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he had made his money by hard work an'

"Yes, it wasn't anyways a pleasant letter. Silas ain't got much feelin'. Harkl ain't

hat somebody knockin' 'round front? Yes,

The hard look on her face did not soften

when she opened the door and found that it was Elias Tupper who had knocked.

"I'm glad to find you to home," said

Elias, with embarrasment. "I come to see you on partic'lar business, Liberty."

"Very well," said Liberty, opening the

door of the little "best room" used only on

state occasions and for the reception of com-

parative strangers, who could not be asked

Elias Tupper was a tall, stoop-shouldered

man with sandy hair and whiskers. He was known to have an eye always to the main

chance, and it was said that his wife had died of overwork. It was quite possible

that this was true, for he had expected a

great deal of her, and had looked upon her

that due notice of the probability of the

event should have been given him, that he

might have been prepared. It didn't seem

verything at sixes and sevens.

at all like Jane to go off that way, leaving

He had not been a widower very long be-

fore he turned his attentions to Liberty

Fowler. He was inclined to think that she

was not as strong as his wife had been, but

perhaps she made up for that by being wiry.

Her persistent avoidance of his attentions had the effect of increasing his desire to

Doan that he had nothing to fear from Wal-

Six weeks had elapsed since the affair of

the medium, and during that time Elias had

apparently forgotten the existence of Lib-

erty Fowler, a fact which Mrs. Doan lament-

ed daily. She said she knew well enough

Liberty was going to be an old maid, 'n'

like as not she'd end by nursing paupers over to the poor-house. If she'd only taken

good advice and married Elias Tupper long

ago, all that spirit-actin' business never

would have been even thought about. But

of course it was no use crying over spilt

still more surprised when he pressed his

suit most urgently, even going so far as to

suggest that they should be married at once.
"I don't care a rap what folks say," ob-

please myself. Let 'em talk. It needn't

Liberty was deeply touched. She thought

his anxiety to marry her at once must spring from genuine kindness and sympathy. But

make any odds to us."

served the ardent wooer. "I guess I o'n all, to call and pray with her.

erty had on her hat.

The tears sprank to Emmeline's soft hazel

"How good of you to come," she said,

"I didn't know till to-day that you were

holding out a welcoming hand. There isn't

sick," said Liberty, sitting down on the foot

"I would have sent you word, but Walter

wouldn't let me," said Emmeline. "He said he didn't want to do anything that you

might take different from what was meant."

Liberty stiffened at once.
"Walter needn't think I have the least

eyes when she saw Liberty.

anybody I'd rather see.'

of the bed.

early."

She stood looking at him frigidly.

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he meant to keep it.

into the kitchen.

there it is again, Liberty."

Liberty rose quickly and

What tender hues the blue skies wear,
And lustrous are the sunsets now;
Each hasting cloud how light and fair,
What glory glids the mountain's brow?
What amber warmth precedes the dawn,
And purple lilacs scent the lawn,
White mists of gold
Are slowly rolled
On Zephyr's breath through peopled air,
By brook or glen, with voice or pen,
We sing of blessings manifold.

No timber of the old house stands, But still about the dooryard creep The old time flowers in faithful bands Who long hopeless vigil keep. Sweet clover, honeyauckles tall, And bindweed that with morning was

The little toad flax keeps her place,
And pinks, their fringes wet with tears,
Stand mutely waiting for a face
Borne conward with the vanished years.
A rose beside the pathway stands,
Once dear to hearts that beat no more;
But now, unplucked by loving hands,
Its buds unfold their crimson store.

The rank field flowers about them grow,
Half drunken with the summer's wine.
They revel in the present glow,
While these for vanished season's pine.
Once merry hearted maidens here,
With happy voices banished gloom,
Fair faces—dust this many a year—
Vied with the honeysuckle bloom. Elizabeth set here the rose, Rebecca placed the bluebells there, Eliza loved each herb that grows, And gave the balm and mint her care. The maids—grown wives—have passed aw

The maids—grown wives—have passed av The oak-framed house has fallen, too; but these frail blossoms constant stay To write their names in rose and rue. Like aged people here they stand, And try to knit, with wistful sigh, The lost links of a broken band.

Another life may this complete,
And some day, as a sweet surprise,
Their former mistresses may greet
These homelike blooms in paradise. For what strange forms of asphodel
Or amaranth immortal grown,
Could bring to them the joyous spell
Of these, their earth-life once had known!
Poor spectres of a vanished home!
The grass about you rankly waves.
I pluck you from a grudging loam,
And place you on three moss-grown
graves.

