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But a., a | never in any weather But not, all never in any weather Can she fold us her leaves together and close herself in a bud again.

But if the sun and wind be sweeter, And summer's beautiful dress completer,
Buss of the rose's graceful part,
What has the far and better
Than, sumt an acked in her fair green fet
To dia, what an untouched virgin heart? -Mary Ainge De Vere MR. BIRD'S UMBRELLA.

re was a pause, and a long enough pause ive me the impression that I had been ing of earthquakes, or of the bombardritish museum, or of a volcanic pitto in the British museum, or of a voicanic-pition in Kussell square, to convince me en forcibly that I must have been dream-s, as I sat up in bed, and rubbed my eyes d listmed. Then—Bang! bang! bang!— ta-tat-a-tat-a-tat-a-tat-a-tat-a-tat-Bang! ss, there was somebody evidently knock-rat the street door, beging by the street ut of the rain, which was coming down ore at a moment's notice and at 2:30 in the

ter street, Prossiter place, Russell square, Bloomsbury, for we worked very hard at No. 10, and the house was a large one. It ortably let, and those lodgers who were a fortany let, and those loagars wan were at thome were all fast asiep, or else waiting for me, the poor, weakly proprietor of the establishment (Jane Neild, at your service, gentle reader, age 22, and an orphan with an establishment on her mind, and a living to get out of the establishment), to call to the ervants (Bridget, able bodied, "general, ged 40, and a frightful temper, and Sarah ged 13, child with a chronic cold and a rec That was the way it was put at last b

ng with my own name in a shriek of sheet

"I'm going to open the window and inquire

again ngure on my top step, whose hat I could see was as shiny as the pavement.
"What is it?" I inquired; but the wind rhisked my voice into Museum street, and I ad to repeat the inquiry in a shrill falsetto. The man below paused with his hand to the nocker again—for he was just going to bejustered. gin afresh-listened, and then ran down the

teps and stood on the edge of the curbsto stops and stood on the edge of the curbstone, with his hands behind him, looking up at me at last. I could make nothing of him in the darkner from my point of view.

"What do you want, sir?" I asked, now that I had secured the attention of this individual. "What are you making such a noise for at this time of night?" "I'm very sorry to disturb you, lady"—
"So it seems," I said, acrimoniously; but h

as an exceptional proceeding, and deserved

ny umbrella clean out of my hand into your urea. I would not mind so muclt," he condecended to explain still further, at the top of its voice, "but it's an umbrella I set great tore by. Besides, it's raining tremend-

on to sleep at last, and was broadled by dreams of tempetes and tornadoes, and white squalls carrying away whole grosses of unbrellas, until Sarah knocked at the panels of my door with her customary information that it was 6:30 o'clock.

There was

that it was 6:30 o'clock.

I was perforce an early riser. There was a great deal to superintend, and my parlor floor was a gentleman connected with the railway goods traffic department who was always getting up early and going cut to business and letting himself in again with his latch key about 7 in the morning, when he expected breakfast ready, and afe it walking about the room, as a rule, preparatory to his umbrella was apparent to me, and my heart quite sank at the news which I had to impart to him. The man was so envrapped about the room, as a rule, preparatory to his umbrella—speaking figuratively—that I felt it was necessary to break the news

Neild," he began; "I couldn't get a wink of sleep. The captain, I suppose, again? I must

"A gentleman dropped his umbrella down the area and knocked me up for it," I exthe area and knocked me up for it," I ex-plained, with a little acrimonious emphasis. "Well, of all the confounded imperti-nence!" exclaimed Mr. Goode; "I should like to treat that party to a bit of my mind. You never got up and gave it to him!" "No, I did not."
"I am glad to hear that. For you must take care of yourself Miss Neild and keep

ke care of yourself, Miss Neild, and keep rong. You are not looking well," he said. rding me with his head on one side, as if ne nad a troudescome wen on the other which
he was anxious to keep clear of the edge of
his shirt collar, "upon my word you are not.
You are pale and fragile looking. A little
hange at the seaside now would do you a

"They tell you they have not seen my umbrelled."
"They do."
"And you believe them?"
"Cartainly."

change at the seaside now would do you a world of good."

"Yes, I dare say it would."

"This large house is a trial to you—and that captain, with his absurd fancies and his ridiculous tempers, would worry the life out of a saint—and you are really looking extremely pale this morning. And—good gracious, I had no idea it was so late!"

