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LANCH had kept her threat

and literally taken possession of her new friend and in-

stalled her in the guest room of the Nason residence. To be taken in

hand, as it were, by a cultured and

wealthy young lady, and to have a liv-

eried and obsequious coachman on duty to convey them anywhere and every-

where was a new experience. It was

and to notice that Mrs. Nason treated

peculiarities of her pupils who wore outgrown roundabouts or calico pina-

fores, "and I suppose they grow fond

"and I find that is the easiest way to

govern them. I seldom have to punish any one. In a way, children are like

grown people, and a little tact and a few words said in the right way are

nore potent than fear of punishment."

"And do you not find life in so small a place rather monotonous?" asked Mrs. Nason.
"Oh, yes," replied Alice, "it is not

much like city life. It is delightful to have theaters and the excitement of

ocial duties, as I imagine you have

all the time, and yet I am not sure I

should like it. I fancy once in awhile

I should sigh for a shady spot in the woods in summer where I could read

a book or hear the birds sing. It is

only in winter that I should like to live

Alice's stay in Boston passed rapidly

night, and I want you to sing for me."
"Oh, please do not ask that," replied

"But you sing in church, and that is

much harder."
"That is nothing," answered Alice.

smiling. "Not one in ten of those country people know one note from an-

other. Here all your friends hear the

finest operatic singers, and I would cut

"But you will sing just once to please me, won't you?" pleaded Blanch.

many are here and how my courage

"I will not promise. I will see how

When that evening came Blanch

waited until Alice had become somewhat acquainted with the little gather-

ing and the reserve had worn away,

when she went to her and, putting one

arm around her waist, whispered,

"Come, now, dear, just one little song; only one to please me." At first Alice

thought to refuse, but her pride came to the rescue, and the feeling that she

would show her friend that she was

not a timid country girl gave her the needed courage, and she arose and

stepped across the room to the grand piano that stood in one corner. Her

cheeks were flushed, and a defiant curl was on her lips, and then without a

She had sung it many, many times be-

fore, and every trill and exquisite quiv-

er of its pathos was as familiar to her

as the music of the brook where she

had played in childhood. She sang as

she never had before, and to an au-dience that listened entranced. When the last sweet note had passed her red

lips, she arose quickly and returned to her seat. Two little tears stole out of

Mrs. Nason's eyes, to be quickly brushed away with a priceless bit of lace. Sweet Alice, the motherless little coun-

try girl, had from that moment entered the heart of Mrs. Nason. When the

applause had subsided, it was Frank that next pleaded.

"Won't you sing one for me now,
Miss Page?" he asked. "I bought the
song I wanted today." And, going to
the piano, he unrolled and spread upon
the music rack—"Ben Bot!"

"But I only consented to sing once for Blanch," Alice replied, "and there

are others here who I am sure can do much better."

"Come, please," he said coaxingly, "just this one for me." And once more

Alice touched the keys.

Back to a simply furnished parlor

n Sandgate, with its lamp on the piano and open fire burning brightly

as it had one year ago, went two of

that company in thought, and maybe others there, whose youth had been

among country scenes, were carried back to them by the singer's voice and

saw a byway schoolhouse "and a shaded nook by a running brook" in fancy,

or perhaps a little white stone in some grass grown corner, where, "obscure and alone," lay a boyhood's sweet-

heart! All the pathos of our lost youth trilled in the voice of Alice Page as she

sang that old, old song. Not one in that little audience but was enthralled

hands, exclaimed, "I want to kiss the

lips that have brought tears to my

noment's hesitation she seated herself

sorry figure in contrast."

hastily. "I do not sing well

"I try to make them," replied Alice,

of you as well."

in the city."

enough.'

To Alice the proposed meeting was a source of dread, and when the carriage called for Albert and herself she was in an excited state of mind. They had barely taken their seats in the box when the usher knocked, and Blanch, followed by the rest of the family, entered. That young lady greeted Alice with an effusive kiss, and the next in-



Mrs. Nason began chatting with Alice. stant she found herself shaking hands with a rotund and gray haired lady of dignified bearing, but of kind and courteous manner. An introduction to Edith followed, and then Frank acknowledged her polite "How do you do, Mr. Nason?" with his very best

Mrs. Nason began chatting with Alice in the pleasantest way and with seemingly cordial interest in all she said, while Blanch kept quiet and Edith devoted herself to Albert. It was after the second curtain when Mrs. Nason said: "I must insist that you divide your visit with us, Miss Page, and allow us to return a little of your hospitality. Of course I understand that your brother comes first, and rightly, too, but we must claim a

part of your time."
"I had promised myself one or two evenings at your home," Alice answered quietly, "but I do not feel that ought to desert Bertie more than

Then, for the first time, Blanch put in her little word: "Now, do not offer your brother as an excuse. I have been anticipating your promised visit for a long time, and no brother is go-ing to rob me of it. I shall come around tomorrow forenoon, and if you are not ready to go back with me, bag and baggage, I will just take your baggage, and then you will have to

"I do not see why you cannot see your brother and visit with him just as well at our house," put in Mrs. Nason.
"He is always welcome there."

Alice turned to her brother, remarking, "It is nice of you to insist, and I more than grateful, but it must be as he says." Then she added prettily, "He is my papa and mamma now, and the cook and captain bold and mate of the Nancy brig as well."

"I will stir up a mutiny on the Nancy brig if he does not consent," laughed Blanch; "so there is an end to that, and you must be ready at 10 tomorrow."