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The Sin of Liberty Fowler. By Florence Hallowell Hoyt in Ladies' World.

CAAPTER VII.

Mrs. Fowler's restoration to reason, and ter on, to health, was considered little short of a miracle by her neighbors, who were rather of the opinion that Liberty deerved to lose her mother after the "scandalous way she'd been goin' on." To Liberty herself it seemed almost too good to be true. that her heart was lightened of the terrible burden which had oppressed it for so long.
"Yes, I guess I'm about as well as ever I

He had been gone only a little while when was," Mrs. Fowler said one day as she and Mrs. Doan came in. She had met Elias and Liberty sat in their little kitchen, eating an heard his tale of defeat. exceedingly simple noon-day meal of vegeta-"I declare, I can't understand you, Liberty," she said. "You act diff'rent from "But I guess 'twould have been just as well if I'd died. We're back now just where we started from. If I'd died—" 'Mother!" cried Liberty in an intense

any girl I ever saw. After all that's hap-pened, I sh'd think you'd be glad of the chance to marry a good, steady man like Elias Tupper. There ain't many men would roice, throwing up her head with an unconwant a girl that's been talked about the way trollable gesture of pain. "Don't; I can't bear it. I've gone through enough!" you've been." Liberty sat by a window mending a rent "Well, I don't know how we're goin' to in an old wrapper belonging to her mother. She did not look up. She appeared absorbed live. The onions 'n' greens ain't goin' to

hold out much longer. I guess there won't in her work. "The land only knows how long our gar sewin'. Eunice says there don't anybody den truck 'll hold out," sighed Mrs. Fowler, peak to you any more." 'and it does seem so strange not havin' The gfrl's finely-cut, super-sensitive face folks drop in now 'n' then." was convulsed for a moment. Then her "There's somebody coming in now, mother," said Liberty as she heard the click of "I don't want them to speak to me," she

the gate latch and then a man's tread on the path. "It's Lawyer Stell," she added, as a "Now, Liberty, you know well enough figure passed the window by which she sat. you ain't speakin' your real mind. It's jest awful not to have folks droppin' in like they "For goodness' sakes!" said Mrs. Doan. uster. I set here 'n' see 'em go past, 'n' The door stood wide open, for the weather they don't never even turn their heads this was warm, and the lawyer came in smiling.

He bowed profoundly. He was a vain man, Liberty was silent. and prided himself upon his elegant manners. 'Eunice saya the minister's comin' to see He liked to impress people poorer than him-self with a sense of his dignity and good you," continued Mrs. Fowler. "I told her that like as not you wouldn't have a word breeding. "My call is unexpected, doubtless," he "No, I don't care to see him." said Lib

said, as he seated himself on the chair Lib-erty moved forward. "But I am the bearerty. "He can't help me," and a disdainful smile lingered for a moment on the girl's of news which I am sure will be most lips as there came before her a mental visio of the insignificant, commonplace little man welcome, though in one sense fraught with sorrow. But you may already have heard of it. I spoke of it to Mr. Tupper about an Well, you can't send him word to stay hour ago, and I understand," with a slight away," said Mrs. Fowler. bow in Liberty's direction and a smile that "No, he's got to come, I suppose." "Eunice was sayin' yes'd'y that you might write a letter askin' to have prayers showed all his teeth, "that he is a frequent caller here."

said for a sinner. You needn't to say anyago," said Liberty, not returning the smile, the knee joints.
"but he told us no news."

The tears sprank thing about what you'd done, you know, 'n' you needn't to sign it. I guess some folks would know who was meant, but there

"How extraordinary!" said the lawyer. 'It is hardly possible he forgot it. But ouldn't anybody object!" Every word her mother uttered fell or perhaps he thought he had better leave the announcement to me. To be brief, I received a letter to-day at noon from a brother lawthe girl's heart like a drop of molten lead. She breathed with difficulty. It seemed an yer in Stillwell, asking me to notify you of effort for her to speak. "I don't think it would do any good to the death of his client. Silas Fowler.' "Silas dead!" cried Mrs. Fowler. "There ask for prayers," she said in a smothered

now, Liberty, that's why he never answered your last letter." "He has been dead a week," said Mr. for prayers when he got over his spree last week," urged Mrs. Fowler. Stell, impressively, "and he has left Miss Liberty all his property." "For the land's sake!" cried Mrs. Doan.

'And how much is it?" "I'm afraid your heart's got hard, Lib-"I understand that Mr. Fowler was worth about twenty thousand dollars," answered the lawyer.

to do it if he wants to."

