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NANCY.

I have lit the cardles, and am looking at myself in the cheval-gla. What has become of my beauty, pray? The powder is shaken from my hair: it no longer rises in a white and comedy pile: the motion of dancing has loosened and tossed it, it has a look of dull. gray dishevelment. The rouge has almost disappeared; melted away, or sunk in; there never was a great deal of it, never the generous abundance that adorned Mr. Parker's face. I cannot help lauthing, even now, as I think of the round, red smouth that so artlessly ornamented each of his cheeks.

I neither ring for my maid nor attempt to up-

I neither ring for my maid nor a tempt to undress myself. I either keep walking restlessly to and fro, or I sit by the casement, while the cold little wind lifts my dusty hair or blows at all. I'm no great shakes.

the bounding and stamping cease; the departing the bounding and stamping cease; the departing carriage-wheels grind and crunch on the gravel drive. I shall not have much longer to wait; he will be coming soon now. But there is yet anopen my door and listen, it seems to me that the reaches me from the hall the sound of voices in loud and angry altercation; it is too far off for me to distinguish to whom they belong. Then to the door to intercept him, on his way to his dressing-room. He utters an exclamation of surprise on seeing me.

A small boy was receiving instructions to the formula to be dead of the Central traffic association, Trunk line association and one of the New England roads will have undered that will become deeply impressed that will become deeply impressed to the New York. The business of the meeting to day in New York. The business of the meeting to day in New York. The business of the meeting to day in New York. The business of the meeting to day in New York. The business of the meeting to day in New York. The business of the meeting to day in New York. The business of the meeting to day in New York. The business of the meeting to day in New York. The business of the meeting to day in New York. The business of the meeting to day in New York. The business of the meeting to day in New York. The business of the meeting to day in New York. The business of the meeting to day in New York. The business of the meeting to day in New York. The business of the meeting to day in New York. The business of the meeting to day in New York. The business of the meeting to day in New York. The business of the meeting to day in New York is an order of the New England roads will had an important meeting to day in New York. The business of the meeting to day in New York is an order of the New I limit the sound of the New I limit and the sound one of the New England roads will had an important meeting to day in New York is an order of the New I limit and one of the New I limit and one of the New I limit and one of th of surprise on seeing me.

'Not in bed yet? Not undressed? They told me that you were tired and had gone to bed hours ago!'

'Did they?'
I can say only these two little word.

some time ago.'
'I know,' he answers, with a slight accent of irritation; it is Algy's fault! I do not know what has come to that boy; he hardly seems in his right mind to-night: he has been trying to pick a quarrel with Parker, because he lit Mrs. Huadey's candle for her.'
'Yes,' say I, breathing short and hard. Has not he himself introduced her name?
'And you know Parker is always ready for a cow-loves it—and as he is as screwed to-night as he well can be, it has been as much as we could do to make them keep their hands off each other!' After a moment he adds: 'Silly boy! he has been doing his best to fall out with me, but I would not let him compass that.'
'Has he?'
Roger has begun to walk up and down, as I did

Roger has begun to walk up and down, as I did a while ago; on his face a look of unquiet discontent.
'It was a mistake his coming here this time,' he says, with a sort of anger, and yet compassion, in his tone. 'If he had had a grain of sense he would have stayed away!

'It is a thousand pities that you cannot send us all home again!' I say, with a tight, pale smile—
'send us packing back again, Algy, and Barbara, and me—replace me on the wall among the brok-

and me-replace me on the wall among the broken bottles, where you found me.

My voice shakes as I make this dreary joke.

'Why do you say that?' he cries, passionately.

'Why do you torment me? You know as well as I do that it is out of the question! You know that I am no more able to free you than—'

'You would, then, if you could?' cry I, breathing short and hard. 'You own it?'

For a moment he hesitates: then:

'Yes,' he says, firmly, 'I would! I did not think, at one time, that I should ever have lived to say it, but I would.'

'You are at least candid,' I answer, with a sort of smothered sob, turning away.

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'Nancy!' he cries, following me, and taking hold of my cold and clammy hands, while what looks—what, at least, I should have once said looks—what, at least, I should have once said looked like a great yearning fills his kind and han Isome eyes; 'we are not very happy, are we? perhaps, child, we never shall be now—often I think so. Wel!, it cannot be helped, I suppose. We are not the first, and we shall not be the tast!' (with a deep and bitter sigh). 'But, indeed I think door that we are unagrapher than

deed, I think, dear, that we are unhappier than I shrug my shoulders with a sort of careless despair.

