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wandered away to the water's edge. There he launched his boat, and paddled in to bring it out again, and splashed and wet himself, and soiled his fine clothes with the

When Matilda Hartley was twenty years mud, and was happy beyond expression. Mattie yearned for him, but she sat still, and only looked until the tears filled her of age, and hving out the happiest of lives with a crabbed old aunt, who had brought her up, there came into the village of Rud-leigh, where she had been born, and which she had never left, a dashing sea-captain of thirty-six or thirty-eight, who spent his with a crabbed old aunt, who had brought thirty-six or thirty-eight, who spent his head and two tiny arms, and a cry of

thirty-six or thirty-eight, who spent his money freely enough to make him an ac-quisition to the one hotel of the place, and who was so far from bashful that, before he had been there a week, every woman in Rudleigh had either been "stared at" or "followed quite home, my dear." The young chambermaids had each been 'kissed, the landlord's daughter had been chucked under the chin, and the landlady herself, istriving to blush, and failing, because no red rose could be redder than she was al ready, declared that a little more and she must really "mention it to Mr. Landlord."

ed woman, lashed by her costly robes to her own chariot wheels.

was owner and hitherto captain of the Amanda, and was, moreover, a widower; his first wife having taken advantage of his absence on a voyage to elope with a French-man, who, so report says, poisoned her. This he told, with a grave grace to little Mattie before he popped the question. "If I thought women-folk were all alike, I'd fight shy of them, I can tell you," he said "hat I'm aire you have a heart, and her own chariot wheels. The crowd followed, unable to give any aid. And Mattie remained, holding the sobbing boy to her bosom. She looked into his eyes—she kissed his lips. Mad dreams of stealing him and hiding herself where she might keep him for her own, filled her mind. said. "But I'm sure you have a heart, and a true one, Mattie." And so Mattie gave him her heart, and

her hand with it. For a year or two they lived very happy. Then the jolly, red-cheeked captain fell ill; and in his illness a haby that had come to them, a boy of a few menths old, was stolen them, a preambulator, which a careless nurse

chatted with a beau. There had been a band of gypsies in the neighborhood, and suspicion naturally fell on them; but they were followed in vain, and none of the rewards which were offered threw any light on the anhiest

"You must put on your bonnet, and come with me," he said. "The woman who was hurt to-day is dying. She wants threw any light on the subject. The agitation did the captain great harm, and probably hastened his end. He died

and probably hastened his end. He died in a few months, and poor Mattie, broken-hearted and desolate, prayed to die also. What good could come to her, now that Frank and baby were both gone? In vain the old clargyman preached submission, and spoke of "tempting Providence by who was hurt to day is dying. She wants to speak to you." "To me?" said Mattie. "Oh, I can-not go there !" But something in her friend's manner made her alter her mind and go with him, with as strange, hopeful feeling at her heart. heart.

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Montreal Stock Market. MONTREAL, Jan. 30.—The market for stocks was marked by much irregularity this morning. Montreal bank sold at 1933 for 25 and 1974 for 85. The rest were active and gas rose 5 per cent. before the close of the board. Ontario sold at 609 for 195. People's at 94 for 5. Toronto at 167 for 75. Mer-chants' at 120 for 20. Commerce at 1894 for 175⁵ 1394 for 150. Italy for 115. Loan and Mortgage sold at 108 for 50. Intercolonial Coal at 26 for 50. Mon-treal Telegraph sold at 124 for 150. Richelieu and Ontario at 514 for 50, and 52 for 25. City Passenger sold at 220 for 150. Montreal Gas, upon reports of good business, sold at 160 for 155, 1614 for 25, 162 for 250, 1624 for 125, 163 for 200. Montreal Cotton, 165 held, 160 bid; Dundas, 136 held, 134 bid; Canada, 160 held, 150 bid.

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ially in quiet inland towns, to have a construction of the dwell-wives apiece. The end of all this was, that the now Mrs. Waters took possession of the dwell-ing and property of the captain, and disgrac-ed and wretched Mattie returned to the maiden aunt, who, having been opposed to the match, rather triumphed in its result as what she called a "judgment." Mrs. Waters tried to make friends in the willage but, on the whole, failed to do so the was coarse and vulgar. The ser-

so. She was coarse and vulgar. The ser-vants said she drank ; and her treatment of wants said she drank; and then treatment of her child, a little creature half the size it should have been for its age, was such as shocked everybody. She never manifested any love for it. It was said she beat it

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and took her hand.
"Forgive her if you can, Mrs. Waters,"
he said, "even as you would have God for-give you."
And with the words and the name, Mat-tie realized the truth and sunk upon her knees, cried, "Frank was true—Frank never deceived me ;" and then, "I always felt hat it was my boy and not hers."
And so it came to pass that Mattie Waters lived once more in her old home, with no cloud of shame upon her life-happy in her boy, and in the hope of meet-ing Frank once more in that land where severed hearts are reunited and there is no more sorrow, neither any death.
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