Mr. Goode swallowed the last nortion of g," he said frantically.
"I'm aware of that." Mr. Goode swallowed the last portion of his bread and butter whole, and dashed like a harlequin out of the front door. When he ion I was looking about the same as usua prim, pale, pert little puss, as my dear

use in Prossiter street, and there were late suppers and cribbage any more, I 17 when he died, and I had had five ing room, with a flannel garment, which I take the liberty here of calling a "kuffler," was 17 when he died, and 1 had nad new toward the window, trembling, I must say, in every limb, the knocking was receated for the third time, and with a three will. A nice girl was Lily Brian, and my one will. A nice girl was Lily Brian, and my one will be and confidurable but registrate to food.

re cated for the third time, and with a three foll vigor, born of the delay and irritation to pust summonses.

I waited until there was silence again, or nearly silence—for I could distinctly hear Capt. Choppers loading all his firearms—and then opened the widow, and peered into the damp, shiny street, which the wind and rain had all to themselves, with the exception of a thirk figure on my top step, whose hat I could see was as shiny as the pavement.

What is it? I inquired; but the wind whisked my voice into Museum street, and I ences, and sure enough the cold was bred before my early dinner hour, when the sneezing stage had set in with considerable force. This reminded me once more of the umbrella which had been dropped into the area last night, and I asked Bridget to bring it to me.

"The what, m'm?" asked Bridget, with ella | biting his finger nails almost savagely. "Yes."
"Then he's the man who's got my umbrel

"Then he's the man who's got my umbrella," he cried; "I see it all now. Ke's keeping it back out of spite!"

"Mr. Bird, this is absolutely unendurable."

"I suppose he was the fellow bellowing about the house like a bull last night, trying to make somebody understand that I was knocking. I heard him."

"No, he was not the fellow," I replied, severely; "that was Capt. Choppers."

"Does Capt. Choppers get up early?"

"No, he duesn't; he's a very late riser, indeed; I believe he's in bed now." "The winds, in in asset Bridger, with a wild stare.
"The umbrella."
"Umbereller, and down our airy, did ye say, m'm? There's not a zerap of umbereller down our airy. I ve been in and out twenty toimes, and must have seen it," continued Bridget.

aid; "go and see."
Bridget departed, and returned with the nformation that there was no umbrella in the area, and then I went and looked for mydeed; I believe he's in bed now.' "That's his artfulnes," said the suspicious the area, and then I went and looked for myself, and, as it was still drizzling with rain, il
caught another cold on top of the first one,
and was at fever heat ere twenty-four hours
had ensued. But before then the gentleman
had called for his property, and I had met
face to face the individual who had rendered
last night hideous.

He vame at 3 in the afternoon, sending ir
ms care by way of preliminary announce
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to you way of preliminary announce
to you creal and uncelled for recoastic

Because I cannot afford it. Lilv." "Because I cannot alrord it, Lily."

"Oh, bother the money," said Lily.

"That's what I often say myself."

"It shall cost you next to nothing—bardly nything," Lily suggested. "Papa says you will only have to pay for a room somewhere, and you can board with us, and, oh, dear, it will be awfully solly."

will be awfully jolly!" "It's very kind of your papa, and—and FII
think of it, Lily, at any rate."
"And make up your mind and say 'yes,'"
cried Lily—'won't you, Jane?"
"I don't know."
"That fright of a captain's going somewhere, I know," Lily said, "and Mr. Goode has got a free pass down the line you tell me has got a free pass down the line, you tell me, and he's sure to go into the country with so

see him. He was walking about with his mouth full and a slice of bread and butter in his hand.

gently.

"The sorry to say I don't see," I replied, "To the fact is"—

Yes, he was impulsive, and dashed to conclude think of it. Thought of Mr. Brian's clustens; and the sure to go into the country with so little to pay for it; it's just like him. And do think of it. Jane, there's a love?"

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was evidently not a rich man, and there were a few struggles to "keep up an appearance," although he went out of town with his family for a month every summer, by express desire of Mrs. Brian, who required change every August, and regularly sallied forth, en famille, from her large establishment in Parenties. anyprice."
"I don't know what you mean by any price, sir," I said, drawing myself up to my full height, as the novel ste say—and that ment in Prossiter street to a house down a back slum in High street, Margate, where the rooms were small, and the children were heaped together sardine fashion, and now and then came back with "something catching" as a wind up to the season's enjoyment. And this particular August I was asked to join them. There was the sea, and "You must take a little change," said the doctor, and Lily Brian was very pressing, and Cart, and Lily Brian was very pressing, and cart. height was exactly five fest three inches and compliments to him, and"——
"It was not Capt. Choppers."
"Inacd! No. Well, I thought I heard his voice," said Mr. Goode, very much disappointed.
There was no homogeneousness between Mr. Goode and Capt. Choppers—I may say even that there were times when they hated and loathed each other.

