent New Story of Stirring Adventure.

By E. HARCOURT BURRAGE.

THESE ARE THE PRINCIPAL CHARACTERS and things found on him when the boy, as IN THIS FINE NEW STORY.

JACK JAUNTY, a lad of unknown parentage, who, as a baby, was cast up on the shores of an island off the village of Sterneraic.

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DAN CALLIS, AARON DOWNEY, GERARD INGLIS, and NICKEY HOPKINS, pupils at the School on the Cliff.

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Our story opens on a warm sunny day. Dat Callis, a pupil the Clifford and the Clifford India of the Clifford I

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(Now read this week's instalment.)

When Knave Meets Knave.

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I must pass by a week, during which no event of vital importance to our state of the properties of the properties

flection.

Whatever may have been the errand which brought him there, it was still unaccomplished if the dissatisfied expression on his face was any key to his business. He looked like a man who had speculated for much and obtained

who had speculated for much and obtained.

He was used from his disagreeable meditation by a beavy footfall without, and starting from his seat, he was making for the door with the criterian intention of rastening it is was thrust open and Peter English of the door his recruit. The ruffian looked little was for his recruit illness. Apparently bad recovered his strength, and was as hardy in appearance as

strength, and was as narry in appearance ver.

His eye, as it lighted on Mr. Torrapin, was gleaning with malevelonce, and with a sweening motion of his arm he bade the wily lawyer retire to take the man the same of the will have the said. "I mean to have it."

I don't understand this insolence," said Mr. Terrapin, endexouring to appear cool. But libs quivered, and there was a shakiness in his voice not at all in accordance with steady nerves.

in his votes not at all in accordance with steady verves.

"My insolence, as you call it," said Pinnick, "is only a "way an honest man has got of speaking up for his rights. How is it you ain't been to see me?"

"Yes, when I was lying daxed, and you hoped for me to die. But when I got the bester of that 'cre job you kept away from me." What good could I do?" asked Terrapis. "It might have made people." It might have made people." It might have made people." It might have made people." "I've wish at want is to be paid for the work I've done."
"You've done ne work for me."
"I've tried to do it, Mr. Terrapin, and it's just the same till the was anything there to show who that Jack Jaunty is."
"You Gred your services, and I accepted."

out at the Bowl if there was anything there to show who that Jack Jaunty is."
"You offered your services, and I accepted them, and all that you told me about jewels

and things found on him when the boy, as a belly, was cast ashore was bunkum-beshrot."

"Steady, there," said Peter Pinnick; "you're saying things you can't prove.

"Steady, I say!" returned Pinnick, helding up a warring foreinger. "I've does my duty to you, and you've got to do your duty to me!"

"Pay me for wast 'tve does."

"You've been paid well for your service," said Terrapin curtly, "and will get no more.

"All right," replied Pinnick, "walt a and that was to get in do the boy.

"I did nothing of the sort," said Terrapin.

"What! Do you deny it!"

"Certainly I do."

"Certainly I do."

"And dich't you'vell me that I mado a mess and char, and put an end to him?"

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"No."
"And didn't you tell me that I made a mess of the job at the Bowl by having young Jim Baxter in it?"
"No."
"And didn't you tell me not to fail the next

time?"
"I did not," said Terrapin, who had now recovered his coolness, "hint or suggest that you
should do the slightest injury to any living

Peter Pinnick stared at him in heavy-eyed astonishment.

astonishment.

He was far from being prepared for this denial in toto.

"Why, you miserable worm of a lawyer," he said, "what do you mean by shuffling out of the job in that way."

"I mean to give you into custody if you try to levy blackmail on me," replied Mr. Terrapin.
"Do what?"

to levy macking on the. Teplace Mr. Terraphin.

The what? in charge, my friend L am a respectable solicitor, with a good practice in the control of the cont

"Then you don't mean to pay me anything more?"
"Not a penny!"
"Ill have it ut of you soundhow!" cried Pill have it ut of you soundhow!" cried there, you third, you den't crow over me!"
He dashed forward, upset the table, and, seizing the lawyer by the throat, pushed him violently acainst the wall.
"Now, then," he said, "own up; you promised me twenty pounds, in any case. You've only paid me five, and you own fifteen!
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Out with it! "I we am you owe me fiteen! A surfaint sound came from the lawyer's A surfaint sound came from the lawyer's A surfaint sound to hard pressed for utterance which proce Phinick; in his blind farry, did not see. It would have ended seriously but for the door's opening and Jack Jaunty, with some of the other boys in his train, appearing. His astonishment at the sease he looked upon was undoubtedly great; but ere he could do anything to help the lawyer, or make any companion acticle. He go, and suddenly dropped into a security of the process of the surfaint and the surf

ment, Pinnick let go, and suddenly dropped into a seat.

"It seems to me," be said, "that them 'ero boys are allers turning up when they ain't exactly wanted."

