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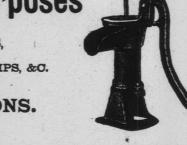
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trouble makes little difference. cutting blast of wind. She shuffled on was the answer and the father turned as fast as possible, considering her soaked awaywhat she expected. A deep sigh escaped her. The "bundle of rags" (called father) on the straw in the corner (ca On a low couch of straw, covered with a to convulsive sobbing. thin, patched army quilt, lay a little girl of seven, pale and faded; but, though the clammy sweat stood upon her brow, one could not but say, "How lovely." Yes, though a drunkard's forsaken child, Lena more. Will I Amy?" Amy's tears were Croft's pinched features were beautiful. falling faster than the rain-drops out-Amy knelt down by her side, took the side, but her heart was too full to speak. little thin hand in her own, and poor "I'll ask God to come for you sister, child although she did not intend to wake soon-soon. No tears there. Mamma." her sick sister, the hot tears that fell The sinless sleeper was at rest. from her eyes had that effect, and the little one's eyes opened and looked upon her imploringly. She had begged her father, with all the strength and pathos of her anguish, to call a physician for Lena, even getting down upon her knees before the degraded man with her earnest pleading; but no, this heartless fat

urned away from his eldest born sick child, and gave it to the rum seller, who was licensed to flood his home with

servants had bade her begone. She had come back empty-handed and brokenhearted. She could not resist this appunishment law.

"You may, dearie. You shall, my little lamb. Just wait a minute," she cried, and again- she bounded out (that freezing, wet, starving child), resolved that she would ring the front door bells and see the ladies themselves, as a last

Thinking only of Lena, her poor, tired feet seemed shod with wings. She hurried through the streets and rung the front door bell of the first respectable house. A tidy housemaid opened the door, and in answer to Amy's pleadings "Please may I see the lady?" she receiv-"You dirty girl, to come up these clean steps with your dirty feet. Begone this instant," and the door was slammed in her face. She turned despairingly but resolutely (the sad eyes at home haunting her) and pulled the next bell. As the servant opened the door Amy said quickly, "My little sirter is starving, please

give me something for her." "Beggars should go to back doors." angrily answered the girl, and was about to shut the door when a gentle voice said, "Let her step in on the oilcloth so that I

"But, sure, she's drippin' wet, ma'am,

"Do as I say. Let her in." The door was opened and Amy stepped

"Oh, how lovely," thought the poor out-cast, "how bright and how lovely everything is," and her eyes wandered to the sweet-voiced invalid lying upon the

"My poor girl, what can I do for you?" "O ma'am, something for my sister. My poor ltttle sister is sick and dyin' and

with a thankful heart, and the world look-

the hovel she called her home, although the rain still fell pitilessly.

Just as she en tered the door the tattered heap in the corner moved, and the misérable father father raised himself with difficulty to a siving posture and looked YARNS. at her with an ill-tempered scowl. He had grown so bitter and revengeful in his

"What you carryin' so sneakin'?" h

"To Washburn's for a drink." "O, father leave me the jelly or Lens drops more or less either of water or will die, and poor little Annie wrung

her hands in agony. She hurried around the corner and a "Pick up the crusts that I left; they'r shiver passed through her frame with a good enough for such brats as you are,"

feet, held her poor wet garments close to Amy opened the bedroom door trem her as if for protection, turned up a dark bling. How could she face her little siscourt, opened a creaking door in a rick- ter without food again, and tell her there erty tenement house and entered. How was none? But there was no need; Lens cold and dark and damp, although just had heard all. Thro' the little |broken did not move, and she softly opened the hand to Amy, and the heart-broken girl looked in. All was hushed and still. with scalding tears as she broke forth in-

Guilty of Murder.

ALFRED, Me., June 15.-Frank P. rks of Kittery was found guilty of neurder in the first degree in killing Mrs. er and ook chartness, the thing Mrs. the God's blessing would have brought relief to his Mary Tarlton of that town, in the supreme court, this afternoon, but sentence was withheld pending decisions of points poverty, hunger and perhaps something and considering the fact that it took till nearly Tuesday noon to obtain a jury, "I am so glad you've come, Amy, I'm the trial had been an expeditious one. so hungry. Can I have something now?" Interest in the case has been purely local, Amy looked at the thin cheek so touch- as there was no sensational incidents atngly white, at the blue eyes that once tending the crime. The murder, neverthebeamed with laughter, and her heart sunk less, was cold-blooded and the only apparwithin her. She felt such a weight of ant motive was robbery. It was admitted Do You Think of Building oppression that she could not speak. by the defence that Parks was intoxica-She had promised to get something for tedat or about the time of the murder. Obthe sick child and had failed. She had jection by counsel is based on the judge's rung at many basement doors, but the charge to the jury. Should the verdict

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