

But you may outgrow it; you don't mean to tell me that there is no hope?" "I am afraid so, Bess; from my boyhood it has been 'ever-thus.' I never dropped a piece of bread and butter but that it fell on the buttered side, and I know that if I should fall on my back I would surely break my nose; so bear with me patiently

"A pleasant prospect I have before me surely; and, Frank, I do really think that you might improve, if you would only try, for my sake," and again she sighed.

She was a bright, pretty little woman, the only daughter of old Dr. Langdon, and motherless from her infancy. She had met motherless from her infancy. She had met Frank Heward at his sister's house, who had been a schoolmate of her own, and now married. He was a young lawyer with a future yit to make. They had known each other for more than a year, and the acquaint-ance had ripened into love, and fond vows were exchanged, notwithstanding the re-monstrances of his sister, who feared Dr. Langdon might blame her for her share in

monstrances of his sister, who feared Dr. you were twenty-five, and that he would Langdon might blame her for her share in have no long engagements, and as you bringing them together, more especially as won't be twenty-one in six months, I should her brother had no wealth to offer, and Dr. Langdon was a very wealthy man. Still scheme before your next birthday. Be particular the size to bring all things right. They were now walking slowly through the Ramble, and "I will always wait for you," Frank Reside next to find the strengts for the size to bring all things right. They were now walking slowly through the Ramble, and "I will always wait for you," Frank Reside next to find the size to bring the strengts for the strengt were had always wait for you, The strengts for the strengts f

The sequel one can foresee. The doctor

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omprehensive and valuable collection of rare books and manuscripts in America, and in some respects rivals in im-portance the celebrated European libraries, though of course not covering so extensive a field. It is well known to professional literary men and bibliophil-

is shouting to the conductor at the top of his voice, and doing his best to make the car stop?" "I do," said the wife, whose curiosity. was aroused, but what on earth has that to do—" "One mo-ment, my dear. Look again. Do you observe that he has caught the car, and that he is no longer running, but is prob-ably quietly seated inside, taking a rest? He has got through shouting and run-ning, because the has caught the car.

pronounced it perfect in every partice lar, it cannot be made to move. It so charged with electricity that watch makers say no part of it can ever be mad to do duty if taken out and put int

muff that had been badly eaten by moth Shortly afterward he was in his father stable, watching the process of curryi his pet pony. The animal was sheddin its coat, and consequently large bunche its coat, and consequently large bunche of hair came out with each applicatio of the comb. With tears in his eyes the little fellow rushed into the hous and exclaimed: "Oh, mamma! th moths have got into my pony, and I'm afraid he's ruined!" Beside a straw stack sat a tramp A jolly tramp, and wise— Who, while he patched his tattered coat,

you'll stumble over that stone."

'Come with your sister.'

"Sbe will not bring me."

A silence.

street."

" You live ?"

"Thanks, but I saw the stone. The-

"And will you play your role with an

nicely arranged for the afternoon sir, what happened? Some one had blundered, for the next afternoon I was at you

society? threshold of a strange parlor. Not a chair, table, or any article of bric-a-brac would be

with the peaceful conviction that all was

sister's; but where were you ? "But I understood your 'imperiou wave' to mean that you could not come,

"Society? I go in your fashionable beiety? Impossible! I tremble on the

and so I state at the office and read hard, thinking of you all the time, while you and Nellie were probably abusing me." "We'll be married at home, Frank," sid she, "for I never would risk taking you to church. You would stumble up the aisle, and repond 'no' when you were asked "Sweity? I en in your ichtice it."

and so I staid at the office and read hard, thinking of you all the time, while you and

light yellow, his cheeks darker than the other parts of the face, and his head is

The sequet one can foresec. The doctal forbade any more secret meetings, but al-lowed Frank to visit the house, and in a year's time consented to the marriage, on the condition that Bessie should not leave the condition that Bessie should not leave the condition that best elable secred.

if you took <sup>4</sup> this woman to be your wedded wife,' and I should die of shame." "Have mercy, thou woman full of guile, tends school.

away her tears—" it is just so with me. I have caught the car." And with that The Lenox Library, in New York. the self-satisfied monster led his wife enerously given to the public by the back to her seat on the sofa, and silently collector, Mr. James Lenox, is the most resumed his easy chair, cigar and book. -Boston Transcript.

