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wht she had hurt or offended me. I dit best to answer her though "I serve with you that to killy y, even a flower, is an evil dee not have minded sayin

es and lying in broad bright rifts on the ground here and there, wherever there was an opening in the dense green tops of those fine Scotch firs, the like of which I have never beheld out your debtor.

of my own country, nor there since I was a boy. Also, the absence of other former trees, the high elevation, the wide spaces fied. She went on : of moorland, and the sandy soil, give to re here a rarity and fresh

the atmosphe ness which exhilarates, mentally and I have never seen any fair specimen of bodily, in no small degree. T thank God I have never lost my love of nature; never ceased to feel an almost prevented all questioning of what duty

A LIFE FOR A LIFE

boyish thrill of delight in the mere sunelevated into truth, "except, of course, shine and fresh air. Captain Treherne.' For miles I could have walked on, thus

He caught his name. "Eh, good people. Saying nothing luxuriating, without wishing to disturb my enjoyment by a word, but it was bad of me, I hope? Anyhow, I leave necessary to converse a little, so I made my character in the hands of my friend the valuable and original remark, "that Urquhart. . He rates me soundly to my face, which is the best proof of his not this neighborhood would be very pretty speaking ill of me behind my back." in the spring.

"So that is Dr. Urguhart's idea of My companion replied with a vivacity friendship'! bitter outside and sweet at of indignation most unlike a grown young the core. What does he make of love. lady, and exceedingly like a child. pray ? All sweet and no bitter ?" "Pretty? It is beautiful ! You never

"Or all bitter and no sweet ?" can have seen it. I am sure." These speeches came from the othe I said, " My regiment did not come

two sisters, the latter from the eldest; home till May; I have spent this spring their flippancy needed no reply, and I in the Crimes. "Ah ! the spring flowers there. I have gave none. The second sister was silent.

which I thought showed better taste. heard, are remarkably beautiful, much under the circumstances. more so than ours.' "Yes:" and as she seemed fond of For a few minutes longer we sauntered

on, leaving the wood and passing intoflowers, I told her of the great abundance the sunshine, which felt soft and warm which in the peaceful spring that followed as spring. Then there happened-I have the war, we had noticed, carpeting with a mass of color those dreary plains; the been slow in coming to it-one of those accidents, trivial to all but me, which, large Crimea snow-drops, the jonguils, whenever occurring, seem to dash the and blue hyacinths, growing in myriads about Balaclava and on the banks of the peaceful present out of my grasp, and throw me back years-years, to the time Tchernaya; while on every rocky dingle, and dipping into every tiny brook, hung when I had neither present nor future, but dragged on life, I scarcely know how bushes of the delicate vellow jasmine. "How lovely ! But I would not exwith every faculty tightly bound up in

stooped to pick it up, and there, on the

fly-leaf. I saw written :

an inexorable, intolerable past. change England for it / You should see how the primroses grew all among that She-was carrying her prayer-book, Bible I think it was, though English bank, and a little beyond, outside the wood, is a hedge side, which will be one people oftener carry to church prayermass of blue-bells. books than Bibles, and seem to reverence them quite as much, or more. I had "I shall look for them. I have often

found blue-bells till the end of October.' noticed it as being not one of those vel-"Nonsense !" What a laugh it was vet things, with gilt crosses, that ladies with such a merry ring. "I beg your pardon, Dr. Urquhart, but, really, bluedelight in, but plain-bound, the edges slightly soiled as if with continual use. Passing through a gate, she dropped it; I

bells in October ! Who ever heard of such a thing ?" "I assure you I have found them my-

bell

self, in sheltered places, both the larger "Theodora Johnston"-"Johnston. and smaller species; the one that grows Let me consider what followed, for my from a single stem, and that which pronemory is not clear. duces two or three bells from the same I believe I walked with her to her own

stalk-the campanula-shall I give you door, that there was a gathering and its botanical name ?" talking, which ended in Treherne's en-"Oh, I know what you mean-hare-

tering with the ladies, promising to overtake me before I reached the camp. That "Blue-bell; the real blue-bell of Scot-

I land. What you call blue-bells are wild their lively voices inside the garden wall hyacinchs."
bel was a baby. Lisabel—isn't it a pret-would bel would bel was a baby. Lisabel—isn't it a pret-would bel would bel would bel was a baby.
bel was a baby. Lisabel—isn't it a pret-would bel would below a baby.

