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If Beatrix had not been introduced to me as my cousin (a very distant one at that), I don't think that we should under any circumstances have grown intimate. I was past girlhood, fond of she was the type of a bright and spirither own way without appearing to demand it. She was a lively, pleasant,

grandmother, a fine, dignified old lady, who was first cousin to my own mother. doctor's assurance that the quiet and interesting face. the pleasant September weather would just passed.

I don't think that Beatrix was particularly pleased ih this arrangement, though she never sa . She would semetimes yawn, and remark how dull it was now that the gay people had left, and only invalids remained. She often after all—and to invite him to accompany us here." came to my room, and would sit and pany us here." chat familiarly, amusing me with descriptions of and anecdotes concerning

generally confined to my room.
"There is only one man worth looking at," she said, one afternoon; "a recent arrival. He has a splendid face—classical and intellectual, and is a professor, although he can't be thirty. He sits at the table opposite ours, across the saloon, and drinks coffee without cream or sugar. Now, I have observed that when people are partial to such a beverage they are sure to be original and interesting."

Next day she again mentioned him. "He seems very shy. There's but you think so, Mr. Fleetwood?" one person that I've seen him conversing with-old Doctor Wayland-an acquaintance of grandma's, by-the-by, so I can find out something about him." "Why trouble yourself?" I said. "I

dare say he will get an introduction." "If I give him time. But shy people are slow, and it is charity to give and sweet."

them encouragement.." For a day or two I saw little of her. She was busy riding and walking, she said. I missed her lively talk, and one style most effective. evening, feeling rather lonely, I wrapped myself in a shawl and stepped out upon in his face as he spoke, and Beatrix did the upper plazza to have a chat with certainly blush. I smiled to mysalf, any of the ladies who might chance, like thinking how quickly I had detected myself, to be taking a little quiet exercise. I found only two in possession, was falling in love with the brunette one a middle-aged single lady, absorbed beauty by his side, and she-wgil, that in a book, the other a delicate, schoolgirl-looking little creature, with fair less observant than mine. complexion, deep blue eyes, and flossy yellow hair. I felt myself drawn toward and when she did come to my room on her by samething shy and tender in her flitting visits, she seemed restless and to remove a heavy chair to a more convenient place, I stopped and lent my answer to my occasional inquiries. feeble assistance. Then I sat down 5"I don't see much of him," she said, near her, and we fell into a chat about lightly, drumming on the window-sill the weather and the place and the with her jewelled fingers. (I noticed people. She was diffident, yet I ascer- that she now always took the seat beside tained that this was her first visit to the window, behind the muslin curtain.) the Beauford Springs; that she was "I have an idea," she continued, "that from a Southern State, and had come he must be writing a book or a lecture, for the benefit of the waters and change of air and scene, for she had been very ill during the summer. Papa had brought her, by easy stages, and she quainted with that little doll creature to winter Arrangement already felt ever so much better, though whom you have taken a fancy. He she had been here but a few days. was seated next her and her father at 2 TRIPS A WEEK. That was papa—the tall gentleman dinner to day. It was her first appearwith the white hair and black eyebrows, talking with the army officer under the beach tree. No, she had no mother with her. Her mamma had died when Colonel Latimer. They're wealthy she was quite a little girl, but Mauma Southerners, I understand." Alma had been as good as a mother to Then after a moment's pause she her. And presently maunia herself laughed. came to look after her charge—a staid, "It was really amusing to see how dignified colored woman, with the re- shy they were to each other. Beyond spectful and self-respecting air peculiar offering a civility or two, Mr. Fleetto the trusted Southern family servant. | wood hardly addressed her, and she-Addressing the little lady as "Miss you ought to have seen how she lifted her blue eyes to his when he asked her Lina, honey," she led her away with the remark that "seein' as the sun was

Beatrix came in presently. She was in high spirits, and looked charmingly sor Fleetwood crossing the lawn. pretty and piquante.

"I have been having a walk by the river-side, and a chat with our hand- is so much better she will be thinking some professor," she said. "His name of leaving." is Fleetwood, and somehow, it is one

which I like." "So you have become acquainted with

seek an introduction?" "The introduction was hardly of his seeking," he said, laughing. "Doctor when some one passed at my window, which opened on the upper plaza, when some one passed Wayland and I came upon him as he upper piazza, when some one passed, was endeavoring to get some waterlilies by the river-side, and I stopped whom we had been speaking, Miss to try my luck also, and the doctor in-

was years since I had seen one.

just beyond one's reach. But I am mistaken if he don't bring me some tomorrow, and I will divide with you." "Is he agreeable?" I asked, idly.