"Wh. Assembly involved, "and it's not at all likely: "The was not been sent to the sentence as the first one became hopelessly involved, "and it's not at all likely: "It want down your area." a half when fully drawn up and a little bit and Lily Brian was very pressing, and Capt. Choppers had talked of going away for a week or two, and the boys Goode were com-ng home for the holidays, and I, Jane Neild,

and loathed each other.

"He's a beggarly upstart civilian, madam, escaptain would roar in excited moments; and "He a captain" Mr. Goode would say, with withering contempt. "Capwold say, with withering contempt. "Capwold say, with withering contempt. "I have asked them."

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"In there asked them." "No."
"Who is the first to go into that area in the morning, Miss Neild?" he inquired; "some-body for coals, I suppose!"

"Bridget or Sarah, certainly." "I should very much like to see Bridget and Sarah," he suggested, "if you would not that your umbrella is not on the premises, I said, still loftily; "I cannot have my ser vants subjected to a cross-examination or this question. I have already made every

"Certainly."
"Well, I don't—and that's plain speakunless there's anybody else in the house who

rection of suspicion. "I should like to see him."

"He's a gentleman holding a high position in the railway, and is not at all likely to conscate property that does not belong to him."

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as he left this here for?"
"It's—it's a prisent, m'm, I'm thinking." ent being!" I said; "I'll see about his pres-

of the journey.

nent beingi" 1 said; "I'll see about his present presently. When did he come?"
"He's been here every day, m'm."
"Every day?"
"Twice a day," Bridget replied. "And the day you were so'll he came three times, to make sure the doctors weren't killing "It's very extraordinary."

"Right ye are, Miss Neild, as far as that goes; but when Sarah bust out crying at last he was very sorry and gave her 'arf a crown; and so he did me, m'm, like a real gentleman, when I thought it was quite time I cried, too, when 'arf crowns were flying about like that."
"That'll do, Bridget," I said, for Bridget when loquacious was familiar. "When was he here last?"

"This morning."
"Indeed." "And I told him you were quite come round, and he said, 'That's a good job,' and went away."
"Do you think he'll return?" "I don't think so, m'm, for he said, 'Good , Bridget; mind you take care of her,' as walked hisself off."

he walked hisself off."
"Did he say anything else f"
"N—no, m'm, I don't seem to recollect"—
"Answer me truthfully, Bridget; what else
did he say f"
"Sorry a word, else, except he hoped Mar-"How did he know I was going to Margate!" I inquired.
"That's more nor mortal can say, m'm.
He knows a great deal more about other people's affairs than he ought. He interferes like, doesn't he? He's a terrible curious young man."

"And a very mean way to find out it was," "Said, with asperity; "and—good morning." ("Go-ood morning," he said, in a low, croaking voice. He raised his bilious straw hat, dropped his telescope, which he picked up and tucked once more under his arm, came suddenly to a full stop, and let me go on my

"Well—go on."
"And ye may give me a month's warning and send me away afterward, if ye'll only be cool, miss, and don't blame me too much jest at prisint."

"Why don't you explain?"
"Well, then, he took it into his head Mr. Goods had got his umbereller or else Capt. Choppers, and one day, when they were both out, he axed me to let him look into their tout, he axed me to let him look into their and I did, m'm—and, begorra, I had left him—not overwhelmed or mad with grief and shame, as I had almost feared he

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me; "the man may call again, although I doubt it very much." Next week I was strong enough to join the Next week I was strong enough to join the Brians at Margate—that salubrious retreat where one meets everybody he knews, if he only waits long enough. And on the jetty extension that avening I met Capt. Choppers and Mr. Goode, who had both come down "by accident," and who had been passing each other on the jetty all the evening as each other on the jetty all the evening as though they had nover met in the whols course of their lives. Mr. Goode's two sons were in Margate also, but, having fallen headlong into the water while fishing, had gone home to bed while their suits were being dried. And the next morning whom should I meet face to face, and smiling as vigorously as ever, but Geoffry Bird, the carver.

It was early morning, when few people

as ever, but decoury Burd, the carver.

