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"Well, Fanny," said Tom, Daying down a letter and looking at me across the table, "this is a rum start !"

"How ?" I asked, ignoring Tom's way of expressing himself, which is always more forcible than elegent. 'What's the matter now, dear ?"

"Why, here's a letter from your aunt, Miss Betsy Clayton, inviting herself to pay us a visit !"

'Nonsense, Tom !"

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stay at home all day and bear the brunt "Solemn fact, I assure you. But here of the old lady's bad temper. -read the epistle yourself, and then perhaps you will be convinced," he added, for my face expressed not only surfrom my reverie. "It's very kind of my prise but incredulity. "You know the husband not to object to my relative writing of course ?" coming to pay me a visit ; and, if she "Yes," I replied, with a nervous little

does leave us a few hundreds, why, so shiver ; "and I would just as soon at. much the better-though, thank goodtempt to decipher Chaldean. Besides, ness, we don't need them, and I certainif I remember aright, the substance of by shan't go out of my way to conciliate Miss Betsy's letters used to be just as ther for the sake of her money ! Martha crabbed as the penmanship. Read it to me, Tom."

Tom, my husband, is a lawyer, and pointment and I believe she never forsupposed to be able to decipher the most gave me for not being a boy. unintelligible scrawls.

"The letter is short, but very much to the point," he said, taking it up again. Then he read-

"Nephew Thomas Carroll (since you through dinner. Though we had been have married my neice, Frances Claymarried only four months I understood ton, I suppose you are my nephew, if there is anything in mariage)-1 purpose leaving my home, the Crags, on the twenty-fourth of this month and visiting my nieces, Martha Scott, Ellen Warburton, and Frances Carrol in turn. I intend staving one week with each : and during that time I purpose using every means in my power to discover their true some tea. He nodded without answercharacters and dispositions, with a view to bequeathing to one of them the small uneasy feeling that something had hapsum of money I have been able to save from my hospitable little estate of Crag-. lands. My will is made, only the names, as usual. We sang a few duets together, for which I have left blanks, remaining to be filled in on the conclusion of my to which we were invited, and I soon visits. Please inform your wife of my forgot my uneasiness and Miss Betsy intention, and that on her conduct de-The next three weeks passed quickly pends the prospect of inheriting the sav-

ings of her aunt BETSY CLAYTON. P S .- I have sent copies of this letter

to my neices Martha and Ellen." "Well, it certainly is an extraordinary

letter, Tom ! As far as I know, aunt Betsy has not left her crags and mountains for twenty years-not even when my father, her only brother, diel; and now to think of her starting off first to Devenshire : then to Norfolk, and then to come to us in London ? I wonder if the old lady will ever reach the end of her pilgrimage ? It used to be her proud self and be his; old self again. So the boast that she had never set her foot in a steamboat or railway-train, or darkened the door of any house but her own for twenty years. Whatever shall we do with her, Tom.

"Why, my dear, bid her welcome, of Who knows but you may come in for the course-establish her in the best bed fortune? Martha and Ellen are not room, find out what she likes for dinner. and otherwise endeavor to deserve the legacy." "I don't like it, and I don't like her," I said, a little impatiently, "You have hastily. "I had just the same fortune no idea what a horrid old lady aunt Bet- as my sisters !" sy is. Mamma was dreadfully afraid of her, she used to scold her so and find married comfortable well-to-do farmers, fault with the housekeeping and cooking while you must needs marry a struggling and everything. I'm certain she will go young lawyer with only his profession to rummaging through all the closets and depend upon. Anyhow, fortune or no drawers, poking her nose into the kit- fortune, make your aunt welcome, dear ; chen and larder, and then Jane will give in all probability she will never trouble notice, I know she will-she can't bear you again."

minaxes who would doubtless some day merer seen a house in her life as pretty me to the drawing rosen; but, true to me I have been swindled out of every marry and hand over Deane to strangers. as mine; and, when I remember the her character of an officious old maid, penny I possess, and a good deal more Nor did Tom knew how furious she was seew-boned ill dressed servant who al- she declared her intention of going over besides—that Craglands must be sold to when our old house and estate were sold ways accompanied her, I thought with the house from garret to the basement. after mamma's death, and the proceeds pride and pleasure of my short tempered, extravagant, but irreproachable Jane. divided between as children.