"By George, I do !" The thought of ident, which had greatly shocked to camp, sobard him at once moded over in action is one die with one's head under the ush identer did you -ugh ! doctor, did you

Thank you like me. "

He could not be lat truth; so I waid my star mean there are higher this taking it away? So I have been think-ing myself, lately. You set me thinking, The notion of my having the not on his

The notion of my having 'nerves' affor the which I am glad to own myself forded him considerable amusement. But that is just what Dora persisted-I had not a word of answer to this acgood sort of creature, isn't she ? the one

mowledgment, at once frank and digni- you walked with from church. I told her you were as strong as iron and hard "If I said foolish or rude things that as a rock, and she said she didn't believe

night, you must remember how apt one it-that yours was one of the most sensiis to judge from personal experience, and tive faces she had ever seen." "I am very much obliged to

the army. Except," and her manner Theodora; I really was not aware of it myself." "Nor I either, faith ! but women are

al looks were

and the first with 1 had

so sharp-sighted. Ah ! doctor, you don't know half their ways."

"I concluded he had staved at Rocknount ; had he spent a pleasant day ? "Pleasant? ecstatic. Now acknowledge, isn't she a glorious girl ? Such a mouth-such an eve-such an arm ! Almouth—such an eye—such an arm ! Al- our quiet monotonous life, unbroken by together a magnificent creature. Don't a single "event"—breakfast, dinner, you think so? Speak out-I shan't be tes, and sleep coming round in ordinary alous

I said, with truth, she was an extreme ly handsome young women.

"Handsome ? Divine. But she's a ofty as a queen-won't allow any nonense-I didn't get a kiss the whole day. She will have it we are not engaged till I hear from the governor; and I can't get letter till Tuesday, at the soonest. Doctor, it's maddening. If all is not settled in a week, and that angel mine within six more-as she says she will be, arents consenting-I do believe it will rive me mad."

"Having her, or losing? "Either. She puts me nearly out of ny senses.

"Sit down, then, and put yourself in hem again-for a few minutes at least." For I perceived the young fellow was warm with something besides love. He had been solacing himself with wine and cigars in the mess-room. Intemperance was not one of his failings, nor was he pencil-cases are wont to do-slid down more than a little excited now-not by

any means what men consider "over taken," or, to use the honester and ugs lier word, "drunk." Yet, as he stood there, lolling against the door, with hot cheeks and watery eyes, talking and laughing louder than usual, and diffusing an atmosphere both nicotian and alcohol c, I thought it was as well, on the whole, that his divinity did not see her abortions of benevolence. It seems un

too human young adorer. I have often pitied women, mothers, wives, sisters. If they could see some of us men as we often see one another !

Treherne talked rapturously of the family at Rockmount-the father and the three young ladies. I ask if there was no mot

the gate closed upon them, and I heard bel was a baby. Lisabel-isn't it a pret- would not come in, though Penelope in

Thou st not as man sees. wilt Thou make it peace, even for me ?

only

There must have been to the teris died, when her brother, got Francis

CHAPTER VI. HER STORY.

"Gone to be married ! gone to sweet Shall Lowis have ! Blanche those provinces !" Which means, "shall Treberne have Lisa, and Lisa Traherne Court ?"

Yes, it is to be; I suppose it must be Though not literally "gone to be mar ried," they are certainly " going."

For seven days the balance hung doubtful. I do not know exactly what eyes. It startled me, too, to see her; we turned the scale ; sometimes a strong suspicion strikes me that it was Dr. Urguhart; but I have given up cogitating

on the subject. When one is utterly anything. I was foolish enough to apolpowerless-a mere iota in a house-

one's self in vain ! I shall content myself with giving

week: this week which I cannot deny, has made a vital difference in our family. Though outwardly all went on as usual-

rotation; still the change is made. What a long time it seems since Sunday week !