It was early morning, when few people were stirring, and I had gone for a walk along the fort to put my blood in circulation and get an appetite for breakfast. The Brians were not early risers, and I knew it was no use calling at their apartments till 8:30 circle. ment in Prossiter street to a house down a Mr. Bird was clad in a dark blue pilot suit, with a very yellow straw hat set on the back of his head and a large telescope under his arm. He was supremely nautical, and I took of his head and a carm. He was supremely nautical, and I wook him for somebody rather high in the coast him for somebody rather high in the coast

arm. He was supremely nauncal, and I tools him for somebody rather high in the coast guard service—a sergeant or something—before he raised his hat and came with an autelope kind of spring toward me.

"Miss Neild," he exclaimed, "I am so very the control of the glad to see you about again. You really cannot imagine how glad I am!" you any pleasure, sir," I said, in my most reserved tone of voice. "I don't understand why it should occasion

as able to pay—and would insist upon pay-nas able to pay—and would insist upon pay-ng—my fair share for board with the Bri-nes, having my little room out of the house, too, for that peace and quietness which is not "Don't you, though? Oh, well, I'll tell always found in large families. Yes, I would did not see on the instant how it was possible go down to Margate when I was strong—
to get rid of him. I felt my equanity was go get rid of him. I felt my equanity was been strong when I was well enough to-bear the fatigue seriously disturbed by his appearance, by his insufferable obtrusiveness. This was part and parcel of his ordinary behavior—a total with much formality of departure, left town for the season, and I made up my mind to get well and strong as soon as possible, and join them. When I was down stairs again in my little back room there was a great surprise awaiting mé. Nailed against the wall, under sleep by nearly battering the house down. He alluded to that little incident at once,

"In answering me that unlucky night,
Miss Neild, you nearly caught your death,"
he explained, "and nobody can imagine how
miserable I was—how desperately wretched
—until I heard you were out of danger. I her's cabinet sized photograph, was a of a dead bird hanging by its claws downshould have never forgiven myself, upon my tonishment, and Bridget stood in the back-ground with a grin on her face from ear to nonor, and I did not know a moment's peace till Bridget, your girl, told me you were out

Then I was adamant, and he saw it. He was certainly an observant man, whom very little escaped. I noticed the broad smile

offended, Mr. Bird—but I must say"— onended, air. Bird—but I must say —

"No. no, don't say it," he cried, interrupting me, "don't say a word more, please. I—
I know it was a great liberty—an unwarrantable liberty—but I could't help it. I wanted to make a little return for all the troubloand

think of anything else. I had just done it. ou see."
"Done what!" I exclaimed, snappishly—I ould have screamed at him for two pins.
"Why, the little bit of carving—aren't you last day of his stay in Margate;

as you conveniently can. "I dight bribe your servants, Miss Neid.
Poor girls, I frightened them, but I did not
give them money as a bribe. You might
have thought better of a fellow than that,"
he said, very sorrowfully; "although why
you should I don't know exactly."

"You had no right to go into my lodgers'
rooms and search for that trumpery umbrella
you lost:"

'No right!" he repeated. "Certainly—no right."
"But one of those two old beggars has got
t," he cried, energetically; "!'m sure of

that."
"How dare you say this to me?"
"How you say this to me?" "Who else can it be? I know you haven't got it," he cried. "I am sure your two ser-vants are as innocent as babes unborn, and

they were the only two besides in the house that night—the upstairs lot had gone to Tun-bridge for two days," "How did you know that?" "How ca you know that?"

"Oh, I made every inquiry," he explained, coolly; "and as the umbrella was a precious possession to me—I think I told you before it was a gift from my father on his dying bed—I mede every effort to find out what had become of it."

"And a very mean way to find out it was," I said, with asperity: "and—good morning."

suddenly to a full stop, and let me go on my way unmolested any further by him.

When I had got a good distance from him, When I had got a good distance from him, I began to feel a little sorry—even a little in doubt if I had not been too hard upon him. He had appeared so utterly dumfounded by my last opinion of his conduct, and he had turned of such a variety of colors. Perhaps, from his point of view, and with an umbrella which had vanished from every point of view, he was not wholly to be blamed. Perhaps the captain had—no, that was quite impos-

shouldn't have been surprised if either of 'em had got it, mane souls that they are, with never a kind word to those who are slaving their hearts out for 'em, and'"—

"Bridget, go downstairs directly."

"To be sure, m'm, I will if ye don't want me any more."