"I've come from Mr. Bonnington with a mes-"I've come from Mr. Bonnington with a mes-tage to you," said Jack, addressing the lawyer.

rice wishes you could be received. Tell him," said Mr. Terrapin, as he settled his collar and necktie, "that I will call upou him about seven."
"And tell him that I'll come, too," said Peter

"And tell him that I if come, we prinnick.
"Mr. Bonnington expressed no desire to seo you," said Jack.
"That don't matter," said Pinnick; "I'we got something to say he will be glad to hear, and mayhap you il he glad to hear it. too."
Jack and the other lovys, among whom were Nickey Hopkins and Gerard Inglis, remained silent, possibly with the hone of hearing something interesting. But Mr. Terrapin interesting.

thing where the double message, Jaunty," in said; "but let it be understood that I've nothing to do with the business of my friend hero. He seems to be in an occentric and somewhat violent mood."

As Peter Pinnick kept silent and made of the more ment the more was no excuse for other movement, there was no excuse for

As Peter Finnick kept silent and made no further movement, there was no excuse for Jack's remaining any longer; so he lowed and worth is way. When they got quistie the Mormanian and to appendix the properties of the movement of the properties of pr

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together." said Jack carclessly, "and been quarrelling about something. It is nobedy's affair but their own, that I know of, and we had better not talk about."

Jack's advice was considered good enough to take, and the subject was dropen that disturbance than met the eye. His recent illness had left its mark, and as yet he was very far from being his old self. Without being very pale or carcle and the subject was subject to the subject was to rebidden.

That very norming Mr. Bonnington had made an effort to get at the bottom of the attack upon him, but Jack made an appeal not to be pressed in the matter.

"and I don't suppose it will happen again."

With this Mr. Bonnington was obliged to be satisfied, and he admired Jack's determination of to peach, even while he longed to accertain, but in the absence of evidence could bring no charge agains him. It never occurred to him to seek evidence from any other source than the principal one. Sood schools have a high sonse of honour, and they cultivate it among the boys, occasionally at the expense of discipline.

On the way from the Mermaid Jack and his companious passed Mr. Belton. He smiled and made. The principal one passed Mr. Belton. He smiled and had the suppose of th

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was not to be kept much longer in ignorance of who it was.

He was on one of his periodical visits to the village, when he devoted an hour or two to talking with the fishermon and their wives, as examinating the second of the control of the contr

for a greeting.
Your boy seems improving," said Mr. Bol-

"I don't know quife what you mean, sir," aid Baxter; "but if they comes any game dinance the rest! By the way, sir, I want to the posk to you. Will you stop inside? The posk to you. Will you stop inside? The posk to you. Will you stop inside? The look it is nothing serious," and if don't have the post of the post of

him. Mr. Belton took a seat, and pulled out his cigar-case.

"May I smoke, Baxter!" he saked.
"In course, you may, sir," replied Bob; and with your leave I'll put a pipe on, and with your leave I'll put a pipe on, and be supposed to be longed i'll be he to a tongue that's got a bit clonged i'll be he to a tongue that's Bob was very deliberate in his movements as Bob was very deliberate in his movements as Bob was very deliberate in his movement and highly the light of the property of the large way as you very been suspected present the property of the

Happier Days.

"A lot of nobodies," replied Bobdiesinfully. "Human mucks. I calls 'em, such as a gentleman like you needn't mind. But, if you do mind, you can clear yourself, for I'm going to tell you who diff. Bellow took his cause fees his work.

did it."

Mr. Belton took his cigar from his mouth, and flicked off the ash with a finger that visibly quivered.

"Baxter," he said, "I hope you are sure in this matter. It would be a very serious matter to draw another innocent person into the affair,"

to draw another innocent person and affair."

"The party as did it don't know he did it,"

"The party as did it don't know he did it,"
groaned Bob. "It was my son—my boy—Mr. Belton! As sure as I'm living, he wasn't right in his head when he bashed that blackguard Peter Pinnick, who, to my thinking, got just what he deserved, and no more." told the story of his bob in his kindly was told the story of his bob in his kindly was the story of his bob in his kindly was did that followed, with which the reader is acquainted.

of his boy's keeping company with reser and all that followed, with which the reader is all that followed, with which the reader is "I've felt that I must out with it," said Bob, "for a long while it's been heavy on my mind. You can do as you like now, sir. Either, in kindness fou, keep the secret, or, for your own sake, out with it."

Who knows all this beside yourself?" asked M. "Only Jack Januty—blees him! I've kept it even from the missus," replied Bob. "It would break her heart. Master Jack said he would not tell anybody. He would do first."

"You see," added Bob, "he was brought up bome, for he's gon the looks on our places what a grief it was to us. He found the stick as my poor hoy used when he was daft, and I saw him find it. I was standing at the top of

the cliff at the time. I am sure he hid it, but I know that it couts him to the heart to this that he can't clear you without injuring us.

"Baxter," said Mr. Belton, with emotion.
"I feel I have learnt a leseon to-day I shall never forget. Jaunty's conduct proves him to be a noble fellow, and it makes me feel ashamed of myzelf. Your secret is safe with me. It would be a lassing shame to betray it. You be, if brought to trial would be him; but is would be needless cracity to compel him to go through the ordeal."

"Mr. Belton," said Boh. "you are a man!"

"Mr. Belton." said Bob, "you are a man! Ask anything of me, and I'll do it."