That day, after the tumult of Saturday, is out of the way of both suitors, the coming and the going one-sure that neither Perhaps it may so happen once in a conme-that Sunday was not a happy one

The only pleasant bit in it was the walk home from church; when, Penelope mounting guard over the lovers,] thought it no more than right to be civil to Dr. Urquhart. In so doing, I resolutely smothered down my annoy-

ance at their joining us, and at the young gentleman's taking so much upon himself already, forsooth; lest Captain Treherne's friend should discover that I was not in the most amiable mood possi ble with regard to this marriage. And in so valorously "putting myself into my pocket"-the bad self which had been uppermost all day-somehow it slipped away, as my pin-cushions and

o the earth and vanished. I enjoyed the walk. I like talking to Dr. Urguhart, for he seems honest. He makes one feel as if there were some solid good somewhere in the world, if only one could find it; instead of wandering among mere shams of it, pretenses of heroism, simulations of virtue, selfish like that place in Hades-is it Dante's or Virgil's making ?--where trees, beasts, ghosts, and all, are equally shadowy and unsubstantial. That Sunday morning, which happened to be a specially lovely one, has seemed tangible and real. Including myself, who not seldom appears to myself as the biggest sham of all.

"No. Died, I believe when my Lisa- Dr. Urquhart left us at the gate er abruptly. I should say rudely-bu

prising, as he had a perfect horror of la

not avoid mine? I am sure he need not



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andi as as usual, in nothing. After he went away, Penslope did not suppor till tes time, and was "as cross as two sticks," to use a childish expression, two sticks," to use a childish expression, to swear all evening. If these are lowers' visits, nebe, and I heartily wish Francis would keep

this government situation, from which

She was not in much better humor on Sunday, especially when, coming hastily

into the parlor with a message from Lisabel, I gave her a start-for she was sitting, not writing, but leaning over her desk, with her fingers pressed upon her

have grown so used to this affair, and Penelope is so sharp-tempered, that we never seem to suspect her of feeling

ogize for interrupting, and to attempt to when, whatever one might desire, one's kiss her, which irritated her so that we opinion has not a straw's weight with had almost a quarrel. I left the room, anybody, what is the good of vexing put on my bonnet, and went off, to evening-church-God forgive me ! for no bet-

ter purpose than to get rid of home. straightforward, succinct account of the I wonder, do sisters ever love one another? Not after our fashion, out of mere habit and long familiarity, also a certain pride, which, however we differ among ourselves, would make us, I believe, defend one another warmly against strangers, but out of voluntary sympathy

and affection. Do families ever live in open-hearted union, feeling that blood blood, closer than acquaintance, when I fairly shut myself up to escape friendship, or any tie in the world, except marriage ? That is, it ought to be.

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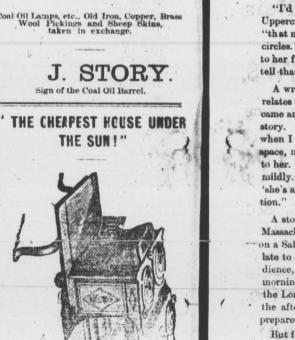
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She shook her head with a pretty perand back into the fir-wood. That, gaining its shadow and shelter, I sat down sistence.

"No, ny; I have always called them on a felled tree to collect myself. blue-bells, and I always shall. Many a Johnson her name is not, but Johnston. scolding have I got about them when I Spelt precisely the same as I remember used, on cold March days, to steal a noticing on his handkerchief, Johnston basket and a kitchen-knife, to dig them without the final e.

up before the luds were formed, so as to transplant them safely in time to flower in my garoan. Many's the knife I broke over that vain quest. Do you know how difficult it is to get at the bulb of a blue-bell ?" Am I fighting with shadows, and tor-

"Wild hyacinth, if you please."

turing myself in vain? God grant it ! "A blue-bell," she laughingly persist-Still, after this discovery, it is vitally ed. "I have sometime picked out a fine one, growing in some easy, soft till midnight waiting Treherne's return. mold, and undermined hin, and worked He did not overtake me-I never exround him, ten inches deep, fancying I pected he would, or desired it. I came had got to the root of him at last, when back, when I did come back, another slip went the knife, and all was over. way. His hut, next to mine, is still Many a time I have sat with the cut-off

silent and unoccupied. So is the whole camp at this hour. stalk in my hand, the long, white, slender stalk, ending in two delicate green Refreshing myself a few minutes since leaves, with a tiny bud between-you by standing bareheaded at my hut door,

know it ; and actually cried, not only for I saw nothing but the stars overhead, vexation over lost labor, but because it seemed such a pity to have destroyed nothing but the sigh of the moorland Tuesday." what one could never make alive again." wind, and the tramp of the sentries re-She said that, looking right into my

leaving guard. face with her innocent eyes. I must wait a little longer ; to sleep This girl, from her habit of speaking

exactly as she thinks, and whether from find out as much as I can. her solitary country rearing, or her in-What if it should be that-the worst nate simplicity of character, thinking at once more naturally and originally than me no reason longer to defer-the end.

most women, will, doubtless, often say things like these. An idea once or twice this morning

ing, my faculties became torpid. I fell had flitted across my mind, whether it into a sort of dream, which being broken would not be better for me to break by a face looking in at me-through the through my hermit ways, and allow mywindow, a sickness of perfectly childish self to pay occasional visits among happy terror came over me. For an instant a jolly lot of brothers-in-law. Do think only, and then I had put away my writhouseholds, or the occasional society of good and cultivated women; now it altoing materials and unbolted the door.