Bridget departed, and it dawned upon me that she had been imblying just a little—and this had occurred once before, when papa was alive. And she had too, but it was for joy that I was better, and to drink good luck to me, she afterward confessed, and I forgave her, especially as on the next day she joined the Blue Ribbon movement, in sheer contriteness of spirit, and was forever afterward—that is, up till now—a worthy, if humble, member of society.

Tief and shame, as I had almost feared he might be, but standing with his legs planted widely apart looking as me the legs planted widely apart looking as me the trough as the scope. When he caw I had turned he wheeled quickly round and feigned an interset in the sea, knocking the lat off a bath chairman just passing bun with an ecrly fare who had lost the use of his legs.

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"Then why doesn't he speak?" asked & practical laip,
"He's much too quick with his speech; and
It's a very good thing he's a triffe quicker
just now," I said, sharply, and Lily looked at

"Tell me all about i!! Is he"——
"No, he is not."
"Oh, I beg your pardon, Jane; I thought he was."

An enigmatic dialogue, but we perfectly understool each other. And I hoped that I had made Lily understand I had no interest in Mr. Bird, for young girls jump so rapidly at conclusions where young men are concerned. Not that Lily was in the habit of the concerned. The women man in any way. I do cerned. Not that Lily was in the babit of jumping after young men in any way—I do not mean to convey that impression. Lily was full of spirits, but a good girl in every respect, with not an atom's worth of the ordinary Margate jetty girl in her constitu-tion; not she. Still, cariously enough, I was leceived in and by Lily Brian. I had no idea she could have been so comprise or secondity. she could have been so cunning or so easily lectived. One morning when I walked lown the jetty I found to my intense actoushment Mr. and Mrs. Brian, Lily, George, the eldest Master Brian and Mr. Goods, all talking and laughing with Mr. Bird, and taking in turns to near through his subsectors at

wly, and with blushes on my cheeks, I as re, in my surprise.

and embarrassed kind of manner, as he glanced toward me, but he did not say a rument for me wit

therefore it has not a money value to n Certainly not, certainly not," said Mr. rian, "I admire your good feeling, sir, teorgo, you hear that," he said to his son, tho was lacking in filial sentiment, and was

him to me. It inspected the guinout, or tried to inspect
it, for the object glass was very misty with
little transparent worms that seemed to be
wriggling and dancing all over it; Ireturned
the telescope to its owner, who said: "Thank
you, ma'am," very quietly, and with his look
of gadness highly davalened early.

sive: he did not attempt to force his conve ion upon me in any way, and presently s walking down the jetty with Mr. Bri eme of his, but it was really Lily Brian o was at the bottom of it all, or who at ny way, for he had been introd You see, it was not for the value of the

ommitted a murder and is not found out umbrella, but because of the associations connect," he continued; "it was dreadful, and all nected with it. I hope you understand, cap-

ird's holiday would expire a few days before

of the refreshment room, with the band playing out in the rain. We were alone for a wonder; the Brians were on the rocks in entlemanly behavior in bribing my servants
of let you inspect my apartments."

If didn't bribe your servants, Miss Neid.

Ventured out without my own. She had seemhad made some trivial little excuse to leave me "to give the poor fellow a chance," as she told me afterwards. And there he was sitting by my side, cool and comfortable, and with the rain coming down in big drops and start-ling and confounding the pleasure seekers. "I shall be quite the gentleman soon, Miss Neild," he said, with a laugh, "and with a sayl shows show keeping. I only want a few

Neild," he said, with a laugh, "and what a soul above shop keeping. I only want a few friends about me to make life worth living, but I have never had any friends. Never had the time, or never saw anybody who was worth taking any trouble about, until—until "People never took to me, either," he con-

'You would not like anybody to say that but yourself," I said, however; and it was a remark which did not commit me to any. thing,
"No. I should knock him down, prob-

'They are old friends, almost." 'You don't make your lodgers your ends?" he remarked.

that's why they are both so fond of you," he

"Oh, it's true enough," he cried I laughed. "Then I shan't hold up my little finger." "Then I shan't hold up my little finger."

"That's right," he said; and he actually drew a long, deep breath, as though it relieved him to hear me say no; "for that cap;ain's a pompous old noodle—a selfish party, who's stuck to my telescope a whole week—and the railway man world fidget any woman out of her life in a fortpiott" (Uanchuded on Fourth Page.)

She scolds and frets, She's full of pets, She's rarely kind and tender; The thorn of life Is a fretful wife—

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