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The young gentleman assured Mademoiselle that his father had long demoiselle that his father had long believed her to be dead, having written so many letters, without receiving any throw off the disease.

You know the old proverb of "the ounce of prevention?" Don't neglect your cough.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS.

Like small curled feathers, white The little clouds went by,

Across the moon, and past the stars, And down the western sky. In upland pastures, where the grass

With frosted dew was white, Like snowy clouds, the young sheep lay The shepherds slept, and glimmering

With twist of thin blue smoke, Only their fire's crackling flames The tender silence broke, Save when a young lamb raised

Or when the night wind blew, A nestling bird would softly stir, Where dusky olives grew!

With finger on her solemn lip Night hushed the shady earth, And only stars and angels saw The little Saviour's birth. Then came such flash of silver light Across the bending skies The wondering shepherds woke and Their frightened, dazzled eyes.

But all their gentle, sleepy flock Looked up, then slept again, Nor knew the light that dimmed

Brought endless peace to men, Nor even heard the gracious words That down the ages ring: "The Christ is born, the Lord has c Good will on earth to bring!

Then o'er the moonlit, misty fields. Dumb with the world's great joy, The shepherds sought the white-walled

where lay the baby boy. And, oh, the gladness of the world, The glory of the skies,

Because the longed for Christ had smile In Mary's happy eyes!

PHILOMENA,

A DAUGHTER'S HOLOCAUST,

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As Philomena rose to leave the piano and join her friends, she happened to raise her eyes and glance down the room, where her eyes fell upon a familiar face; there, right before her, and approaching her, was her father's "best friend, "the man who had been her intended himself to ask his husband, for a few hours or days. The surprise made her falter, and Mile de Joncourt, who had also seen him from her retired corner, approached quickly, and drew the young girl's arm through her own. She had seen the suddenly-bowed She had seen the suddenly-bowed head, and the involuntary quiver of the heartiful line. But for his only child his selfish heart had no

the beautiful lips.

M. de Katski advanced to Philosponded in her own incomparably graceful way, to the congratulations steady and less strong.

a moment that he could ever be anything to her, it was not admiration, nor even interest in him, but simply in obedience to her father's expressed wishes. Her heart had never throbbed one whit the faster for his presence or his absence

But how was it that in his eye she saw, or fancied she saw, a mocking light, and on his lips the shadow of a cynical smile? She shuddered, and felt a chill in her veins, as if a cold air had struck

Later in the evening M. de Katski again approached her. Philomena was too much admired and sought after at that time to allow her to withdraw early, as she would gladly have done on this particular

evering.
"Will Mile. de Palewski permit me to offer her my congratulations on the recent happy event?" he asked, with an unmistakably cynical smile playing about his handsome light in the eyes that fixed themselves upon her.
Philomena did not know how to

"Was M. de Katski still so great an admirer of Chopin," she asked, to reach her own ears. thinking he referred in some way "Mile. de Pavlews

"(Certainly, always," was the gallant reply; this time accompanied by a little laugh, a disagreeable prelade to the rest of his speech, when interrupted by her, but by "the happy event" he had referred to something quite different. ething quite different.

something quite different.

Philomena looked her ignorance of his meaning. He humbly begged pardon; he had taken too great a liberty, perhaps, but might not so old a friend of the Count and his bride be permitted to offer his congratulations to the Count's daugh-

She knew now the "joyful sur-rise" alluded to in her father's letter, and for which she had been

waiting in such high hopes. It was not the news of the home of her childhood restored to them ; i was not to tell ber that her mother's

"What was it?" She placed her trembling fingers

Parisierne, as she was, Mlle. de Joncourt excused her pupil and herself, and begged permission to with-would easily account for that," Made-

paid their sincere compliments to father, mother and sisters insist upon Philomens, and madame even kiss-my carrying you back to France with

"Pauvrette," she said, "you have said something about "needing to tired yourself too much; but you work. have made such a success that, for your own take, I can only rejoice."

Who was she, this new bride? Never had Philomena felt so truly desolate. Her mother's place, that

since the hard truth remained that go to college and make a career for her father no longer belonged whol-

home! He does not need me

received letters from her father, and in the meantime, the busy world of obstacles?" urged the ardent young which she was a part, was talking Joncourt learned the whole shameful story; a gambling party, a winner and

"He loses nothing," was their ree had to lose. "And what about the winner who

such a wife was incalculable gain."

has lost, according to your theory? questioned another. "Who was she?" " Daughter of an absconding Jew." "Rich, of course?"

"Not a penny, save her nightly gain at cards."

"Did he know the prize playing so desperately for?"
"No; he was purposely deceived by one said to have been a rejected suitor for his daughter's hand.

The lady was described to him as a nartyred innocent, ill-treated by a ness." brutal husband, from whom she easily btained a divorce; and vastly rich in

her own right." "Does she care for him? Wil she stick to him ?" "Yes, till she gets a richer catch

These and like comments told Mile and denies herself everything to send de Joncourt the terrible truth, but she kept it from Philomena as long and as completely as she could.