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per annum, and enjoys everything which a rational being should desire, he im-mediately becomes uncasy and worries because he can't own a yacht.

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ern beauty, instead of a withcred old mumern beauty, instead of a withered old mun-my? Oh, Frank, you have so many virtues, no, dob't interrupt me. You have gradu-ated with high honors, you are studious and ambitious; they say you have shrewd sense and keen judgment. You are honorable, generous, courteous, in a word, rou are al-most perfect, and then, besides, you love me conterval. steady old lawyer I don't see."

"Ah, Bessie, dearest, how unspeakably Yes, I know; you needn't try to tell-

in his ear. "Do you comprehend ?" "Fully.". me," "Without you\_" Yes, I know; life would be a desert

All this I know; his would be a pesca. All this I know, but I also know that your helplessness and utter want of tact will get me into trouble, and ruin my very best "But your quick wit can always find a

"Oh, Frank, how stupid. There it was lost. Oh, if you blunder this time, Pil never forgive you. To-morrow between four and five, I will send it to you." 'Yes, but how long? My stock of excuses is almost exhausted, and my inventive genius is vanishing." "All right, I'll make no mistake this "Oh, Bess, you know your -resources an time." inexhaustible.

I beg your pardon, sir. You are mis-cn. My friends have all been invalids Soon after the lovers parted. The next morning Bessie kissed her papa taken. My friends have all been invalid a sufficient number of times. Four times have been to the dentist's. Five times with a very long face. "Now what's the matter? Are you cross because breakfast is a little earlier this have spent the afternoon at your sister's and papa said the other evening that he thought that the visiting was all on one

"Oh, no, papa; only I'm afraid to tell you." side; and to-day, this is the seventh birth-

day visit this year that I have paid my old music teacher. If wasn't for papa's forget-fulness of trifles, I should certainly be found "No, sir; but you'll scol "Out with it, child. Have you set the out. Oh, Frank, I'm afraid you'll never that I've lost my Roman bracelet." make a good lawyer; see how they have to plot, and deceive, and tell stories, and you really are not equal to the most simple

"Yes, papa plot; I have to contrive everything, and

that, too, at the risk of having everything

s willing to wait for me. "I will always wait for you, Frank, ducks on the river near the track. He had "You dock like an Egyptian mummy swathed in those yards of blue stuff." "Another blunder. Why couldn't you have said that Looked like a wind the the would like you. Haven't you any acquaintance who knows papa, "Another blunder. Why couldn't you tle party of friends to partake of the fruits of his prowess. A couple of days after this the conductor happened to be stopped at the place where the ducks had been shot. He

got out his gun and walked down to the beautifully illuminated, and cost \$2,650 river with the intention of bagging a couple more, if possible. He had scarcely reached the edge of the river before a man, who looked like a farmer, approached him and

"Oh, Frank, I have it, I have it," and the grasped her own arm excitedly. "How she grasped her own arm excitedly. "How provoking that I should have left it home. Never mind, I'll send it to you to-morrow." said : "Are you the man who shot those two "What is it? What do you mean ?" "Listen,' and she whispered something

ducks here day before yesterday?" "Yes, that was me," said the sportsman, rather proudly. "Well, those ducks belonged to me. They wasn't any of your wild ducks, but were and and year and the set of the s "Oh, pshaw! you can't fool me. I guess

Will you pay me for the ducks ?" said the farmer coolly. "No, sir, I won't. You can't prove the

"Where are you going? What do you intend to do?" asked the conductor. "Well,' said the farmer quietly, as he leaned against a tree, "I am going to a squire to make an information against you for killing wild ducks out of season. If you insist that them ducks was wild, it'll cost you five dollars a duck. #If you come to the conclusion they were tame, it'll only cost you two dollars and tifty cents a duck.

Now, what'll you do?" lar, and then paid the five dollars. He does

"Where did you lose it?" When your wife scolds, be gentle and found a home and a shelter on our still."

large wealth and extensive research could furnish. The library building was also provided by the public-spirited gen tleman, the total value of his gif amounting to upward of a million dol lars. Among the specimens of early ty pography-which it contains is a copy of the Mazarin Bible-the first book eve printed with movable types-the work of the old German printers Gutenberg and Faust between 1450 and 1455. It is

The Hudson Highlands.