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The last evening of her visit she de-

cided to spend with her brother, and when she came to bid adieu to her hostess that much dreaded haughty mother had resolved herself into a charming lady.
"It is odd, Bertie," she said to her

brother that evening when they were alone together, "how different people seem when one comes to know them. From one or two things which you have said and an admission that Frank made a year ago I felt I should be sure to hate his mother, and now I think

she is perfectly lovely."
"So she is to those she likes," answered Albert. "You carried her heart by storm last evening as well as the of the company. I never heard you sing so well.

"I am glad I didn't break down, anyway," she replied, "for when I touched tne piano my heart seemed in my

For an hour they discussed the Nasons, while Albert noticed his sister avoided any mention of Frank, and then he said: "Well, sis, which of the places we have looked at do you think I best engage, and when will you be ready to move?" not long ere Alice began to feel her-self quite at home in the Nason family

Alice pursed her lips and looked at the shipwreck scene near her as if it contained a revelation.
"I am not so sure," she answered

her in a motherly way.
"I see that you are fond of your lit-tle charges," she said, after Alice had described her school and some of the finally, "that we should make the change at present. If I were certain your beautiful waif of the sea would



"I want to kiss the lips that have brought tears to my eyes."

adhere to her filial resolution, it would be different. If you secure this legacy for her that you told me about and she donates it to those old people, asyou say she intends to, the next thing will be an invitation to my dear brother's wedding. That is one reason why I hesitate to make this change. Another is that I do not think it would be good for Aunt Susan. She says she is willing, but when she has left all the associations of her life behind she will just sit and grieve her poor old heart

away in silence."
"My dear sister, have you considered Frank in your calculations?" Alice's blue eyes assumed an ex-pression like unto a pansy and her face the placidity of a mill pond as she answered, "I had quite forgotten his existence!"
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by the winsome witchery of her voice and for the moment was young again in thought and feeling. When the guests had departed Mrs. Nason turned to Africe and, taking her face in her hands, exclaimed. "I want to kiss the

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HAIR TONICS.

lies That the Baldheaded Man W

toes," said the barber, "and them lengthwise, from end to instead of crosswive, as is usual. Boil them in a quart of water. Drain the water off into a bottle and add a teaspoonful of salt. This liquid, treaspooning of sait. This liquid, this simple compound of boiled potation water and salt, will, if it is rubbed into the scalp three times a week, change a thin, moth-eaten head of hair into a thick and vigorous.

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said scornfully.

"New and fire," returned the barber. "Do you see how good my haris? Well, I was nearly as bald a you are once. I used potato wat three times a week for three month. ook at the result."

"I'll tell you some of the toni-that have been recommended to me, said the baldhead. First, coal oil-coal oil rubbed i

to the scalp every night before reti-ing. Can you imagine any ma-sinking a coal oil drenched hea-among his pure white pillows?

"Sage tea. I made some sage te-once, and the mixture had so vil-and forbidding a look that I coul-put apply it. not apply it. "Onion juice. That no doubt is

good tonic. But what would my friends say if I should always be thrusting under their noses a head scented with onions?

"Black molasses. One man actually advised me last year to try black

molasses.

'Hemlock soap and vinegar. That
is a tonic that a Hamilton barber
swears by. Seaweed and apple seeds boiled in sea water is a sailor's r cipe. Dandelion tea, plantain tea and a tea made of honeysuckle are the tonics that a Toronto masseur sug-

Playing Cards.

The invention of playing cards has been attributed to the Chinese, Hindoos, Arabians and Romans, but cards as now used were invented by Jacques Gringonneur, a painter, in Paris in the fourteenth century. They were supposed to have been first made for the amusement of Charles VI of France, who was deranged The French had particular names for the twelve court cards. The four kings were David, Alexander, Caesar and Charles; the four queens, Angine, Esther, Judith and Pallas; the four knaves, or knights, Ogier the Dane, Lancelot, La Hire and Hector de Garland. Cards seem originally however, to have been taken to England direct from Spain, having probably been introduced into that country by the Moors: the clubs in Spanish cards not being trefoils, as with us, but cudgels—that is, bastos—the spades, or swords, espadas. They were at first stamped from blocks in outline and filled in by hand, but after the invention of en-graving the best artists engraved them on copper and struck them off at once. Columbines were spades; rabbits, clubs; pinks, diamonds; and roses, hearts. Human figures oppos-Columbines were spades; ed to those of flowers and animals were the ancestors of court cards.

The Chimney Swift.

One of the popular errors concerning the chimney swift is the belief that it is a swallow, and it is called the chimney swallow by nine-tenths of the people. As a matter of fact, however, it is not even closely related to the swallows, being much more nearly akin to the humming birds and the goat-suckers. Like birds of the latter class, swifts feed on insects which they capture on the wing. Their powers of flight are marvelous, while on foot they are practically helpless. Their wings have been developed to a wonderful degree, but their feet, through dis-use, have become weak and quite useless for purposes of locomotion. are sharp, however and enable them to cling securely to the inside of a chimney, and when, for any reason, a nest gives way and falls down, as it often does, the young birds, if not too small, scarmble up to the top of the chimney to be fed by their parents until they are able to shift for themantil they are able to shift for then

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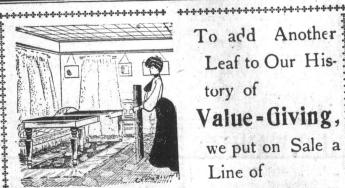
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