By-and-by a letter came to her. It was with a request for money.

had been duped, deceived; but,

He humbled himself to ask his daughter's pardon, to implore her pity. "He would not trouble her

long, his life was worthless hence-No doubt he felt keenly, this ruined

nercy even then. "The savings went to him, not to mens, bowing profoundly over the small hand he had taken in his own. There was no time for words; many were crowding around, wish trembling became more marked and to express their pleasure and their homage to Philomena, with each additional appeal for money, offer their homage to Philomena. each heart-breaking letter from her She returned the bow, met and refather, the sweet lips trembled more,

offered her, and passed on.

Why was she agitated? she asked herself. This gentleman was nothing to her. If she had dreamed for some gentleman who paid her such some gentleman who paid her such marked attention at the Ambassador's

> Alas, the "attention" had consiste in conveying to the poor girl the fatal news of her father's marriage. "She was not in love, but she wa overworked," was the reply of Mile.

> Before long it became evident to Philomena that she would be obliged to relinquish out-door lessons and confine herself to one family.

This meant giving up her freedom, her tiny room looking into the court-yard of the dear old church, the daily Mass, the sound of the Angelus morn

ing, noon and evening.
But there was no other resource her health would no longer bear the strain of so much exertion. The hope that had sustained her was broken.

One family, in particular, had often urged Philomena to accept a permanent situation with them. They had smile playing about his handsome offered her a high salary, every commouth, and an unmistakably evil for:, and declared that she should be as one of their own family.

Mile, de Joncourt did not feel assured that this was for the best; but reply. "The happy event—what at least "her child" would be safe; could he mean," she asked herself. guarded from the criticism of the guarded from the criticism of the world, which was loud enough now " Mile. de Pavlewski," said the

critics, "had played too much." They

She was sorely straitened now, poor Philomena, to meet the demands church, Mile. de Joncourt joined

A great pleasure fell to the lot of is bitter cold, nearly twenty degrees If he had meant to wound that Mile. de Joncourt about this time. of frost!" innecent child for doing her father's will he had fully succeeded.

One day a card was handed to her will he had fully succeeded.

Poor Mademoiselle was frightened out of her usual calm to see her

court de Longueville, and she was

Her surprise and pleasure were equally great, when she found, in the handsome young military attache of the French Embassy, the son of the grave was free, and their own cousin she had believed dead. Her again; or that her mother's ances letter, written with the view of contral roof was yet to shelter her vincing Philomena that she was quite from the dazzling glare of this bevildering world. It was relations; not very near or close, it is relations; not very near or close, it is true, but still such as she might well be proud to acknowledge.

draw on the plea of fatigue.

Both the ambassador and his lady "And now," said Edouard, "my

Philomens, and managed even she let me in the spring."

Mademoiselle shook her head and Mademoiselle shook her head and

"We are rich even among the rich," The splendid equipage of the Ambassador that had been sent to bring her there, took back not the bright being full of sweet hope, but the wan face and trembling form of the poor Philomena of other days.

enterprises, and he charges me to say that he has not forgotten whose hand and purse helped him in his college career."

The gentle lady smiled, and again

The gentle lady smiled, and again shook her head saying, "I was always

she had deemed sacred forever, who for many years," warmly urged the had usurped it? of the cousin who gave up her share ascertaining; and did it make so of our grandfather's fortune, and weut very much difference who it was, to Poland as governess, that he might

"You are very like what he was a How could she go on with her your age," said Mile. de Joncourt, to lessons? How keep up before the change the conversation.

world that was thrusting itself into her life?

"O, mother! mother!" she moanded, "take me home! Take me decide when we shall start."

"I have duties here, sadly answere his cousin," and ties that bind me. I am not alone. " May I know the nature of these

man. "Surely they can be arranged, freely of the marriage of the divorced or disarranged, to set you free. In-wife of a Russian official. Mile de deed, I dare not bint at returning without 'our cousin Felicie.' "My ties here are sacred," she re a loser, a game "in which the winner plied; and as briefly as possible she was the loser," said they, "for to lose told him as much as was necessary of

> "What I" exclaimed can it be possible that that beautiful creature is unhappy? I remember seeing her, and being greatly pleased and attracted by her. Indeed," he added naively," I cannot forget the impression she made upon me; and therefore, was simple, gentle, unrehave asked several persons how I could obtain an introduction to her.

I made it a point to be at every

her beloved Philomena.

soiree at which she played." few acquaintances," said Mlle. de was Joncourt, sadly. Her life has been The young man wrote ardent letstrangely lonely for one so beautiful and gifted, and yet she seemed happy before this last terrible blow fell upon her-till her father's marriage, and the subsequent news of his unhappi

"Could you not persuade her to accompany you to France. Cousin Felicie?"

"She is determined to devote her self to her father, henceforth, as in the past. She lives only for him,

him all she can earn. "How terrible," exclaimed the sympathizing listener. "You would indeed think so, had you seen the home of her childhood, her noble, beautiful mother, or the once equally noble father. How is it possible that for so poor a pleasure, as a game of cards, any man can sa-crifice himself and his family !"