"Mr. Belton." said Bob, "you are a man." Ask anything of me, and I'll do it."
"I will sek nothing." said Mr. Belton. "but that you will never think any more about it."
He held out his hand, and Bob grasped. "I will save my boy many an hour of sorrow if he never knows," said the honest fisherman. "He will never know it through me," said Mr. Belton.
And so they parted.
On the morrow there was a letter for Jack Jaunty awaiting him by his place at the breakfast-table. He know the handwriting, and felt store for him? But, as it is belter to know all right away, he opened the envelope, and read the contents. The words were few, but the most gratifying he had scanned for many a day:

day:
"Dear Jack,—Will you come and have tea
with us on Sunday? Just a quiet family-party
-solf and girls. Don't fail, as I have something important to say to you.—Yours sincerely,
"D. Bellon." day :

altogother Jack had a very pleasant time. Twilight was deepening into night when he left the Folly and set his face towards the

school. The walked slowly, because he felt so very happy. Really, he had not now anything which he might call a trouble. As he had great latitude when visiting the Folly, he decided not to get home until the other boys were in ourstions about I vonne or the Beltons or anything or anybody.

So he descended to the beach, and strolled away homeward under the shadow of the cliff. As he moved quietly along, the grey auit he was worning made him intivialle to ordinary eyes at fifty gards distance. He would be quietly a distance, the words are the standard of the cliff to a discovery. Seated under the shadow of an old boat were three men.

Two were strangers to the place, and the

Two were strangers to the place, and the third was Peter Pinnick.

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The strangers were quiet, and were well dressed. These was something which might be considered gentlemanly in their appearance. Jack, as he approached them, saw this, and also that, as far as he knew, he had never set eves on them before.

He made no secret of his approach; but, at the eams time, he did not favour them with any warning of his coming.

Absorbed in close conversation, they neither heard his footsteps nor heeded him in any way, and the same time of the conversation follupon Jack's ears.

"I think we are safe here."

"Money's wanted, and must be got."
These two sontenees canne from the strangers,

These two sentences came from the strangers.

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As Pinnick dashed forward at Jack, the policeman ran out and collared him. A most desperate struggle ensued.

"He knows everything," thought Jack; "but who can have told him? Porhaps he guesses it. Anyway, I am glad, for I shall not be sorry to make it right with I vonne." Jack was incapable of harbouring ill-feeling against anyone, more especially in the case of a friend with whom he had had a temporary rupture. It is true that Mr. Belton had said very severe things, and I vonne made herself disagreeable; but what of that?

Apparently, they had just cause for all they said, and did not Jack readily forgive them both?

both? On Sunday he went to the Felly, and spent the afternoon and evoning in the jolliest way. They all recognised the fact that when a quarrel in made up the least said the sonest mended. So they said nothing at all, but met as if they had the day hefore parted the best of friends. Miss Harrison was away, mojoring one of her periodical helidays, as Laura said, "with her young man," a remark which provided an exposituation from her father.

"Laura", he said, "you cought not to speak

"Laura," he said, "you ought not to speak of Miss Harrison's lover in that way!" "I won't again," Laura replied; adding, under her breath, for Jack's edification: "I will say 'her old man' in future!"

will say 'her old man' in tuture!"
Laura was very free and outspoken in her manner. A priin old lady would have called her 'forward,' but there was nothing in it. her 'forward,' but there was nothing in it. attempts to got up a little flirtation with Jack. But Jack was not to be lured into dangous pids again, and gave all his attention to Ironne.

They had two or three tole-a-tetes in the centre of the afternoon and evening, and

and Peter Pinnick broke in with the remark that he was "ready for the job." "But will your boat carry us up to St. Malo?" asked one of the men.

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feet.
"That Jaunty chap." he cried; "I'm hanged if he ain't allers prowling about a-listening to what don't concern him!"
Jack stopped short, and turning, so that he could see the faces of the strangers, aid with listening to!"
I'll have never heard you say anything worth its hange to!"

ustening to!" said Pinnick doggedly.
"For all that," said Pinnick doggedly.
"you're been listening now, and I want to
know what you mean by it!"
"Who is the young fellow?" asked one of
the men, rising.
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the mon, rising.

Ho was a young man between twenty and thirty, with a face that was handsome in its way was quick expression. His way was quick proposed to the look of him.

He seemed to be a dangerous fellow. He was very near Jack before the boy could make up his mind that there was perf in his movements.

Then he flinched back a bit, seeing that no

Then he intended back a bit, seeing that he good was intended.

The man made a grab at him. Jack dived under his arm and dashed for the clift.

"Stop him," cried Pinnick, "or it's all over with yea";

"Stop him," cried Pinnick, "or it's all over with you;" anathemus on Jack's head, the Muttering mathemus on Jack's head, the Mutering with a nimbleness approaching that of youth, made for him, and for a few moments it was a fine race up the cliffs. Jack, coustomed to the work, legal trom point to point, but had he ellipped is would have been all over with him.

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Another thing was in his favour, The stranger, not so used to climbing, atumbled two three times, and so failed to gain upon him. Breathless, Jack reached the summit, and passed a moment to get his wind back. The stranger was furnising in his breast-pocket for the passed of t

Peter Pinnick in Trouble.