- Andrewski and William - Provident strate

Just as twelve o'clock there came a aside. She vowed then never to look upon loud knock at the hall door, followed by "The place is none so big but I can one of us again, formally disowned us; an impatient ring, and a moment later find my way. I mean to see for myself told you.' yet now more the was coolly inviting hetaunt Betsy entered the room. self to pay us a visit. Still, if Tom had "Oh, neice Fanny," she exclaimed known all this and of every other eccen-

Just you sit down with your fiddling make-believe needle work while I look and heartily grieved for her. tricity of sunt Betsy's, he would have with a comprehensive glance round and a wave of her mittened hands, "you're said just the same, for he is the most around-I can soon tell if you're a gool easy, good-natured fellow in the world, pleased to see me, I suppose ?" house-keeper or have taken after your ces ; so I suppose I may pack my carpet-"Not particularly," I answered, adbut he forgot that it was I who had to

niece, that's all," and away the old lady please !" vancing a step. There was something so aggressive, so taunting, so sardonic al- trotted. most in the old lady's tone and manner mayeelf," I said, suddenly rousing myself that I was up in arms directly-no one smile. "She can't find much to find arranged; things may not be so bad as

> own house. "Oh !"-and she gave me another en. glance, this time from over a pair of

So I laid down my embroidery and blue spectacles-"oh, I suppose I'm not went to the piano for half an hour's lady cried, wringing her hands. "If I want their prospects in life unfolded. fine enough for you-eh? You would practice, without a single misgiving. lose Craglands, I shall be without a But married women are our main supnot risk spoiling your satin gown by In about twenty minutes she returned embracing me, though I might be the and seated herself in a corner with an and Ellen may do that, they were always means of getting you several others. expression I could remember ever since I said, laying my hand upon her should I was a child. I knew there was a storm er. "Come, cheer up ! While we have greater favorites. I was the third disap- You're yery proud, neice Fanny !"

"I'm not proud, aunt Betsy," I re- coming, and I resolved to meet it with a roof to shelter us you shall share it torted defiantly; "but I don't want good humor, and laughingly reminded and I know Tom will say so too." When Tom came home that evening your money, and I'm not going to my aunt Betsy that it was my house, he seemed to have forgotten all about cringe to you for it. I know you don't and that if she did not like it she was of it and your husband says so too. I'll not aunt Betay and was very much absorbed like me-you never did-and I can't course at liberty to leave it. But I was be so down-hearted. It's only when in some subject that kept him silent all think why you want to come and see not st all prepared for the accusations trouble comes upon you that you learn me. However, since you are here, if she heaped up against me. I was idle, to know your friends." you choose to be friendly to me, I'll be lazy, careless, untidy, extravagant.

my husband's ways and the expression the same to you ; but I would not have There was sinful, wanton waste in before we went down to dinner I told of his face thoroughly. Whenever he you hector me as you did poor mamma, every part of the house. "You will ruin your husband !" she and my assurance that we would never had the far-away look in his eyes, I if you were as rich as Rothschild and knew he was thinking, and I always took meant to leave me every farthing you cried, raising her hands. "Six chamber care not to disturb him. When he held possessed. There-I've eased my mind ! towels in your own bed room, and four the door open for me after dinner, I You know what I think. Now come up- best sperm candles ! Think of the wash self. I mean," he replied ; "and I quite