Here it seemed, as if with long ponder

Treherne came in, laughing violently. gether vanished. It would be a thing "Why, doctor, did you take me for a impossible. This young lady must have very quick ghost ?"

perceptions, and accurate memory of "You might have been. You know trivial things, for scale cely had sho ut. what happened last week to those poor tered the last words whon all her face young fellows soming hope from a dinwas dyed crimson and red, as if she ner-party in a dog-cart.

that he is not the sort of man to be easily This seemed an opportunity for ques suspected of discourtesy-Captain Treions which must be put; safer put them herne declared his secession was not sur* now than when Treherne was in a sober

and more observant mood. dies' society. In which case, why did he "Johnston is a border name. Are they Scotch ?"

have had it unless he chose; nor did he "Not to my knowledge-I never in Yet, granting that identity, it is still a quired. Will, if you wish, doctor. You not uncommon name ; there are whole canny Scots always hang together-ha! families, whole clans of Johnstons along ha ! But I say, did you ever see three the Scottish border, and plenty of Eng- nicer girls ? Shouldn't you like one of lish Johnstons, and Johnstones likewise. them for yourself ?"

11 "Thank you-I am not a marrying man; but you will find them a pleasant ecessary to learn more. I have sat up family, apparently. Are there any more

> sisters ? "No-quite enough too." "Nor brothers ?"

"Not the ghost of one !" "Perhaps"-was it I, or some mock-

ng imp speaking through my lips-"per haps only the ghost of one. None now living, probably ?"

"None at all that I ever heard of. much the better. I shall have her more and the long line of lamps below; heard to myself. Heigho ! it's an age till

> "You'd better go to your bed, and shorten the time by ten hours."

"So, I will. Night, night, old fellow. would be impossible, till I have tried to as they teach little brats to say on disappearing from dessert. 'Pon my life, I see myself the venerated head of a housewhich might inevitably produce-or leave hold and pillar of the state already. You'll be quite proud of my exceeding respectability.

He put his head in again, two minutes after, with a nod and a wink. "I say, think better of it. Try for Miss Dora-the second. Charteris one, occurred to papa and Penelope me the other, and you the third. What

better of it.' "Hold your tongue, and go to your bed.

It was not possible to go to mine, would himself long ago have been in a till I had arranged my thoughts.

What he stated must be correct. If. otherwise, it is next to impossible that, he was meant for his uncle's heir, but in his position of intimacy, he should late in life Sir William married. There not have heard it. Families do not, I was a coldness afterward, till Mrs. Char-

behave as if in a state of great martyrdom. Also, a lover of flowers is not likely to be a woman-hater, or a bad man, either; and those must be bad men who have an '" unqualified " horror of women. I take the liberty, until farther evidence, of doubting Captain Treherne -no novelty ! The difficulty is to find

any man in whom you can believe. We spent Sunday afternoon chiefly in the garden, Lisabel and her loyer strolling about together, as Penelope and Francis used to do

Penelope sat with me some time, or the terrace before the drawiug-room windows; then bidding me stay where I was and keep a look-out after those two, lest they should get too sentimental, she went indoors, and I saw her afterward. through the parlor-windows, writingprobably one of these long letters which

Francis gets every Monday morning. What on earth can she find to say ? The lecture against sentimentalism was

needless. Nothing of that in Lisabel. Her courtship will be of the most matter of-fact kind. Every time they passed me, she was talking or laughing. Not a soft or serious look has there been on her

face since Friday night; or, rather, Sunday morning, when my sobbing made

her shed a few tears. She did not afterward-not even when she told what has

Penelope bore it well-if there was anything to bear, and perhaps there was -to her. It might be trying to have her youngest sister married first, and to a young man but for whom Francis position to marry. He told us, on Saturday, the whole story; how, as a boy, RESTORING GREY HAIR

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