R. BONNINGTON was immensely shocked and disgusted to hear of the outrage, and he at once despatched Gruchton for the Stern-

despatched Gruetton for the Stern-eraig policeman.

By his aid the county inepector at Dandy Bridge was communicated with, and by ten o'clock there was a hue and cry after Peter Pinnick and the two strangers with him.

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Noither of the three could be found. Peter

Pinnick's house was hearded, and no trace of
him discovered.

The whole village was aroused by the arrival
of the policeman, and the utmost curiosity was
for, and a general feeling of indignation prevailed. Old and young resolved to do their best
to secure the offenders.

It was a moonlight night, and by the aid of
the luminary the woods around were searched,
but with mo result. Frior to this it was
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and it was the same with the other small craft.
Certain it was that he had not made his oscape
seaward.

certain it was that he had not made his escape seaward.
Jack, of course, did not like this, as it left his did foe free to work mischief; and that he would work it, now that he was like a rat at bay, was income that himself, and ospecially of Ivonne.
The ruffian, with his absurd idea of things, had worked himself up to a pitch of freezy through being, as he termed it. "rebbed of his rights," and he would be sure to have his revence on the helpless if a chance were offered him. In his reviewsee, and was one of the him. In his reviewsee, and was one of the first thin the himself in the result of the head of the himself in the head of the was one of the himself in the head of the himself in the himself in the head of the himself in the himself in the uncasiness.
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On his way there he met two officers who had been out searching all night for the offenders. Jack asked them if they had been near the Folly, and they said "No."

Conno back with me, then," said Jack.

"Why?" they inquired. "Surely he won't go there to hister.

there to hide?"
"I think he might go there to work mis-

chief."
They turned back with him, and approached quietly, stopping just before they reached the aget to peep through the stunted shrubs into the garden. All was quiet in the house, none of the immates having risen, but in a bower at the far end a slight sound of movement reached

ack's cars.
"I'll go and see if anybody is there," he said.
"Most likely a cat or a dog," suggested one

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gate, opened it, and entered the gardon. He cauld now command a view of the summerhouse, and he was startled, in spite of himself, at seeing Peter Finnick scated there in the act to be supported to the summerhouse, and he was startled, in spite of himself, at seeing Peter Finnick scated there in the act under the summerhouse, and the summerhouse, and the summerhouse he was supported by the summerhouse he was summerhouse the summerhouse he was summerhou

better without his help, and so remaines parties.

Peter Pinnick was a strong man, but he had strong men to deal with, and he was secured after a struggle that played great havog with some of the delicate arrangements of the garden. It was just over when Mr. Belton, attractions of the house, came harrying out in a received structure of the stru

Bellon. And how to sale you him."

I saved your gals' lives," said Peter Pinnick, "and this is how I am paid for it,"

The School on the Cliff, (Continued from the previous page.)

"You are reging the reward of your rerims," eried Mr. Belton sterily, "and it has nothing to do with me."

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"but look to it, both you and that Jaunty chap. I sain't hanged yet, and, whatever you may fance it against me, I shain't be put away for life. I shall come out again one day, and then won't I have a settlement of accounts."

"Take him away!" said Mr. Belton."

"Take him away!" cried Mr. Belton again.

"It's about that Jaunty chap. He's free, I own, for the present, but there's another who wouldn't be averas to shooting him on, they wouldn't be average to shoot the said when you can be uppias.

Well, I sha'n't tell you. If you can be uppias, so can I. Now then, you two bobbles, to your duty, and lock me up. I've done nothing, and you can prove nothing against me."

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He put on an air of indifference, and went of the between the policemen whistling; but under the effort his wrath and dismay were apparent. "Who could he mear!" said Mr. Belton. "Can it be brag!" "I don't think so," replied Jack. "Have you any idea who it is:" "Yes."

"Yen."

"Surely not anyone here?" inquired Mr. Belton anxiously.

"It is someone staying here—a lawyer calling himself Mr. Torrapin. He and Mr. Pranick have been very thick together, and I fancy the beautiful to the mental to kill me that day we will be applied to the recal to kill me that day we "Thin must be seen to "said Mr. Balane."

of Support to the Hoof."

"This must be soon to," said Mr. Belton.

"What can you do?" asked Jack, with a smile,

"Whr, go to the lawyer and tax him with it."

"And so get him to bring an action against

ou, sir. No; beg of you to do nothing of the
ort. The man might be watched,"

"But should he do you missenally attempt

h. He is too cunning to get himself into trouble,

"I said to the hack with you, nayway," said

18. He is too enuning to get himself into trouble."
"I shall walk back with you, anyway." said
Mr. Bolton, "and hear what Bonnington has
to say about it."
He went back into the house, and Jack remained in the poreh, hoping that Isonne would
come out and put a little additional sunshine
into the morning.

mained in the porch, noping that I roone would are come out and put a little additional sumshine into the morning.

I appear, and on Mr. Belton's returning, he and dack santered along the clift together. It was then about half-part six, and some of the boys were turning out for a morning run. They were just in time to see Peter Pinnick led by, and halad his arrest with a cheer. It so exapperated him that he tried to break away from his captor with the annulae. The area of taming the weather than the contraction of the co

hold him fisst.