noticed that he looked pale and tired, stairs and let me show you your room. ing, think of the candle ends ! As for agree with you that the poor old girl and I pressed him to come and have Dinner will be ready in half an hour." "Hoity-toity !" Miss Betsy muttered of coals, a pound of soap on the sink ! But Fanny darling, misfortunes it seems ing ; and I left him with a strange and as she followed me upstairs. "A pretty Niece Frances, I'm shocked ? I wonder to me never come singly ; I have been welcome, niece Frances, to give a rela- you can sleep in your bed at night with very anxious lately about that mine in pened. But when he joined me half an tive who comes to you with good inten. such things going on around you !" hour later he was as bright and cheery tions. It's a good thing there are others with more civil tongues in their heads, sy, if things were any different," I re- the concern has gone to smash, and I tried a new song, talked about a party and who are apparently more in need of plied, a little flippantly. "People live fear every fraction of your" three thous-

money. Jery fine, ma'am ! Brussels differently in London, you know, from and pounds is gone !! carpet all the way and walnut furniture other places, and you will soon get used in the spare room, to be sure ! What to our ways." use would a maiden aunt's savings be

enough, før we were out a good deal, and here, I'd like to know ?" had friends frequently dropping in ; still "Not much," I said, with a smile and I could not help noticing now and again

that there are thousands of poor starving return of my good humor. "I am creatures who might live in comfort on glad to say, aunt Betsy, I don't want for anything.

ities of the rich should be made to re-I had asserted my independence, van lieve the necessities of the poor, neice ; uished my furmidable old relative, and never shall a penny of my small sav- you will only consent to take a few lesiven her clearly to understand that ] ings go to a woman who wants four can- sons in management and economy from did not want either her or her money, dles to look at the reflection of her face her." and now I was prepared to be as civil in the glass, and six towels to wipe it and friendly as even Tom could wish.

I rang for hot water, helped to unstrap the hideous striped carpet-bag, time passed till the time mentioned by asked if my aunt would like a cup of tea aunt Betsy for her arrival. Tom reor a glass of wine before dinner, honed minded me of it in the morning before she would be comfortable and make her breakfast, and I fancied he was more self at home, and then sailed away majestically, conscious that I looked "Be patient with the old lady, Fan.

had made my aunt feel decidedly one," she said, with a puzzled, hopeless

e to work. Unable to sleep in bed, ur unable to take ordinary effects of Asthma un Southern meet my liabilities, that I'm a houseless Asthma Cure. A package repack "No, no, you need not trouble to old beggar without a place to lay my lieved, three permana come with me," she said, waving me head. Is that what you've told me.

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"Not while I have one, aunt Betsy,

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"I'm sadly afraid it is, dear !"

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"My darling, look here-Bonds for

"But what shall we do ?"

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"I told you, annt, that I didn't want arguments, and tried to be more eco-

"Never !" Miss Betsy exclaimed en-

ergetically. "Never can I get used to

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your savings, and I don't." I said gently,

"Do try to make allowances for different

need not matter to you."

and judge for myself, niece Frances

## What a Fortune-teller Says "Precisely, ma'am, that's what I've

Our best patrons are married women, some of whom come to us every month "Dear aunt Detsy, I am sorry " I (and in many cases retain us by the year. said earnestly ; and I really felt true'y Their most frequent inquiry is about "No hope of a legacy new, niece Fran- their husbands, whom nine tenths of them seem to entirely and absolutely poor mother. I'll look at the corners, bag and take myself off as soon as I mistrust. "I want to know if my hushand is faithful to me," is a question

they invariably pop at us, and we, as a "No. indeed, autt ; you must rule invariably demonstrate that he is. "Let her go !" I said to myself with a think of leaving us till your affairs are You see, we dare not tell them anything should speak to me in that way in my fault with upstairs, any way, and I dare you suppose. In any case you must ask else, or we would lese their custom. We have male patrons but not manysay Jane can hold her own in the kitch- Tom's advice ; he may be able to help not more than ten per cent ; and about "I don't know what to do," the old thirty per cent are young ladies who

pert, and the secret of our success with them lies in telling them just what they would best like to hear,

Prais worthy. "Last summer I was entirely laid up with liver complaint, a friend advised me to use Burdock Blood Bitters, I did so, "Thanks, my dear ; if you really mean and four bottles cured me. I cannot praise this remedy too much." John H. Rivers, Orr Lake, Ont.

