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George has every appearance of re-finement and high breeding."
"But his family, for all that, may

ing around, she saw old Hagar, her eyes lighted up and her lips moving with an incoherent sound, not easily

understood.

Hagar had come up to the wedding

and had reached the door of Madam conway's room just in time to hear the last remark, which roused her

at once.

"Why don't she discover my secret, then," she muttered, "if she has so much discernment. Why don't she see the Hagar blood in her?—for it's there, plain as day," and she glanced proudly at Mag, who, in her simple robe of white, was far more beautiful than the bride.

And still Theo in.

beautiful than the bride.

And still Theo, in her handsome traveling dress, was very fair to look upon, and George Douglas felt proud that she was his, resolving, as he kissed away the tears she shed at parting, that the vow he had just made should never be broken. A few weeks of pleasant travel was

Just made smould never be broken. a few weeks of pleasant travel west-ward, and then the newly-wedge pair came back to what, for a time,

was to be their home.

George Douglas was highly respected in Worcester, both as a man of honor and a man of wealth; conse-

pearls."

"You have attended a great many parties and seen a great deal of fashion, so I dare say you are right."

Mag answered, ironically, and then, as through the open window she saw llagar approaching, she ran out upon the piazza to see what the old woman would say.

Hagar had never seen her thus before, and now, throwing up her

hands in astonishment, she involutative dropped upon her knees, and while the tears rained over her timeworn face, whispered: "Hester's child-my granddaughter! Heaven be praised!"

Do I look pretty?" Margaret sked!

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Do I look pretty?" Margaret sked; and Hagar answered: "More seattiful than any one I ever saw. I wish your mother could see you

ow."

Involuntarily Maggie glanced at the tail marble gleaming through the stant twees, while Hagar's thoughts ere down in that other grave—the ave beneath the pine. The next ty was the party, and at an early our Madam Conway was ready. Her purple satin and Valenciennes with which she hoped to impose Mrs. Douglas, senior, we're

"But I shall like her, I know," said Theo. "She has a beautiful name—Jennie Douglas—much prettier than Rose Warner, about whom Maggie talks to me so much."

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A gathering frown on her grandmother's face warned Theo that she had touched upon a forbidden subject, and as Mr. Douglas manifested no desire to continue the conversation, it ceased for a time. Theo wishing she "could see Jenny Douglas," and George wondering what she would say when she did see her!

For a few days longer he lingered, and ere his return it was arranged that early in July Theo should be his bride. On the morning of his departure, as he stood upon the steps alone with Madam Conway, she said: "I think I can rely upon you, Mr. Douglas, not to carry either letter, note or message from Maggie to that young Warner. I've forbidden him my house, and I mean what I say."

"I assure you, madam, she has not asked me."

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"I assure you, madam, she has not asked me to carry either," answered George; who, though he knew perfectly well of the secret correspondence, had kept it to himself. "You mistake, Mr. Warner, I think," he continued, after a moment. "I have known him long, and esteem him highly."

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Conway, coldly. "No man of good
breeding would presume to cut up
my grandfather's coat, or drink up "But his family, for all that, may be as ignorant as Farmer Canfield's," answered Mag; to which her grandmother replied: "You needn't tell me that, for I'm not to be deceived in such matters. I can tell at a glance if a person is low horn, no matter what their education or advantages may have been. Who's that?" she added quickly, and, turning around, she saw old Hagar, her

y best wine.
"He intended no disrespect, I am
"He only inse." answered George. "He only sure," answered George. "He only wanted a little fun with the stars and stripes.

and stripes."

"It was fun for which he will pay most dearly, though," answered Madam Conway, as she bade Mr. Douglas good-by; then, walking back to the parlor, she continued, speaking to herself: "Stars and stripes!" I'll teach him to cut up my blue bodice for fun! I wouldn't give him Margaret if his life depended upon it," and sitting down, she wrote to Arthur Carrollton, asking if he real-

y intended visiting America, and

CHAPTER XIII.

During the remainder of the spring, matters at the old stone house proceeded about as usual, Maggie writing regularly to Henry, who as regularly answered, while old Hagar managed so adroitly that no one suspected the secret correspondence, and Madam Conway began to hope her granddaughter had forgotten the foolish fancy. Arthur Carroliton had replied that his visit to America, though sure to take place, was postponed indefinitely, and so the good lady had nothing in particular natters at the old stone house p postponed indefinitely, and so the good lady had nothing in particular with which to busy herself, save the preparations for Theo's wedding, which was to take place near the

which was to take place near the first of July.

Though setting a high value upon money, Madam Conway was not penurious, and the bridal trousseau far exceeded anything which Theo had expected. As the young couple were not to keep house for a time, a most elegant suite of rooms had been selected in a fashionable hotel; and, determining that Theo should not, in selected in a fashionable hotel; and, determining that Theo should not, in point of dress, be rivaled by any of her fellow-boarders, Madam Conway spared neither time nor money in making the outfit perfect. So, for weeks the old stone house presented a scene of great confusion. Chaire scene of great confusion. a scene of great comusion. Unairs, tables, lounges and piano were piled with finery, on which Anna Jeffrey worked industriously, assisted some-

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but in place of John, the usual coachman, Mike, a rather wild youth of twenty, was nounted upon the box. His father, he said, had been taken suddenly ill, and had deputed him to drive.

