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From the New York Independent.
(Concluded.)

"Marian Lane asked me to-day again about our stepmother," said Fanny, coming in where Cousin Margery was sewing the ruffles into the necks of their best dresses for her little tea party on Christmas we. "And I told her it was a wicked story. We weren't going to have any stepmother, and we wouldn't stay in the house with one, any of us?"

"Wouldn't you?" said Cousin Margery,

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"Wouldn't you?" said Consin Margery,
"Why, that would be a pity. Where
would you go?"
"We would go the poorhouse," said
Em, decidedly, quite oblivious of the fact
of their present dependence. "And you
may tell Papa so, if he saw anything.

may tell Papa so, if he says anything about it, Cousin Margary," said the 11-year old little oracle. "We have made up our minds. And I guess that would make Papa ashamed of himself!" "Emily, do you know what you are saying? Make your father ashamed of himself! I can't hold conversation with children who speak so of their father; and such a father as yours has been to you. I am ashamed of you!"

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"Cousin Margery! What will become
of you, if Papa marries a step-mother!"

cried Pauline, triumphantly.

"Of me? Oh! I shall be taken cars
of!" said Cousin Margery, smilingly.

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mother in the house, I'd rather die !" cried Em.

"So'd I," whimpered Fanny.

"I'd rather have her die !" said Johnny.

"I'll make it hot for her, any way. I guess she'il be sorry she ever came where she wasn'nt wanted. We'll worry her to death; that's what Tom and I'll do. I hate her! I just hate her!"

"I don't," said Cousia Margery; "and I don't believe you do. I shouldn't wonder really if you loved her."

"Loved a stepmother!" was the indignant reply. And Em fled from the room, to be overtaken, sobbing, over the top of a trunk by Fan, who flung her arms around her, exclaiming, "Oh, Em, I too have lost a mother!"

It was not a cheerful week that followed. Mr. Ballinger had no ohildren climbing over him, as of old, in its evenings; and Cousin Margery had no peace for the questions and conjectures concerning the draaded personage. "Oh! isn't it too bad!" cried Fanny, one day, bursting into tears no one knows why except for the general agitation. "She'll be wearing our mother's clothes, and everything!" And seven little Katey went about the house singing.

"My wicked mother slew me,

"My wicked mother slew me,
My father long did rue me,
My sister Margery, gentle fay,
Stole all my little bones away."
and the rest of the lugubrious lines from
her fairy book.
Still the world had to go on, stepmother
or not; and Christmas had to come; and
they forgot a great deal of their tribulation
in the necessary preparations, and, warmed they forgot a great deal of their tribulation in the necessary preparations, and, warmed with the general spirit, they even forgot their disapprobation of their father so far as to spend some of their pocket money for handkerchiefs for him, which they worked with Cousin Margery's hair, because none of theirs was long enough; and with the increase of the increasing atmosphere of Christmas their trouble became easier to be borne.

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