"Perhaps he has."

"Did you say anything about it in your

"Perhaps that's what's made him mad. But he ought to help us. You're his own brother's child, 'n' he hasn't anyone but him-

Mrs. Fowler signed; an anxious look set-tled upon her delicate, sharp-featured face. "You might write to your Uncle Silas 'n' Liberty rose suddenly, put her hand over her eyes an instant, then walked to the door of the back stairway, opened it and disapask him to help us," she said. "He's able peared.
"Well, of all!" exclaimed Mrs. Doan, "I wrote to him three weeks ago," re-

staring after her.
"I think I can understand Miss Liberty's joined Liberty, in that concentrated voice which means so much. "He hasn't andeparture," said Mr. Stell. "She is quite "I guess he's heard about that medium

"I don't see what my money's got to do with it," said Liberty.

"You don't? Why, Walter thinks you wouldn't ever marry him now you're rich. He's been waitin, all this time to have you send him some word. And yesterd'y, when Dr. Vose was here, he told Walter that he'd heard Lawyer Stell had been to see you three or four times."

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so long. She had broken down at last!

since we got the news about Silas."

CHAPTER VIII.

turned her face toward the window. "How dark it's growing," she added. "I guess I'd better light your lamp, Emmeline." "Well," said Emmeline, "There's mat-ches in that little glass shoe on the mantel." The news of Liberty Fowler's accession to

Liberty set the lighted lamp on a smal table by Emmeline's bed. ran like wild-fire over the village, and it was marvelous how suddenly public opinion changed in regard to the part she had taken said the sick girl. "It's awful with only old Sarah. I don't know how Walter's ever in the representations of the pretended medium. It was remarked that she had always been devoted to her mother, and that any the avouacdfor making a desperate old Sarah. I don't know how watter a bull of the property of th

girl might be excused for making a desperate effort to save a parent from dependence on "After you're gone!"
"Yes;" I don't mind telling you. I'm public charity.

"An' I don't know as it was Christian to going to be married again."

"To that stock-raiser?"

treat her as if she was a leper," said Mrs. Rudd. "Anyway, I'm goin' to see her "Yes. Arnold Forrester, his name cottage with a frequency that kept Mrs.
Fowler in a state of high satisfaction and good humor. But she wasn't able to

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Fowler in a state of high satisfaction and good humor. But she wasn't able to answer any of the questions put to her in regard to what her daughter intended to do. Liberty hadn't told her; she didn't really think Liberty had thought yet. Like as not they'd just go on pretty much as ever, only of

apparently merely as a clever and inexpensive machine, warranted to take care of a house and children, and turn out a vast number of pounds of creamery butter every week. He had been surprised when she anyways pleasant walkin' long in the dark anyways pleasant walkin' long in the dark as 'twere."

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There was a full moon. It shone between the boughs of the trees, and the hard road. just go on pretty much as ever, only of you," said Emmeline. "But perhaps you'll meet him. He said he'd be back real early." Liberty's heart was wonderfully light as

mind," said Mrs. Doan. "I guess she's waitin' on Walter Soudder."

"Oh, she 'n' Walter's broke off for good,"

"There were harvest fields on either hand, bordered by low walls built of stones taken said Mrs. Fowler. "He ain't been here with patient labor from those same fields.
Blackberry bushes lined the walls on either "I wonder if she cares?" questioned Mrs.

side, heavy with red and green fruit. The "Goodness only knows; she don't act like air was sweet with country odors.

There was a sound of wheels on the road, she cared any" replied her sister.
But Liberty did care a great deal. Every listened a moment and stepped to one side under the shade of a big tree, thinking she morning when she waked she thought surely Walter would come before night, and every would keep still and let the vehicle pass her had the effect of increasing his desire to win her. And he had been assured by Mrs. Doan that he had nothing to fear from Wal. and discover who its occupants were.

that rumor again about his attentions to Ida Hale. Mrs. Rudd said she had seen them It was a buggy and in it were seated Joe loud enough for Liberty to hear every word distinctly as they passed the spot where she walking together, and Mrs. Doan came in on her way home from church one Sunday night expressly to say that Walter had joined the