A good knowledge of water is at the Tom returned early that evening ; and pottom of success with window flowers. Water must run in readily and run out When a plant is watered, it is readily. him of my aunt's terrible misfortunes, a good sign to see the water rush out at ce into the saucer through the bottom cf the por. If it does not do that, something is wrong. "That was like you, dear-your real

> No "hardly ever" about it. He had an attack of what people call "biliousness,"and to smile was impossible. Yet a man may "smile and smile, and be a villain still, still he was no villain, but a plain, blunt, honest man, that needed a remedy such as Dr Pierce's "Pleasant Purgative Pellets," which never fail to cure biliousness and diseased or torpid liver, dyspepsia and chronic constipa-tion. Of druggists.

"Tom, you're joking; it can't be Never place fresh eggs near lard, fruit, cheese, fish or other articles from which any odor arises. The eggs are extremely active in absorbing power, and "The best we can, darling. I must work harder and you must be more neighborhood, by which the peculiar economical, that's all. It's unfortunate and exquisite taste of a new-laid egg is economical, that's all. It's unfortunate what is willfully wasted. The superflu- in one way that aurt Betsy should be destroyed.

Give Them A Chance.

That is to say, your lungs. Also all your breathing machinery. Very won-derful machinery it is. Not only the larger air-passages, but the thousands of Just as first I rebelled ; but after a tubes and cavities leading from little while I saw the force of Tom's them.

When these are clogged and chocked with matter which ought not to be there, your lungs cannot half do there work. And what they do, they cannot do well.

habits and customs ; or if you, can't do the result was wonderful. I saved quite Call it cold, cough, croup, pneumonia that, take no notice at all. It really a fourth of my housekeeping money, and we lived quite as well as ever. A feel: catarrh, consumption or any of the family of throat and nose and h ad and very fine in my peacock-blue satin, and "But I must leave money to some ing in misfortune drew us closer togethlung obstructions, all are bad. All ought to be got rid of. There is just er, and I began to see that my old aunt ossessed many excellent qualities I had never given her credit for. Tom de- is take Roschee's German Syrup, which had replaced her black "drawn" satin decide I don't know. You're all alike. clared the loss of her money had done any druggist will sell you at 75 her good, and we certainly were no poor- failed you. you may depend upon this Even if everything else has er for befriending her in her treuble. for certain. Still, at the end of three months Tom

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"He Never Smiled Again ? the kitchen, the waste of fat, the waste must not want while we have anything. which Evans invested your money. To-"I'm afraid I couldn't sleep, aunt Bet- day the worst I feared has come to pass,

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dinner. dinner supper-what's in a to Craiglands as soon as she likes." name? If it pleases the poor old lady, cheerfully.

"That's all you know about aunt grace possible-I might have taken the Betsy !" I recorted, with a childish in- opposite view of it, for I believe I am c'ination to cry ; "she always colds and naturally of a somewhat contrary dispofinds fault, nothing pleases her, and sition ; but to be told to be civil and she's so rude, Tom. We shan't be able polite to anybody always gives me a That's something, to be sure ! No domestic arrangements, and she disap- both, and, in spite of all our entreaties,