"Quite; though not in the usual always stand in need of. style of young men. There's nothing I was sitting next morning in the flippant or conscious about him. He ladies' parlor looking over a new magais earnest and rather grave; indeed, at | zine which I had found upon the table. moments it strikes me almost sad. I Near me Beatrix was seated, chatting wish he were not quite so shy and re- with some ladies. served, but I fancy he isn't much accus- "What is the use of staying when all

tomed to ladies' society." are too much absorbed in books to have son left yesterday, and Mr. Fleetwood time for such frivolities."

fident little toss, which said, as plainly he said nothing about leaving," said as words could have done : "Wait and Beatrix, quickly. see?" And the thought occurred to 'Oh, he is obliged to go at once to me-had Beatrix been piqued by the take a professorship in some college, indifference or the shyness of this young and Mr. Austin is going." professor into attempting to make a conquest of him? And had she to this arrivals to-day?" said another lady. end purposely thrown herself into his "An artist, and a gentleman who has

was tempted first to the lower piazza, "Suppose we send for the hotel reg- CONFECTIONERY, and thence to a short stroll to the pa- ister."

her cheek suddenly flush and her eyes early stage-coach," she said, indifferented American girl—too refined to be droop for an instant; and then she ly; "Colonel Latimer and Mrs. Fleetassertive, yet with plenty of confidence and self-possession. She had been inchalled at home, a favorite in society.

glanced up brightly, as a gentleman approached along the pathway, carrying carefully in his hand a cluster of water-fill the colonel's daughter, that quiet,

and entertaining companion, whom I liked and admired, though conscious that there was little congeniality bedifficulties. How perfectly lovely they difficulties. How perfectly lovely they It was at the Beasford Springs that are! and what good taste in you to as in absorbed attention. I first met her. She was with her bring them all glistening with those "He fell in love with her when she Italian, Sutherland Falls and clear water-drops !"

had not met in many years. The old gentleman as he offered her the flowers. waited three years for her, and they've lady was, like myself, an invalid, and when the legitimate season was past, we both lingered, having faith in the

benefit us more than the heated and the pavilion. She held the lilies in her in search of flowers, for which she has crowded season through which we had hand; and as the professor descended a passion, and which she sketches the stone steps to dip up a cup of the beautifully. I saw one group of waterwater, she whispered, half-laughing and lilies which was a perfect gem, and—" half-triumphant :--

"I knew he would bring them-but group and spoke to a lady near me. he is so fearfully shy! Only think, I When, presently, I looked an ound Beahad actually to hint a request for them | trice had disappeared.

She introduced me to the professor, and we all rested on the benches and and would like to go home. the guests, whom I rarely saw, being amused ourselves with watching the guests, whom I rarely saw, being amused ourselves with watching the wisitors as they came and went. I observed on the opposite side of the basin them a visit; but in the six years since ther, who was encouraging her to drink | wealthy senator, though old enough to of the nauseous but life-giving waters. "Poor little thing!" I remarked. "She looks so frail and delicate; but what a lovely face she has!"

"A wax-doll face, I should call it," saio Beatrix. "Pretty, certainly, but wanting in life and expression. Don't He turned his eyes upon the object of this remark with a quiet, criticizing

"I can hardly agree with you," he said. "The face, I think, bespeaks intelligence as well as great sensitiveness of feeling, and the eyes are very tender

'You prefer a blonde style of beauty. 'On the contrary, as a mere matter of taste, I consider a dark and brilliant

I fancied that I detected a slight color

preoccupied. She ceased to mention Professor Fleetwood, except briefly, in ance at table. She looks much hetter.

I inquired the young lady's name. "Miss Latimer, at least her father is

to have mashed potatoes." a settin', it was time she should come in out of the evening air," which rewave of color swept across her face, and

"Beatrix." I said, in affected unconsciousness, "now that your grandmother

"Grandma did say something about it yesterday, but I persuaded her not him? Did I not predict that he would still better for a little longer stay." After she had left me I was still seatup I saw the little Southern lady of

Latimer. "And the interesting professor got "I have stopped to tell you good-bye," you the lilies; where are they?" I inquired, for I loved water-lilies, and it to-morrow, quite early, for the Raleigh

Springs." "Oh, we couldn't reach them ! You I gave her my best wishes, sincere strong, manly heart to give her the love and protection which such as she,

the nicest beaux have left?" said one "Professors seldom are so. They young lady, petulantly. "Mr. Pattergoes to-morrow.

She smiled and gave her head a con- "I was speaking with him just now;

come up into the mountains for deer-Next day I felt unusually well, and hunting. I wonder who they are?"

vilion for a draught of the health-giving A servant was dispatched for the waters. Just in front of me Beatrix book and the names of the new arrivals was walking with two ladies. She wore were read and commented upon. Then Fresh Goods of Superior

quiet, and books, and patchwork, while looked "as pretty as a picture." I saw "Two departures to-day by the

dulged at home, a favorite in society, lilies sheathed in their own green delicate little creature who looks too leaves. As I passed I heard her say, in young to be married, though she is her sweetest and most winning tones:- | really twenty. Why, didn't you know "So, Mr. Fleetwood, you have been that she was Professor Fleetwood's

was a school-girl, and he a student of I fancied there was some hesitancy or twenty-one," proceeded the lady, still I fancied there was some hesitancy or embarrassment in the manner of the gentleman as he offered her the flowers. waited three years for her, and they've He and Beatrix presently joined us at room, or in wandering about the woods I turned my back to the gossiping

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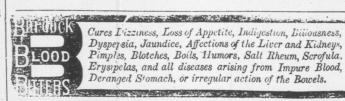
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