"The very idea of your bein' jealous of choir and had a seat next to Ida. Joe Anderson was there too, but Ida had seemed to pay more attention to Walter than to Joe. "He's too serious minded for me. I'd just as lief keep company with a tombstone."
"Well, I guess I ain't goin' to be jealous Liberty lay awake at night and thought of it. She remembered with satisfaction that Walter had once said that Ida was not any more," rejoined Joe. "Things are fixed

all right now, it only your folks are willing." his style at all; but then, she thought, he might have changed his ideal very material-So Joe and Ida were engaged! And Ida thought Walter too "serious minded."
"She's too silly to appreciate a man like long as she was shunned, and her neighbors talked about her, she had thought Walter would make a sacrifice in marrying her; but Walter," thought the girl, as she stepped out into the road just in time to meet a horse-

her position was very different now. The minister had not thought it necessary, after man who came swiftly toward her from the direction of the village. "I guess you don't know Emmeline Morris is real sick," said Mrs. Hale, who ran in called to him. "Why, Liberty!" one morning with a cream pitcher to borrow a little milk. "Yes," as Liberty looked up

she refused to consider his proposition for a moment, though he argued and pleaded with all the homely eloquence of which he was capable. He work."

With interest, "she's sick a bed; got a kinder low fever, the doctor says. They're got old Sarah Andrews there to 'tend to the work."

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Liberty said nothing, but she was restless and unhappy all day. She wanted to call with the moonlight on her face. She had taken off her hat and held it in one hand. upon Emmeline, but feared the construction that might be placed upon it. Not for the "No; you stepped out from the shadow of whole of her fortune would she make further

that tree like a spirit," replied Walter, and then he flushed hotly. "I oughtn't to have said that," he added hastily. gossip or have Walter think she was running after him. She had almost convinced "It doesn't matter," rejoined Liberty, herself that he no longer cared for her, and sighing. "I've put all that trouble about the medium back of me. I'm does with it." "I wonder if you're done with everything she felt wounded and stung.

Later in the day she heard that there was

to be a meeting of farmers at the town half in Shelbyville. All who were interested in that money?"
"No, not everything. You have never having good roads were urged to be present, and Liberty felt assured Walter would atcome to tell me you were glad Uncle Silas

tend. And a short time after supper she saw him ride by with another farmer by the left it to me, Walter." "I'm not sure that I am glad." name of Bryant. They were talking earnest ly, and Walter did not once look toward the "Because I'm afraid you won't care now

They were hardly out of sight before Libfor the love of a poor farmer." "Oh, Walter!" "I'm going out for a little while, mother," she said, as she looked into the kitchen before " Do you love me Liberty?" starting out. "Don't worry if I'm not home

gaze bravely, her dark eyes shining. The next moment he drew her to his breast. It was a mile and a half to the Scudder farm, and it was dusk when Liberty reached The little mare, finding herself free, trotthere. The house was a square, red brick structure, with a look of substantial comfort ted off in the direction of home. "There goes Duchess, Walter," said Lib-

and respectability. There was an orchard on one side, and on the other a clover field. erty.
"Never mind," said Walter, "let her go! I'm going home with you, anyhow, you The yard was full of rose bushes, which had been planted by Mrs. Soudder's mother. They had not received much attention since About an hour later Liberty walked into her mother's kitchen, looking radiantly

her death, but still bloomed luxuriantly. Liberty paused to pick a beautiful crimson bud as she walked slowly around to the rear "For the land's sake, Liberty, where have worried most to death about you."

of the house. Old Sarah Andrews was in the kitchen, Liberty knelt down by her mother's chair washing dishes at the sink. She told Liberty to go "right erlong up-stairs," that "It's all settled about what we're going to Emmeline was in her own room, and hadn't

been able to leave her bed yet.

"I'd go up with ye, but stairs is so tryin' one me," said the old woman. She wiped one me," said the old woman. She wiped her hands on her apron and opened the door of the hall. She moved slowly and stiffly; "Yes," answered Liberty, a glad, beautishe had suffered for years with rheumatism

ful light in her dark eyes, a tender smile on her lips, "I'm going to marry Walter Soud-

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Liberty stiffened at once.

"Walter needn't think I have the least desire to hold him to anything he may have said in the past," she said coldly.

"Oh, Liberty, don't you care for him any more?"

Liberty sat silent.

"You don't, you don't!" cried Emmeline, "and it's all because of that money your uncle left you;" she pulled up a corner of the sheet and wiped the tears from her eyes.

"I'm so fond of Walter, 'n' I can't help cryin'," she sobbed.

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"I don't see what my money's got to do -The United States census for 1890 s

three or four times."

Liberty laughed.

"Lawyer Stell! why, he dyes his whiskers," she said. "Besides, I wouldn't ever marry a widower."

"Oh. I'm so glad!" said Emmeline.