it's craze Miss Linnet ben a changed

gal ebber since her sick spell, and

I'se feard dat pore fing jest going off

in a decline or somefing like dat.

Wilkins, he jest smokes on and says:

"You'se scart at nothin'. Miss Lin-

net she gwine come out all right after she get married an' settled.'

"I hopes so, I'se suah; but, Marth'

nebber seed sech a solemcholy

bride afore in my life. Wouldn't

chuse her own weddin'-close, would-

n't look at de weddin'-cakes, a'ter all

de wuk I put on 'em, frostin' an' all'

'Deed me, I nebber felt so slighted in

my life, I'se suah! Says she, so soft,

"T'and you, Aunt Tildy, I do no

care about it jest vit.' Jest vit, mind

want ot see 'em! Marth', does you

mind her, how gay and sassy she was

dat day when you was here helpin'

wid de apple-butter, and she was

helping gedder de apples in de orch-

dat's a lvin' at de n'int o' deat a now?

cote, de guv'nor, come to cal lon us.'

wilvun'" added Martha.

too, dat 'ceitful raskil."

ock, August 4th.

"'Twa'n't two weeks ater dat he

were a'rested for murder, de grand

"And what a pity, wa'n't it? For h

Tilda. "And he had de dwdacious im-

perence to be a-courtin' our geeri,

Miss Linnet, de very day he was took

so soon, or he might 'a' married her

"Oh, speakin' o' dat murder, has

you heerd about de ghost?" half whis-

pered Martha in an awestruck tone,

as she lighted her pipe and pulled her

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CHAPTER XVII.

A FRIENDLY VISIT.

queried Lynette, wiping the tears

"If only you don't excite her, Miss spectfully.

Lynette again took the sick woman's hand in hers, pressing it gently,

you ill. I should have come to set

"Yes-I-was outen my head s long-they say," the woman respond-'Qusta Grimes made a furtive gesture to Vida, as if to indicate that it was a bad sign, this apparent sudden im

People at the point of death often rally surprisingly, only to sink back into the unconsciousness of the last

Lynette did not notice the gesture. She listened for the weak voice to so

'I've been a-wanting to see you very much, honey,' continued Sally Ann, looking fondly at the beautiful girl, and continuing: 'Gusta tells me as how your weddin'-day's mos' here -nex' Thursday.'

'Yes,' Lynette almost gasped, and she grew paler than the sick woman as the word left her lips.

Sally Ann rested a minute, then re-'I has a bee-u-tiful bridal-present

'For me? That is very kind,' mur-

Ann, with gentle pride; 'but I ain't a-going to give it to you yit, honey,

a-cause I want to come to your weddin' ef I gits well enough, an' I'll bring it with me when I come.' 'Lord-a-massy!' muttered 'Gusta

Grimes, in amazement, and she made a sign to Vida, with her finger dowrward to the earth, as if to indicate that the sick woman would be in her Sally Ann did not see the gesture

but she caught the tone, and replied to it rather sharply for one so weak: 'You think I'm going to die, don't you, 'Gusta? But I don't believe it myself, nor I hain't never believed it not when I was at my sickest! don't believe my time's come vit and I feel better now, so if I keep on im proving, I may git to the weddin' vit. Her dim old blue eyes brightened

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at the thought, but 'Gusta Grimes was shocked at what seemed to her liklevity in the face of death.

'Seems like flyin' in the face Providence, such talk, Salv A n,' si said flatly. 'You been night un o t borders of the grave, and u I hadi rossed over, that's a fact. And eve now there ain't no telling what may happen, so I says to you, as I've said before, you ought to be makin' your will ef you got anything you want to leave anybody.'

'Oh, don't distress her, please,' pleaded Lynette gently. 'Sho' I don't mind 'Gusta,' mut

ered the sick woman, with a fain smile; and as she swallowed a soothing dreft the nurse administered, she patted the hard, toilworn hand that held the cup, and continued: . Thanky, friend. I know your good

nussing has saved my life, and, though I don't feel like I'm goin' to die, it's easy enough makin' my will whi'e Miss Vida's here as witness.'

Vida, seeing that her presence was known, moved closer to the bed, and the invalid said: "I hain't got much to leave, seeing

as the lease on the house and lot dies with me, so I don't s'pose it's any use to put it in writin'. You'll testify to my verbal will, won't you, Miss Vida?" "Yes; most certainly," assented Vida cordially.