And now the whole village was aroused. The
glad tidings of the arrest spread like wildfire,
and men and women came running up to see
the prisoner. It was as good as a show, they
said, and a lair proportion followed Priningle to
Dandy Bridge, where he was safely lodged in a
cell at the polite-station.

If , Redditch Receives the Grown of Merit.

If was about as warm an evaning as the little serside place had ever experienced when Mr. Redditch, tired out by the duties of the day, meandered down to the beach. The tutor whistleth softly as he went, not that he was in a whistle had confused his realist consents. He felt inclined for solitude and a "good thing," and, scating himself against a rock, he foll into a reverie.

Everything was in harmony with a man inclined to he meditaritie. The fixed the shore that he hard he had been the head of the head of

golden sun and annous genial aid to the scene. Mr. Redditch went on whistling, perhaps for titions among scafaring men Mr. Redditch went on winsting, periaps nor-getting the superstitions among seafaring men-that to whistle in fair weather breeds a storm— and a storm was comisted in the air, and de-stroyed them as quickly, dispersing them with

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the deep sighs of a man who is half crazed with

"What is to be the end of it all?" he said, as he ceased whistling and turned a pair of dreamy eyes seawards. "Ah, me, if I could have but turned one leaf of the mysterious book of Fate, I might have led a happy life; but

dreamy eyes seawards. "Ah, me, if I could have but turned on leaf of the mysterious book of Fate, I might have led a happy life; but, Mr. Redditch grasped that part of his waist-coat nearest his heart and poured out his feelings in a groun so harrowing and protracted that it startled himself." "I rene—free." he muttered, "as with Queen Mary—who ideclared that he word—to with ne, deep into this wildly-krobbing heart of mine is cut every letter of your delightful name."

It might have been fancy, but Mr. Redditch hought he heard a peculiar wound just above a more startled himself. "I might have been fancy, but Mr. Redditch hought he heard a peculiar wound just above a more startled himself, and he heard a peculiar wound just above to be a more startled of laying hold of his nor."

Mr. Redditch did not take the troubbe to riso his feet. He merely glanced upwards, and, seeing nothing more startling than the ledge of his great. The heart, the soft marmura in air and ocean, were leginning to tell on him. He had not closed his eyes.

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"I bit it off as short as possible," grumbled Nickey. "I did the best I could." Jack whispendent of short as possible, "grumbled nice, and I dought that your eyes would have flown out of your head. Poor Redditch! It is almost too bad to have a lark with him under the circumstances

almost too had to have a lark with him under the oreumstances; but he is too tempting a subject to be missed. The property of the property of

the unconscious, but fifully and sadly dreaming tutor.

The visions that floated through his mind were of an absorbing but distinctly umpleasant where of the property of the same of the control soldier, who, having drawn a sword and whistled it about his head, became suddenly transformed into an animal of the antediluvian period, and chased him up a long passage, out of which there was no turning.

Mr. Redditch strove to rouse in the same suddenly dearned to the same suddenly dearned to the ledge of the rock, they had heard somebody approaching, and it turned out to be Mrs. Baxter.

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Dilly John Redwell, sighteen, year, old

Frocer, of Thorpewell, in the

County of Easthire, had burst into his father's
shop, cheering at the top of his voice, and
waving over his head a pain telegraph-form.

In his excitement he cannoned into Mr.
George Langstone, who stood at the course
harm done. George Langstone was a heavyweight, and Billy at that time was no more
than a slim slip, of a fellow—'like two yards
of pump-water,' his father would say some

"It's all right, Billy; no harm done, unless
you're hurt,' said Mr. Langstone, as a the lad
began to apologise. "But what's the excitement, if it in't a secret!"

A secret! My gracious, no, sir! The
cannot be the secret of the secret

"We have a series of the serie

io give you a trial in the county team before the season was over, it's very strange that I should guess that that telegram's an invitation, in the season was over the season was over the season when the season was over the se

"559" ye think I want it, dad?" assets a "559" ye think I want it, dad?" assets a "559" ye think I want it, dad?" assets a "559" ye think I want you want an what you're counting on, is making yourself what you're counting on, is making yourself in the property of the pr

time next year. But Rome wasn't built in a day, left if the high the could say was of any effect in the way of checking Billy's enthusiasm, of the high son devote himself to hustness than to cricket as a career, the good groser was proud than ordinary promise. Taken early in hand by Dick Worth, the famous Eastshire bowler, who had been been and bred and still made his home at Thorpewell, he was distinctly class, both as basicans, and bowler, at fifteen the was only now beginning to fill out and settle down.

down.

In the county colts' match at the beginning of the season, though he had been neither the

highest score nor the most successful bowler, he was singled out by the critics as the likeliest youngster, of all the eighteen who played, to develop.

Mr. Sower, the county captain, had told him after the game that the committee intended to keep their eye upon him, and that wheepen was the county captain, and as it captains which had been allowed to showing what he could do.

