There has hardly been as large an export trade this year as usual if one may judge by appearances without any figures to guide the opinion. And this falling off seems to be because of a dearth of suitable export animals. The export of horses from Canada and the United States grew in five years from 3,000 animals to 30,000 and from a value of \$700,000 to \$4,800,000. The continent of Europe took of the 30,000 less than 7,000 of which rather over half went to Belgium and the lesser half to France, Germany and Holland. France took a class of "cabbers." The bulk of all the others were draft horses, in fact of those going to Great of the service of There has hardly been as large The bulk of all the others were draft horses, in fact of those going to Great Britain 90 per cent. were draft animals, 7 per cent. were high class coachers, and 3 per cent. were roadsters and trotters. Those rated draft, are animals weighing 1,500 lbs. or over. It costs from \$30 to \$40 per head to send a horse from Chicago, Toronto or Buffalo, to the market in Europe and another \$10.0r so to put him in shape there for sale, as it takes some time for the horse to recover from the effects of the sea voyage.

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The charge for a cheap horse is just as great as for a first class animal so that it pays to buy and export the best class. From this it will be readily seen how important the Draft Stallion is to the export trade in horses. And the value of a draft horse increases largely with size. Horses weighing 1,700 lbs. are much more valuable than those weighing 1,500 lbs. Over the former weight a good quality of horse flesh is valuable; it has been estimated that over 1,700 lbs. it is worth 50c per pound. Good, well made draft stallions are more needed now than ever before if we are to keep and increase our export trade in horses.

Canada's Paris Exhibits.

The Canadian Commissioners for the Paris exhibition have decided to recommend that the exhibits be sent by regular steamer instead of by one of the government vessels as was first proposed. The only vessels available from the government fleet were the Newfield and Stanley. Both are comparatively slow boats, but the greatest drawback was the fact that their carrying canacity was very small.

The Santa Scala, or Holy Stairs, at Rome, were brought from Jerusalem along with the true cross by the Empress Helen, and were taken from the house which, according to popular tradition, was inhabited by Pontius Pilate. They are said to be the steps which Jesus ascendeed and descended when brought into the presence of the Roman Governor. They are held in the greatest veneration at Rome. It is sacrilegious to walk upon them. The knees of the faithful must alone touch them in ascending or descending that only after the pilgrims.

ther write to Esther nor go to her to tell her that he had repented—so terpilly lake—of his promise to her. If the did that, then indeed her pain would have been so much suffering wasted. She knew him too well to think that he had already written his letter. It would hurt him to write it, and he would put it off to the last hour; she divined that easily. She sat down in the early morning sunlight to write to him, never once denying that she loved him, that it was like death to give him up, but still insisting that it was the only thing for her to do.

"For any other woman I could not do terminate the send and a time."

send a note to Mrs. Hardinge, asking her to forward her boxes; but her under the would hut her of it.

"Let them be. If they are in her way, be can be time enough to see about them when we get home again."

"But my poor dresses, uncle! They will be all out of style by that time."

"The did that, then indeed her pain would not hear of it.

"Let them be. If they are in her way, be can be used to flower in the way to flower him and Dulcle. I am confident of that. He was that day, nor had Esther been out. So it came about that before she had been a week in London Dulcle was off been a week in London Dulcle was off been any who had twice stepped in between him and Dulcle. I am confident of that. He way, and the way or had Esther been out. But Dulcie had. He came down to her and not to Etty. I am glad that he is a new light. His heart ached, and a new light. His heart ached, and a new light. His heart ached, and and the dimples would come back in time."

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He had not heeded her words much at the time, but he heeded them now. Seeing Dulcie's face, he read them in a new light. His heart ached, and a sudden hot resentment against the man who had twice stepped in between him and the woman he loved rose in him. Then it died, quenched in immeasurable nits.

diner. She smiled, and gave Hugh Fleming her hand frankly enough, yet he saw she was not quite at her ease

he saw she was not quite at her ease with him.

"She is angry with me." he said to himself, "and perhaps she has a right. Who can tell how the poor girl was tempted?"

She sat down on a low chair at the further end of the long salon. He saw her through a vista of cool shadows of flickering bars of sunlight. The windows were open, but the jalousies were down, and through them the sunlight came into the room. True to her instinct, Ducked dressed with care.

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She wore a dinner-dress of delicate gray silk, trimmed with creamy lace, and in the bosom of her dress was a last tea-rose, half blown and fragrant. She was lovelier than ever, be thought, and yet so different from the Dulcie that had blushed and laughed her way into his heart in Kent. He contented himself with looking at her for a while, and then—just as she had known he would be—he was drawn to go and speak to her. As she watched him crossing to her from the other end of the long, bare salon, she wondered a little at her own interest in him. He was not her judge, yet she longed to appease his anger.

"It is horrible," she thought, "for a man so good and clever to think ill of me; and besides he might turn Esther against me if I quarrel with him now." So, for Esther's sake, and for fear of future prejudice, she set herself to soft ent his rigid law-giver. Alas for the citadel that has a foe without and inside a friend ready to throw wide the gate to him! Hugh Fleming's heart had not the ghost of a chance.

CHARCERD XX

a refreshing music that sultry August day as it sang over its bed in little sharps and trebles.

Flinging herself down under one of the trees. Dulcle stretched her arms above her head and gave herself up to dreaming. As she lay there, her small head half buried in the lush grass, her face upturned, the sunshine came through the leaves, and flickered on the gold band round her throat, and on her curity hair. But she never moved. She had no fear for her complexion, and she had a southern love of heat.

"I do wish he was not coming," she said to herself, half aloud. "I would rather meet any one in the world than him."

to hereen, with a man, support wild thyme in her restless fingers, "you had better get back to town. This quiet life doesn't suit you. It might end in an attack of softening of the brain, for you have no heart, you know, not an atom, to be affected."

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