"Come, come, Fanny; it's not like However, with aunt Betsy I resolved knows all about it. you to make a mountain out of a mole- to be on my dignity from the very first. hill. I've never seen your aunt ; but I I dressed myself with unusual care, and investment, or he would not have con- aunt Betsy's legacy, we should not, be- Betsy's love. Do open it, dear." take it she's a solitary, unhappy o'd lady as I sat down in the drawing room I sented, you know. How did you find gan to wish the other two days were who has been seized with a sudden long- glanced at myself in the mirror and then my sisters, aunt Betsy? Were they over, for the old lady was becoming five thousand pounds!" Tom cried in ing to see some of her relatives. Not round the room, and smiled complacent- glad to see you? Ellen was always yout really unbearable. She seemed deeply amazement, "Do you think your aunt having a very high opinion of human na- 1y. Our home was no roomy old farm favorite, I think." ture, she thinks it necessary to hint that house, or square gray stone edifice, like "I found them pleased to see me, I small portion was invested, and my hus- mean us to have all this money?" she has it in her power to repay any the home of Martha and Ellen, but a left them still more pleased to get rid of band appeared, I thought, strangely un- "I think so; she seemed sane enough. kindness that may be shown her. Never pretty semi detached villa near the Crys- me; but, as I went to please myself and willing to give her any information. On But were did she get it? Oh, here's a mind the legacy, Fan; just make the tal Palace. Aunt Betsy would not sur- not them, it did not matter much," Miss the afternoon of the fifth day, just as I acte-'An instalment of aunt Betsy's old girl comfortable if you can, even prise me in a flagged kitchen carving Betsy replied grimly. "They're avari-was preparing to go out for a walk, an legacy (not to be invested in a mine), in though it does entail a little self denial ; boiled beef for a dozen ravenous plough- cious, niece Frances, and you're proud old man in a suit of rusty black, carrying grateful remembrance of "favors reremember, you have pleasures of which men, as we had caught Martha, or wash- I don't know which is the greater fault. a shaggy bag, called and asked to see ceived." she knows nothing. Come, look up, ing butter in the dairy, as Ellen might Pride goes before destruction, and a Miss Clayton. Jane showed him into "My dear, she must have been trying alle knows nothing. Come too up, ing butter in the dairy, as block angle a true gots before the fall. You the dining room-not, as she afterwards us all the time, just to see how we should

And then Tom bustled off to the City tirely different. My drawing room was the mountains think you want for any silver and on hearing his name my and I remember now she never said she And then for busiled on to the City their and is the and in the and is and is the and in the and is and is and is the and is and just as if no cross, grumoning, faut and the state of the had lost her fortune-ing, exasperating eld aunt existed. ()f ton carpet, high art paper and curtains, husband as great a fool as you are minutes she came to the foot of the old Macer told her so had worried poor mamma almost out of broidery, peacocks' feathers, Japanese I laughed heartily at her pointed and her life, and never ceased railing and re fans, covered brackets, and old china. brusque question. viling because she had no boys, but only There were cracked plates on the overgirls-how she regularly wrote twice a mantel, ugly bowls on the carved cabiyear abusing papa because he was the net, and curtains gorgeous with sunflow- think Tom has enough sense for us last Clayton of Deane, and threatened ers hiding the fire-place. Altogether I both."

likely to put themselves out of the way tor the sake of a few hundreds; they have enough of their own."

grave and serious than usual.

that Tom's spirits were rather variable ;

he always looked pale and tired when he

came home, and I attributed it to troub-

lesome "cases." He did not contra

dict me, nor did he assert that he was

specially busy. Once or twice I asked

him if he did not feel well; but he al-

ways replied that he was perfectly well,

and then he would suddenly rouse him-

"I believe I'm getting bad tempered

"Then why should I, Tom ?" I asked

"Yes, little woman : but they both

"I should think I know how to treat ed !" I said to myself, willfully exag-

breakfast a little earlier ; call luncheon does not like my behavior, she can go If Tom had grumbled a little-said the we must try to manage it," said Tom, old lady's visit was a bore or a nuisance, a thing to be endured with the best

"Yes, Tom was quite satisfied with the

"I do not consider myself quite a fool

'small' in her coarse grav stuff gown. expression. "I'm an old woman : I When she joined me at dinner she must set my affairs in order ; but how to bonnet by a muslin cap with an infinity To think I should live to say it of brother Peter's children ! Greedy and of narrow borders, while a white muslin handkerchief was pinned over her lazy, one's bad, the other's worse ! but I shoulders and fastened near the waist by don't know which is worst-don't inan enormous Scotch-pebble and silver deed !"