A writer in an exchange thus describe the far-famed Hudson river scenery: Range upon range of mountains rise, until the far-stretcking domes and until the far-stretching domes and ridges seem to hold up the eastern rim of the sky. Along the path wild flowers "waste their sweetness" and the bril-liant cardinal flames in all its native. The lady who will decline an offer of glory. At this point, I suppose, a more magnificent view is obtained than at any other spot on the river. From this sum mit we take in most of the Highland range, including the peaks on both sides of the Hudson, and gaze far away into New England, until "the stretching His finger. "No, sir, I won't. You can't prove the ducks were not wild ones." "All right," and the farmer started off to Rhine, the Volga or the Guadal uiver boasts nothing more grand than our own familiar stream. Although we can familiar stream. Although we can claim no Drachenfels or Bingen—"Sweet Bingen on the Rhine"—or castellated Heidelburg; though we meet no mos grown ruins and craggy rocks erowned with strongholds, each of which has a name and a tragic history, yet our own sunny river wirds between shores of equal beauty, and that day is to be marked with a "white stone" in which the enraptured tourist first looks upon ow, what'll you do?" The conductor stared at his tormetrior, cratched his head, said something about from Germany settled the city of New-The conductor stared at his tormenon, its sectory. The conductor stared at his tormenon, its sectory. Scratched his head, said something about ducks generally, and these ducks in particu-burgh in 1709, as well as my own town of Little Falls. This is an interesting fact to our people here. bounty of "good Queen "Anne" they ' they

A lovely and gay bird, A sweet little jay bird, Was singing one day on a limb Delighted it sat on a hat, Which ribbons and flowerets trim; Within its cool bower It sang for an hour, And never made even a moan, Till a bad little boy, In a tremor of joy, Knocked him down off his perch with a stone

A man may be very good in executing orders, but he can't hold a candle to a woman in the matter of giving advice on any subject under the sun

'Tis now the festive little boy In the stagnant pond goes swi 'Tis now tair Arabella's tile

Is opnient with trimming, Such as has never been seen before.

marriage won't decline a package of

gum-drops. gum-drops. The sunbeam darts among the flowers, The bee doth dart through fragrant bowers, The small boy darts in the apple-pie

One of the most lamentable and yet ughable sights which this world knows is that of a quick-tempered, corpulent man trying to lace up his shoes on a hot day, when the brass points are off the ends of the strings.

No matter how much money a man has, he never feels willing to come out openly and purchase himself an umbrella or a whisp broom.

TRIOLET. The zephyr down in the lea With the violet doth dally, And brings its secret to me. The zephyr down in the lea Doth bring right merrily The yowl of the cat in the alley,

he zephyr down in the lea With the violet doth dally.

Roses are the shirt-stude of summer.-New York Star.

Did thus soliloquize "It seems sew sad that my lone life

Doth ever downward tend, And rags me into wretchedness But still I'm on the mend.

"And when I needle little cash, I make no loud laments, But by a straw stack sit me down, And gather in my rents."

A ""Swell" in a Mining Camp. A few days since, says a Leadvill (Col.) correspondent, I was intensel anused by the sensation created by full-blown, white-shirted swell -miners always "go" for a white shirtminers always "go" for a white shirt-whystrutted through the streets of Leav ville as though he were the owner of the Prospect Mine itself. This "nice your man" was attired after the most a proved style of the "masher," and ca ried his yalise in so gingerly a mann as to beget the open derision of su miners as happened to be around at the time. Reaver, we tarmed upon the ne miners as happened to be around at if time. Every eye turned upon the ne comer, and remarks highly the rever of complimentary were hurled at 1 stove-pipe, his shirt-collar, and the pec-liar cut of his nether garments. O droll son of toil, shouldering a pick, pr

droll sori of toil, shouldering a pick, pi ceeded to march in the footsteps of t swell, with the mineing gait of a miss fitteen in a pair of brand-new hig heeled shoes. This burlesque moveme was hailed with rapturous delight to t evident dosmay of "Sir White Shir who accelerated his pace without dari to cast a look behind, and inwardly or demning the folly that caused him demning the folly that caused hi a region where the pants are come to variably thrust inside the boots, rt-collars are unknown qu where sl tities

to "What, that expensive thing that you ou bothered me about last Christmas?"