"Thanky kindly, miss, I hain't muc o leave, only my household goods. and them I gives entire to 'Gusta Grimes whens'ever I dies, now of roufter for her goodness in nussi 'It's bee-u-tiful!' repeated Sally me, our long friendship. There's on

y one thing I kerps back." "Weil!" spin Vida, as her urned tenderly on Lynette's tearfy face, and Sally Ann replied:

"Tis a little work box in the comor my trims There's some in. rinkets in it, and I wants Lynette t have the box and all, jest as stands. The wedgin'-gift is in there too, and .. hone ste will like it." Vida's lip curied with a slight

sneer as she thought: "It's a brass brooch and earlings nost likely. What fun I shall have teasing Lynette when she comes into her legacy!"

'Gusta Grimes and Lynette wer ooth sobbing softly now, and Vida

"I will see that your wishes ar carried out. Sally Ann: but I hope you will live many years yet before have to be a witness to your last will and testament.

"I expect I will, miss-thanks Gusta's fine nussin'," returned the invalid, with a resolute will to evade

She lay quiet then a little while. nd breathed heavily after the exeron she had made in talking. "Bless her kind heart, how pe she was, w'n't she, now. I never ex-

ect to hear her talk out so fierc again. I hope the Lord's massy may spare her yet," whispered the kind-Lynette answered only by a little

sob of sympathy, and, as the sick woman had closed her eyes wearily Vida suggested going home. They rose softly, but the sick wo man's eyes flared open, and she whis

vet, no, nor by the good Lord's massy ain't goin' to be yit a while. I'm pin' to see you married, an' nuss your chillen, Linnet, like I did your mar's. There now, and you needn't

But Lynett was not blushing. She But Lynett was not blushing. She was cold as ice and white as snow I am completely cured. I now feel like myself once more and believe when they hurried from the bed-room out into the gloom of the waning that I can attribute the cure to Dr. Chase's Nerve Food."

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day she would belong wholly to Gra- fussin' and stewin', and wantin' dis EUROPEAN

In the midst of laughter, and feast- man; he says: ng, and jollity, she would have to you, because she knows you gwine to plight her troth to him, then he would do 'em up tiptop style, anyway.' hurry her off for a few days to Bonnie Braes, where they would remain until after the election—then off for a return until next spring.

Belcourt - been the prospective bride- so gay an' sassy all de time.' But groom, Lynette would have been enraptured. Like almost every pretty young country girl, she was eager to see the charmed world that lay outside the boundaries of her mountain home. Such a tour as Prentiss had planned would have been considered heavenly by a bride who loved him. Alas! Lynette did not love him. Worse still, she was madly in love with another man. She contemplated her future with such terror as one

Although previous to her engage ment to Graham Prentiss, Lynette hid had a friendly liking for the young nan, she had expreienced a strong and will pore old Miss Sally An initia revulsion of feeling. She disliked and -ared him: the thought of him as a

abhorrence. To go away with hin alone on that long wedding journey away with from all she knew and loved, to return with him to Bonnie Braes and take up her home with him the mistress of the place, the mother of his children, it would be unendurable. She sat speechless by Vida's side all the way home, pale and statue like to outward seeming, but on fire within, consumed by the violence o

her own thoughts. At supper Vida was very bright and gay, but Lynette scarcely spoke. She paid no attention to the description of the fine new furniture at Bonui Braes. She said not a word whe chaffed about the wedding-gift she was to receive from poor old Sally Ann, but preserved a silence more al rming than an outburst of anger.

CHAPTER XVIII.

A DOUBLE SENSATION. THE next day Miss La Mode set home the wedding-gowns, nothing very elaborate-the family could no afford it-but all of nice quality and

Miss Halliburton had selected all since Lynette refused to have any-Now everything was ready for th

packing. The sewing room was given up to the finery, the chairs and table Will you come and look at them

dear? Everything is so pretty, and

want you to praise my taste!' cooe 'I thank you, but I do not car about it-just yet,' Lynette made

reply indifferently. It was the same answer she had given to the proud, fussy old cook when she begged her to come and see the long row of beautiful wedd

ing-cakes in the partry. The old woman went out hurt and lisappointed, and said to her crony

Martha: "Miss Lin is so changed sence her sick spell, dat she doan't act like the same gal. 'Pears like she doan't tek no in'rust in nothin'."

"Jest what I says to my ole man as' night when I went home after 'ning de wedding-linen al lweek. Says 'Miss Linnet doan't tek no pride in er nice fings; nebber come in d laundry ter see ef I'se doing up her fings nice er not.' Most young gals would 'a' bin in and out every mini

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