"Leave your money to a charity, aunt brooch. The spectacles too were laid aside, as were the camlet shawl and Betsy," I suggested. "Charity begins at home," she cried, bear-skin cape, and I saw that aunt Betsy was not only keen-eyed, but thin,

straight, and active. in senseless extravagance, depend on "Your husband must be a man of means, niece Frances," she observed, that ! I came to stay a week and I'll

glancing round the dining-room and stay ; but I've seen enough to know that scanning everything on the table. I shan't have an hour's peace while I'm "Tom has his profession." I replied in the house,"

proudly, "and we have the interest of my fortune."

"Three thousand in funds, eh, at three per cent ?"

"No, my guardian sold cut to the Funds long ago, and invested my money in a mine. It pays ten and sometimes twelve per cent, aunt Betsy !"

"Oh ! No wonder you live well, yer-like ingensity, she contrived to elicit from your aunt Betsy ;" and laying an neice Frances. Twelve per cent-eh? a great deal of information about our envelope by Tom's plate, she kissed us to ask a soul to the house while she's atrange inclination to be unusually rude wonder you are independent of your old proved of everything she heard. Five bustled away with her carpet bag, promaunt ! A husband a lawyer, too, who of the seven days of her visit were gone ; ising to come and see us another time.

and Tom, having arrived at the same "What can be in the letter, Tom ? conclusion as myself, that, whoever got It's addressed to us both, with aunt interested in the mine in which my has taken leave of her senses ? Can she

surroundings, thank goodness, were en- would not have your old relative from said, without some misgivings about the act. It was part of her plan, no doubt ;

stairs and called me

"She deceived me most completely. "Niece Frances, come here she "She deceived me most completely, cried, in a high shrill voice; and, as I Tora declared. "Fancy the old lady be looked at her face, I asw in a moment ing so artful ' However, Farny, though aunt" replied : "but, even if I am, I that something unusual had happened. The money is as welcome as flowers in May, it's not half so valuable as the lesthe money is as welcome as flowers in "This is Macer, my man of business son we have learned-to know how to and legal adviser, and he's just told me keep and how to spend, That is Miss vengeance on the three useless little flattered myself that aunt Betsy had Then I asked aunt Betsy to come with that I've lost all my money. He tells Betsy's best legacy.

looked careworn and worried ; no matter At a picnic at Stratford on Saturday, how hard he worked he was not able to an individual known as Fakir Finlay got quite make up the deficiency in our in-come. He never complained or spoke to me about money matters, but I could flew at him and bit a piece out of his tartly. "I'll leave my money how and see that he was very anxious. I think cheek. Finlay was taken in hand by the where I like, but not to be squandered Miss Betsy saw it too ; for one morking police. He is at present in jail, and as she suprised us at breakfast with the in his possession, his trial will not be a collection of burglars' tools were found intelligence that she was going away. held at present. "I came for a week, and I have stayed

three months, niece Frances. I thank you Methers ! If your daughters are in for your kindness during all that time, ill health, or troubled with a paleness and you too, nephew. I am not so comthat seems incurable, or if th ey suffer pletely ruined as Macer said, and am able to snare you a trift of means and and am able to snare you a trift. Before half the week was over even able to spare you a triffe to recompense once a bottle of Johnson's Tonic Bitters Tom's good nature began to fail ; he was you for the trouble and expense to which and you will not regret regret the outheartily tired of aunt Betsy, her caper- your have been put, especially at a time lay: The Tonic and generally strengthing, her fault-finding, and continual when you could ill afford it ; but I hope, ening effect of this medicine is truly cross-questioning. She wanted to know niece Frances, that you will think the at marvellous. 50 cts. and \$1 per buttle, Good's drug store, Albion block, everything ; and, though Tom parried lessons in thrift and economy I've taught Goderich, sole agent. [d] her questions with a good deal of law- you the best legacy you could receive-



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