Do you think so? I fancy not. Some people their spread over their have their happiness thinly spread over their whole lives, like bread-and-scrape! I say, with a homely bitterness. 'Some people have it in a lump! that is all the difference? I had mine in a

nin-teen very good years! I end, sobbing.

He still has hold of my hands. His face is full of distress; indeed, distress is too weak a word—

Any one would have said that you were enjoying yourself, he pursues, eagerly; 'were not

You?'
'Yes,' say I, ruefully, 'I was very much.' Then, with a sudden change of tone to that sneering key which so utterly, so unnaturally, misbecomes me—'And you?'
I!' He laughs slightly. 'I am a little past the age when one derives any very vivid satisfaction from a ball, and yet,' with a softening of eye and voice, 'I liked looking at vou, too!'

'And it was pleasant in the billiard-room, was not it?' say I, with a stiff and coldly ironical smile: 'so quiet and shady.'

'In the billiard-room?'

'Do Love many the say,' own I, my factitions

'Do you mean to say,' cry I, my factitious smile vanishing, and flashing out into honest, *Deny it!' he echoes, in a tone of the deepest and most displeased astonishment: of course not. Why should I? What would be the obnot. Why should I? What would be the object? And if there were one—have I ever told you a lie? with a reproachful accent on the pronoun. I was there half an hour, I should think.

'And why were you?' cry I, losing all com-mand over myself. 'What business had you? where not there plenty of other rooms—rooms where there were lights and people? 'Plenty.' he replies, coldly, still with that look of heavy displeasure; 'and for my part I had far rather have staved there. I went into the billiard-room because Mrs. Huntley asked me to take her. She said she was afraid of the draughts anywhere clse.'

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"Was it the draughts that were making her cry

*Was it the draughts that were making her cry so bitterly, pray? say 1, my eyes—dry now, achingly drv—flashing a wretched hostility back into his. 'I have heard of their making people's eyes run, indeed, but I never heard of their causing them to sob and moan.'

He has begun again to tramp up and down, and utters an exclamation of weary impatience. 'How could I help her crying?' he asks, with a tired irritation in his tone. 'Do you think I enjoyed it? I hate to see a woman weep, it makes me miserable! it always did; but I have not the slightest objection—why. in Heaven's name.

me miserable: It always did; but I have not the slightest objection—why, in Heaven's name, should I?—to tell you the cause of her tears. She was talking to me about her child.'

"Her child! repeat I, in an accent of the sharpest, cuttingest scorn. 'And you were taken in! I knew that she made capital out of that child, but I thought that it was only neophytes like but I thought that it was only neophytes like Algy for whose benefit it was trotted out! I thought you were too much of a man of the world, that she knew you too well, I laugh derisively.

"Would you like to know the true history of the little Huntley?" I go on after a moment. "Would you like to know that its grand-mother, providing upoyactedly found its maning wild. about the lanes, a little neglected heathen, out at elbows. an i with its frock up to its knees, and hat she took it out of pure pity. Mrs. Zephine not making the slightest objection, but, on the contrary, being heartily glad to be rid of -do you like to know that?

*How do you know it?' (speaking quickly)—
*how did you near it?'
'I was told.'
*But who told you?'

*That is not of the slightest consequence.'
"I wish to know.'

Mr. Musgrave told me. I can manage his name better than I used, but even now I redden. For once in his life, Roger, too, sneers as bitterly as I myself have been doing.

Mr. Musgrave seems to have told you a good more things?

shuts my mouth.
To be continued.

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ON THE BIAS.

THE POST-LENTEN GIRL. A chastened grace spread o'er her face, A chastened grace spread o'er her face, Likewise a dotted veil; She wore a frown, besides a gown Bought at a bargain sale. She walked the aisle in stunning style, Also the silken hose; Yet, as she knelt, one somewhat felt She felt proud of her clo'es.

The man who is shadowed is necessarily

under a cloud. It is not impossible to meet with a plump refusal from a slender girl.

When a big operator bulls the market he must bear the consequences. Now that at-tired feeling comes over a

fellow with a new spring suit. The man who owns a folding bed doesn't have to look far for something to turn up. There isn't anything we know that somebody didn't have to burn his fingers to find

Adown the lowering winter air A whisper comes of spring, And in the hive the busy bee Is whetting up his sting.

He (rather regretting his precipitancy)— After all, I fear that I am unworthy of you. She (fearful of losing him)—O, not

against my hot, stiff eyes, or I stand stupidly before the glass bitterly regarding the ruins of my one night's fairness. I do not know for how little girl? Little girl—If the corporation doesn't object, I'd prefer to pay full fare, and to keep my own statistics.