"It is a madness; a disease that is daily driving to suicide some of the noblest hearts that ever breathed," said Edouard warmly. "I see it of-ten in the great world. Young men, otherwise sane enough, with the best and noblest characters, and richly stored minds, sacrifice all for the gaming table. And not only men," he added; "why in this great city, I have met scores of young and heautiful women, the very cream of the aristocracy, some married, some single, who are inveterate gamblers and card-players; not only do they give up the midnight hours to that enticing and ruinous occupation, but in many a noble house the players

girls, fresh from their boarding schools, indulge freely in it. "Yes," said his cousin "I hav seen something of it. Without reil gious education, there is nothing to prevent the evil; and that is not to be hoped for in this land." She

often sit the whole day; even young

sighed deeply; it was a painful sub-"What shall I write to my father, pleaded the young man, as he arose to take his leave.

"I will write to him myself," said Mlle. de Joncourt. "In the meantime come and see me often, that through you, at least, I may become acquainted with all my dear cousins. It was agreed that they should meet on the following Sunday at

Philomena was looking very pale that Sunday morning, as she knelt before the altar; her heart was heavy indeed, and not even the joy of kne-l ng there, in that loved chapel of our Blessed Lady, could bring back the color to her face.

A pair of dark eyes were fixed in tently upon her, in deepest sympathy, and a look, almost as sad as her own, overspread the handsome fate of Edouard de Longueville, as he watched

She was clad simply in black; very unpretentiously, indeed, but no simplicity, however severe could make her appear anything but refined and distinguished looking. As she happened to look up, the young girl became conscious of his fixed look, wondered for an instant why a stran ger, evidently a gentleman, should look at her so earnestly; then forgo should it in her prayers. As she was about to leave the



child thus lightly clad on so severe a

Philomena flushed and then be

you another time," she whisper Mile. de Joncourt groaned audibly; then, recovering herself with an ef-fort, turned to her cousin, and presented him to Philomena.

and he is very handsome, and I think he must be very good," she said, when they were alone together. If Eduard de Longueville had admired Philomena at a distance and in the gay throng, how much more so now when permitted to converse with

modulated voice, and to watch the ever-varying expression of that speak-"Never," he declared to his cousin, had he met a being so sympathetic, so captivating, without a tinge of co-

cently enchanting. The poor fellow was deeply in love before he knew it. Indeed, he assured his cousin, that he had fallen in love with Philomena at first sight

and that her image had haunted him from that hour. As to Philomena, she never dreamed that this handsome young officer thought of her at all, and, if he did, she felt no doubt that it was as a poor governess, a dependent, almost on his cousin's bounty. Her manner, served, and, as their acquaintance ripened, she began to look upon him made it a point to be at every of cousin, or brother, especially as "maminka" was in the habit of addressing them both as

"her children." his love. He poured out his whole heart to her, and besought her to advise him, and, if possible, help him in his suit. Long before Philomena sus-

When the time came that he could no longer hide his feelings from her Philomena was utterly surprised. In \$1.00 a Year in Advance t possible that one so highly favored by fortune in every way could care for her. Had her mind been free from its all absorbing care for her father, she would no doubt have dis-

As it was, she was wholly taken by surprise. But the passionate pleading of pure, loyal young heart, and especially a heart stirred by love for the

first time, possessed an e oquence that was not easily resisted. ances that her lover possessed enough,

first care. "If she could only love him;" that was his prayer. She pleaded for time. "When I hear from papa again," she said, "I will know better what I ought to do-in justice to you," she added, after a pause.

Though her lover pleaded hard for a more satisfactory answer, Philo mena would make no further promise would not admit that his affection was, or could ever be, returned. He was fain to wait.

Letters tarried just when they were most wanted, and Philomena began to be very anxious and that made her look pale and ill. The fur cloak had been replaced by Mile. de Joncourt much against her will; she declared that she found fur too heavy. she had sacrificed the rich sable cloak that had belonged to her mother, Mile. de Joncourt was well persuaded; but she forebore to reproach her for the unselfish act. She had been weeks without it before its loss was discovered; and Mademoiselle feared that she had already taken harm from the want of it before it was replaced.

Office. Philomena declared that she felt

(To be continued.)



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rassment passed over her face, for there, close beside her, was the darkeyed stranger, whose earnest gaze she had seen fixed upon her in the cha-

"Hush, dear maminka, I will tel

"He has eyes like yours, maminka, her, to bear the tones of her sweetly

quetry, so perfectly harmonious looks, voice and manner; so inno

issues as they present them

covered the state of affairs for herself.

In vain Philomena pleaded. Her father, her duty to him, his need of her. All her objections were met with the fullest and noblest aspurand more than enough, for all, and that her father should be always their

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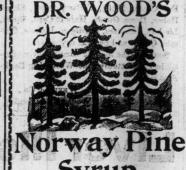
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