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with one companion, a young girl named Mary Selton, lived in the old farm house where her father had lived and died before her. She had all her life saved more than she had spent, and the result was, beside a well kept farm, a snug ped on the door, and getting no respe twenty thousand dollars invested in bonds and real estate, and likewise several impecunious relatives who were waiting for her demise, and a share in the spoils thereof. None of them bore any love for the fair young girl, who was so great a favorite with the lonely old woman. As may be surmised there was a well grounded fear abroad among them, and that was that no doubt a goodly share, if not all, her property would be given this. "upstart" and "baggage," unless some lucky chance should rid them of her. Among the relatives in question was one nephew, who with never a care for his aunt's money, had been for some time paying attention to Mary in the way of taking her to a concert or a country dance sometimes, to the intense disgust of his mother and

"If I were you I would not run about with that girl in that way," said Alice, the elder, to him one day.

"And why not?" said the nephew, John by name.

"And why not?" mimicked Alice. "when she is just staying there to get Aunt Cam to give her money. Just by your running after her she will think you want to marry her, and Aunt Cam will think so too, and thinking that, will go and will her everything, and

"L. Tou see I'll get it, won't I? You have given me an idea. I believe I will try it. Thanks for the suggestion," and making a low bow, he walked away.

And inwardly fuming, Alice saw him Cameron's.

Now Miss Belinda Cameron had long Sexton her heiress.

"I have saved all my own money." she reasoned. "I took the mortgaged farm for my share, while the rest took the other property, They've wasted I have outside the farm property I have saved myself by planning and hard work, and I shall give it to Mary."

And in pursuance of the above, Aunt and distribution of the spoils. Cam, as her loving neices called her, went one day to the city, and when she latives, gave the bulk of her property to as they would, no will was found.

portant papers in the house, the matter weighed heavily upon her mind. Put it where she would, in her private desk, in her room, the consciousness of its existence preyed upon her. And also, she knew if the disposition of her property would be no more peace of mind for her on earth. She was a large, strong woman, with a superabundance of blood. against any undue excitement, or giving away to sudden alarm.

That afternoon, when John started across the fields to call at her house, that which his sister had prognosticated had already taken place two weeks be-

He staid to supper, and in the evenner, against Mary and a young neighbor, things. and at the close of a pleasant evening. somewhere about eleven o'clock, he went home, and after seeing everything safe for the night, aunt Cam and Mary

But Miss Cameron could not, for by her relatives, floated through her mind. She turned about in bed, and been less young and healthy, no doubt she would have been sadly disturbed. But youth, a clear conscience and good digestion, soon placed her beyond ordinsilence reigned in the farm house.

Somewhere towards morning Mary, whose first sleep was wearing off, was awakened by some noise in the room. She started up in bed, and for a moment, in the confusion of first awakening, was horror-stricken at a sight of a ton?" tall, whitedraped figure standing in the middle of the room, holding a lamp. But in a moment she saw it was Miss agreeable necessity forced upon her. Cameron, who, when she spoke to her, set the lamp upon the table, turned it unbendingly. down, put it out, and getting in bed soon both fell asleep again, and did not ing feeling of desolution as she remem waken 'till morning, and Mary never thought of the occurrence again till months afterwards it was suddenly that came an overwhelming sense of brought to her mind.

had sought her throughout the house unsuccessfully, until reaching the door of a little room adjoining the sitting books, writing desk, etc., and which was vet called the study, the name coming down from her father's time, Mary rapshe gently opened it and looked in.

What a sight met her eyes. Scattered around the old writing desk were a thrust at her so often that she was be number of papers, letters and legal-looking documents, as though thrown down in haste, and lying face downwards upon the floor was Miss Cameron, motionless and apparently dead.

Hurriedly calling help, Mary, assisted by others, took her up and laid her upon and into the room from the hall stepped her own bed. A doctor was brought, an John Cameron, who had been engaged day, went away, and after some little of his head he pronounced it apoplexy. the rack. "Well, mother, I am one of asked Mary tremblingly.

"I fear she will never recover." he answered. She may linger for days or weeks, but I think she will never become onscious enough to speak."

"What could have brought it on?" Mary sobbed. "She was so well vester-"Has she han no shock or unusual ex-

citement recently?" the doctor asked. "None that I know of" Mary answered then remembering the disorder of the

papers and desk, but with the exception good girls, at last caused me to think of looked them over in a hurry or in ex- under all the recent trying circumstancitement, nothing was found. The ces, I confess has strengthened my repapers were all pertaining to business gard for her. She is hopeless if sent and had evidently, before being scatter- from here. I know if father was living the discovery of the missing will. But marry Mary, why, indirectly as 'twere, ages with red tape. There was nothing intended to make Mary her heir, and so unusually disturbing nature had happen- feel it incumbent upon myself to hasten ed, unknown to any but Miss Cameron my own intentions in regard to her, for depart across the fields towards Belinda herself, the shock of which had thrown I intend to marry her. her into the fit.

