

By George Manville Fenn.

"Yes; and isn't it lucky, father?" exclaimed her bright, cheerful, young voice. "for she had been standing at the door."

"Oh, my darling! I can't part with you," I groaned.

"Only for a little while, father dear," she said nestling to me. "And eight pounds a year; that will be two pounds for me for dress—must dress well, dear—and half for you and mamma. That will nearly half pay one quarter's rent, you know, and think! there will be three less to keep, and I do eat so heartily."

"I tried very hard to follow in the same spirit of gaiety; but in those days I was sure of a blanket that I soon led the way, and it ended in our all sobbing together."

uncomfortable, and longing for the time when she might return home.

"Meanwhile, as the weeks slipped by, I grew so well that I felt almost like my former self; and had anything been wanting to complete my cure, it was a visit from a former partner of the firm that I needed. He had left the years before to commence business for himself, and had thriven so that his establishment was as large as that from which he had split.

"We had always been on civil terms, but I never thought he noticed me. Now, however, on finding out that I was disgraced, he came to me with a most brilliant offer—at least it seemed so to me then.

"As I left the room I nearly fell over the footman who had evidently been listening. And I caught a glimpse of two female heads disappearing at the doorway as I hurried down the stairs.

"'Here, my man,' I said, 'tell me all you know,' and I thrust my hand once more into my meagrely filled pocket.

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"And as you say, or rather as you think, we may lose our darlings after all."

"And that was your great trouble?" I said.

"Yes," he replied, "sunshine and rain. Had both, though I could not see clearly through the storm."

"Your falling was that of many," I said sadly; "and it is so, that whatever rain falls into each life. God sends his sunshine to dry those tears."

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**If Fashion Can Help Her She is to Look
Prettier and More Chic
Than Ever.**

are of the most suitable for wear in the early spring. This does not refer to bicycle costumes, but to those gowns with which we strive to make ourselves beautiful as we wheel. It is very noticeable that braided costumes are very popular this year, and, in fact, is equally a favorite this season. Many of the newest things are elaborately ornamented after this fashion. To the possessor of a good figure a braided costume is exceedingly becoming and it gives the wearer a feeling of being in the vanguard. The points of excellence and style over those which are less desirable.

One of the newest ideas is to have the backs of tailor-built bodices braided. This must fit the figure tightly and the fringed bodices from the bust to the shoulders below the waist. The particular ad-

How were friendships possible? In mutual respect, devotion to the good and true; otherwise wise men would be as armed neutrals, or hollow commercial league, or, at best, the heavens ever praised, be sufficient to himself; yet were ten nicu, united in love, capable of being and of doing what ten single would fall in. Infinite help can be made to man.—Carlyle.

Sidney. Friendship is the love which, when it is slayed by heat, or violence, or accident, may as well be broken at once; it never can be trusted after, it is never so useful and ornamental to life, as when it is not so much a hope as a reality.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Gla

Russian jurymen. Thus, the former jury declared he would not send his fellow to prison because it happened to be his (the jurymen's) birthday. The jury had agreed upon a verdict of acquittal when the church bells began to ring. They revised their verdict because a burglar had begun. A burglar was allowed to go free because the man whom he had robbed had refused to lend him money. It was in the opinion of the jury, therefore, that there was no incentive to crime.—Literary Digest

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