

The Lost Treasure.

The dream was over, but with its going Susan's life had hung in the balance. Skill, the wonderful skill which science has attained saved her. She came back out of the shadowland to life, but not to its joy ; to the habit of existence without its hope. No one among her own, save her husband, had dreamed that Susan could feel so intensely. Her sisters, Mrs. Meade and Mrs. Carter, were astonished It was too bad about the childbut then, they had kept Susan : For when Susan turned from them. searching for that which she had lost, and nearly-oh, very nearly -finding it, only then had they realized what Susan meant to them all.

"As for the baby, she will not miss it; she has never had it," they said. Susan would have laughed

in pure mockery if she heard these words. But seated in he do so vet. low wicker chair on the sunny porch, a thick shawl about her and the glory of her garden stretching before her eyes, she heard nothing, said nothing ; she catch in her throat. lived her own inner life and kept all others shut out from her. John Harrison was heart-

broken. "Talk to her, make her talk to

you," said Father Perry, of St. later? How would it be as the Anne's-Father Perry who had days went by and the vision offered his daily Mass for her seemed more and more the reality ? during that troubled week in Whet then ? which her life hung by a single thread. "Let her rid herself of this brooding spirit by putting been waiting an hour, pacing the words to her thoughts.

They tried hard enough, Father -Perry himself and her husband. almost flinging himself upon But in the middle of a sentence Susan would pause and her eye lids droop wearily. After that she

would say nothing. When he could stand it. longer, John Harrison went t Dr. Phelps.

She's not getting well," 'he said abruptly. "She must get well," he added, with clenched hands. "Well_" Dr. Phelps looked

thoughtful. " I'll see.' "When ?" asked John Harr

garden. He felt that he had lost But Father Perry had no intenthe thread. But he persisted. tion of appearing busy. There pleasure to say that I experienced "Come!" His voice was stern were about fifteen children in the great relief from Muscular Rheu-

You have not told me what you She did not answer. " Tell me !" he urged.

pastor of St. Anne's five years A frown of annoyance curved and away from the city that er brows. That stern voice hurt, length of time. He knew each by out it compelled an answer. name, and soon was the centre of "I see a little child," she said the entire group, listening, talk He is playing in my graden. He ing, laughing, scolding. builds houses of stones Boys, be quiet ! Boys, Mother than things. They are vital forces pebbles." Her voice died off will put me out ! Honestly ! She and have endless effects. What dreamily, and now she spoke as won't allow me to come in again you think today determines what if all this were but a dream f we make such a racket. - Be you will be in years to come. Once in a while he tires of his

uiet now. play and lies down-beside the At which they laughed up road. And his hair—his hair oariously, for he was their idol. is a patch of light on the ground. and they knew well they had free He sits up, rubbing his eyes. Oh, they are so blue, so bright! They rein when he came. One by one he managed to

are like stars !" She was trembling. "You are satisfed to sit here vatching him ?" His tones were

with an odd sinking of the heart gentle now-very, very gentle. -just looked at them calmly "Yes-I think so. Some day, when my feet can bear my weight, and made no sign. I am going down to him. I cannot "They are very good children, aid Mother Agnes at last, sorry

Dr. Phelps said nothing. He for the disappointment she saw on Father Perry's mobile face. waited ; his brows met. John Harrison turned to Susan -" Why-why don't you laugh

"Well, Susan ?" he asked. Then DANDRUFF. at me?" asked. Susan with a he sat up quickly, and followed She knew, then ! A quick thrill her glance. "What is it ?" of hope shot through the listner's

were hardly

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nalion is as much a sum

For Susan, trembling visibly, heart. Beneath this dreaming was looking over the heads of fantasy her sane and sensible self the children. A little fellow had held sway. But how would it be just entered the room and was

> now coming as fast as two crutches would permit toward the priest. "Oh, Father ! Oh, ho, Father Perry !" he shouted. " I'm coming,

place the children before Susan

She did not lose her listlessne

her indifference, and he saw i

He reached his office late in the Father ! Look out for me ! "I'm afternoon! John Harrison had oming!

"Yes, yes !" cried Father Perry floor for the last twenty minutes n turn. "Make way for the little of it. Now he faced the doctor, Prince, boys-Make room for

> Prince David." The children laughed good-

The children laughed good-naturedly and opened a line to Father Perry's knee. The crippled boy reached him, panting with excitement, and was perched up as if on a throne, laughing a joyous laugh and set all the others giggling. He was not a pretty boy. His hair was a bright red and his

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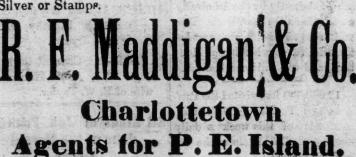
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