From that time out Mary was never ago made up her mind to make Mary left alone in the house. John's mother said: aud sisters came over and took turns mounting guard over her and she was not allowed to be alone with Miss Cameren any time. But there was small use tastes; but remember you cannot stay disordered papers indicated, and at last, in that, for after lingering for two weeks here. theirs and I've added to mine year by in a stupor or partially so, poor Miss year, besides helping them, and I have a Cameron was not, for she died, and with mother is there no way to reconcile you right to do as I please. All the money the most magnificent funeral which had to Mary? I know she has no antipathy been seen thereabouts for many years, to you. Let us all be friends, for I canshe was buried beside her parents, and not bear to leave you in anger, but I love then came the settling up of her affairs Mary and cannot sacrifice her unjust-

returned she had with her a document business affairs found in a prosperous flowned and said: which, after bequests to her several re-

She surely made a will." L Now, not being used to keeping im- Brown said, "I, myself, drew it up, but and she must leave this house this would be all right at last, for the girls where is it ?"

Then as it could not be found, instigated by the jealous relations, suspicion fell upon poor Mary.

"No doubt she knows where it is." they said, "no good ever came of poor were discovered by her relatives there Aunt Cam's keeping her, to the detriment of her honest relatives.

"And now John, do keep away from and the doctor had often warned her he stood by the window in her room, "don't run after her any more. We, of course, will come into the money. She has nothing and now more than ever you don't want her for a wife. She may go out to work, now, where she happy pair, and spring drew on apace. belongs. We will move into the house Over at the farm as soon as the weather next week and I shall make several permitted, the old house was to be over- joyfully, though there were tears in her changes, which would have been made hauled and rebuilt, and one pleasant day eyes; "and John will be so happy. Take ing played whilst with his aunt for part- long ago, if I had the management of passing there John saw men engaged in our baby, mother, and see how beauti-

> As she finished speaking, John turna look towards her, which she could not fathom, he walked out of the room and was seen at home no more that cay.

He went over to the home of his late some time, sleep. Visions of the will aunt, where his sisters were staying with which might be stolen, or if she was Mary, and remained the afternoon, and sick for a long time, might be destroyed to the intense disgust of the former paid much attention to the latter, and in the evening talked in tones too low for had Mary, who always slept with her, them to hear, after which he betook himself home.

Thus matters progressed for a week, at the end of which time the family ary disturbances, and at last, Miss moved over and took position of their Cameron, too, slept, and for some time inheritance according to law, as being garret was her traditionary hiding place enlisted. Strong in her likes as well as two after, as Mary was in the sitting ations. room, John's mother, Mrs. Cameron, said to her:

"Well, I suppose you will be looking about for a place pretty soon, Mizs Sex-

"For a place !" echoed Mary, startled at first at so suddenly having the dis-

"A place?" repeated Mrs. Cameron,

"Oh, yes," said Mary, with a sickenbered how little she knew about 'looking" for such a thing; and coupled with grief as she thought of the still form un-The next day a most dreadful thing der the sod and the dear face of her happened. Having occasion to consult second mother as she had last seen it

BRIINDA CAMERON'S WILL Miss Cameron about something, Many The tears began to drop fast as Miss

"Of course, you can't expect us to keep you now. Saying nothing about room, where Miss Cameron kept her the mysterious disappearance of the will, there are other reasons why it would be unpleasant for you to remain here.

"But I knew nothing about the will." said Mary blushing deeply at the rudeness of the insinuation, for it had been coming sensitive about it.

"Who said you did," answered Mrs. Cameron, "but for the good of all concerned, I would like you to go away as soon as possible.

"For the good of all concerned, is it, examination made, and with a sad shake in taking off his coat and hanging it on "And will she not get better, doctor? the all, I suppose, and it will never be for my good that Mary leaves."

The angry woman looked at him scathingly, but before either could proceed further, Mary left the room.

"We may as well understand each other, mother," John said, as he drew a chair near her and sat down. "What do you mean," she asked with

an unpleasant forboding.

"I mean this, when I first began pay Mary Sexton the simple attention I will see that you are paid all trouble that any gentleman would pay any lady. letters and papers about the desk, she I had no serious thoughts about her She was pleasant company, a lady, and "Unless she received bad news by let- as kind to poor aunt Cameron as a daughter. Daily comparisons between man as witness." An examination was made of the her and my sisters, whom I think pretty of the extreme disorder as if she had her as more than a friend. Her patience ed about, been tied up in ordinary pack- it would never be so, for aunt Cameron to indicate anything unusual in that long as her intentions were known we unwelcome wife, was found to be the quarter, Mary thought, but to John it should give Mary a home at least; and heiress of nearly everything. seemed significant that something of an mother, if Mary can't stay here I shall

While he was speaking his mother had risen to her feet, and as he stopped she standing in the middle of the room."

