## "Not for Joseph."

"Will you excuse an interruption, sir?" Had he not been quite so dandified, with patent leather boots, immaculate linen. diamond studs, a redundancy of watch and chain, and superabundancy of rings his hair curled and his musiache waxed and twisted until it looked like a bit of golden floss, close laid on his upper hp, Joseph Penniston, so far as form and stature and features are concerned, might have been called good-looking. His foppishness spoiled all.

So thought Mr. Burling, one of our heavy men; an importer, rich already, but doubling his income every year by enterprise and personal care of his own business.

Time, sir, is money to me, but I will give you ten ainutes without charge," said the old merchant, smiling, for the father of this young man and he had been schoolmates, and were life-long friends.

"Three minutes will explain my busi-ness, sir. I love your daughter Eva-leen, and believe she loves me. I wish your consent to marry her."

Very well come to me a week from to-day at this bour, for my answer. In the meantime do not visit her, or say a

word about your proposition to me." The young man rose, bowed and left the rich man to his business. The latter, as soon as he was alone, rung a bell. A clerk entered in response to the call Send for Mr. Wallingford, the detect-

ive. I wish to see him at once." The clerk left and in half an hour the great merchant was visited by a quiet, sleepy looking gentleman, the last man on earth you would charge with being keen sighted or talented, and yet one in his line has no superior in America, if in the world. The detective staid but a few minutes, and no one but he and Mr. Burling knew what he came for.

The week was up. To a minute the engagement was kept, and Joseph Pen-niston entered the presence of the merchant.

The latter held in his hand a small memorandum book, and when the young man said, "Sir, I have come for your answer" the merchant glanced your answer" the merchant glanced at the book and smiled.

"It may seem relevant, but I have a

The next afternoon he took a stroll from his own home down Broad-way and met the fascinating Belle , and invited her into the convenient private restaurant to dine. On this occasion only three bottles of cham-pagne were used. The pair then drove to the theatre and occupied a private hor " xoc,

"What is the matter, Mr. Penniston? Does my reading this diary affect you! I have only reached the second day, and

have only reached the second day, and you have not got to the gambling house in Madison Square yet." "Mr. Burling, you set a spy on my tracks—you know you did." "Yes, Joseph, for 1 wanted to know the habits of one who desired to become the husband of as good a girl as ever blest a father with her love. I was right as the second proves Good morpright, as the sequel proves. Good morn-ing, Mr. Penniston. You need not trouble yourself to call on Evaleen after this, for I shall place this diary in her hands within an hour."

You could have bought Joseph, boots, ewelry and all, then for ten cents. He never felt quite so cheap before in all his life .- Home Circle

# A HUMAN FIRE.

## The Phenomenon of a Burning Mine Repeated in the Physical System.

A few years ago one of the most im-A few years ago one of the most im-portant coal mines in Pennsylvania caught fire, It started slowly but soon obtained such headway that it spread through the greater portion of the en-tire mine. To flood it with water would extinguish the fire, but well nigh ruin the mine; and still the flames continued to increase. At that juncture a young man stepped forward and suggested that all the entrances and year holes of the all the entrances and vent holes of the mind be covered and scenred, thus shut-ting off the supply o air. His advice was follswed and the flames were finally

subdued. To compare the condition of this mine with manyphases of the human system is most natural and appropriate. "Fire in the blood" is not a mereexpression it is a most serious fact. How it originates, it may be impossible to say; but that it burns and rages with an increasing fury, the one who is its victim only too painfully knows. The blood is the life. It is de-signed by nature to purify, strengthen and sustain the system. It is too often made the channel through which poison and death are transported. Poisonous acids coming through the veins and ar-teries inflame and cause a fire just as real as the one which existed in the mine. They burn and irritate causing the brain to become weak and the nerves unstrung; they carry pains to the movement of the second muscles and leave agonies in the joints; they bring destruction instead of strength; they devastate the very por-tions of the body that most require belp, and they hasten the approach of death in its most horrible form. These things have been felt by innumerable people who have been the victims of rhumatic disorders, and the agonies they have en-

disorders, and the agomes they have en-dured confirm this description. There is but one way by which this fire in the blood can be extinguished, and that is by shutting off the supply of these poisonous acids. The lactic, lithic, and uric acids comes in to the blood through the liver and kidneys, and they remain in solution in the they remain in solution in the blood producing inflammatory rhe-umatism, sciatica, lumbago, neuralgia, gout and all rheumatic fevers and affections. When they are deposited as "It may seem relevant, but I have a diary to read before I give my answer," replied the merchant. "It may inter-est yon so L will read aloud: "At four. Mr.—I leave the name blank—dined at aladies restaurantina private room with Madame B—of 27th street. He called for and between them they emptied four bottles of cham pagne. Then they took a carriage and drove to a costumer's and procured dresses for the ball at Grand Duchess. They went to the ball, remained until four in the morning, and were driven to the establishment of Madame B—of Madame B—of Madame B—of Madame B—of Madame B, they cause articular rheumatism; when in the muscles, muscular rheumatism; when in the muscles, muscular rheumatism and hurbago; when in the tissues covering lurbago; when in the tissues covering head and nerves generally, neuralgia. In every case they are painful (in most in-stances dangerous. Inflammatory rheu-matism is likely to locate in some joint and become chronic, or suddenly attack the brain or heart, causing apoplexy or heart disease. The fire in the blood must be extinguished—the supply must bo the establishment of Madame B—of The next afternoon he took a stroll from gritty crystals in and near the joints, be shut on. This can only be done by guarding the portais to the blood--the kidneys and liver; and no means has ever been found for accomplishing this which can equal Warner's Safe Rhen-matic Cure. It acts directly upon the sent of the disorder; it extinguishes the fore he controlling the spinor of the fire by controlling the supply and re-

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### Capt. Mayne Reid.

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#### Wanted to Flirt.

A young mandarin attached to the Chinese embassy in Paris was one evening introduced, says the Figaro, to the beautiful Countess de Ephusi. The lady being curious to know whether it was worth any ones while to attempt a little flirtation with this son of the Celestial empire, asked him among other things, what qualities his countrymen valued most in women. "Her domestic virtues." was the reply. "Oh, indeed." said the countess, in a slightly contemptuous tone. "Then they don't like your ladies to go into company and enjoy a lit-tle gessip?" "No, madame, a Chinese husband has the right to get a divorce from his wife if she is a great talker." The charming French woman here thought she detected a covert allusion ( herself, and sarcastically inquired: suppose that would have been my fate in China?" The Chinaman was equal to he occasion and at once replied, bowing low: "You may be sure that from the day of your arrival in China the law which inflicts this mode of punishment on the loquacity of women would be abolished."

Fancy Hotel Places.

There is talk of a deduction in the ancy prices charged by first-class hotels in New York City. It is said that for the past twelve months the moneyed lasses have either had less money to spend, or have felt less like spending what they possess, than at any time since the panic of 1873. The Tribune says: "Failures in many of the great trades are frequent, the prices of pro-visions have failen and are failing, the value of real estate, if not decreasing, is at any rate stationary, salaries are lower than they have been for years in every lepartment, apartment houses and elaborate flats are taking to themselves a majority of former resident hotel guests, and it seems as if a fall in hotel rates was only a question of time."

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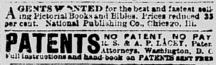
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