But the season had gone on, and as it chanced Easthire had been able to put pretty much the same team into the field right through May. June, and July, and self for county matches left to play. But at last one of the regular bowlers had dropped out, with a badily-damaged foot; and Mr. Sower, consulting bick Worth as to who could best be brought of his hall-forgotten promises to Billy Redwell.

And then the wire which had caused the lad such ecstatic joy had been sont.

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"Oh, I don't suppose they're really playin' me for my battin, said Billy. "I don't expect to go in higher than eighth, or perhaps, seventh."

"It I were you my very he wall, "I

expect to go in higher than eighth, or, perhaps, seventh."

John Redwell winked at Mr. Langstone.

"If I were you, my boy," he said, "I shouldn't expect to go in higher than eleventh. If you fix your mind on hat, you wen't stand. The blare of a motor-herr secunded down the wide road that ran in front of John Redwell's shop, and Mr. Langstone and Billy both stepped to the door to watch the ear pass.

A big, green Darracq it was, travelling at a big rate of speed.

"There goes one of your future collegues is, the standard of the core of the property of the property of the core of the property of the core of the property of the p

the county cricketer was this gontleman's brother."

"You're wrong, Billy, Ha hasn't any brother."

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"I fancy he doesn't call it quite that; but he is an expert ballconist. They say that, though he has twenty thousand a year to play with, there are only three things in the world with the area only three things in the world with the area only three things in the world with the area on the things in the world with the area on the things in the world with the area of the things in the world with the area of the things in the world with the was the same man as the cricket a famale soreant at Charlet II never thought he was the same man as the cricket with the was the same man as the cricket with the was the same man as the cricket with the world world with the world world world world with the world world

THE 2nd CHAPTER. His First Big Match

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"We shall see that the state of the seed of

"Wriothesty will take it hard if he's dropped."
"Can't help that. A man with more pride would have offered to stand down some time ago. The fact that a fellow's an amatour and a big subscribe to the club's funds don't justify him in keepin' a better man out of the team."
The two had moved across the ground together as they talked, and no one was within the control of the control

rind Mar. and Billy.

"Words of wisdom," said Threlfull. "Note foundown, Harry If you don't take the advice of your seniors, where will you be—eh?" Sower swiled, and Pearson grimod. The captain was very nearly old enough to be the captain was very nearly old enough to be thought of the captain was very nearly old enough to be thought of the captain was very nearly old enough to be thought of the captain was very nearly old enough to be brother, a fact which had more than a little to do with the success which they had lately achieved.

to do with the success which they had lately achieved.
"Ho's quite right. Better not bowl any more now, Redwell. If MacKenzie an' Wildersley get set, you'll have enough of it before to game's over. Hello, there is MacKenzie Come along, Larry!"
Half an hour later the Eastshire side was in the field, and MacKenzie and Lorrby, the the worth's conternational cricket, she other the worth's or later all the worth's out to start the innings for the visiting team.

ing out to start the immings for the visiting team.

Billy was not put on to bowl first. Worth and Draper took up the situack. The first half-hour's play produced 35 runs; then Lornby and it came spinning at express pase, and only a foot or so from the ground, to the colf, fielding at third man. His hand shot out instinctively, and the bushing spheroid struck it. Then Billy stumbled and fell: but as he foil his fingers gripped the ball convulsively, and the hand to be supported by the convolution of the ball came of the ground—a fair each.

Wilderslev, the great little man who is said

catch!" Wildersley, the great little man who is said to be so often missed early in an innings, though assured with in or one to whom the hough assured who in no cone to whom the Then Eastshire had a bad time. The facute danced on the telegraph-board, and the fields men panted and perspired in vain. Three overs from the amateur, Wirothesly, produced

29 runs. He begged for "just one more over," when Sower suggested that someone elso had better try; and MacKenzie hit three 4's and a 3 com is the someone.

3 off it

5 off it.

"You'd better take the next over from this
end, Dick," said the anitain to Worth. "Redwell, you go on at the paviline end."

"Bound on the paviline end."

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keen, resolute eyes of his fixed on the howler's hand.

A new bowler often meets with success in his first few matches to which his solutal merits disconcerting about the unknown. MacKenzie was one of the last men in England to be disconcerted by any bowler, however: and it cannot be said that billy heat him. But Billy got his wicket all the same. The second ball of bowler's head—excreely a charce, even to a Trumble or a Sinelair. Billy jumped like Springheeled Jack, broke its force with his right hand, and caught it cleverly with both hands as his feet touched turl again, while sounds of mingled admiration and disappoint-states. And then, a corr of applicate broke forth. It was plucky of him to have jumped for it at all, great to have stopped it, wonderful that he should have actually made the

"Sower," said MacKenzie, as he passed the "Sower," said MacKenzie, as he passed the Castahire captain, "if that youngster were one of our men, I'd play him all through next season, if he never made a run or took a wicket. Fielding like that is worth encourag-

And the veteran nodded, for he was of the

And the veteran nodded, for he was ot use same mind.

Norvestshire inning leafed all day, and Bluk Norvestshire inning leafed all day, and Bluk Norvestshire inning leafed all day, and Bluk Norvestshire in the sile, and had clean howled Tarry, and his figures read-ple overs, & runs, 5 wickets. In cold print it looked poor; actually it represents the sile of the property of the sile of the property of the propert

istic, for Detter judges than he were pleased with him.