A small boy was receiving instructions and a discrimination in favor of the latter. of the altar, while praying most fer-in simple mathematics, and the fond This change will eventually affect nearly vently to the individual saint to give mother asked: -"Now, Frank, if you had every road west of New York. The Trunz success in an enterprise, remove the five oranges, and Aunt B. was to ask you Line Association will first establish their cares or sooth the heart's grief.

Auntie-Johnny, you never hear your papa use such language. Johnny- No: and I take mighty good care that he doesn't hear me.

THEORY VS. APPLICATION. Studious boy-Father, did you ever study arithmetic? Father — (indignantly)—Of course

studied arithmetic. Studious boy-Well, I can't find the cube root of-Father-(hastily)-

Nature is getting vociferous.
The trees are out on a lark;
If you listen, you'll hear the crow-cuss,
And the beautiful dogwood bark,

HORRORS OF THE NEXT WAR.

The Destructiveness of New Guns (alls for Better Sanitary Service. Rome, April 23.—The fifth international Conference of the Red Cross Society was opened here to day by the Syndic of Rome. Herr von Koller, amid great enthusiasm. the person elaborating in an essay the best plan for removing speedily the wounded from the field of battle. This offer, he

The effect of the new small calibre rifle, now introduced in all the great armies of Europe, had rendered necessary an improvement in the sanitary service in the field. If unhindered, the ball from one of these rifles would go a mile. The ball would penetrate walls and trees that hitherto served as protection to soldiers, and would pass through bodies in successive lines of battle. The aim with the new rifle was also truer, and the rapidity with which successive shots could be delivered

of distress: indeed, distress is too weak a word—
of acute and utter pain.

'What makes you talk like this now, to-night?'
he asks, earnestly. 'I have been deceiving myself with the hope that you were having one happy evening, as I watched you dancing—did you see me? I dare say not—of course you were not thinking of me. You looked like the old light-hearted Nancy that lately I have been thinking was gone forever!'

'Did 1?' say I dejectedly, slowly drawing my hands from his, and wiping my wet eyes with my pocket-handkerchief.

'Any one would have said that you were enof the sanitary service would also be increased. The slaughter in the front lines would be tremendous, and, as the lines would advance at greater intervals than heretofore, and the front and rear would be further separated, the work of carrying off the wounded would be rendered much more laborious and perilous. In a battle in which 18,000 were wounded, not fewer than 1,000 stretchers and 2,000 porters block system, making it impossible for two trains to run upon the same continu would be needed and then it would take eight or nine hours of the hardest work to cover the field. In addition to such a great force of porters must be reckoned the doctors and nurses who also must be ning. At all grade crossings a red electric more numerous than before. Such an army of sanitary servants would be almost impossible. Some new method for meeting the emergency must be found. It was for the Red Cross to find improvements in the sanitary service to correspond with the improvements in the weapons of warfare. To encourage this effort was the purpose of the King and Queen in offering the prize.

HOW THE FIELD WAS WON.

The Victory an Important One. In many respects Canada is a difficult country to conquer. The difficulty is not owing to the country's impregnable position or defences, or the magnitude of its military organization. The whole power lies military organization. The whole power lies rails. They will have wedge shaped ends round the facts with stand but the facts that the facts of gravity overy low and near the track, decreasing immensely the danger of jumping the military organization. The whole power lies rails. They will have wedge shaped ends the country to conquer.

The difficulty is not ground, which brings the centre of gravity overy low and near the track, decreasing immensely the danger of jumping the military organization. The whole power lies rails. They will have bedge shaped ends the country to conquer. in the character of its people, and their pe-culiar views. Canadians are a very con-factor in high-speed engines. servative people, in a large degree they are governed by puritanical views of honesty, and never give up what they possess, until assured of something better.

A few years ago Paine's Celery Compound came before the people of our country offering advantages, from a medical point of view, that no other remedy could show or offer. The attack on the country was made at an opportune time-a period when men and women were looking for something better than anything they knew call drunken men victims of "the English new-comer, at first coldly received, soon began its remarkable and wonderful work, and, in a short time, proved to all its

claims to respect, admiration and confi-The old and antiquated medicines and preparations, that were sold freely before. soon were forced to retire; and the field out before dark. was left to the new invader. Instead of spreading fear, distrust and danger, Paine's out the fact that, as tennis is a one-armed Celery Compound, wherever used, con- sport, it has a terdency to produce a oneferred lasting benefit and satisfaction. The dyspeptic, rheumatic, nervous, sleepless, cricket. worn and weary were restored to perfect This is carrying the war into the enemy's health; and, in many a sad and weeping quarters, and so I feel it. For the moment it home, joy and consolation were ushered health; and, in many a sad and weeping fixed in its socket, hence the look of wisin. This grand work is going on with have. In the horse an eye in wnich vigor in every section of our Dominion, white predominates indicates a vicious A tooth perve is the most sensitive, and and can only cease when all Canadian suf- nature. ferers shall have found a new life and a promise of long years.