For a time Madam Conway besitated, for she knew Mike's old great failing, and she hardly dared risk herself with him, lest she should find a seat less desirable even than the memorable brush-heap. But Mike protested loudly to having joined the "Sons of Temperance" only the night before, and as, in his new suit of blue, with shining brass buttons, he presented a more stylish appearance than his father, his mistress inally decided to try him, threatening all manner of evil if, in any way, he broke his pledge, either to herself or the "Sons," the latter of whom had probably never heard of him. He was perfectly sober now, and drove them safely to Worcester, where they soon found themselves in Theo's handsome rooms. Her wrappings removed and herself snugly ensconced in a velvet-cushioned chair, Madam Conway asked: "How long before Mrs. Douglas, senior, would probably arriver" A slight shadow, which no one observed, parsed over Theo's face as she answered: "George's father

times by her aunt, whom Madam Conway pronounced altogether too superannuated for a governess, and who, though really an excellent scholar, was herself far better pleased with muslin robes and satin bows than with French idioms and Latin verbs. Perfectly delighted, Magjoined in the general excitement, wondering occasionally when and where her own bridal would be. Once she ventured to ask if Henry Warner and his sister might be invited to Theo's wedding, but Madam Conway answered so decidedly in the negative that she gave it up, consoling herself with thin-ling that she would some time visit her sister and see Henry, in spite of her grandmother. The marriage was very quiet, for Madam Conway had no acquaintance, and the family alone witnessed the ceremony. At first Januam Conway had hoped that Mr. and Trs. Douglas, senior, together with their daughter Jenny, would be present, and she had accordingly requested George to invite them, feeling greatly disappointed when she learned that they could not come.

"I wanted so much to see them," served, passed over Theo's face she answered: "George's fa disappointed when she learned that they could not come.

"I wanted so much to see them," she said to Mag, "and know whether they are worthy to be related to the Conways. But of course they are— as much so as any American family. George has every appearance of re-

A slight shadow, which no one observed, passed over Theo's face as she answered: "George's, father seldom goes into society, and consequently his mother will not come." "Oh, I am so sorry," replied Madam Conway, thinking of the purple satin, and continuing, "Nor the young lady, either?" "None of them," answered Theo; adding hastily, as if to change the conversation, "Isn't my piano perfectly elegant?" and she ran her fingers over an exquisitely carved instrument which had inscribed upon it simply "Theo;" and then, as young brides sometimes will, she expatiated upon the kindness and generosity of George, showing, withal, that her love for her husband was founded upon something far more substantial than family or wealth. Her own happiness, it would seem, had rendered her, less selfish and more thoughtful for others; for once that afternoon, on returning to her room after a brief absence, she whispered to Mag that "some one in the parlor below wished to see her."

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Then, seating herself at her grandmother's feet, she entertained her so well with a description of her travels that the good lady failed to observe the absence of Mag. who, face to face with Henry Warner, was making amends for their long separation. Much they talked of the past, and then Henry spoke of the future; but of this Mag was less hopeful. Her grandmother would never consent to their marriage, she knew—the stars and stripes had decided that matter, even though there were no Arthur Carrollton across the sea; and Mag sighed despondingly as she thought of the long years of single-blessedness in store for her.

"There is but one alternative left then," said Henry. "If your grandmother refuses her consent altogether, I must take you without her consent."

consent."
"I shan't run away," said Mag.
"I shall live an old maid, and you must live an old bachelor, until

must live an one grandma—"
She did not have time to finish the sentence ere Henry commenced unfolding the following plan:

(To Be Continued.)

honor and a man of wealth; consequently every possible attention was paid to Theo, who was petted and admired until she began to wonder why neither Mag, nor yet her all-discerning grandmother, had discovered how charming and faultless she was!

Much That Every Woman Desires to Know

was!
Among George's acquaintance was a Mrs. Morton, a dashing, fashionable woman, who determined to honor the bride with a party, to which all the elite of Worcester were invited, together with many of the Bostanians. Madam Conway and Mag were, of course, upon the list, and as timely notice was given them by Theo, Madam Conway went twice to Springfield in quest of a suitable dress for Mag. "She wanted something becoming," she said, and a delicate rose-colored satin, with a handsome overskirt of lace, was at **About Sanative Antisep-**

delicate rose-colored satin, with a delicate rose-colored satin, with a handsome overskirt of lace, was at last decided upon.

'She must have some pearls for her hair," thought Madam Conway, and when next Maggie, who, girllike, tried the effect of her first party dress at least a dozen times, stood before the glass to see "if "it were exactly the right length," she was presented with the pearls, which Anna Jeffrey, with a feeling of envy at her heart, arranged in the shining braids of her hair.

'Oh, isn't it perfectly splendid!" cried Mag, herself half inclined to compliment the beautiful image reflected in the mirror.

'You ought to see Arthur Carrollton's sister when she is dressed, if you think you look handsome." answered Anna, adding that "diamonds were much more fashionable than pearls." Scalp, Hair and Hands

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