"They tell me you live at Thorpewell," said Mr. Wriothesly, in his queer, abrupt way, "My road home lies through there. Care to ride with me?"

ride with me?"

Billy knew that Dick Worth always stayed in Helsford while a county match was in progress, so that he could not hope for his older comrade's company home; and he would have had a four-mile walk after reaching Redingham Station, unless he chanced to get a lift. Ile had acro theen in a high power motor-cat years to be a lift of the county of the coun

"Thank you, sir," he said; "I'd like it very much."

Billy had already changed into his ordinary garb, as had the amateur, who had been on a considerable of the property of t

section a long fit, and that his capitain ought to have kept him on?

But his silence did not matter. Gilbert Wriothesly was so caten up with, egotism, that as long as one listened to him he never doubted but that one agreed, the control of the men of the that has long as one listened to him he never doubted but that one agreed to the control of the term he higher that he had started, for once outside the town he put it along at a positively breakneck pace. Houses, woods, fields of corn, with the reapers hard at work, all seemed to final past in the brilliant light of the sun, now long had been made to the sun, he will be the conclusions of the sun, he will be the collection of the men of the final most thoroughly, but more than once found himself wondering how often Mr. Wriothesly had been fined for furious driving, That was a sort of triumphal homeocoming for Billy. If he had taken all the Norwest-hire wickets, he could hardly have travelled home in greater state. Even the goese, that to be surprised, he thought; but not so surprised, he thought; but not so surprised as his father was, when the Darracq was pulled suddenly hat smoothly up in front of the shop, and Billy jumped out with "Goodnight, an' thank you very much, sir!" and

have to be content with the barren beneur of

have to be contone with the barren hencur of a draw.

Gilbert Wriothealy, batting last man but one, had made 25 by the aid of some loose fielding and two or three marvellous ecapses; followed the captain for not seeding him; in much earlier. Billy began to feel uneasy in his mind, lot liked the motoring, but it hurt his sense of loyelty to have to listen to the other man's youngstor could see for himself was right, or nearly right; for, if Billy had been captain, he would have thought No. 11 quite high enough place for the amateur?

Billy dissinguished himself on the third day. Billy dissinguished himself on the third day of the control of the service of

sportsman?

He was yet to learn how far Wriothesly's egotism had carried him towards actual loss of sanity, and to learn it in a way that assuredly he would never forget as long as he lived!

THE 3rd CHAPTER.

Up in a Sanison.

The State of Chapter of Saturation o

To Billy a surprise, he came up and accessed him just as he was making his way into the "You played up well-wonderfully well-youngace," he said, with a queer, wry smile. You're the best find Eastshire's had since I came into the team. Have you ere been up; "No, sir," answered Billy, not so surprised at this sudden change of subject as he would have been in the case of any other speaker. "Well, I'm going to make an ascent from here to-day, and if you care to come along two west of south, and we ought to be able to land somewhere near the latitude and longitude of Thorpowell. But you must look sharp: I can'l give you more than five migutes to land somewhere near the latitude and longitude of Thorpowell. But you more than five migutes to hange in roth had been called away by Mr. Sower, and had not returned by the time Billy was ready.
"I say, Pearson, you might tell old Dick Tim too goin' back by rail," he said. "Mr. balloon." has offered to take me home in his balloon. "Jalloon, indeed! I guess you'll be ridin' "Jalloon, indeed! I guess you'll be ridin' "Jalloon, indeed! I guess you'll be ridin' "Jalloon, indeed! I guess you'll be ridin'

I'm not goin back by rail," he said. "Mr. Wriotheady has offered to take me home in his balloon. Wriotheady has offered to take me home in his balloon, indeel.' I guess you'll be riting home in a forcy chairer if this act of thing goes on! All right, I'll tell Dick. We shall weep for your company all the way, both of ns. But I dare say we shall live through it!" Billy did not wait to think of a sufficiently sarcastic answer. He made "Bunkum!" serve, Billy did not wait to think of a sufficiently sarcastic answer. He made "Bunkum!" serve, off to join Gibert Wriothesly, who was pusing impatiently up and down outside. "Never been up before, you say? Then you've a treat in store. It's grand to rip along in a motor at fifty miles an heur; it's along the sum of the middle stump of an exact of the property of the sum of the middle stump of the howler over the pavilion; but I think balloonin is the grandest thing of all! You su, up, an 'there lies the earth below you, with everything queer an' flat, an' all the you, with everything queer an' flat, an' all they up, up, up, the through a more properties, and wonder how anything of all the things on this miserable earth that you've got clear away from should give you a moment's trouble. "Sometimes I think that it san't worth while ever to come down at all. I'm not sure that I

aball to-day. I've often thought that if ever I went out with a real good cricketer for a come went out with a real good cricketer for a come of the c

for that, he would scarcely have reached home alive aga

Billy liked Wriothesly better than he had ever done before as he sat there talking of the possibilities of nerial travelling, and explaining the workings of balloons. For once in a way the note of egotism and conceit, so apparent in his talk, was latent.

the note of ogotism and conceit, so apparent in its talk, was latent. It was an unfertunate remark of Billy's that brought the conversation round to what was, though the conversation round to what was, though the conversation round to what was, though the conversation received match and worth the conversation of the conversa

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Had his courage failed him then, Billy would inevitably have been precipitated out of the car, to be unswhed to pieces hundreds of feet and the courage of the car, with Witchesdy agraving bottom of the car, with Witchesdy agraving

at his side.