RAILWAY RUMBLINGS.

Latest Intelligence from Various

Highways of Trame An engineering corps in the employ the Findlay, Fort Wayne & Western road is engaged in running an eastern extension of that line through Sereca county. The road is built and in operation from Find-

lay west to the state line and will soon be completed to Ft Wayne. The route proposed on the eastern extension is about eight miles south of Tiffin, but prominent citizens of the latter town are offering inducements to have it run through that and natural gas regions of Ohio and In-

Dissatisfaction among the employes of the Reading system is still growing, and the Hudson River division of the Brother. hood of locomotive engineers has called a meeting for next Wednesday to discuss meeting for next Wednesday to discuss the matter. The trouble is mostly confined to the Lehigh Valley division, and the chief cause of complaint is the laying off gleet the religious service on Sundays and take off a large number of trains and dis-

The five oranges, and Aunt B. was to ask you have larged through the room now, and the door is thut. I suppose I left?" The youngster thought for a molock odd: wild and gray and haggard through the poor remains of my rouge.

'You are late,' I say, presently, in a voice of low constraint, 'are not you? everybody went are not you? everybody in praying additional part of the say only these two little words. I am panting so, as if I had run hard we are both in for four, how many would you have left?" The youngster thought for a molock odd: wild and gray and haggard through the poor remains of my rouge.

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to the exposition grounds. Of the announced that the King and Queen of Italy had offered a prize, 4,000 trancs, to trade, 75 for suburban travel and 50 for use on the main line. Several lines are figuring on a cheaper class of coaches, which will be a sort of an observation car said, was suggested by that part of the programme concerning the care of those who tell wounded in the first or second will be just as good as the regular coach. will be just as good as the regular coach. When the great demand for cars has passed these temporary coaches can be converted into flat or coal cars at a little expense. The question of transportation is one of great importance and the railroads have commenced early to prepare for the rush, One of the greatest experiments in the application of electricity as a motive power

on railroads will be tried within the next year on the Chicago-St. Louis railway. The route has already been established and will be nearly 35 miles shorter than any lines now running between these cities. Electricity alone is to be used and it is intended to send passenger cars across the country at the rate of 100 miles an hour. The company has been organized for the purpose of constructing and operating not only a complete electric railway between Chicago and St. Louis, but also to supply cities along the route with light and power. The road will be operated from one central station located at the mouth of a coalmine (which the company will also operate by means of improved electrical appliances), situated very nearly midway between the termini. It will be divided into blocks of ten miles two trains to run upon the same section. The road will be illuminated by incandescent electric lamps for one mile ahead and one mile behind every car while runlight will be displayed and an electric bell rung for two minutes before it is time for the train to pass. It is intended to ultimately construct four tracks, the two outside for local traffic while the two inner tracks will be used exclusively for through passenger traffic.
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PERSONALS. Fig trees and cedars are rarely struck

London living in single rooms.

The natives of Damascus are said to Elections in France are always held on Sundays, in order to suit the convenience

of workingmen and peasants. A woman in Alexandria, Va., on her way to a fashionable party, attired in decollete costume, was arrested for being A female physican, Dr. Bissel, points

sided development. Yet she approves of The eyeball of an owl is immovably dom that that bird always appears to

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

receive good tidings their first feeling is to thank God. When the present Emperor. then Crown Prince, returned from the war place. The road will run through the coal him at the station had first to stop at the Kasan's Church that he might thank the Lord before he drew up at the castle to

meet his family.

The better educated families, especially those of the nobility, have somewhat out grown this habit, bordering on superstiof men without apparent reason. A pro- holy days; the attendance in the churches, minent member of the Brotherhood said: therefore, is always good. There are no Since the coal combination was formed organs in the churches, but a well trained the mine owners have been compelled to chorus of singers, the voices of which are most impressive: passages of the Bible are at Easton, Pa., they are only working three days a week."

read in the old Slavonic language, that is not further from modern Russian than middle English from modern English. In A special committee of the Central this way even those who cannot read will

of the saints. Everybody in praying ad dresses his personal saint, who is supposed to be the connecting link between the individual and God.



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