"I do," he answered.

"Do so then, and gratify your low

"I do not expect to," he said, "but

Her lawyer came out from the city, He stopped before his mother, and her papers were looked over, and all her looked at her entreatingly, but she only could induce her to stay or accept any of

> will never give you my consent. I de- the inevitable. test her. She is a wishy, washy night.'

he went from the room thinking time married, and Mary's baby was born, and Mary went that night, so likewise did hold out no longer. John. In the evening at the house of a friend they had a talk, and the result up and holding her little Rose for the was at the end of a week they were mar- first time, some one knocked gently upried. John had a little money saved, on the door and then stepped in. Sit her," his mother said, one morning as and with it he purposed to live through ting with her back to the door Mary the winter and in the spring, he thought could not see who it was till some one he would be able to go on some land stepped to her side, and looking up she which belonged to him and make the beginning of a home.

The winter wore away quickly for the pulling the roof off the wing preparatory ful it is. to building it a story higher. A garret was situated there John knew and he barriers were broken down, and although ed slowly around, yawned and then with had a vague remembrance of all the the lurid little Rose was not beautiful, odds and ends therein.

by his grandmother, the reel, old fash- middle of it all John walked in, and ioned chairs and tables, chests, trunks, such a welcome as he gave his mother in and everything usually found in ancient his joy was never seen. farm house garrets of New England. Over all he also remembered, was spread spiders' webs, emblematical of all the live with John and Mary, in rooms furmisty years that hung around them. nished by herself. Many a pleasant day had he spent up there, and many a time had he unexpectedly found long missing articles of more or less value in its corners, for his aunt had been a somnambulist, and the next of kin to the deceased. A day or for everything in her nocturnal perigrin-

> past the old house that day, little knowing how near his thoughts had wandered to the solving of a recent mystery.

But in the press of other things he thought no more of the matter until reminded of it unexpectedly.

Two men were engaged upon the roof The shingles were all off a portion of the boards had been removed, letting in a flood of light, which penetrated every corner. Most of the furniture and debris had been removed, only broken pieces and bits of paper and rags remaining. Prying on a board near the eaves one of the men noticed the corner of a clean recently folded paper protruding. He took hold of it and pulling it out, opened it, and lo!

Aunt Cameron's will. "Jerusalem!" he said in an escaping steam whisper, "I've found it."

"Found what?" said the other man "Old Miss Cameron's will that there's been such a fuss about. How do you 'spose it ever got there?"

"I'd 'no," said the other man, "What will you do with it."

"Why. I should think it oughter go the lawyer that made it out, shouldn't you. Brown you know he'll see its all right. You're a witness as to where I found it, and if I take it to him why then everything would be straight and right.

And with some further consultation the man, making some excuse to Mrs. Cameron for leaving his work for that preparation went to the city.

Presenting himself at Lawyer Brown's office his business was soon made known. and the long missing decument handed

"You see," he said, "I was afraid to give it to the old woman for fear it would be put out of the way again, when I saw how it read, and then I thought may be it wouldn't be the thing to give it to her son, so to be safe, I came to you who made it out." "You did right," said the lawyer, "and

and expense as soon as this business is properly settled. I suppose you are willing, if called upon, to make affidavit as to where you found it, with the other "Yes sir, I will do it, if necessary."

"All right," said the lawyer, and the two parted.

Great was the consternation in Mrs. Cameron's household, when a letter came from Lawyer Brown announcing it was greater when the contents became known, and the despised Mary, John's

Then John remembered, as all his family knew, his aunt's habit of sleepwalking, and Mary remembered that night before Miss Cameron's fatal attack when she had awakened and found her

"No doubt," said John, "she got up in the night and hid the will she was so axxious about. The next day she missed it, searched for it everywhere, as her the conviction that it was stolen, gave her such a shock, that it brought on the fit; poor Aunt Cam," and John sighed.

There was no trouble about proving the validity of the will, and so angry was John's mother, despite his possession of a comparatively rich wife, as she had always wished, that she immediately moved out of the house. Nothing the money, though the girls both took "Marry her if you will, John, but I their share gladly, and made the best of

were friendly and often visited them, "Very well," John said, and turning And sure enough, when at last Alice was would perhaps soften his mother's heart. named for her, the lonely woman could

One morning when Mary was sitting saw her mother-in-law.

"Mary," she said, "I have come to see you and the baby. I can't stay away any longer.

"And oh! I am so glad," Mary said

With the plesent word "mother" all yet to the happy grandma she seemed so The old spinning wheel and loom used as well as the proud mother. In the

Not many weeks afterwards Mrs Cameron left her lonely home and came to

Several years have passed since, and Mary has never had a regret that her mother-in-law came to live with her, for a kindlier woman never lived than Mrs. Cameron senior, once her affections are her dislikes, she says now that she is glad that Belinda Cameron left her for-Thus John mused to himself riding time to just whom she did.

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