"I hope I haven't hurt you, sir," he said, fully believing now that he had to do with a lunatic, but thinking that to temporise would pay him best. "A joke like that's goin' just a little too far."

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"I'm sue a good proper good proper

myself!"

He moved towards the cord, to find himself confronted with the gleaming barrel of a re-

confronted with the gleaming barrel of a revolver.

"Oh, no, you don't, Mr. Billy Redwell—no, you don't. You wouldn't, go when I wanted to put you out, and now you must wait my time, out to the property of the property of

the gleaming barrel was within two feet of his face.

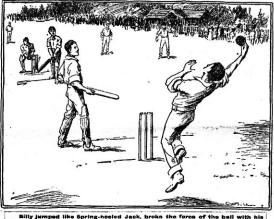
"Sower be hanged!" said the madman, with a flash of his wicked white teeth. "Let him go to Jupiter! We'll find better chang than Sower among the Martins. I'll warrant. Threw out a larg or two of ballast!

Threw out a larg or two of ballast!

Let a greatly accelerated pace. He glanced down, and saw the white combing of wares on the sands almost immediately below hire, and, further out, the angry green of a stormy ass under a stormy sky. If he threw out the ballast, and they rose, and the wind velocity, as it seemed to be oling, they would in a few minutes be right out over the North Sea.

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struggling still, felt a thrill of joy as he realised that the wind had changed, and they would not be blown out to sen. He had secured to the car, and having He had secured the tone of the car, had both hands free to deal with Wriothesly. The lad thrast him saide, sprang to the rope that opened the big rulee, and had just grasped it when a bullet winzed plast his ear. He gave one frante pull, and then rurned to felt that the halloon was rapidly descending. And surely he knew those tall elms and that pavilion, and those figures that came rushing and shouting into the pouring rain. Who were they if not Mr. George Langstone and the curate and the rest of the Thorpewell team? man had fired again. He for the bullet graze his temple, and then he knew no more. When he reagained conciousness it was to see a few yards away the dead body of his assailant, who had sprung from the ear and been killed instantly, and a round him his own



Billy jumped like Spring-heeled Jack, broke the force of the ball with his right hand, and caught it cleverly as his feet touched turf again. Immediately a roar of applause broke forth.

even. I always thought that if I went up in a balloon I should be kind of seasiek. But I don't feel anything a bit like that. All I feel is my blood runnin faster an' my head somehow clearer, an' as if I was a better an' stronger man all-round than on the earth. Seems as if I could bowl Fom Hayward first ball as make a hundred against Hirst an Blooder. If I could only feel like this down

below."

"Ah, I know that feeling! But what made you think you'd be seasiek, boy? There's nothing in the motion that could possibly make you so. It's choppin' and joltin' and swayin' and reckin' that make people feel queer and reckin' that make people feel queer that in this movement. You wouldn't really know that you were movin' at all if you didu't see things littin' under you."

"But I've heard people who'd been up in a frightfully bad."

"Ah but that would be a castive halloon:
"Ah. but that would be a castive halloon."

"Ah, but that would be a captive balloon; different thing altogether! When a captive balloon gets to the end of its tether it begins to jott and bump, very much like a ship in a

to joit and bump, very much like a ship in a naxy sea."

He went on to explain a great many things, among others, how much casier it was now for an aeronaut to land when he wished, since, besides the smaller valve ly which gas could be emitted in small quantities, there was a larger balloon, one might say, the opening of which betto in all the gas at once.

Billy, despite his prejudice against reading, was by no means a fellow who despised useful information. To hear a man who understood all about things explaining them, delighted him.

him.

And he had cause to be glad before that voyage was over that he had paid attention to what Gilbert Wriothesly had told him. But

was. A thunderstorm was obviously coming up against the wind, a phenomenon that happens more often in carly summer than in August. Wrinthesty glanced in the direction indicated, but said nothers of later he turned upon Billy. A minuse or so later he turned upon Billy.

"D'ye know that it's my place in the county team you're takin'. Redwell?" His voice, the dangerous gleam in his dark eyes, the look on his face, made Billy shiver, though he was a plucky lad enough. He had thought Mr. Wriethesly queer in his manner before. Now it suddenly dawned upon him that it went beyond queerness; that his fellow-passenger was insano!

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"I don't think you can quite say that, sir,"
he answered, his voice trembling a little, though he did his best to keep it level. "You

"But I do say it! Don't dare to contradict
me! I like you well cnough, Redwell. If
there were room for you and me too, I'd not
mind. But there isu't. Now, will you give
me your word that you'll resign your place."
No. I'm hanged if I do! I say, sir, there's
Thorpewell! Aren't you goin' to put me

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Thorpswell: Arent you gon to put me down? But the properties of the properties of the properties of the place of the properties of the pro

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